



TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

19/07/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Not Approved.

Deviation-2: PD shall not combine 2 monitoring periods covering CP1 and CP2. Since it is the first GS verification, VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling before two-year of the site visit date, in line with the [RU-Applicability of minimum site visit requirements by VVB](#).

In case of Deviation-1, response from Gold Standard shall be followed and hence the Deviation is not required.

1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?

No

B. To be completed by the Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB requesting deviation

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Deviation 2 –

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As per the above requirement, GS crediting period start from 28/09/2020. However, for CDM 10315 the verification was completed up to 30/06/2020. So, only monitoring period from 01/07/2020 to 27/09/2020 remains to verify in the CDM.

We seek deviation to allow verification of additional period from 01/07/2020 to 27/09/2020 under GS as it is not financially viable to carry out separate CDM verification for such a shorter period of 3 months.

PP received response on 09/05/2023 as below -

A deviation is not required in this case. The project transitioned from CDM to GS and it is currently listed.

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To complete this current combined Transition+ GS RCP along with GS VER verification, PP is requesting to allow current monitoring period from 01/07/2020 to 31/01/2023.

2 | Background information

The CDM project activity UN 10315 has a first crediting period that is spanned from 20/01/2017 to 19/01/2024, with issuance status up to 30/06/2020. Subsequently, project is planned to be transitioned into a GS VER along with RCP and performance review, with the both CP1 and CP2 crediting period in the GS. During this transition, the Project Proponent is conducting combined approach of Transition+ GS RCP along with GS VER verification for GS 11942 where GS verification is from 01/07/2020 to

31/01/2023 which covers both GS crediting periods (GS CP1 - 20/01/2017 to 19/01/2022 and GS CP2 -20/01/2022 to 19/01/2027).

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_732	
Date of decision	20/07/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	12/06/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID - GS 11942
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Solar Power Project by Hero Group (EKIESL CDM.May-15-01)	
Date of listing	31/01/2023	
GS Standard version applicable	V 1.2	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)		
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)		
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)		
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies)	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3906	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation		
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	AMS-I. D, Version 18	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date:	End date:
Submitted by	Contact person name: Shital Patil	
	Email ID: shital.patil@enkingint.org	
	Organisation: EKI Energy Services Limited	
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes; VVB name: VVB Staff name(s):
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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3.1.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

Not Applicable

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

The deviation does not attract any kind of risk upon environmental integrity. The project owner demonstrates a profound commitment to addressing their ongoing financial requirements, primarily reliant on carbon revenue during the current crediting period. Their dedication is evident through the absence of any delays on their part and their meticulous adherence to the GS Program's guidelines.

3.2.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

Not Applicable

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

The above deviation will not cause any impact upon the data quality or attract any potential risk on GS related to any issuance or any other material impact affecting the quality of the project and thus no any potential risk is attributed to GS Project activity in particular. The deviation requested adheres to the Principles and Requirements set

forth by GS4GG and complies with: - Environmental Integrity- The GS VER's generated from the project activity are not over estimated as a result of deviation and conservativeness are ensured. Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals- SDG contributions that the project is designed to achieve are in line with GS4GG requirements and the above deviation does not have any potential impact upon the certified SDG's claimed during the current crediting period. Safeguarding Principles and requirements- The deviation does not create any impact upon the safeguarding principles and requirements set forth by GS4GG -Compliance with Host Country Regulations- The project does not create any conflict with Host Country regulations and all the host country regulations are followed.

Thus, deviation do not have any impact on quality of project and all Principles and Requirements set forth by GS4GG are followed by project activity.

3.3.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

Not Applicable

3.4 | Documents:

Not Applicable, if required, the PP can submit any kind of supporting sought by the GS.

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - date of listing, design certification, transition - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption