



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

20/07/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Not Approved.

PD shall check the definition of Project Start date as per GS4GG P&R v1.2. The Start date of the Project activity as per GS PDD is 16/12/2016).

In line with the 'Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements v2.0' the VVB shall conduct physical site visit within two years of project start date (if a retroactive project's start date is 1 year before submission for preliminary review, the project has 1 more year (a total of maximum 2 years from the start date) to undergo an audit with a physical site visit.

The physical site visit conducted on 29/09/2021 is not within 2 years of the project start date as per the above requirements. The requirement has not been fulfilled for the project activity.

Since the project activity has not undergone first verification, A physical site visit by VVB is mandatory at the first verification. PD shall also follow the requirements in line with p.2.2.2 of RULE UPDATE-Applicability of minimum site visit requirements by VVB, the reasons for delay are considered as Non-Force Majeure. Any delay in renewal would result in the loss of credits for that period of non renewal in line with p.5.1.46 of GS P&R v1.2.

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_751	
Date of decision	20/07/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	14/06/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID - GS6021
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Wind Power Project by Mangalam Fashions Limited & Group in Andhra Pradesh	
Date of listing	01/01/2018	
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)	24/05/2022	
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/1051	
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 subsequent periodic verification Period in GSVER stream without any losses of claimable monitoring period.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	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):

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-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.

Since the start date of the crediting period of the project activity under the GS – CER scheme is 21/12/2020 and the first onsite physical audit of the project was conducted on 29/09/2021 for design certification of the project activity which is well within the first 2 years of the start date of the project activity.

Also, it is to be informed that the Project is currently under process for further renewal of crediting period along with the transition of the project activity into GS-VER scheme and will complete both the process by 18/12/2024. Hence it will meet the GS requirements and the first site visit will be conducted within three years after the first physical site visit date that was 29/09/2021.

Hence the project developer is requesting for proceeding with the subsequent periodic verifications of the project activity without any loss of claimable monitoring period under GS VER scheme, provided the GS transition from GS-CER to GS-VER will be done within as soon as possible as well as the site visit by the VVB also done by 28/09/2024.

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 start date of the crediting period of the project activity under the GS – CER scheme is 21/12/2020 and the first onsite physical audit of the project was conducted on 29/09/2021 for design certification of the project activity which is well within the first 2 years of the start date of the project activity.

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 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 approximate period of 6 months credits which will tentatively lead to a loss of 7,200 GS-VERs.

The crediting period of the project activity after getting transitioned to GSVER stream would be as stated below –

1st Crediting Period – 21/12/2020 to 20/12/2025

2nd Crediting Period - 21/12/2025 to 20/12/2030

3rd Crediting Period - 21/12/2030 to 20/12/2035.

Also, it is to be informed that the Project is currently under process for further renewal of crediting period along with the transition of the project activity into GS-VER scheme and will complete both the process by 20/12/2025. Hence it will meet the GS requirements and the first site visit will be conducted within three years after the first physical site visit date that was 29/09/2021 and thus for the present Performance Review the physical site visit would be done by 28/09/2024.

Hence the project developer is requesting for proceeding ahead with the subsequent periodic verifications of the project activity without any loss of claimable monitoring period under GS VER scheme, provided the GS transition from GS-CER to GS-VER will be done as soon as possible in continuation of the Performance Review by Gold Standard.

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