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DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 18/05/2023

1.2 | Decision (Revised)

The deviation request is approved considering there has been no increase in electricity production in the project. The project developer shall ensure that the maximum energy generation claimed is capped at the estimated annual electricity production in registered PDD.

The project developer 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 condition and provide its opinion in the Verification Report.

SustainCert shall review both the project developer'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

2| Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_399 (Revised)	
Date of decision	18/05/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	28/03/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS875
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Kavakçalı HPP Small Scale Hydro Power Project,Turkey	
Date of listing		
GS Standard version applicable	V.1.2	
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)	01/03/2013 First crediting certification date	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Turkey, Mugla	
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/1240	
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	Installed Capacity Correction in PDD.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	AMS-I.D.: Grid connected renewable electricity generation (Version 18.0)	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name:Ekin Kılıç	
	Email ID:ekin.kilic@lifeenerji.com	
	Organisation: Life İklim ve Enerji Ltd. Şti.	
	Project participant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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:

**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):

The first crediting period of the GS875 was between 01/03/2013 to 29/02/2020. The Project Owner now wants to conduct the revalidation process for second crediting period.

Since the project was commissioned, there has no change in the capacity of the project which is 11.143 MW. The commissioning date of the project is 29.03.2013. Before commissioning, its capacity increased from 8.9 MW to 11.143 MW in November 2012. The reason for this change in the capacity of the project is the realization during the feasibility studies that the plant could operate at a higher capacity due to the elevation difference.

The capacity of the project was stated as 8.9 MW in the registered PDD document for the first crediting period. The GS registration process for the first crediting period of the project was completed in 2015. The reason why the capacity was stated in PDD as 8.9 MW even though it was 11.143 MW in 2015 may be because the updated documents were overlooked or a typo error was made. Considering the actual electricity generation values of the project between the years of 2013 and 2018, the annual electricity amount is 32,433 MW with a capacity of 11.143 MW. This value is well below the estimated annual electricity production of 39,021 MW, which corresponds to 8.9 MW capacity. Therefore, there is no increase in electricity production in the project. The area and impact area of the project has not changed. In addition, the environmental impact area of the project is the same. Therefore, design change is not considered for this project. With this deviation request form, we kindly request to carry out a revision in terms of capacity of the project in the PDD to be prepared for the revalidation process, and to correct the installed capacity that was incorrectly written during the registration process in 2015. Therefore, capacity will be 11.143 MW in the PDD to be prepared for the revalidation process.

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.*

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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):

We kindly request to specify the capacity as 11,143 MW, that changed before the project was commissioned and during the feasibility studies, in the PDD document prepared for the revalidation process without design change process. The reason is that there is no change in the area/impact area or environmental impact area of the project and there is no increase in electricity production in the project.

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.*

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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):

We kindly request to carry out a revision in terms of capacity of the project in the PDD to be prepared for the revalidation process, and to correct the installed capacity that was incorrectly written during the registration process in 2015. Therefore, capacity will be 11.143 MW in the PDD to be prepared for the revalidation process without the project goes through the design change process.

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.*

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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: <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