

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 27/06/2022

1.2 | Decision

Considering that the on-site visit for the first monitoring period was performed in May 2015, considering that the second verification period is not available in the Gold Standard Registry, considering the requirements of GS 2.2 Chapter 4 is expected the next on-site visit by default within the next 3 years hence the next on-site visit was expected to be performed in May 2018 if performed at that time, the next audit should have been performed latest by May 2021, considering that the renewal of crediting period on-site audit was performed on 08/01/2021 and finally considering that there is no information available on the second verification, the proposed deviation is **NOT APPROVED**.

Additionally, the duration of the monitoring period cannot be more than three years from the date of site visit/remote audit by a VVB is performed. E.g. A remote site visit

is conducted on 01/08/2022, the PD may claim issuance starting 01/08/2019 (inclusive) and not before the mentioned date.

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 289	
Date of decision	27/06/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	-	
Date of submission	06/06/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS2680
	☐ PoA	
	☐ VPA	
Project/PoA/VPA title	Dongdongtan 9MWp Solar PV Project	
Date of listing	31/12/2013	
GS Standard version applicable	GSV2.2	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	-	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	-	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	28/04/2014	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	China	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ Microscale ☒ Small scale ☐ Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1332	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ New ☐ Listed ☐ Certified design ☒ Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation of the verification and DOE site visit interval from GSV2.2	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	The Gold Standard Toolkit Version 2.2, Chapter 4, para. 4.7 DOE site visit	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/01/2017 End date 07/12/2020	
Submitted by	Contact person name: LIN Keming	
	Email ID: lin.keming@climatebridge.com, Projects@climatebridge.com	
	Organization: Climate Bridge (Shanghai) Ltd.	

	Project participant: Yes ☒ No ☐
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes; VVB name: VVB Staff name(s):
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes ☐ No ☒

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

3.1.1 | Deviation detail:

As per the Gold Standard Toolkit Version 2.2, Chapter 4, para. 4.7 DOE site visit, site visit is mandatory in one of the first two years after the start of the crediting period, and by default once every three years after that.

The project has been verified twice with the 2nd monitoring period ended on 31/12/2016. The remaining period of the 1st crediting period (01/01/2017-07/12/2020) was planned by the PP to be verified in one single monitoring period in 2021, and the verification work plan dated 04/08/2021 has been submitted to GS by the VVB. However due to COVID-19 travel restrictions across China, the site visit was seriously delayed. Therefore, the site visit interval deviated from the GS rules.

This deviation request is to seek approval to proceed with the verification of the remaining period of the 1st crediting period (01/01/2017-07/12/2020) under GSV2.2, with all emission reductions actually achieved by the project during this period claimed and issued. No discount to the emission reductions is required to be made due to this deviation.

3.1.2 | VVB opinion:

Not applicable.

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment:

As per the Gold Standard Toolkit Version 2.2, Chapter 4, para. 4.7 DOE site visit, for small scale projects, a site visit by the DOE for verifications other than the mandatory ones may not be required if appropriate justification is provided by the PP and a positive opinion is delivered by the DOE at the time of first verification.

In accordance with the above rules, the project is a small-scale project with positive opinions by the DOE for the 1st and 2nd verification. The site visit for the verification of the remaining period of the 1st crediting period (01/01/2017-07/12/2020) was delayed due to COVID-19 travel restrictions across China, which is out of PP's control. Therefore, the project should be entitled to proceed with the verification of the corresponding period and claim full emission reductions actually achieved during this period without any discount even the site visit interval deviated from GS rules. This deviation request complies with the GS rules, and will not result in a lower accuracy, completeness and conservativeness.

3.2.2 | VVB opinion:

Not applicable.

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

3.3.1 | Impact assessment:

This deviation is not related to any of the project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project. The project has been implemented in accordance with the registered PDD and GS rules.

3.3.2 | VVB opinion:

Not applicable.

3.4 | Documents:

The following documents are already available on GS project portal:

1. Verification work plan dated 04/08/2021 for the monitoring period 01/01/2017-07/12/2020.
2. Monitoring reports and verification reports for the 1st and 2nd monitoring period.

TEMPLATE

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: - 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