

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **4.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1| Decision

1.1 | Date – 18/10/2021

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is **not** approved. The PD must ensure that:

1. The duration of the GS monitoring period is not more than three years from the date of remote/physical site visit by a VVB. For example, if the site visit is concluded on 30/11/2021, the MP cannot start before 30/11/2018 (inclusive).
2. A continuity in the Project's monitoring activities is maintained and PD is able to justify that no monitoring gaps exist (especially for SDG parameters) within the Monitoring Period(s). However, if gap(s) exist, the project shall justify that conservative approach(es) have been applied in line with section 3 of the Deviation Approval Requirements and Procedures (version 1.1) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).

The PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP). The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above two conditions and provides its opinion in the Verification

Report. SustainCert shall review both the PD's response and the VVB's assessment/opinion of the same and take appropriate steps.

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	SC - 42	
Date of decision	18/10/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	-	
Date of submission	08/10/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS 764
Project/PoA/VPA title	BOLU LANDFILL GAS TO ENERGY PROJECT, TURKEY	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Turkey	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ Micro scale ☒ Small scale ☐ Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1179	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ New ☐ Listed ☒ Certified design ☒ Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation Request GS 764 against clause no 5.1.50 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements V 1.2.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	Deviation is requested from clause no 5.1.50 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements V 1.2 which states that " Transitioning projects, maintaining their existing crediting cycle shall undergo Performance Certification no later than the first two years after project implementation or design certification, whichever is later, and once every three years after that, unless the Verifier provides a convincing case for less frequent visits as part of the Verification Report"	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 12/08/2018 End date 30/09/2021	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Bhaskar Dutta	
	Email ID: bhaskar@enkingint.org	
	Organisation: EKI Energy Services Limited	
	Project participant: Yes ☐ NO ☒	
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by	Yes ☐ NO ☒ Auditor name:	

the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	
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3| Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

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

Deviation is requested from clause no 5.1.50 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements V 1.2 which states that " Transitioning projects, maintaining their existing crediting cycle shall undergo Performance Certification no later than the first two years after project implementation or design certification, whichever is later, and once every three years after that, unless the Verifier provides a convincing case for less frequent visits as part of the Verification Report"

Deviation is thus requested to approve to conduct Verification for period 12/08/2018 – 30/09/2021 without loss of any credits. Deviation is thus requested to approve the above monitoring period as the project activity verification is delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic. Also project activity is small scale and was not financially feasible after considering the operational costs involved in verification activity (Auditor/ consultant expenses). PP has planning to complete GSVER verification for period 12/08/2018 – 30/09/2021. The GS Crediting period renewal had happened for this project on 21/03/2018.

Kind request to allow PP to claim the credits for complete monitoring period without loss of any credits.

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

Not Applicable

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

The deviation does not attracts any kind of risk upon environmental integrity and all the SDG contributions are achieved in-line with the registered PDD.

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

The subject project activity owned by CEV Enerji Uretim Sanayi Ticaret Ltd and it is undergoing second Performance Review. The Project is small in size and is not financially feasible to initiate the verification process considering the uncertainties in carbon market due to economic slow down, also the nationwide lockdown was imposed to limit

the spread of Covid-19 Pandemic which restricted the movement of people associated with the project activity.

Since the verification of the project activity was not completed, hence in line with the guidelines as outlined under section (d) of GS4GG "Principle and requirements" V1.2, the PP will submit the annual report to GS, stating the current status of project activity. Also it was not financially feasible for company to conduct verification earlier and this caused delay in further execution of the project in Gold Standard considering the execution costs.

Since the project owner was serious towards the Performance Review (simultaneously submit transition annex documents) and the above mentioned clause has no rationale in terms of project implementation as well as meeting the safeguarding principles leading to SDG contributions of the project, the project owner is requesting Gold Standard to allow the Issuance of complete monitoring period considering the delay due to COVID 19 pandemic as well as economic slowdown and to issue GSVER's for the complete monitoring period without loss of any credits.

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 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 inline 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 project owner can submit any kind of supporting sought by GS