



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

06/08/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Not Approved.

PD shall note that the VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling before three years of the site visit date (RU-Applicability of minimum site visit requirements by VVB Sec 2.2) for follow up verifications, reasons being non force majeure. Hence if the VVB site visit happens on 06/08/2024, the monitoring period shall not be before 06/08/2021.

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_749	
Date of decision	06/08/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	14/06/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID - GS3669
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	3 MW bundled wind Power Project in Tamil Nadu	
Date of listing	25/04/2017	
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)	10/06/2021	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	12/11/2020	
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/932	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation Requested to claim GS Impact Certifications for the remaining monitoring period for the Crediting Period in GSVER stream without any losses of claimable crediting period.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	Scenario 4b of the RULE CLARIFICATION DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: CDM PROJECTS TRANSITIONING TO GS4GG dated 02/06/2023 (https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/RC-2023-Design-certification-renewal-requirements-CDM-projects-transitioning-to-GS4GG.pdf)	

	And Para 3.1 of the SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES v2.0 released on 30/05/2023 (https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/112_V2.0_PAR_Site-Visit-and-Remote-Audit-Requirements.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 4b 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 in the last 5 year of CDM crediting period at the time of first submission to GS4GG then project may complete transition and may claim GSVERs till the end of year 10 with version of methodology registered with CDM.

The corresponding CDM Project ID for the Project Activity is 7585 (<https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/SGS-UKL1349275373.71/view>) and the crediting period under CDM is 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2022. Hence the Project Developer is requesting for allowing the claim of subsequent verifications in GS-VER scheme without the loss of claimable monitoring period provided the Project Developer does the transition from GS-CER to GS-VER scheme on priority.

As per the Para 3.1 of the SITE VISIT AND REMOTE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES v2.0 released on 30/05/2023 ([https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/112_V2.0 PAR Site-Visit-and-](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/112_V2.0_PAR_Site-Visit-and-)

[Remote-Audit-Requirements.pdf](#)) minimum onsite physical for a project activity shall be done At minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit within two years of project start date ; and Once within every three years after the first physical site visit date. The last physical audit for the project activity was done on 30/11/2017 and the last remote audit for the project activity was done on 07/08/2021 Due to COVID-19 Interim Measures applicable at that time. After that there had been several situations which were not in the control of project developer and thus any kind of loss in terms of claimable SDG Impact certifications (around 12,000 GSVER's) will be having a huge financial loss to the project developer.

Kind request to approve this deviation of exemption of loss of claimable period and conduct the GS verifications of retroactive period without loss of claimable period.

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):

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Also, the Project developer regularly did Annual Reporting for the Project activity on regular basis, the last Annual Report was uploaded on sustain-cert on 30/12/2022. 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 for the monitoring period from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022 which will tentatively lead to a loss of 12,230 GS-VERs. This is a very huge loss and it may lead to very serious implications in the current business scenario and sustaining the project activity.

Thus, GS is requested to to approve this deviation for exemption of loss of claimable period and conduct the GS verifications of retroactive period 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