



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

08/08/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Not Approved.

PD shall note that the project activity falls under Scenario 2.a of RULE CLARIFICATION DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG, since the first submission of documents for Preliminary review to GS has been done on 23/01/2022 (in the first 3 years of CDM CP). The design certification renewal request shall be submitted before the end of year 10 of the CDM CP, which is before 30/09/2022. In line with GS4GG P&R p.5.1.46, this shall lead to loss of credits for the period of delay starting from 30/09/2022 until the submission of VVB renewal request.

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 (Submit deviation request form in Microsoft Word format)

2| Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_740	
Date of decision	08/08/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	14/06/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID - GS7680
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS7680 10MW biomass power plant at Sangli by Sinewave Power	
Date of listing	09/06/2021	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	N.A.	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N.A.	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	19/12/2022	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	India	
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/2412	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation Requested to claim GS Impact Certifications for the entire 2 nd Crediting Period in GSVER stream without any losses of claimable crediting period due to delay in design certification renewal and due to delay inn site visit.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodolo	Scenario 2b Stated at the Page 7 of the RULE CLARIFICATION DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING	

gy, with exact paragraph reference and version number	TO GS4GG dated 02/06/2023 (https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/RC-2023-Design-certification-renewal-requirements-CDM-projects-transitioning-to-GS4GG.pdf)
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date: End date:
Submitted by	Contact person name: Bhaskar Dutta
	Email ID: bhaskar.dutta@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:

3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

According to the Scenario 2b Stated at the Page 4 of the RULE CLARIFICATION DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG (<https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/RC-2023-Design-certification-renewal-requirements-CDM-projects-transitioning-to-GS4GG.pdf>) dated 02/06/2023, if a project is/was is in the last 4 years of the second CDM crediting period at the time of first submission to GS4GG then the design certification renewal request shall be submitted within 6 months from the date of transition review completion or before the end date of year 14 under CDM crediting cycle, whichever is earlier.

Since the crediting period under CDM mechanism of the Project with reference ID – 4063 (<https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/DNV-CUK1287659778.89/view?cp=2>) is from 30/09/2019 to 29/09/2026. So the project activity currently falls under the scenario 2.b as per the RULE CLARIFICATION DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG. The total crediting period under the GS-VER scheme to be approved after transition will be from 30/09/2012 to 29/09/2027. Also, the project has to do the Design certification renewal till 6 months from the transition approval date and the project developer has proactively taken steps for the design certification renewal of the project activity.

Since the end date of second CDM crediting period is 29/09/2026, Thus as per scenario 2.b- clause - The clause for delay in submission of renewal request beyond the end of year 14 of crediting period as mandated by the Principles and Requirements shall apply to any delay. Thus, the design certification renewal of the project should be submitted

within 6 months from the date of transition review completion or before the end date of year 14 under CDM crediting cycle i.e. before 30/09/2026, whichever is earlier. Therefore, we will complete the design renewal before 30/09/2026.

Further, the site visit at the time of GS-CER validation was done remotely on 12/08/2021 by the VVB due to covid-19 interim measures. At the time of design renewal process, a physical site visit will be conducted by the VVB and therefore, there may be loss of claimable period due to delay in site visit. However, the transition process has been initiated and the design renewal process is yet to be initiated.

Therefore, the deviation is being requested to kindly allow us to complete the design renewal before 30/09/2026 and also allow us to claim the GS-VER without any loss of claimable period due to delay in the site visit by allowing us to claim the GS-VERs from 3 years back from the date of site visit date.

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

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

Since the Project activity is currently under the last 4 years of the 2nd crediting period from 30/09/2019 to 29/09/2026 for the corresponding CDM project with ID - 4063 (<https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/DNV-CUK1287659778.89/view?cp=2>). So, According to the Scenario 2b Stated at the Page 4 of the RULE CLARIFICATION DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG (<https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/RC-2023-Design-certification-renewal-requirements-CDM-projects-transitioning-to-GS4GG.pdf>) dated 02/06/2023, if a project is/was is in the last 4 years of CDM crediting period at the time of first submission to GS4GG then The design certification renewal request shall be submitted within 6 months from the date of transition review completion or before the end date of year 14 under CDM crediting cycle, whichever is earlier.

It to be noted that the project activity recently got the closure of design certification process on 19/12/2022. Also, the Project developer regularly did Annual Reporting for the Project activity, and the last Annual Report was uploaded on sustain-cert on 26/12/2023. Hence the project developer was always serious about GS-Impact Certifications.

Since the revenue from the GS Impact certifications are very essential for the survival of the project activity and rejection of the deviation will lead to a huge financial loss to the project developer and may lead to very serious implications in the current business scenario and sustaining the project activity.

Thus, GS is requested to approve this deviation for exemption of loss of claimable period due to delay in site visit and allow to claim the GS verifications of retroactive period from 3 years back from the date of the site visit without loss of claimable period under the GS-VER scheme.

3.2.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if 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 GSVER’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 monitoring 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, Kind request to allow PP to claim the credits for complete monitoring period without loss of any credits.

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
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