

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date

16/07/2024

1.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Not Approved.

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 (Deviation request , subsequent decisions and revision of documents), hence no deviation is allowed. VVB shall not verify the monitoring period falling before two years of the site visit date, which means the monitoring period to be verified shall not be before 01/07/2022, since this is the first verification under second crediting period.

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_768	
Date of decision	16/07/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	26/06/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS1207
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Sutas Aksaray Biogas Plant (GS 1207)	
Date of listing	03/09/2012 (LSC Final Review Round Date)	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG for 2nd CP which is validated and under GS Renewal Review Progress (1st CP were under GS ver 2.1)	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	08/03/2021	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	-	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	28/11/2014 for 1 st CP 05/06/2024 for 2 nd CP	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Aksaray Province, Turkey	
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/129	
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	Revision in baseline emission calculation	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number		
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date

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	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 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:

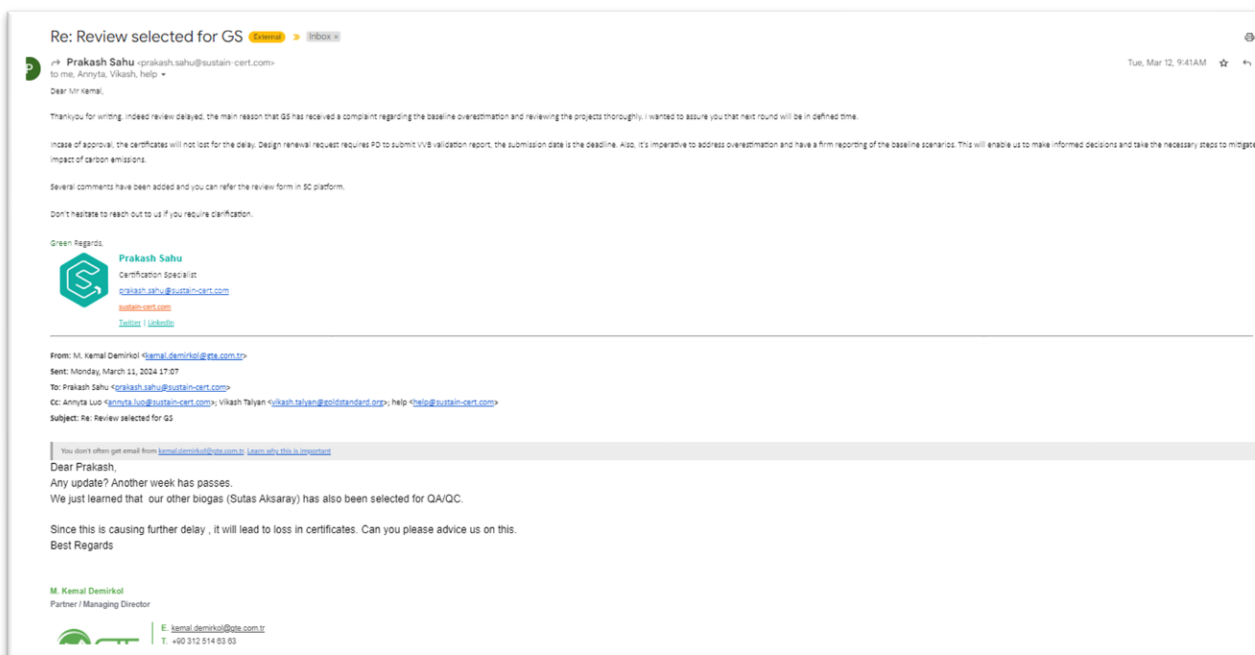
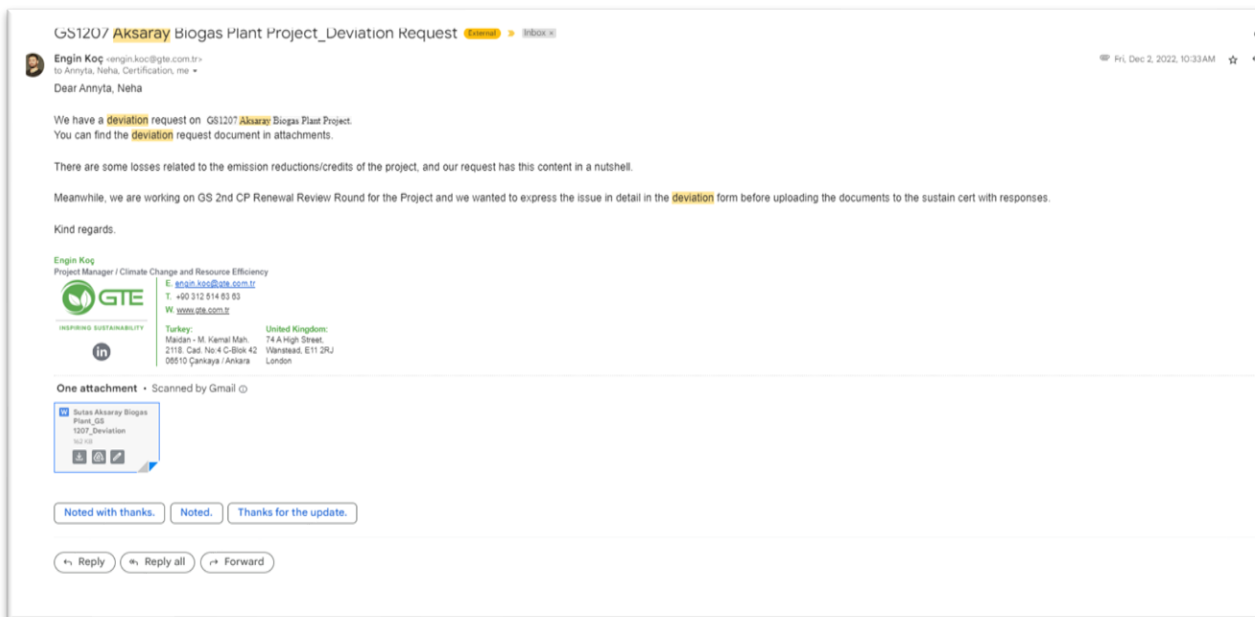
Explanation of Current Situation

Aksaray Biogas project's first CP is between 01/09/2013-01/09/2020. CP renewal documents have submitted to SC/GS on 23/08/2021 and it has been confirmed tht PD will not claim any credit between 01/09/2020 and submission date of CP renewal documents (23/08/2021).

Although the documents are submitted within one year of 1st CP end date, review process has been problematic and CP renewal is approved on 05/06/2024. VVB site visit has been planned for the first week of July (1-2nd of July 2024). However, as per the GS rules, first verification site visit shall be made within two years of CP start date and Monitoring period can start two years before site visit date. This results in loss of credits between 01/09/2021 and 01/07/2022 (two years back from site visit date).

Main reasons for delays are;

- Longer GS/SC review periods
- Delay in getting response to deviation request raised to GS.
 - Deviation/clarification with GS on exclusion of additional gas engines is agreed but calculation method for methane avoidance from manure management took several months.
- Additional/new questions by SC in each round
- Delay due to a complaint raised for the project and additional review round by SC/GS(around three months lost just for this).



Deviation Request

Time between submission of CP renewal documents and registration of the project took 34 months, which is extraordinary for a registered/issued project. This delay is beyond our control therefore, we request deviation to start 1st monitoring period of second CP from 01/09/2021 up to 01/07/2024.

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

34 months for registration renewal is extraordinary. Although this period partially corresponds to COVID 19 period, delays were mostly out of control of PD and Project owner. Therefore, to avoid further damage to the project ,we request deviation as explained above.

4 | Acceptance of emission reductions from methane abatement as per the registered design

5 | Acceptance of electricity generation from units 1&2 (registered units) as per the approved design change.

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

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

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5.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

**Guidance* Use the space below to describe how the deviation complies with the requirements, and, where applicable, the accuracy, completeness and conservativeness is ensured. Please include all relevant information in support of the request.*

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

N/A

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

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB’s opinion.*

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5.3 | Impact of the deviation:

**Guidance* Use the space below to describe the impact of the deviation on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.*

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

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

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB’s opinion.*

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5.4 | Documents:

**Guidance* List of documents provided (note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form along with supporting documents will be made public on the Gold Standard website. If any of the supporting documents are confidential, please indicate here to ensure they are omitted.)*

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