

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **14.1.2021**

Version **4.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 08/06/2021

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved subject to compliance with the requirements of the FAR listed below.

The approved deviation will end 28 calendar days from the declared end date of the COVID 19: Interim Measures.

FAR:

The PD must ensure that the Project complies with all the applicable requirements of Section 1.1 of Annex A under Renewable Energy Activity Requirements V1.3 and shall provide justification for this in the PDD. The validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above stated requirements and the deviation decision and further provide its opinion in the Validation Report.

Moreover, the PD shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section(s) of the GS PDD.

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	COVID_DEV 201	
Date of decision	08/06/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	26/05/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS7154
Project/PoA/VPA title	Chanju I Hydro Electric Project t	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	India	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ Microscale ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://impact.sustain-cert.com/public_projects/872	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ New ☒ Listed ☐ Certified design ☐ Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation Request for GS 023008 against clause no 5.1.1 (b) of PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS, Version 1.2	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	Deviation is requested from clause no 5.1.16 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements V 1.2 which states that "The Project shall complete Validation (defined as the date of submission of Validation Report by the VVB) within two years of successful listing of the project"	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Not Applicable	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Sachin Nagarkar	
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	Organisation: EKI Energy Services Limited	
	Project participant: Yes ☒ NO ☐	
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements)	Yes ☐ NO ☒ If yes; VVB name:	

or request is submitted by the VVB).	Auditor name:
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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 5.1.16 of GS4GG Principles and Requirements V 1.2 which states that "The Project shall complete Validation (defined as the date of submission of Validation Report by the VVB) within two years of successful listing of the project"

The chronology of events for project activity till date is as below

1. The project activity listed with Gold Standard registry on 31/01/2019
2. VVB contract for validation on 13/11/2018
3. Site visit plan issued by VVB on 16/02/2021
4. Site visit conducted on 24/02/2021
5. Draft validation issued on 24/02/2021

Deviation is thus requested for prior approval to submit the documents for design review.

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

Not Applicable.

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

The deviation doesn't attract 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 project activity is listed on GS registry on 31/01/2019. Due to COVID -19, we could not complete the Gold Standard Certified Design status by successfully completing Validation (within two years of the date of Listing) and a subsequent Design Review"

DOE is already contracted for GS Validation and we will complete it on fast track mode. As part of the validation process, VVB had conducted the site-visit for the validation and issued the DVR on 24/02/2021. Based on site visit observations, VVB will finalize the validation opinion as per GS4GG requirements.

Since the project owner is serious towards the registration of the project activity, hence it is requested Gold Standard to approve the request for design review documents submission.

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 GSCER's generated from the project activity are not over estimated as a result of deviation and conservativeness is 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 in the project design document.
- 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.
- The deviation sought for the project activity does not have any impact on environmental integrity, contributions to the sustainable development goals, safeguarding principles and requirements and compliance with host country regulations, hence accepted

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