

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 16/12/2022

1.2 | Decision

The requested deviation is **not approved**. The PD shall:

1. Ensure that the duration of the GS monitoring period is not more than three years from the date of site visit(remote/physical) by a VVB. Since the on-site visit was conducted on 03/05/2022, the PD may claim issuance starting 03/05/2019(inclusive) and not before the mentioned date.
2. Ensure that 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 \(version 1.2\)](#) and overarching GS principles (as applicable).
3. 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	COVID_DEV 336	
Date of decision	16/12/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	01/09/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID- GS437
	☐ PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	☐ VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Keltepe Wind Farm Project, Turkey	
Date of listing	2008	
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard Version 1	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	01/05/2022	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N.a	

Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	18/09/2009
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Balikesir province of Turkey
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/1422
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	☐ New ☐ Listed ☐ Certified design ☒ Certified project
Title/subject of deviation	First one: Approval Request for issuance of VERs since beginning of CP2 which is 10/07/2016 (2nd start crediting renewal period) or Second one: Approval Request for issuance of VERs 3 years beginning of on-site visit 03/05/2022 (PP would like to issue of between 01/05/2019 to 31/04/2022 from 2nd crediting renewal period) Second crediting period between 10/07/2016 to 09/07/2023. PP will continue 5th one verification process later for between 01/05/2022 and 09/07/2023.
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	ACM0002, Version 20
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	First one: Approval request for between 10/07/2016 and 09/07/2023 Or Second one: Approval Request for issuance of VERs 3 years beginning of on-site visit 01/05/2022 (Between 01/05/2019 to 31/04/2022 from 2nd crediting renewal period) PP will continue 6th one verification process later for between 01/05/2022 and 09/07/2023.
Submitted by	Contact person name: Cagla Balci Eris Email ID: cagla@ruzgardanismanlik.net Organisation: Ruzgar Danismanlik

	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:

**Guidance* Use the space below to describe the deviation and substantiate the reason for requesting deviation from applicable rules/requirements. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. You are requested to follow the principles for requesting deviations, given in the [Deviation Approval Procedure/Design Change Requirements](#).*

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

GS437-Keltepe Wind Farm Project, Turkey, involves a grid-connected onshore wind farm project in Susurluk district of Balikesir Province. The project has been developed under GS v1. The project activity's second crediting period will be ended on July 9, 2023. Currently, the Project Owner is seeking to issue its emission reductions units belonging to second crediting period and initiate the revalidation for 2nd crediting renewal period under GS4GG.

PP has made on-site visit with DOE-VVB on 3rd of May 2022 for CP2 revalidation and Verification process, PP would like to issue the credits start from 10/07/2016 which date is CP2 starting credit date.

But if it is not possible, PP would like to take approval for issuance of VERs since beginning of CP2 which can be claimed credits between 01/05/2019 and 31/04/2022 (from the date of the site visit 3 years credits can be claimed). PP will continue 6th one verification process later for between 01/05/2022 and 09/07/2023.

3.1.2 | 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.*

3.2 | 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.*

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

This Keltepe WPP project has been developed as a VER project accounting for GS financing and revenue from carbon credits which are essential for the feasibility of the project as well as supporting the sustainable development parameters.

The project owner has signed a consultancy agreement with different consultant for the verification of the project, however, the process was stopped since the project owner could not find demanding buyers which would help to cover the costs for DOE and issuance costs. The process itself would bring additional costs to the Project.

Owner rather than bringing revenue. Due to low demand of VERs, and lower VER prices than expected, the Project Owner decided to keep her rights until both the revenue opportunities and VER prices arise.

Furthermore, the Project Owner did not know that there was a probability to lose their rights if they did not go under verification before the crediting period end date. As the PO intended to initiate works to issue the VERs, the COVID measures have started in 2020 and the PO had to slow down all actions and they could not realize physical site visit which would enable them to issue VERs from CP2. The Project Owner requests to continue its project cycle and can secure carbon revenue.

3.2.2 | 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.*

3.3 | 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.*

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

During this time, the project owner has continued to monitor all parameters which were validated and approved during the design certification. To secure carbon finance, the Project Owner continued its monitoring activities internally in the same manner as the projects was being verified.

3.3.2 | 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.*

3.4 | 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: - 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