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PART 1 – Bidding Procedures

Single Stage International Competitive

Bidding Procedure

Section I. Instructions to Bidders

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Section I. Instructions to Bidders

General

1. **Scope of Bid**
 - 1.1 In connection with the Invitation for Bids **indicated in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS)**, the Employer, as **indicated in the BDS**, issues this Bidding Document for the procurement of Plant and Installation Services as specified in Section VI, Employer's Requirements. The name, identification, and number of lots (contracts) of the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) are **provided in the BDS**.
 - 1.2 Unless otherwise stated, throughout this Bidding Document definitions and interpretations shall be as prescribed in the General Conditions, Section VII.
2. **Source of Funds**
 - 2.1 The Borrower or Recipient (hereinafter called "Borrower") **indicated in the BDS** has applied for or received financing (hereinafter called "funds") from the World Bank (hereinafter called "the Bank") toward the cost of the project named in the BDS. The Borrower intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the contract(s) for which this Bidding Document is issued.
 - 2.2 Payments by the Bank will be made only at the request of the Borrower and upon approval by the Bank in accordance with the terms and conditions of the financing agreement between the Borrower and the Bank (hereinafter called the Loan Agreement), and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of that Loan Agreement. No party other than the Borrower shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the funds.
 - 2.3 The Loan Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the loan account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of equipment, plant, or materials, if such payment or import is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.
3. **Fraud and Corruption**
 - 3.1 The Bank requires that Borrowers (including beneficiaries of Bank loans), as well as Bidders, Suppliers, Contractors and their agents (whether declared or not), personnel, subcontractors, sub-consultants, service providers and suppliers, under Bank-financed contracts, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuit of

this policy, the Bank:

- (a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
 - (i) “corrupt practice” is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party¹;
 - (ii) “fraudulent practice” is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation²;
 - (iii) “collusive practice” is an arrangement between two or more parties³ designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - (iv) “coercive practice” is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party⁴ or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;
 - (v) “obstructive practice” is
 - (aa) delerately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Bank investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation, or
 - (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise

¹ “Another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the procurement process or contract execution. In this context, “public official” includes World Bank staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing procurement decisions.

² “Party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the procurement process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the procurement process or contract execution.

³ “Parties” refers to participants in the procurement process (including public officials) attempting to establish bid prices at artificial, non competitive levels.

⁴ “Party” refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.

of the Bank's inspection and audit rights provided for under sub-clause 3.2 below.

- (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;
- (c) will cancel the portion of the loan allocated to a contract if it determines at any time that representatives of the Borrower or of a beneficiary of the loan engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices during the procurement or the execution of that contract, without the Borrower having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to remedy the situation; and
- (d) will sanction a firm or an individual, at any time, in accordance with prevailing Bank's sanctions procedures^a, including by publicly declaring such firm or individual ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time: (i) to be awarded a Bank-financed contract; and (ii) to be a nominated^b sub-contractor, consultant, manufacturer or supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a Bank-financed contract.

3.2 In further pursuance of this policy, Bidders shall permit the Bank to inspect any accounts and records and other documents relating to the Bid submission and contract performance, and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Bank.

3.3 Furthermore, Bidders shall be aware of the provision stated in the General Conditions (GC 42.2.1(c)).

4. Eligible Bidders 4.1 A Bidder may be a private entity or a government-owned entity—subject to ITB 4.5—or any combination of such

^a A firm or an individual may be declared ineligible to be awarded a Bank-financed contract upon completion of the Bank's sanctions proceedings as per its sanctions procedures, including inter alia: (i) temporary suspension in connection with an ongoing sanctions proceeding; (ii) cross-debarment as agreed with other International Financial Institutions, including Multilateral Development Banks; and (iii) the World Bank Group corporate administrative procurement sanctions procedures for fraud and corruption.

^b A nominated sub-contractor, consultant, manufacturer or supplier, or service provider (different names are used depending on the particular bidding document) is one which either has been: (i) included by the bidder in its pre-qualification application or bid because it brings specific and critical experience and know-how that are accounted for in the evaluation of the bidder's pre-qualification application or the bid; or (ii) appointed by the Borrower.

entities in the form of a joint venture, or association (JVA) under an existing agreement or with the intent to enter into such an agreement supported by a letter of intent. In the case of a joint venture or association:

- (a) **unless otherwise specified in the BDS**, all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the Contract terms, and
 - (b) the JVA shall nominate a Representative who shall have the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the partners of the JVA during the bidding process and, in the event the JVA is awarded the Contract, during contract execution.
- 4.2 A Bidder, and all partners constituting the Bidder, shall have a nationality of an eligible country as defined in *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, October 2006, (hereinafter referred to as the Guidelines), in accordance with Section V, Eligible Countries. A Bidder shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the Bidder is a national or is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country. This criterion shall also apply to the determination of the nationality of proposed subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the Contract including related services.
- 4.3 A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. All Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. A Bidder may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this bidding process, if :
- (a) they have a controlling partner in common; or
 - (b) they receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from any of them; or
 - (c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this bid; or
 - (d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the bid of another Bidder, or influence the decisions of the Employer regarding this bidding process; or
 - (e) a Bidder submits more than one bid in this bidding process, either individually or as a partner in a joint venture, except for alternative offers permitted under ITB

Clause 13. This will result in the disqualification of all such bids. However, this does not limit the participation of a Bidder as a subcontractor in another bid or of a firm as a subcontractor in more than one bid. or

- (f) a Bidder or any of its affiliates participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the Plant and Installation Services that are the subject of the bid.
 - (g) a Bidder or any of its affiliates has been hired (or is proposed to be hired) by the Employer or the Borrower as Project Manager for the contract.
- 4.4 A Bidder that has been sanctioned by the Bank in accordance with the above ITB 3.1 (d), or in accordance with the Bank's Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants, shall be ineligible to be awarded a Bank-financed contract, or benefit from a Bank-financed contract, financially or otherwise, during such period of time as the Bank shall determine.
- 4.5 Government-owned entities in the Borrower's country shall be eligible only if they can establish that they (i) are legally and financially autonomous, (ii) operate under the principles of commercial law, and (iii) are not dependent agencies of the Employer or the Borrower.
- 4.6 Bidders shall provide such evidence of their continued eligibility satisfactory to the Employer, as the Employer shall reasonably request.
- 4.7 In case a prequalification process has been conducted prior to the bidding process, this bidding is open only to prequalified Bidders.
- 4.8 Firms shall be excluded if:
- (a) as a matter of law or official regulation, the Borrower's country prohibits commercial relations with that country, provided that the Bank is satisfied that such exclusion does not preclude effective competition for the supply of goods or related services required; or
 - (b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Borrower's country prohibits any import of goods or contracting of works or

services from that country or any payments to persons or entities in that country.

- 5. Eligible Plant and Installation Services**
- 5.1 The Plant and Installation Services to be supplied under the Contract shall have their origin in eligible source countries as defined in ITB 4.2 above and all expenditures under the Contract will be limited to such Plant and Installation Services.
- 5.2 For purposes of ITB 5.1 above, “origin” means the place where the plant, or component parts thereof are mined, grown, produced or manufactured, and from which the services are provided. Plant components are produced when, through manufacturing, processing, or substantial or major assembling of components, a commercially recognized product results that is substantially in its basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.

Contents of Bidding Document

- 6. Sections of Bidding Document**
- 6.1 The Bidding Document consists of Parts 1, 2, and 3, which include all the Sections indicated below, and should be read in conjunction with any Addenda issued in accordance with ITB 8.

PART 1 Bidding Procedures

- Section I. Instructions to Bidders (ITB)
- Section II. Bid Data Sheet (BDS)
- Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria
- Section IV. Bidding Forms
- Section V. Eligible Countries

PART 2 Employer’s Requirements

- Section VI. Employer’s Requirements

PART 3 Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

- Section VII. General Conditions (GC)
- Section VIII. Particular Conditions (PC)
- Section IX. Contract Forms

- 6.2 The Invitation for Bids issued by the Employer is not part of the Bidding Document.
- 6.3 The Employer is not responsible for the completeness of the Bidding Document and its addenda, if they were not obtained directly from the source stated by the Employer in the

Invitation for Bids.

- 6.4 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the Bidding Document. Failure to furnish all information or documentation required by the Bidding Document may result in the rejection of the bid.
- 7. Clarification of Bidding Document, Site Visit, Pre-Bid Meeting**
- 7.1 A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Document shall contact the Employer in writing at the Employer's address **indicated in the BDS** or raise his enquiries during the pre-bid meeting if provided for in accordance with ITB 7.4. The Employer will respond to any request for clarification, provided that such request is received no later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the deadline for submission of bids. The Employer's response shall be in writing with copies to all Bidders who have acquired the Bidding Document in accordance with ITB 6.3, including a description of the inquiry but without identifying its source. Should the Employer deem it necessary to amend the Bidding Document as a result of a request for clarification, it shall do so following the procedure under ITB 8 and ITB 23.2.
- 7.2 The Bidder is advised to visit and examine the site where the plant is to be installed and its surroundings and obtain for itself on its own responsibility all information that may be necessary for preparing the bid and entering into a contract for the provision of Plant and Installation Services. The costs of visiting the site shall be at the Bidder's own expense.
- 7.3 The Bidder and any of its personnel or agents will be granted permission by the Employer to enter upon its premises and lands for the purpose of such visit, but only upon the express condition that the Bidder, its personnel, and agents will release and indemnify the Employer and its personnel and agents from and against all liability in respect thereof, and will be responsible for death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property, and any other loss, damage, costs, and expenses incurred as a result of the inspection.
- 7.4 The Bidder's designated representative is invited to attend a pre-bid meeting, if **provided for in the BDS**. The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage.
- 7.5 The Bidder is requested, as far as possible, to submit any questions in writing, to reach the Employer not later than one week before the meeting.
- 7.6 Minutes of the pre-bid meeting, including the text of the questions raised without identifying the source, and the

responses given, together with any responses prepared after the meeting, will be transmitted promptly to all Bidders who have acquired the Bidding Document in accordance with ITB 6.3. Any modification to the Bidding Document that may become necessary as a result of the pre-bid meeting shall be made by the Employer exclusively through the issue of an Addendum pursuant to ITB 8 and not through the minutes of the pre-bid meeting.

7.7 Nonattendance at the pre-bid meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of a Bidder.

8. Amendment of Bidding Document

8.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Employer may amend the Bidding Document by issuing addenda.

8.2 Any addendum issued shall be part of the Bidding Document and shall be communicated in writing to all who have obtained the Bidding Document from the Employer in accordance with ITB 6.3.

8.3 To give prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Employer may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, pursuant to ITB 23.2

Preparation of Bids

9. Cost of Bidding

9.1 The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Bid, and the Employer shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

10. Language of Bid

10.1 The Bid, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Employer, shall be written in the language **specified in the BDS**. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Bid may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified in the BDS, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, such translation shall govern.

11. Documents Comprising the Bid

11.1 The Bid submitted by the Bidder shall comprise the following:

- (a) Letter of Bid
- (b) Completed schedules as required, including Price Schedules, in accordance with ITB 12 and 17;
- (c) Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration, in accordance

with ITB 20;

- (d) alternative bids, if permissible, in accordance with ITB 13;
- (e) written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder, in accordance with ITB 21.2;
- (f) documentary evidence established in accordance with ITB 14.1 that the Plant and Installation Services offered by the Bidder in its bid or in any alternative bid, if permitted, are eligible;
- (g) documentary evidence in accordance with ITB 15 establishing the Bidder's eligibility and qualifications to perform the contract if its Bid is accepted;
- (h) documentary evidence established in accordance with ITB 16 that the Plant and Installation Services offered by the Bidder conform to the Bidding Document;
- (i) in the case of a bid submitted by a JVA, JVA agreement, or letter of intent to enter into a JVA including a draft agreement, indicating at least the parts of the Plant to be executed by the respective partners;
- (j) List of subcontractors, in accordance with ITB 16.2; and
- (k) any other document **required in the BDS.**

12. Letter of Bid and Schedules

12.1 The Bidder shall complete the Letter of Bid, including the appropriate Price Schedules, using the relevant forms furnished in Section IV, Bidding Forms. The forms must be completed as instructed in each form.

13. Alternative Bids

13.1 **The BDS indicates** whether alternative bids are allowed. If they are allowed, the BDS will also indicate whether they are permitted in accordance with ITB 13.3, **or** invited in accordance with ITB13.2 and/or ITB 13.4.

13.2 When alternatives to the Time Schedule are explicitly invited, a statement to that effect will be **included in the BDS**, and the method of evaluating different time schedules will be described in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

13.3 Except as provided under ITB 13.4 below, Bidders wishing to offer technical alternatives to the Employer's requirements as described in the bidding document must also provide: (i) a price at which they are prepared to offer a plant meeting the Employer's requirements; and (ii) all information necessary for a complete evaluation of the alternatives by the Employer,

including drawings, design calculations, technical specifications, breakdown of prices, and proposed installation methodology and other relevant details. Only the technical alternatives, if any, of the lowest evaluated Bidder conforming to the basic technical requirements shall be considered by the Employer.

- 13.4 When bidders are **invited in the BDS** to submit alternative technical solutions for specified parts of the facilities, such parts shall be described in Section VI, Employer's Requirements. Technical alternatives that comply with the performance and technical criteria specified for the Plant and Installation Services shall be considered by the Employer on their own merits, pursuant to ITB 35.
- 14. Documents Establishing the Eligibility of the Plant and Installation Services**
- 14.1 To establish the eligibility of the Plant and Installation Services in accordance with ITB Clause 5, Bidders shall complete the country of origin declarations in the Price Schedule Forms, included in Section IV, Bidding Forms.
- 15. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder**
- 15.1 To establish its eligibility and qualifications to perform the Contract in accordance with Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, the Bidder shall provide the information requested in the corresponding information sheets included in Section IV, Bidding Forms.
- 15.2 Domestic Bidders, individually or in joint ventures, applying for eligibility for domestic preference shall supply all information required to satisfy the criteria for eligibility as described in ITB 34.
- 16. Documents establishing conformity of the Plant and Installation Services**
- 16.1 The Bidder shall furnish the information stipulated in Section IV, in sufficient detail to demonstrate substantial responsiveness of the Bidders' proposal to the work requirements and the completion time.
- 16.2 For major items of Plant and Installation Services as listed by the Employer in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, which the Bidder intends to purchase or subcontract, the Bidder shall give details of the name and nationality of the proposed Subcontractors, including manufacturers, for each of those items. In addition, the Bidder shall include in its bid information establishing compliance with the requirements specified by the Employer for these items. Quoted rates and prices will be deemed to apply to whichever Subcontractor is appointed, and no adjustment of the rates and prices will be permitted.
- 16.3 The Bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that any

Subcontractor proposed complies with the requirements of ITB 4, and that any plant, or services to be provided by the Subcontractor comply with the requirements of ITB 5 and ITB 15.1

17. Bid Prices and Discounts

- 17.1 Unless otherwise **specified in the BDS**, bidders shall quote for the entire Plant and Installation Services on a “single responsibility” basis such that the total bid price covers all the Contractor’s obligations mentioned in or to be reasonably inferred from the bidding document in respect of the design, manufacture, including procurement and subcontracting (if any), delivery, construction, installation and completion of the plant. This includes all requirements under the Contractor’s responsibilities for testing, pre-commissioning and commissioning of the plant and, where so required by the bidding document, the acquisition of all permits, approvals and licenses, etc.; the operation, maintenance and training services and such other items and services as may be specified in the Bidding Document, all in accordance with the requirements of the General Conditions. Items against which no price is entered by the Bidder will not be paid for by the Employer when executed and shall be deemed to be covered by the prices for other items.
- 17.2 Bidders are required to quote the price for the commercial, contractual and technical obligations outlined in the bidding document.
- 17.3 Bidders shall give a breakdown of the prices in the manner and detail called for in the Price Schedules included in Section IV, Bidding Forms.
- 17.4 Depending on the scope of the Contract, the Price Schedules may comprise up to the six (6) schedules listed below. Separate numbered Schedules included in Section IV, Bidding Forms, from those numbered 1-4 below, shall be used for each of the elements of the Plant and Installation Services. The total amount from each Schedule corresponding to an element of the Plant and Installation Services shall be summarized in the schedule titled Grand Summary, (Schedule 5), giving the total bid price(s) to be entered in the Letter of Bid.

Schedule No. 1 Plant (including Mandatory Spare Parts)
Supplied from Abroad

Schedule No. 2 Plant (including Mandatory Spare Parts)
Supplied from within the Employer’s Country

Schedule No. 3 Design Services

Schedule No. 4 Installation Services

Schedule No. 5 Grand Summary (Schedule Nos. 1 to 4)

Schedule No. 6 Recommended Spare Parts

Bidders shall note that the plant and equipment included in Schedule Nos. 1 and 2 above **exclude** materials used for civil, building and other construction works. All such materials shall be included and priced under Schedule No. 4, Installation Services.

17.5 In the Schedules, bidders shall give the required details and a breakdown of their prices as follows:

(a) Plant to be supplied from abroad (Schedule No. 1):

The price of the plant shall be quoted on CIP-named place of destination basis as **specified in the BDS**

(b) Plant manufactured within the Employer's country (Schedule No. 2):

(i) The price of the plant shall be quoted on an EXW Incoterm basis (such as "ex-works," "ex-factory," "ex-warehouse" or "off-the-shelf," as applicable),

(ii) Sales tax and all other taxes payable in the Employer's country on the plant if the contract is awarded to the Bidder, and

(iii) The total price for the item.

(c) Design Services (Schedule No. 3).

(d) Installation Services shall be quoted separately (Schedule No. 4) and shall include rates or prices for local transportation to named place of final destination as **specified in the BDS**, insurance and other services incidental to delivery of the plant, all labor, contractor's equipment, temporary works, materials, consumables and all matters and things of whatsoever nature, including operations and maintenance services, the provision of operations and maintenance manuals, training, etc., where identified in the Bidding Document, as necessary for the proper execution of the installation and other services, including all taxes, duties, levies and charges payable in the Employer's country as of twenty-eight (28) days prior to the deadline for submission of bids.

- (e) Recommended spare parts shall be quoted separately (Schedule 6) as specified in either subparagraph (a) or (b) above in accordance with the origin of the spare parts.
- 17.6 The current edition of Incoterms, published by the International Chamber of Commerce shall govern.
- 17.7 The prices shall be either fixed or adjustable as **specified in the BDS**.
- 17.8 In the case of **Fixed Price**, prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the contract and not subject to variation on any account. A bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non responsive and rejected.
- 17.9 In the case of **Adjustable Price**, prices quoted by the Bidder shall be subject to adjustment during performance of the contract to reflect changes in the cost elements such as labor, material, transport and contractor's equipment in accordance with the procedures specified in the corresponding Appendix to the Contract Agreement. A bid submitted with a fixed price quotation will not be rejected, but the price adjustment will be treated as zero. Bidders are required to indicate the source of labor and material indices in the corresponding Form in Section IV, Bidding Forms.
- 17.10 If so indicated in ITB 1.1, bids are being invited for individual lots (contracts) or for any combination of lots (packages). Bidders wishing to offer any price reduction (discount) for the award of more than one Contract shall specify in their Letter of Bid the price reductions applicable to each package, or alternatively, to individual Contracts within the package, and the manner in which the price reductions will apply.
- 17.11 Bidders wishing to offer any unconditional discount shall specify in their Letter of Bid the offered discounts and the manner in which price discounts will apply.
- 18. Currencies of Bid and Payment**
- 18.1 The currency(ies) of the bid shall be, as **specified in the BDS**.
- 18.2 Bidders may be required by the Employer to justify, to the Employer's satisfaction, their local and foreign currency requirements.
- 19. Period of Validity of Bids**
- 19.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period **specified in the BDS** after the bid submission deadline date prescribed by the Employer. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Employer as non responsive.

- 19.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity period, the Employer may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing. If a bid security is requested in accordance with ITB 20, the Bidder granting the request shall also extend the bid security for twenty-eight (28) days beyond the deadline of the extended validity period. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its bid security. A Bidder granting the request shall not be required or permitted to modify its bid, except as provided in ITB 19.3.
- 19.3 In the case of fixed price contracts, if the award is delayed by a period exceeding fifty-six (56) days beyond the expiry of the initial bid validity, the Contract price shall be adjusted by a factor or factors specified in the request for extension. Bid evaluation shall be based on the Bid Price without taking into consideration the above correction.

20. Bid Security

- 20.1 The Bidder shall furnish as part of its bid, either a Bid-Securing Declaration or a bid security as **specified in the BDS**, in original form and in the amount **specified in the BDS**.
- 20.2 A Bid-Securing Declaration shall use the form included in Section IV Bidding Forms.
- 20.3 If a bid security is specified pursuant to ITB 20.1, the bid security shall be a demand guarantee in any of the following forms at the Bidder's option:
- (a) an unconditional guarantee issued by a bank or surety;
 - (b) an irrevocable letter of credit;
 - (c) a cashier's or certified check; or
 - (d) another security **indicated in the BDS**,

from a reputable source from an eligible country. If the unconditional guarantee is issued by an insurance company or a bonding company located outside the Employer's Country, the issuer shall have a correspondent financial institution located in the Employer's Country to make it enforceable. In the case of a bank guarantee, the bid security shall be submitted either using the Bid Security Form included in Section IV, Bidding Forms or in another substantially similar format approved by the Employer prior to bid submission. In either case, the form must include the complete name of the Bidder. The bid security shall be valid for twenty-eight days (28) beyond the original validity period of the bid, or beyond

any period of extension if requested under ITB 19.2.

- 20.4 If a bid security is specified pursuant to ITB 20.1, any bid not accompanied by a substantially responsive bid security or Bid-Securing Declaration shall be rejected by the Employer as non responsive.
- 20.5 If a bid security is specified pursuant to ITB 20.1, the bid security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the performance security pursuant to ITB 42.
- 20.6 The bid security of the successful Bidder shall be returned as promptly as possible once the successful Bidder has signed the Contract and furnished the required performance security.
- 20.7 The bid security may be forfeited or the Bid-Securing Declaration executed:
- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid or
 - (b) if the successful Bidder fails to:
 - (i) sign the Contract in accordance with ITB 41; or
 - (ii) furnish a performance security in accordance with ITB 42.
- 20.8 The Bid Security or the Bid Securing Declaration of a JVA shall be in the name of the JVA that submits the bid. If the JVA has not been legally constituted into a legally enforceable JVA at the time of bidding, the Bid Security or the Bid Securing Declaration shall be in the names of all future partners as named in the letter of intent referred to in ITB 4.1.
- 20.9 If a Bid-Securing Declaration is executed in accordance with ITB 20.7, the Employer will declare the Bidder ineligible to be awarded a contract by the Employer for the period of time stated in the Form of Bid-Securing Declaration.
- 20.10 If a bid security is not required in the BDS, and
- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid Form, except as provided in ITB 19.2, or
 - (b) if the successful Bidder fails to: sign the Contract in accordance with ITB 41; or furnish a performance security in accordance with ITB 42;

the Borrower may, **if provided for in the BDS**, declare the Bidder disqualified to be awarded a contract by the Employer

for a period of time **as stated in the BDS**.

**21. Format and
Signing of Bid**

- 21.1 The Bidder shall prepare one original of the documents comprising the bid as described in ITB 11 and clearly mark it "ORIGINAL." Alternative bids, if permitted in accordance with ITB 13, shall be clearly marked "ALTERNATIVE". In addition, the Bidder shall submit copies of the bid, in the number **specified in the BDS** and clearly mark them "COPY." In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
- 21.2 The original and all copies of the bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder. This authorization shall consist of a written confirmation as **specified in the BDS** and shall be attached to the bid. The name and position held by each person signing the authorization must be typed or printed below the signature. All pages of the bid where entries or amendments have been made shall be signed or initialed by the person signing the bid.
- 21.3 A bid submitted by a JVA shall comply with the following requirements:
- (a) Unless not required in accordance with ITB 4.1 (a), be signed so as to be legally binding on all partners and
 - (b) Include the Representative's authorization referred to in ITB 4.1 (b), consisting of a power of attorney signed by those legally authorized to sign on behalf of the JVA.
- 21.4 Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the bid.

Submission and Opening of Bids

**22. Submission,
Sealing and
Marking of Bids**

- 22.1 Bidders may always submit their bids by mail or by hand. When so **specified in the BDS**, bidders shall have the option of submitting their bids electronically. Procedures for submission, sealing and marking are as follows:
- (a) Bidders submitting bids by mail or by hand shall enclose the original and each copy of the Bid, including alternative bids, if permitted in accordance with ITB 13, in separate sealed envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as "ORIGINAL," "ALTERNATIVE" and "COPY." These envelopes containing the original and the copies shall then be enclosed in one single envelope. The rest of the procedure shall be in accordance with ITB sub-

Clauses 22.2 and 22.3.

- (b) Bidders submitting bids electronically shall follow the electronic bid submission procedures **specified in the BDS.**

22.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall:

- (a) bear the name and address of the Bidder;
- (b) be addressed to the Employer in accordance with ITB 24.1;
- (c) bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in accordance with ITB 1.1; and
- (d) bear a warning not to open before the time and date for bid opening.

22.3 If all envelopes are not sealed and marked as required, the Employer will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the bid.

23. Deadline for Submission of Bids

23.1 Bids must be received by the Employer at the address and no later than the date and time **indicated in the BDS.**

23.2 The Employer may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by amending the Bidding Document in accordance with ITB 8, in which case all rights and obligations of the Employer and Bidders previously subject to the deadline shall thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

24. Late Bids

24.1 The Employer shall not consider any bid that arrives after the deadline for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB 23. Any bid received by the Employer after the deadline for submission of bids shall be declared late, rejected, and returned unopened to the Bidder.

25. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bids

25.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute, or modify its bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization in accordance with ITB 21.2, (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies). The corresponding substitution or modification of the bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be:

- (a) prepared and submitted in accordance with ITB 21 and ITB 22 (except that withdrawals notices do not require copies), and in addition, the respective envelopes shall be

clearly marked “WITHDRAWAL,” “SUBSTITUTION,” “MODIFICATION;” and

- (b) received by the Employer prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB 23.

- 25.2 Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB 25.1 shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.
- 25.3 No bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid or any extension thereof.

26. Bid Opening

- 26.1 The Employer shall conduct the bid opening in public, in the presence of Bidders` designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend, and at the address, date and time **specified in the BDS**. Any specific electronic bid opening procedures required if electronic bidding is permitted in accordance with ITB 22.1, shall be as **specified in the BDS**.
- 26.2 First, envelopes marked “WITHDRAWAL” shall be opened and read out and the envelope with the corresponding bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. No bid withdrawal shall be permitted unless the corresponding withdrawal notice contains a valid authorization to request the withdrawal and is read out at bid opening. Next, envelopes marked “SUBSTITUTION” shall be opened and read out and exchanged with the corresponding bid being substituted, and the substituted bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. No bid substitution shall be permitted unless the corresponding substitution notice contains a valid authorization to request the substitution and is read out at bid opening. Envelopes marked “MODIFICATION” shall be opened and read out with the corresponding bid. No bid modification shall be permitted unless the corresponding modification notice contains a valid authorization to request the modification and is read out at bid opening. Only bids that are opened and read out at bid opening shall be considered further.
- 26.3 All other envelopes shall be opened one at a time, reading out: the name of the Bidder and the Bid Price(s), including any discounts and alternative bids, and indicating whether there is a modification; the presence or absence of a bid security or Bid-Securing Declaration; and any other details as the Employer may consider appropriate. Only discounts and alternative bids read out at bid opening shall be considered for evaluation. No bid shall be rejected at bid opening except for late bids, in accordance with ITB 24.1.

26.4 The Employer shall prepare a record of the bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a withdrawal, substitution, or modification; the Bid Price, per lot if applicable, including any discounts and alternative bids; and the presence or absence of a bid security or a Bid-Securing Declaration. The Bidders' representatives who are present shall be requested to sign the record. The omission of a Bidder's signature on the record shall not invalidate the contents and effect of the record. A copy of the record shall be distributed to all Bidders who submitted bids in time, and posted online when electronic bidding is permitted.

Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- 27. Confidentiality**
- 27.1 Information relating to the evaluation of bids and recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until information on Contract award is communicated to all Bidders.
- 27.2 Any attempt by a Bidder to influence the Employer in the evaluation of the bids or Contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its bid.
- 27.3 Notwithstanding ITB 27.2, from the time of bid opening to the time of Contract award, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Employer on any matter related to the bidding process, it should do so in writing.
- 28. Clarification of Bids**
- 28.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation, and comparison of the bids, and qualification of the Bidders, the Employer may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its bid. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder that is not in response to a request by the Employer shall not be considered. The Employer's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. No change in the prices or substance of the bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Employer in the evaluation of the bids, in accordance with ITB 32.
- 28.2 If a Bidder does not provide clarifications of its bid by the date and time set in the Employer's request for clarification, its bid may be rejected.
- 29. Deviations, Reservations, and Omissions**
- 29.1 During the evaluation of bids, the following definitions apply:
- (a) "Deviation" is a departure from the requirements specified in the Bidding Document;

- (b) “Reservation” is the setting of limiting conditions or withholding from complete acceptance of the requirements specified in the Bidding Document; and
- (c) “Omission” is the failure to submit part or all of the information or documentation required in the Bidding Document.

30. Determination of Responsiveness

- 30.1 The Employer’s determination of a bid’s responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself, as defined in ITB11.
- 30.2 A substantially responsive bid is one that meets the requirements of the Bidding Document without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that,
- (a) if accepted, would:
 - (i) affect in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Plant and Installation Services specified in the Contract; or
 - (ii) limit in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Document, the Employer’s rights or the Bidder’s obligations under the proposed Contract; or
 - (b) if rectified, would unfairly affect the competitive position of other Bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.
- 30.3 The Employer shall examine the technical aspects of the bid in particular, to confirm that all requirements of Section VI, Employer’s Requirements have been met without any material deviation, reservation, or omission.
- 30.4 If a bid is not substantially responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Document, it shall be rejected by the Employer and may not subsequently be made responsive by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

31. Nonmaterial Nonconformities

- 31.1 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Employer may waive any nonconformity in the bid that does not constitute a material deviation, reservation or omission.
- 31.2 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Employer may request that the Bidder submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities in the bid related to documentation requirements. Requesting information or documentation on such nonconformities shall not be related to

any aspect of the price of the bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its bid.

31.3 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Employer shall rectify quantifiable nonmaterial nonconformities related to the Bid Price. To this effect, the Bid Price shall be adjusted, for comparison purposes only, to reflect the price of a missing or non-conforming item or component. The adjustment shall be made using the method indicated in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

**32. Correction of
Arithmetical
Errors**

32.1 Provided that the bid is substantially responsive, the Employer shall correct arithmetical errors on the following basis:

- (a) where there are errors between the total of the amounts given under the column for the price breakdown and the amount given under the Total Price, the former shall prevail and the latter will be corrected accordingly;
- (b) where there are errors between the total of the amounts of Schedule Nos. 1 to 4 and the amount given in Schedule No. 5 (Grand Summary), the former shall prevail and the latter will be corrected accordingly; and
- (c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to (a) and (b) above.

32.2 If the Bidder that submitted the lowest evaluated bid does not accept the correction of errors, its bid shall be declared non-responsive.

**33. Conversion to
Single Currency**

33.1 For evaluation and comparison purposes, the currency(ies) of the bid shall be converted into a single currency as **specified in the BDS**.

**34. Margin of
Preference**

34.1 No margin of domestic preference shall apply.

**35. Evaluation of
Bids**

35.1 The Employer shall use the criteria and methodologies indicated in this Clause. No other evaluation criteria or methodologies shall be permitted.

Technical Evaluation

35.2 The Employer will carry out a detailed technical evaluation of the bids not previously rejected to determine whether the technical aspects are in compliance with the Bidding Document. The bid that does not meet minimum acceptable

standards of completeness, consistency and detail, and the specified minimum (or maximum, as the case may be) requirements for specified functional guarantees, will be rejected for non responsiveness. In order to reach its determination, the Employer will examine and compare the technical aspects of the bids on the basis of the information supplied by the bidders, taking into account the following:

- (a) overall completeness and compliance with the Employer's Requirements; conformity of the Plant and Installation Services offered with specified performance criteria, including conformity with the specified minimum (or maximum, as the case may be) requirement corresponding to each functional guarantee, as indicated in the Specification and in Section III Evaluation and Qualification Criteria; suitability of the Plant and Installation Services offered in relation to the environmental and climatic conditions prevailing at the site; and quality, function and operation of any process control concept included in the bid;
- (b) type, quantity and long-term availability of mandatory and recommended spare parts and maintenance services; and
- (c) other relevant factors, if any, listed in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

35.3 Where alternative technical solutions have been allowed in accordance with ITB 13, and offered by the Bidder, the Employer will make a similar evaluation of the alternatives. Where alternatives have not been allowed but have been offered, they shall be ignored.

Economic Evaluation

35.4 To evaluate a bid, the Employer shall consider the following:

- (a) the bid price, excluding provisional sums and the provision, if any, for contingencies in the Price Schedules;
- (b) price adjustment for correction of arithmetic errors in accordance with ITB 32.1;
- (c) price adjustment due to discounts offered in accordance with ITB 17.9 or ITB17.10;
- (d) price adjustment due to quantifiable nonmaterial

nonconformities in accordance with ITB 31.3;

- (e) converting the amount resulting from applying (a) to (c) above, if relevant, to a single currency in accordance with ITB 33; and
- (f) the evaluation factors indicated in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

35.5 If price adjustment is allowed in accordance with ITB 17.6, the estimated effect of the price adjustment provisions of the Conditions of Contract, applied over the period of execution of the Contract, shall not be taken into account in bid evaluation.

35.6 If this Bidding Document allows Bidders to quote separate prices for different lots (contracts), and the award to a single Bidder of multiple lots (contracts), the methodology to determine the lowest evaluated price of the lot (contract) combinations, including any discounts offered in the Letter of Bid, is specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

35.7 If the bid, which results in the lowest Evaluated Bid Price, is seriously unbalanced or front loaded in the opinion of the Employer, the Employer may require the Bidder to produce detailed price analyses for any or all items of the Price Schedules, to demonstrate the internal consistency of those prices with the methods and time schedule proposed. After evaluation of the price analyses, taking into consideration the terms of payments, the Employer may require that the amount of the performance security be increased at the expense of the Bidder to a level sufficient to protect the Employer against financial loss in the event of default of the successful Bidder under the Contract.

36. Comparison of Bids

36.1 The Employer shall compare all substantially responsive bids in accordance with ITB 35.4 to determine the lowest evaluated bid.

37. Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder

37.1 The Employer shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the lowest evaluated and substantially responsive bid is eligible and meets the qualifying criteria specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

37.2 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, pursuant to ITB 15.

- 37.3 An affirmative determination shall be a prerequisite for award of the Contract to the Bidder. A negative determination shall result in disqualification of the bid, in which event the Employer shall proceed to the next lowest evaluated bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's qualifications to perform satisfactorily.
- 37.4 The capabilities of the manufacturers and subcontractors proposed in its Bid to be used by the lowest evaluated Bidder for identified major items of supply or services will also be evaluated for acceptability in accordance with Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria. Their participation should be confirmed with a letter of intent between the parties, as needed. Should a manufacturer or subcontractor be determined to be unacceptable, the Bid will not be rejected, but the Bidder will be required to substitute an acceptable manufacturer or subcontractor without any change to the bid price. Prior to signing the Contract, the corresponding Appendix to the Contract Agreement shall be completed, listing the approved manufacturers or subcontractors for each item concerned.
- 38. Employer's Right to Accept Any Bid, and to Reject Any or All Bids**
- 38.1 The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders. In case of annulment, all bids submitted and specifically, bid securities, shall be promptly returned to the Bidders.

Award of Contract

- 39. Award Criteria**
- 39.1 Subject to ITB 38.1, the Employer shall award the Contract to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated bid and is substantially responsive to the Bidding Document, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be eligible and qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.
- 40. Notification of Award**
- 40.1 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Employer shall notify the successful Bidder, in writing, that its bid has been accepted. The notification letter (hereinafter and in the Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms called the "Letter of Acceptance") shall specify the sum that the Employer will pay the Contractor in consideration of the execution and completion of the Plant and Installation Services (hereinafter and in the Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms called "the Contract Price").
- 40.2 At the same time, the Employer shall also notify all other Bidders of the results of the bidding, and shall publish in

UNDB online and in dgMarket the results identifying the bid and lot numbers and the following information: (i) name of each Bidder who submitted a Bid; (ii) bid prices as read out at Bid Opening; (iii) name and evaluated prices of each Bid that was evaluated; (iv) name of bidders whose bids were rejected and the reasons for their rejection; and (v) name of the winning Bidder, and the Price it offered, as well as the duration and summary scope of the contract awarded.

40.3 Until a formal contract is prepared and executed, the notification of award shall constitute a binding Contract.

40.4 The Employer shall promptly respond in writing to any unsuccessful Bidder who, after notification of award in accordance with ITB 40.2, requests in writing the grounds on which its bid was not selected.

41. Signing of Contract

41.1 Promptly upon notification, the Employer shall send the successful Bidder the Contract Agreement.

41.2 Within twenty-eight (28) days of receipt of the Contract Agreement, the successful Bidder shall sign, date, and return it to the Employer.

41.3 Notwithstanding ITB 41.2 above, in case signing of the Contract Agreement is prevented by any export restrictions attributable to the Employer, to the country of the Employer, or to the use of the Plant and Installation Services to be supplied, where such export restrictions arise from trade regulations from a country supplying those Plant and Installation Services, the Bidder shall not be bound by its bid, always provided, however, that the Bidder can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Employer and of the Bank that signing of the Contract Agreement has not been prevented by any lack of diligence on the part of the Bidder in completing any formalities, including applying for permits, authorizations and licenses necessary for the export of the Plant and Installation Services under the terms of the Contract.

42. Performance Security

42.1 Within twenty-eight (28) days of the receipt of notification of award from the Employer, the successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in accordance with the General Conditions, subject to ITB 35.7, using for that purpose the Performance Security Form included in Section IX, Contract Forms, or another form acceptable to the Employer. If the performance security furnished by the successful Bidder is in the form of a bond, it shall be issued by a bonding or insurance company that has been determined by the successful Bidder to be acceptable to the Employer. A foreign institution

providing a performance security shall have a correspondent financial institution located in the Employer's Country.

- 42.2 Failure of the successful Bidder to submit the above-mentioned Performance Security or sign the Contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security. In that event the Employer may award the Contract to the next lowest evaluated Bidder whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by the Employer to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

Section II. Bid Data Sheet

| General | |
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| ITB 1.1 | The number of the Invitation for Bids is : NIETTP-AF-HB-ICB-02 |
| ITB 1.1 | The Employer is: Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) |
| ITB 1.1 | <p>The name of the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) is: "Procurement of Plant Design, Supply, Installation, testing and Commissioning of Hetauda-Bharatpur 220 kV Transmission Line Project".</p> <p>The identification number of the ICB is: NIETTP-AF-HB-ICB-02</p> <p>The number and identification of lots (contracts) comprising this ICB is: None</p> |
| ITB 2.1 | The Borrower is: Nepal |
| ITB 2.1 | <p>The name of the Project is: Hetauda –Bharatpur- Bardaghat 220 kV Transmission Line Project</p> <p>Credit /Grant No.</p> |
| ITB 4.1 (a) | The individuals or firms in a joint venture, consortium or association shall be jointly and severally liable. |
| Contents of Bidding Document | |
| ITB 7.1 | <p>For clarification purposes only, the Employer's address is:</p> <p>The Project Manager Hetauda –Bharatpur- Bardaghat 220 kV Transmission Line Project Nepal India Electricity Transmission and Trade Project Transmission Directorate Nepal Electricity Authority Thanabharang, Hetauda, Nepal Telephone: +977 57 520407, 57 524467 Electronic mail address: hbb220kv@nea.org.np, iswarijaiswal99@gmail.com</p> |
| ITB 7.4 | <p>A Pre-Bid meeting shall take place at the following date, time and place. The employer, upon the request form the potential bidders, may arrange the group site visit immediately after the pre-bid conference. However, vehicle, for site visit for the bidder and other logistics will be arranged by bidders themselves.</p> <p>Date: 20 October 2019</p> <p>Time: 12:00 Noon. (Nepal Standard Time)</p> <p>Place: Thanabharyang, Hetauda, Nepal</p> |

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| | <p><i>It is strongly advised for eligible bidders to visit the transmission line sites and acquaint themselves with the topography, infrastructure, condition of fully and partially completed works and also the design philosophy.</i></p> <p><i>Note: For the construction of the 220 kV Hetauda Bharatpur Transmission Line Project, contract agreement was previously signed with ICOMM Tele India Ltd, India and subsequently contract was terminated. The Transmission Line equipment and towers that are not included in the prices schedule are already supplied and NEA will hand over the same to the new contractor. Along with this, NEA will provide the already approved design drawings related with the substation construction works to the Bidders. However, those design and drawings which are not completed as well as revision and modification of the approved design drawings, if necessary, is in the scope of the contractor.</i></p> |
| Preparation of Bids | |
| ITB 10.1 | The language of the bid is: <u>English</u> |
| ITB 11.1 (k) | <p>The Bidder shall submit with its bid the following additional documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nepalese bidders shall provide VAT Registration Certificate 2. Details in respect of Local Agent <p>If a foreign bidder has engaged a Nepalese agent, it will be required to give the following details in its bid as per the format enclosed in the Bidding Documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) The name and address of the local agent; ii) What Service the agent renders; and iii) The fixed amount of remuneration for the agent included in the offer; <p>The agency commission shall be indicated in the space provided in clause (l) of letter of Bid and such commission is deemed to have been included in the Bidder's quoted price.</p> <p>4. Manufacturer Authorization: If the Bidder is not the manufacturers of the major items/equipments in the Contract, the Bidder must have been duly authorized by the equipment manufacturers to supply the equipment in the Purchaser's country under this contract. Such authorization shall be necessary for all major equipments.</p> |
| ITB 13.1 | Alternative bids are not permitted. |
| ITB 13.2 | Alternatives to the Time Schedule are not permitted. |
| ITB 13.4 | Alternative technical solutions are not permitted. |

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| ITB 17.1 | Bidders shall quote for the plant and services under the scope of the contract on a single responsibility basis as prescribed in Employer's Requirement. |
| ITB 17.5(a) | Named place of destination is: CIP Boarder at Birgunj |
| ITB 17.5(d) | Named place of final destination is: Hetauda, Makawanpur District |
| ITB 17.7 | The prices quoted by the Bidder shall be: Fixed |
| ITB 18.1 | <p>The currency (ies) of the bid shall be as follows: (a) Plant (including Mandatory Spare Parts) supplied from abroad (Schedule 1) may be quoted entirely in freely convertible currency. If the Bidder wishes to be paid in a combination of amounts in different currencies, it may quote its price accordingly, but use no more than three foreign currencies. However, local transportation, insurance and other local costs incidental to delivery of the plant and equipment to be supplied from abroad shall be quoted in local currency.</p> <p>(b) Plant (including Mandatory Spare Parts) supplied from within the Employer's country (Schedule 2) shall be quoted in Nepalese Rupees (NRs.)</p> <p>(c) Installation services shall be quoted either in foreign currency not exceeding 40% of total price quoted for installation services or local currency, depending upon the currency in which the costs are to be incurred.</p> |
| ITB 19.1 | The bid validity period shall be 120days. |
| ITB 20.1 | The amount of the bid security shall be minimum Nepalese Rupees 37,500,000.00 or an equivalent amount in convertible currency as per exchange rate list published by Nepal Rastra Bank which shall be valid for 28 days beyond the bid validity period. The source of exchange rate shall be the exchange (selling) rates as published by the Nepal Rastra Bank (www.nrb.org.np) and The date for the exchange rate shall be 28 days prior to date of Bid opening. The bank guarantee shall be issued by a commercial bank in Nepal. If the bank guarantee is issued by a foreign bank, it shall be endorsed by a commercial bank in Nepal. |
| ITB 20.3 (d) | Other types of acceptable securities: None |
| ITB 20.10 | Not applicable |
| ITB 21.1 | In addition to the original of the bid, the number of copies is: <u>One(1)</u> |
| ITB 21.2 | <p>The written confirmation of authorization to sign on behalf of the Bidder shall consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Power of attorney duly notarized in favor of person signing the bid. 2. In the case of bids submitted by an existing or intended JVA, include and undertaking signed by all parties (i) stating that all parties shall be jointly and severally liable and (ii) nominating a representative who shall |

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| | have the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all parties of the JVA during the bidding process and in the event the JVA awarded the contract for signing the contract and contract execution. |
| Submission and Opening of Bids | |
| ITB 22.1 | Bidders <i>shall not</i> have the option of submitting their bids electronically. |
| ITB 22.1 (b) | If bidders shall have the option of submitting their bids electronically, the electronic bidding submission procedures shall be: NA |
| ITB 23.1 | <p>For <u>bid submission purposes</u> only, the Employer's address is :</p> <p>The Project Manager Hetauda –Bharatpur- Bardaghat 220 kV Transmission Line Project Nepal India Electricity Transmission and Trade Project Transmission Directorate Nepal Electricity Authority Thanabharang, Hetauda, Nepal Telephone: +977 57 520407, 57 524467 Electronic mail address: hbb220kv@nea.org.np, iswarijaiswal99@gmail.com</p> <p>The deadline for bid submission is: Date: 18 November 2019 Time:12:00 Noon. (Nepal Standard Time).</p> |
| ITB 26.1 | <p>The bid opening shall take place at:</p> <p>The Project Manager Hetauda –Bharatpur- Bardaghat 220 kV Transmission Line Project Nepal India Electricity Transmission and Trade Project Transmission Directorate Nepal Electricity Authority Thanabharang, Hetauda, Nepal Telephone: +977 57 520407, 57 524467 Electronic mail address: hbb220kv@nea.org.np, iswarijaiswal99@gmail.com Date: 18 November 2019 Time: 12:30 Noon (Nepal Standard Time)</p> <p>In the event of the specified date for the submission of bids being declared a holiday for the Employer, the bids will be received up to the appointed time on the next working day. However, in such case, the validity of the bid security will be counted from the originally stipulated deadline date for bid submission</p> |
| ITB 26.1 | If electronic bid submission is permitted in accordance with ITB 22.1, the specific bid opening procedures shall be: NA |

| Evaluation, and Comparison of Bids | |
|---|--|
| ITB 33.1 | <p>The currency(ies) of the Bid shall be converted into a single currency as follows:</p> <p>The currency that shall be used for bid evaluation and comparison purposes to convert all bid prices expressed in various currencies into a single currency is: Nepalese Rupees</p> <p>The source of exchange rate shall be: The exchange (selling) rates as published by the Nepal Rastra Bank.(www.nrb.org.np)</p> <p>The date for the exchange rate shall be: The date 28 days prior to the bid opening.</p> |

Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria

This Section contains all the criteria that the Employer shall use to evaluate bids and qualify Bidders. In accordance with ITB 35 and ITB 37, no other factors, methods or criteria shall be used. The Bidder shall provide all the information requested in the forms included in Section IV, Bidding Forms.

1. Evaluation

1.1 Technical Evaluation

In addition to the criteria listed in ITB 35.2 (a) – (c) the following factors shall apply:
None

1.2 Economic Evaluation

The following factors and methods will apply:

(a) Time Schedule:

Time to complete the Plant and Installation Services from the effective date specified in Article 3 of the Contract Agreement for determining time for completion of is: 15 Months

No credit will be given for earlier completion. Bids offering a completion date beyond the maximum designated period shall be rejected.

(b) Operating and Maintenance Costs: NA

(c) Functional Guarantees of the facilities: NA

(d) Work, services, facilities, etc., to be provided by the Employer: None

(e) Specific additional criteria: None

Any adjustments in price that result from the above procedures shall be added, for purposes of comparative evaluation only, to arrive at an “Evaluated Bid Price” Bid prices quoted by bidders shall remain unaltered.

1.3 Technical alternatives

Technical alternatives, if invited in accordance with ITB 13.4, will be evaluated as follows: None

2. Qualification

| Factor | 2.1 Eligibility | | | | | |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| Sub-Factor | Criteria | | | | | Documentation Required |
| | Requirement | Bidder | | | | |
| | | Single Entity | Joint Venture, Consortium or Association | | | |
| | | | All partners combined | Each partner | At least one partner | |
| 2.1.1 Nationality | Nationality in accordance with ITB 4.2. | Must meet requirement | Existing or intended JVA must meet requirement | Must meet requirement | N / A | Form ELI –1.1 and 1.2, with attachments |
| 2.1.2 Conflict of Interest | No- conflicts of interests as described in ITB 4.3. | Must meet requirement | Existing or intended JVA must meet requirement | Must meet requirement | N / A | Letter of Bid |
| 2.1.3 Bank Ineligibility | Not having been declared ineligible by the Bank as described in ITB 4.4. | Must meet requirement | Existing JVA must meet requirement | Must meet requirement | N / A | Letter of Bid |
| 2.1.4 Government Owned Entity | Compliance with conditions of ITB 4.5 | Must meet requirement | Must meet requirement | Must meet requirement | N / A | Form ELI –1.1 and 1.2, with attachments |
| 2.1.5 Ineligibility based on a United Nations resolution or Borrower’s country law | Not having been excluded as a result of the Borrower’s country laws or official regulations, or by an act of compliance with UN Security Council resolution, in accordance with ITB 4.8 | Must meet requirement | Existing JVA must meet requirement | Must meet requirement | N / A | Letter of Bid |

| Factor | 2.2 Historical Contract Non-Performance | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|---|-------|------------------------|
| Sub-Factor | Criteria | | | | | Documentation Required |
| | Requirement | Bidder | | | | |
| | | Single Entity | Joint Venture, Consortium or Association | | | |
| | | | | All partners combined | | Each partner |
| 2.2.1 History of non-performing contracts | Non-performance of a contract did not occur within the last five (5) years prior to the deadline for application submission, based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation. A fully settled dispute or litigation is one that has been resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Mechanism under the respective contract, and where all appeal instances available to the bidder have been exhausted. | Must meet requirement by itself or as partner to past or existing JVA | N / A | Must meet requirement by itself or as partner to past or existing JVA | N / A | Form CON - 2 |
| 2.2.2 Pending Litigation | All pending litigation shall in total not represent more than fifty percent (50%) of the Bidder's net worth and shall be treated as resolved against the Bidder. | Must meet requirement by itself or as partner to past or existing JVA | N / A | Must meet requirement by itself or as partner to past or existing JVA | N / A | Form CON – 2 |

| Factor | 2.3 Financial Situation | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Sub-Factor | Criteria | | | | | Documentation Required |
| | Requirement | Bidder | | | | |
| | | Single Entity | Joint Venture, Consortium or Association | | | |
| All partners combined | | | Each partner | At least one partner | | |
| 2.3.1 Historical Financial Performance | <p>Submission of audited balance sheets or if not required by the law of the bidder's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, for the last three [3] years to demonstrate the current soundness of the bidders financial position and its prospective long term profitability.</p> <p>As a minimum, a Bidder's net worth calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive.</p> | Must meet requirement | N / A | Must meet requirement | N / A | Form FIN – 3.1 with attachments |
| 2.3.2 Average Annual Turnover | <p>Minimum average annual turnover of USD 18.5 million, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years</p> | Must meet requirement | Must meet requirement | Must meet Twenty five percent (25%) of the requirement | Must meet Forty percent (40%) of the requirement | Form FIN –3.2 |

| Factor | 2.3 Financial Situation | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|--|--|---|---|
| Sub-Factor | Criteria | | | | | Documentation Required |
| | Requirement | Bidder | | | | |
| | | Single Entity | Joint Venture, Consortium or Association | | | |
| 2.3.3 Financial Resources | The Bidder must demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments to meet: (i) the following cash-flow requirement: USD 3 million. and (ii) the overall cash flow requirements for this contract and its current commitments. | | Must meet requirement | All partners combined Must meet requirement | Each partner Must meet Twenty five percent (25%) of the requirement | At least one partner Must meet Fifty one percent (40%) of the requirement |
| | | | | | | |

| Factor | 2.4 Experience | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|------------------------|
| Sub-Factor | Criteria | | | | | Documentation Required |
| | Requirement | Bidder | | | | |
| | | Single Entity | Joint Venture, Consortium or Association | | | |
| All partners combined | | | Each partner | At least one partner | | |
| 2.4.1 General Experience | Experience under contracts in the role of contractor, subcontractor, or management contractor for at least the last five [5] years prior to the applications submission deadline. | Must meet requirement | N / A | Must meet requirement | N / A | Form EXP-2.4.1 |
| 2.4.2 Specific Experience | <p>Participation as contractor, management contractor or subcontractor, in at least two (2) contracts within the last ten (10) years, each with a value* of at least USD 9.5 million that have been successfully and substantially** completed and that are similar to the proposed Plant and Installation Services. The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods/technology or other characteristics as described in Section VI, Employer's Requirements.</p> <p>The similar to proposed works here shall mean the contracts of design, supply, installation testing and</p> | Must meet requirement | Must meet requirements for all characteristics | N / A | Must meet requirement for one characteristic | Form EXP 2.4.2(a) |

| Factor | 2.4 Experience | | | | | |
|--|---|------------------------|--|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| Sub-Factor | Criteria | | | | | Documentation Required |
| | Requirement | Bidder | | | | |
| | | Single Entity | Joint Venture, Consortium or Association | | | |
| | | | All partners combined | Each partner | At least one partner | |
| | commissioning of 220 kV or above voltage class transmission line | | | | | |
| | Note: * For Contracts under which the Bidder participated as a joint venture member, only the Bidder's share by value, shall be considered. ** Substantial completion of the projects here shall mean the 80% completion of total scope of works in all respect (technical as well as financial) and is applicable for the ongoing projects only. | | | | | |
| 2.4.2 Specific Experience in Key Activities | (b) For the above or other contracts executed during the period stipulated in 2.4.2(a) above, a minimum experience in the following key activities: | | | | | |
| | Have designed, supplied, tested and commissioned at least two (2) contracts each having not less than 75 km of transmission line of 220 kV or above voltage level within the last ten (10) years. | Must meet requirements | Must meet requirements | Must have installation, testing and commissioning of one (1) 220 kV or above voltage level transmission line having at least 50 km length within the last ten (10) years. | | Form EXP-2.4.2(b) |

Note:

1. In case bidder is a holding company, the financial position criteria referred in above shall be of that holding company only (i.e. excluding its subsidiary/ group companies). In case bidder is a subsidiary of a holding company, financial position criteria referred to in clause 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.3.3 above shall be of that subsidiary company only (i.e. excluding its holding company).
2. Duly notarized End-user certificates, Taking Over Certificates (TOC), Bill of Quantities, relevant pages of Contract Agreement etc. for all the relevant projects/contracts undertaken by the bidder and all the partners in JV shall be submitted along the bid to substantiate the work experience. In case of works executed under a contract that had been awarded on a Joint Venture, the experience of individual Joint Venture partner shall be considered limited to the scope of that partner under the said contract.
3. In case bidder is a holding company, the specific experience referred to in clause 2.4.2 (a) and (b) above shall be of that holding company only (i.e. excluding its subsidiary/group companies). In case bidder is a subsidiary of a holding company, the technical experience referred to in clause 2.4.2 (a) and (b) above shall be of that subsidiary company only (i.e. excluding its holding companies).
4. For reckoning the sub-contractors experience, completion certificate from end use certificate, final completion certificate from the concerned Project Authority is only acceptable and those documents shall be duly notarized.

2.5 Personnel

The Bidder must demonstrate that it will have the personnel for the key positions that meet the following requirements:

| No. | Position | Qualification | Required Nos. | Total Work Similar Experience (years) | In Similar Works Experience (years) |
|-----|---------------------|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Project Manager | Master in Engineering | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| 2 | Site Manager | Bachelor in Electrical/Civil Engineering | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| 3 | Electrical Engineer | Bachelor in Electrical Engineering | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| 4 | Civil Engineer | Bachelor in Civil Engineering | 2 | 5 | 3 |

The Bidder shall provide details of the proposed personnel and their experience records in the relevant Forms included in Section IV, Bidding Forms.

2.6 Equipment

The Bidder must demonstrate that it will have access to the key Contractor's equipment listed hereafter:

| Item No. | Equipment Type and Characteristics | Min. Number Required |
|----------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Tensioning machine (10 ton capacity) | 2 |
| 2 | Puller/winch | 1 |
| 3 | Crane (5 Ton capacity) | 1 |
| 4 | Concrete Mixture | 4 |
| 5 | Vibrator with needle and plate both | 4 |
| 6 | Excavator | 2 |
| 7 | Cable Testing Equipment | 1 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | Protection testing and calibration equipments | 1 |
| 9 | Total Station | 2 |

The Bidder shall provide further details of proposed items of equipment using the relevant Form in Section IV.

2.7 Subcontractors/Manufacturer

Subcontractors/manufacturers for the following major items of supply or services must meet the following minimum criteria, herein listed for that item:

| Item No. | Description of Item | Minimum Criteria to be met | Documents Submission Requirements |
|----------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Tower and tower Parts | a) Must have manufacturing experience of at least 7 (seven) years. b) Must have manufactured, tested and supplied self standing steel lattice towers for 220 kV or above voltage class transmission lines at least twice the bid quantity during the last five (5) years period ending on the last date of bid submission and the same should have been in satisfactory operation for at least two (2) years as on scheduled date of bid opening. c) Must hold a valid ISO 9001:2000 (including design in scope of registration) certifications. d) Must have annual manufacturing capacity of 7000 MT of towers. e) Must submit the type test report carried out by reputed independent accredited testing laboratory for the 220 | Form EXP-3 |
| 2 | Conductor | i) The manufacturer must have manufactured, tested and supplied at least 500 kms of BISON/equivalent (or conductor with higher voltage rating) conductor within last 5 years prior to bid opening. | |
| 3 | Insulators | i. Must have manufacturing experience of at least 7 (seven) years. ii. Must have designed, manufactured, tested and supplied 120 KN & 160 KN or above electro mechanical strength of Composite long rod insulators for 220 kV or above voltage transmission lines and minimum 11000 nos. of 160 KN or above rating should have been in satisfactory operation for a minimum period of two (2) years as on the scheduled date of bid opening. Bidders are to substantiate through End User's Certificate iii. Must hold a valid ISO 9001:2000 (including design in scope of registration) certifications. iv) Must submit type tests on insulator strings assembly (of composite long rod insulator) for 220 kV voltage transmission lines with 120 KN & 160 KN or above | |

| Item No. | Description of Item | Minimum Criteria to be met | Documents Submission Requirements |
|----------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | electro-mechanical strength insulators carried out by reputed independent accredited testing laboratory for the type offered. All the type test should have been carried out within the last 5 years as on date of bid submission. | |
| 4 | Earthwire | i) Must have manufacturing experience of at least 7 (seven) years. ii) Must have manufactured, tested and supplied at least twice the bid quantity of galvanized steel ground wire/ ACSR core wire of size 7/3.15mm or above as a main supplier over last 5 (five) year period ending on the last date of Bid submission. Bidders are to substantiate through End User's Certificate. iii) Must hold a valid ISO 9001:2000 (including design in scope of registration) certifications. iv) Must submit the type test report carried out by reputed independent accredited testing laboratory for the size offered. All the type test should have been carried out within the last 5 years as on date of bid submission. | |
| 5 | OPGW | i) Must have manufactured, tested and supplied 200 km of 24 pair fibre optical ground wire within last 5 years prior to bid submission deadline and same shall have been in satisfactory operation on 132 kV or higher voltage EHV transmission lines for at least two (2) years as on the date of opening of Bids. Bidders are to substantiate through End User's Certificate. ii) Must hold a valid ISO 9001:2000 (including design in scope of registration) certifications. iii) Must submit the type test report carried out by reputed independent accredited testing laboratory for the size offered. All the type test should have been carried out within the last 5 years as on date of bid submission. iv) Must have manufacturing experience of at least 7 (seven) years. | |
| 6 | Hardware | (i) Must have designed, manufactured, tested and supplied fittings for suspension & tension strings for ACSR conductor for 220 kV or above voltage transmission line for at least 7 (Seven) years.in two (2) transmission line projects and the same should have been in satisfactory operation for minimum period of two (2) years as on dated of bid opening. (ii) Must have designed, manufactured, tested and supplied the Line Hardware for offered HTLS conductor in two (2) transmission line projects and the same should have been in satisfactory operation for minimum period of two (2) years as on dated of bid opening. (iii) Must hold a valid ISO 9001:2000 (including design in scope of registration) certifications. | |

| Item No. | Description of Item | Minimum Criteria to be met | Documents Submission Requirements |
|----------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| | | iv) Must submit the type test report carried out in reputed independent accredited testing laboratory for the size offered. All the type test should have been carried out within the last 5 years as on date of bid submission. | |
| 7 | Accessories for Conductor and Earth wire, OPGW | <p>i) Must have designed, manufactured, tested and supplied accessories for conductor, OPGW and earthwire for 220 kV or above voltage transmission line for at least 7 (Seven) years.</p> <p>ii) Must have designed, manufactured, tested and supplied the offered ACSR Conductor accessories in at least 2 HV Transmission Line Projects in last 5 years. The bidders are required to submit the type test carried out in the last five (5) years for the offered item and Notarized End User Certificates mentioning that the same is in satisfactory operation for a minimum period of two (2) years as on date of bid opening</p> <p>iii) Must have designed, manufactured, tested and supplied the offered Earthwire accessories in at least 2 HV Transmission Line Projects in last 5 years. The bidders are required to submit the type test carried out in the last five (5) years for the offered item and Notarized End User Certificates mentioning that the same is in satisfactory operation for a minimum period of two (2) years as on date of bid opening. iv) The manufacturer must have designed, manufactured and supplied offered OPGW accessories in at least 2 HV Transmission Line Projects in the last five (5) years. The bidders are required to submit the type test carried out in the last five (5) years for the offered item and Notarized End User Certificates mentioning that the same is in satisfactory operation for a minimum period of two (2) years as on date of bid opening.</p> <p>v) The manufacturer must have designed, manufactured and supplied conductor accessories for HTLS conductors such as mid span compression joints, repair sleeve, rigid spacer, spacer damper etc. for use in two (2) transmission line projects in the last five years and the same should have been in satisfactory operation for a minimum period of two (2) years as on date of bid opening. The bidders are required to submit the type test carried out in the last five (5) years for the offered item.</p> <p>vi) Must hold a valid ISO 9001:2000 (including design/development in scope of registration) certifications.</p> | |

Failure to comply with this requirement will result in rejection of the subcontractor. In the case of a Bidder who offers to supply and install major items of supply under the contract that the Bidder did not manufacture or otherwise produce, the Bidder shall provide the manufacturer's authorization, using the form provided in Section IV,

showing that the Bidder has been duly authorized by the manufacturer or producer of the related plant and equipment or component to supply and install that item in the Employer's country. The Bidder is responsible for ensuring that the manufacturer or producer complies with the requirements of ITB 4 and 5 and meets the minimum criteria listed above for that item.

Sales record and user certificates as appropriate and other documentary evidence to support the experience of the manufacturer of the above items shall also be submitted along with the bid to substantiate the experience of the proposed manufacturers. Failure to comply with above requirement will result in rejection of the manufacturer/subcontractor. The manufacturers of above-mentioned major items must hold valid ISO 9001 quality certificate.

The Bidder shall propose the type tested materials. The Successful Bidder shall also submit the type test certificates for each of the above-mentioned items. The type test report shall meet the minimum criteria set forth in the Chapter 2- General Technical Requirement, Technical Specification of Section 6- Employers Requirement. In case the type test certificates are not as per the requirement, the Successful bidder shall upon the award of the contract, undertake to carry out the required type tests from an independent laboratory accredited by reputed accreditation agencies or in a laboratory nominated by the Client/Employer at no extra cost to the Client/Employer including any transportation or costs associated with performing such tests.

The Bidder shall fill the technical data sheet for all the major items as mentioned above. The failure to submit the technical data sheet for the major items shall cause the rejection of the Bid.

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Letter of Bid

Date: _____

ICB No.: _____

Invitation for Bid No.: _____

To: _____

We, the undersigned, declare that:

- (a) We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Document, including Addenda issued in accordance with Instructions to Bidders (ITB) 8 _____;
- (b) We offer to _____, in conformity with the Bidding Document, the following Plant and Installation Services: _____
- (c) The price of our Bid, excluding any discounts offered in item (d) below is the sum of: _____, (_____), **and** _____, (_____)
- (d) The discounts offered and the methodology for their application are: _____

_____;
- (e) Our bid shall be valid for a period of _____ days from the date fixed for the bid submission deadline in accordance with the Bidding Document, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period;
- (f) If our bid is accepted, we commit to obtain a performance security in accordance with the Bidding Document;
- (g) We, including any subcontractors or manufacturers for any part of the contract, have or will have nationalities from eligible countries, in accordance with ITB-4.2;
- (h) We, including any subcontractors or manufacturers for any part of the contract, do not have any conflict of interest in accordance with ITB-4.3;
- (i) We are not submitting more than one bid in this bidding process as a Bidder, either individually or as a partner in a joint venture, in accordance with ITB-4.3, except for alternative offers permitted under ITB Clause 13;
- (j) We, along with any of our subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, manufacturers, or service providers for any part of the contract, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment

imposed by a member of the World Bank Group or a debarment imposed by the World Bank Group in accordance with the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions between the World Bank and other development banks. Further, we are not ineligible under the Employer’s country laws or official regulations or pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council;

- (k) We are not a government owned entity/ We are a government owned entity but meet the requirements of ITB-4.5;⁵
- (l) We have paid, or will pay the following commissions, gratuities, or fees with respect to the bidding process or execution of the Contract:

| Name of Recipient | Address | Reason | Amount |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

(If none has been paid or is to be paid, indicate “none.”)

- (m) We understand that this bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your notification of award, shall constitute a binding contract between us, until a formal contract is prepared and executed; and
- (n) We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest evaluated bid or any other bid that you may receive.

Name _____ In the capacity of _____

Signed _____

Duly authorized to sign the bid for and on behalf of _____

Dated on _____ day of _____, _____

⁵ Bidder to use as appropriate

Schedules of Rates and Prices

(Attached Separately)

Price Adjustment

Not Applicable

Technical Proposal

- Site Organization
- Method Statement
- Mobilization Schedule
- Construction Schedule
- Plant
- Contractor's Equipment
- Personnel
- Proposed Subcontractors for Major Items of Plant and Installation Services
- Others

Site Organization

Method Statement

Mobilization Schedule

Construction Schedule

Plant

Contractor's Equipment

Form EQU

The Bidder shall provide adequate information to demonstrate clearly that it has the capability to meet the requirements for the key Contractor's equipment listed in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria. A separate Form shall be prepared for each item of equipment listed, or for alternative equipment proposed by the Bidder.

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------|
| Item of equipment | | |
| Equipment information | Name of manufacturer | Model and power rating |
| | Capacity | Year of manufacture |
| Current status | Current location | |
| | Details of current commitments | |
| Source | Indicate source of the equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Rented <input type="checkbox"/> Leased <input type="checkbox"/> Specially manufactured | |

Omit the following information for equipment owned by the Bidder.

| | | |
|------------|--|------------------------|
| Owner | Name of owner | |
| | Address of owner | |
| | Telephone | Contact name and title |
| | Fax | Telex |
| Agreements | Details of rental / lease / manufacture agreements specific to the project | |
| | | |
| | | |

Personnel

Form PER -1

Proposed Personnel

Bidders should provide the names of suitably qualified personnel to meet the specified requirements stated in Section III. The data on their experience should be supplied using the Form below for each candidate.

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Title of position* |
| | Name |
| 2. | Title of position* |
| | Name |
| 3. | Title of position* |
| | Name |
| 4. | Title of position* |
| | Name |

*As listed in Section III.

Proposed Subcontractors for Major Items of Plant and Installation Services

A list of major items of Plant and Installation Services is provided below.

The following Subcontractors and/or manufacturers are proposed for carrying out the item of the facilities indicated. Bidders are free to propose more than one for each item

| Major Items of Plant and Installation Services | Proposed Subcontractors/Manufacturers | Nationality |
|---|--|--------------------|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

Others - Time Schedule

(To be used by Bidder when alternative Time for **Completion is invited in ITB 13.2 – Single Stage Bidding only**)

Others – Commercial or contractual aspects of the bidding documents that the Bidder would like to discuss with the Employer during clarifications (to be used by Bidder – Two Stage Bidding only)

Form ELI 1.1

Bidder Information Sheet

Date: _____

ICB No.: _____

Invitation for Bid No.: _____

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| |
|--|
| 1. Bidder's Legal Name |
| 2. In case of JVA, legal name of each party: |
| 3. Bidder's actual or intended Country of Registration: |
| 4. Bidder's Year of Registration: |
| 5. Bidder's Legal Address in Country of Registration: |
| 6. Bidder's Authorized Representative Information Name: Address: Telephone/Fax numbers: Email Address: |
| 7. Attached are copies of original documents of: <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 1, above, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clauses 4.1 and 4.2. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of JVA, letter of intent to form JVA including a draft agreement, or JVA agreement, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clauses 4.1 and 11.1(i) Single Stage Bidding or 11.1(g) Two Stage Bidding. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of government owned entity from the Employer's country, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with the principles of commercial law, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.5. |

Please note that a written authorization needs to be attached to this sheet as required by ITB 21.2 Single Stage Bidding) or ITB 17.2 Two Stage Bidding

Form ELI 1.2

Party to JVA Information Sheet

Date: _____

ICB No.: _____

Invitation for Bid No.: _____

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| |
|---|
| 1. Bidder's Legal Name: |
| 2. JVA's Party legal name: |
| 3. JVA's Party Country of Registration: |
| 4. JVA's Party Year of Registration: |
| 5. JVA's Party Legal Address in Country of Registration: |
| 6. JVA's Party Authorized Representative Information Name: Address: Telephone/Fax numbers: Email Address: |
| 7. Attached are copies of original documents of: <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 1, above, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clauses 4.1 and 4.2. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of government owned entity from the Purchaser's country, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with the principles of commercial law, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.5. |

Form CON – 2

Historical Contract Non-Performance

In case a prequalification process was conducted this form should be used only if the information submitted at the time of prequalification requires updating

Bidder's Legal Name: _____

Date: _____

JVA Partner Legal Name: _____

ICB No.: _____

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| Non-Performing Contracts in accordance with Section III, Evaluation Criteria | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract non-performance did not occur during the stipulated period, in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.2.1 of Section III, Evaluation Criteria | | | |
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| Pending Litigation, in accordance with Section III, Evaluation Criteria | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No pending litigation in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.2.2 of Section III, Evaluation Criteria | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pending litigation in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.2.2 of Section III, Evaluation Criteria, as indicated below | | | |
| Year | Outcome as Percent of Total Assets | Contract Identification | Total Contract Amount (current value, US\$ equivalent) |
| _____ | _____ | Contract Identification: Name of Employer: Address of Employer: Matter in dispute: | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | Contract Identification: Name of Employer: Address of Employer: Matter in dispute: | _____ |

Form CCC**Current Contract Commitments / Works in Progress**

Bidders and each partner to a JVA should provide information on their current commitments on all contracts that have been awarded, or for which a letter of intent or acceptance has been received, or for contracts approaching completion, but for which an unqualified, full completion certificate has yet to be issued.

| Name of contract | Employer, contact address/tel/fax | Value of outstanding work (current US\$ equivalent) | Estimated completion date | Average monthly invoicing over last six months (US\$/month) |
|-------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| etc. | | | | |

Form FIN – 3.1

Financial Situation**Historical Financial Performance**

Bidder's Legal Name: _____

Date: _____

JVA Partner Legal Name: _____

ICB No.: _____

Page _____ of _____ pages

To be completed by the Bidder and, if JVA, by each partner

| Financial information in US\$ equivalent | Historic information for previous _____ () years (US\$ equivalent in 000s) | | | | | | |
|--|--|--------|--------|----------|--------|------|------------|
| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year ... | Year n | Avg. | Avg. Ratio |
| Information from Balance Sheet | | | | | | | |
| Total Assets (TA) | | | | | | | |
| Total Liabilities (TL) | | | | | | | |
| Net Worth (NW) | | | | | | | |
| Current Assets (CA) | | | | | | | |
| Current Liabilities (CL) | | | | | | | |
| Information from Income Statement | | | | | | | |
| Total Revenue (TR) | | | | | | | |
| Profits Before Taxes (PBT) | | | | | | | |
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- Attached are copies of financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following conditions:
 - (a) Must reflect the financial situation of the Bidder or partner to a JVA, and not sister or parent companies
 - (b) Historic financial statements must be audited by a certified accountant
 - (c) Historic financial statements must be complete, including all notes to the financial statements
 - (d) Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited (no statements for partial periods shall be requested or accepted)

Form FIN – 3.2**Average Annual Turnover**

Bidder's Legal Name: _____ Date: _____

JVA Partner Legal Name: _____ ICB No.: _____

Page _____ of _____ pages

| Annual turnover data (construction only) | | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Year | Amount and Currency | US\$ equivalent |
| | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ |
| *Average Annual Construction Turnover | _____ | _____ |

*Average annual turnover calculated as total certified payments received for work in progress or completed, divided by the number of years specified in Section III, Evaluation Criteria, Sub-Factor 2.3.2.

Form FIN 3.3
Financial Resources

Specify proposed sources of financing, such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means, net of current commitments, available to meet the total construction cash flow demands of the subject contract or contracts as indicated in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria

| Source of financing | Amount (US\$ equivalent) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |

Form EXP 2.4.1

Experience - General Experience

Bidder's Legal Name: _____ Date: _____
 JVA Partner Legal Name: _____ ICB No.: _____
 Page _____ of _____ pages

| Starting Month / Year | Ending Month / Year | Years * | Contract Identification | Role of Bidder |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|--|----------------|
| _____ | _____ | | Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address: | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | | Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address: | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | | Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address: | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | | Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address: | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | | Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address: | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | | Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address: | _____ |

*List calendar year for years with contracts with at least nine (9) months activity per year starting with the earliest year

Form EXP – 2.4.2(a)
Specific Experience

Bidder’s Legal Name: _____ Date: _____
 JVA Partner Legal Name: _____ ICB No.: _____
 Page _____ of _____ pages

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| Similar Contract Number: ___ of ___ required. | Information | | |
| Contract Identification | _____ | | |
| Award date | _____ | | |
| Completion date | _____ | | |
| Role in Contract | <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Management Contractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor |
| Total contract amount | _____ | | US\$_____ |
| If partner in a JVA or subcontractor, specify participation of total contract amount | _____ % | _____ | US\$_____ |
| Employer’s Name: | _____ | | |
| Address: | _____ _____ _____ | | |
| Telephone/fax number: | _____ | | |
| E-mail: | _____ | | |

Form EXP – 2.4.2(a) (cont.)
Specific Experience (cont.)

Bidder's Legal Name: _____ Page _____ of _____ pages
 JVA Partner Legal Name: _____

| Similar Contract No. __[insert specific number] of [total number of contracts] __ required | Information |
|---|--------------------|
| Description of the similarity in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.4.2a) of Section III: | |
| Amount | _____ |
| Physical size | _____ |
| Complexity | _____ |
| Methods/Technology | _____ |
| Physical Production Rate | _____ |

Form EXP – 2.4.2(b)

Specific Experience in Key Activities

Bidder’s Legal Name: _____ Date: _____
 JVA Partner Legal Name: _____ ICB No.: _____
 Subcontractor’s Legal Name: _____ Page _____ of _____ pages

| | Information | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| Contract Identification | _____ | | |
| Award date | _____ | | |
| Completion date | _____ | | |
| Role in Contract | <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Management Contractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor |
| Total contract amount | _____ | | US\$ _____ |
| If partner in a JVA or subcontractor, specify participation of total contract amount | _____ % | _____ | US\$ _____ |
| Employer’s Name: | _____ | | |
| Address: | _____ _____ _____ | | |
| Telephone/fax number: | _____ _____ | | |
| E-mail: | _____ | | |

Form EXP – 2.4.2 (b)(cont.)**Specific Experience in Key Activities (cont.)**

Bidder's Legal Name: _____ Page _____ of _____ pages

JVA Partner Legal Name: _____

Subcontractor's Legal Name: _____

| | Information |
|---|--------------------|
| Description of the key activities in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.4.2b) of Section III: | |
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Form EXP - 3: Subcontractors / Manufacturers

Fill out one (1) form per contract.

Bidder's Legal Name: _____ Page _____ of _____ pages

JVA Partner Legal Name: _____

Subcontractor's Legal Name: _____

| | Information |
|---|--------------------|
| Description of the key activities in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.7 of Section III: | |
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Functional Guarantee of the Proposed Facilities

Not Applicable

Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)

Beneficiary: _____

Date: _____

BID GUARANTEE No.: _____

We have been informed that _____ (hereinafter called “the Bidder”) has submitted to you its bid dated _____ (hereinafter called “the Bid”) for the execution of _____ under Invitation for Bids No. _____ (“the IFB”).

Furthermore, we understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a bid guarantee.

At the request of the Bidder, we _____ hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of _____ (_____) upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Bidder is in breach of its obligation(s) under the bid conditions, because the Bidder:

- (a) has withdrawn its Bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Employer during the period of bid validity, (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form, if required, or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the performance security, in accordance with the ITB.

This guarantee will expire: (a) if the Bidder is the successful Bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the contract signed by the Bidder and the performance security issued to you upon the instruction of the Bidder; and (b) if the Bidder is not the successful Bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy your notification to the Bidder of the name of the successful Bidder; or (ii) twenty-eight days after the expiration of the Bidder’s bid.

Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at the office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458.

[signature(s)]

Form of Bid Security (Bid Bond)-Not Applicable

BOND NO. _____

BY THIS BOND _____ as Principal (hereinafter called “the Principal”), and _____, **authorized to transact business in** _____, as Surety (hereinafter called “the Surety”), are held and firmly bound unto _____ as Obligee (hereinafter called “the Employer”) in the sum of _____⁶ (_____), for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we, the said Principal and Surety, bind ourselves, our successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS the Principal has submitted a written Bid to the Employer dated the ___ day of _____, 20___, for the construction of _____ (hereinafter called the “Bid”).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that if the Principal:

- (a) withdraws its Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Employer during the period of Bid validity; (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form, if required; or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders;

then the Surety undertakes to immediately pay to the Employer up to the above amount upon receipt of the Employer’s first written demand, without the Employer having to substantiate its demand, provided that in its demand the Employer shall state that the demand arises from the occurrence of any of the above events, specifying which event(s) has occurred.

The Surety hereby agrees that its obligation will remain in full force and effect up to and including the date 28 days after the date of expiration of the Bid validity as stated in the Invitation to Bid or extended by the Employer at any time prior to this date, notice of which extension(s) to the Surety being hereby waived.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have caused these presents to be executed in their respective names this ___ day of _____ 20__.

Principal: _____

Surety: _____
Corporate Seal (where appropriate)

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Printed name and title)

(Printed name and title)

⁶ The amount of the Bond shall be denominated in the currency of the *Employer*’s country or the equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Form of Bid-Securing Declaration- Not Applicable

Date: _____

Bid No.: _____

Alternative No.: _____

To: _____

We, the undersigned, declare that:

We understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid-Securing Declaration.

We accept that we will automatically be suspended from being eligible for bidding in any contract with the Borrower for the period of time of _____, starting on _____, if we are in breach of our obligation(s) under the bid conditions, because we:

- (a) have withdrawn our Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the Letter of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the Employer during the period of bid validity, (i) fail or refuse to execute the Contract, if required, or (ii) fail or refuse to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the ITB.

We understand this Bid-Securing Declaration shall expire if we are not the successful Bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of your notification to us of the name of the successful Bidder; or (ii) twenty-eight days after the expiration of our Bid.

Signed: _____

In the capacity of _____

Name: _____

Duly authorized to sign the bid for and on behalf of: _____

Dated on _____ day of _____, _____

Corporate Seal (where appropriate)

Manufacturer's Authorization

Date: _____
ICB No.: _____

To: _____

WHEREAS

We _____, who are official manufacturers of _____, having factories at _____, do hereby authorize _____ to submit a bid the purpose of which is to provide the following goods, manufactured by us _____, and to subsequently negotiate and sign the Contract.

We hereby extend our full guarantee and warranty in accordance with Clause 27 of the General Conditions, with respect to the goods offered by the above firm.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Duly authorized to sign this Authorization on behalf of:

Dated on _____ day of _____, _____

Section V. Eligible Countries

1. In accordance with Para 1.8 of the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, dated May 2004, the Bank permits firms and individuals from all countries to offer goods, works and services for Bank-financed projects. As an exception, firms of a Country or goods manufactured in a Country may be excluded if:

Para 1.8 (a) (i): as a matter of law or official regulation, the Borrower's Country prohibits commercial relations with that Country, provided that the Bank is satisfied that such exclusion does not preclude effective competition for the supply of the Goods or Works required, or

Para 1.8 (a) (ii): by an Act of Compliance with a Decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Borrower's Country prohibits any import of goods from that Country or any payments to persons or entities in that Country.

2. For the information of borrowers and bidders, at the present time firms, goods and services from the following countries are excluded from this bidding:
 - (a) With reference to paragraph 1.8 (a) (i) of the Guidelines:
NONE
 - (b) With reference to paragraph 1.8 (a) (ii) of the Guidelines:

PART 2 –Employer’s Requirements

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**Scope of Supply of Plant and Installation Services by the
Contractor & Specification**

Attached separately

Forms and Procedures

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Form of Completion Certificate

Date: _____
 Loan/Credit N°: _____
 IFB N°: _____

To: _____

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen,

Pursuant to GC Clause 24 (Completion of the Facilities) of the General Conditions of the Contract entered into between yourselves and the Employer dated _____, relating to the _____, we hereby notify you that the following part(s) of the Facilities was (were) complete on the date specified below, and that, in accordance with the terms of the Contract, the Employer hereby takes over the said part(s) of the Facilities, together with the responsibility for care and custody and the risk of loss thereof on the date mentioned below.

1. Description of the Facilities or part thereof: _____
2. Date of Completion: _____

However, you are required to complete the outstanding items listed in the attachment hereto as soon as practicable.

This letter does not relieve you of your obligation to complete the execution of the Facilities in accordance with the Contract nor of your obligations during the Defect Liability Period.

Very truly yours,

 Title
 (Project Manager)

Form of Operational Acceptance Certificate

Date: _____
Loan/Credit N°: _____
IFB N°: _____

To: _____

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen,

Pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 25.3 (Operational Acceptance) of the General Conditions of the Contract entered into between yourselves and the Employer dated _____, relating to the _____, we hereby notify you that the Functional Guarantees of the following part(s) of the Facilities were satisfactorily attained on the date specified below.

1. Description of the Facilities or part thereof: _____
2. Date of Operational Acceptance: _____

This letter does not relieve you of your obligation to complete the execution of the Facilities in accordance with the Contract nor of your obligations during the Defect Liability Period.

Very truly yours,

Title
(Project Manager)

Change Order Procedure and Forms

Date: _____
Loan/Credit N°: _____
IFB N°: _____

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Change Order Procedure

1. General

This section provides samples of procedures and forms for implementing changes in the Facilities during the performance of the Contract in accordance with GC Clause 39 (Change in the Facilities) of the General Conditions.

2. Change Order Log

The Contractor shall keep an up-to-date Change Order Log to show the current status of Requests for Change and Changes authorized or pending, as Annex 8. Entries of the Changes in the Change Order Log shall be made to ensure that the log is up-to-date. The Contractor shall attach a copy of the current Change Order Log in the monthly progress report to be submitted to the Employer.

3. References for Changes

- (1) Request for Change as referred to in GC Clause 39 shall be serially numbered CR-X-nnn.
- (2) Estimate for Change Proposal as referred to in GC Clause 39 shall be serially numbered CN-X-nnn.
- (3) Acceptance of Estimate as referred to in GC Clause 39 shall be serially numbered CA-X-nnn.
- (4) Change Proposal as referred to in GC Clause 39 shall be serially numbered CP-X-nnn.
- (5) Change Order as referred to in GC Clause 39 shall be serially numbered CO-X-nnn.

Note: (a) Requests for Change issued from the Employer's Home Office and the Site representatives of the Employer shall have the following respective references:

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| Home Office | CR-H-nnn |
| Site | CR-S-nnn |

- (b) The above number "nnn" is the same for Request for Change, Estimate for Change Proposal, Acceptance of Estimate, Change Proposal and Change Order.

Annex 1. Request for Change Proposal

(Employer's Letterhead)

To: _____

Date: _____

Attention: _____

Contract Name: _____

Contract Number: _____

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

With reference to the captioned Contract, you are requested to prepare and submit a Change Proposal for the Change noted below in accordance with the following instructions within _____ days of the date of this letter _____.

1. Title of Change: _____
2. Change Request No. _____
3. Originator of Change: Employer: _____
Contractor (by Application for Change Proposal No. _____⁷:

4. Brief Description of Change: _____

5. Facilities and/or Item No. of equipment related to the requested Change: _____

6. Reference drawings and/or technical documents for the request of Change:

| <u>Drawing No./Document No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
|---------------------------------|--------------------|

7. Detailed conditions or special requirements on the requested Change: _____

8. General Terms and Conditions:

- (a) Please submit your estimate to us showing what effect the requested Change will have on the Contract Price.
- (b) Your estimate shall include your claim for the additional time, if any, for completion of the requested Change.

- (c) If you have any opinion negative to the adoption of the requested Change in connection with the conformability to the other provisions of the Contract or the safety of the Plant or Facilities, please inform us of your opinion in your proposal of revised provisions.
- (d) Any increase or decrease in the work of the Contractor relating to the services of its personnel shall be calculated.
- (e) You shall not proceed with the execution of the work for the requested Change until we have accepted and confirmed the amount and nature in writing.

(Employer's Name)

(Signature)

(Name of signatory)

(Title of signatory)

Annex 2. Estimate for Change Proposal

(Contractor's Letterhead)

To: _____

Date: _____

Attention: _____

Contract Name: _____

Contract Number: _____

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

With reference to your Request for Change Proposal, we are pleased to notify you of the approximate cost of preparing the below-referenced Change Proposal in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 39.2.1 of the General Conditions. We acknowledge that your agreement to the cost of preparing the Change Proposal, in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 39.2.2, is required before estimating the cost for change work.

1. Title of Change: _____
2. Change Request No./Rev.: _____
3. Brief Description of Change: _____
4. Scheduled Impact of Change: _____
5. Cost for Preparation of Change Proposal: _____⁸

| (a) Engineering | (Amount) |
|--|----------|
| (i) Engineer _____ hrs x _____ rate/hr = _____ | |
| (ii) Draftsperson _____ hrs x _____ rate/hr = _____ | |
| Sub-total _____ hrs | _____ |
| Total Engineering Cost | _____ |
| (b) Other Cost | _____ |
| Total Cost (a) + (b) | _____ |

⁸ Costs shall be in the currencies of the Contract.

(Contractor's Name)

(Signature)

(Name of signatory)

(Title of signatory)

Annex 3. Acceptance of Estimate

(Employer's Letterhead)

To: _____

Date: _____

Attention: _____

Contract Name: _____

Contract Number: _____

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

We hereby accept your Estimate for Change Proposal and agree that you should proceed with the preparation of the Change Proposal.

1. Title of Change: _____
2. Change Request No./Rev.: _____
3. Estimate for Change Proposal No./Rev.: _____
4. Acceptance of Estimate No./Rev.: _____
5. Brief Description of Change: _____
6. Other Terms and Conditions: In the event that we decide not to order the Change accepted, you shall be entitled to compensation for the cost of preparation of Change Proposal described in your Estimate for Change Proposal mentioned in para. 3 above in accordance with GC Clause 39 of the General Conditions.

(Employer's Name)_____
(Signature)_____
(Name and Title of signatory)

Annex 4. Change Proposal

(Contractor's Letterhead)

To: _____

Date: _____

Attention: _____

Contract Name: _____

Contract Number: _____

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

In response to your Request for Change Proposal No. _____, we hereby submit our proposal as follows:

1. Title of Change: _____
2. Change Proposal No./Rev.: _____
3. Originator of Change: Employer: / _____
Contractor: _____
4. Brief Description of Change: _____
5. Reasons for Change: _____
6. Facilities and/or Item No. of Equipment related to the requested Change:

7. Reference drawings and/or technical documents for the requested Change:

| <u>Drawing/Document No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | |
8. Estimate of increase/decrease to the Contract Price resulting from Change Proposal:⁹

| | <u>(Amount)</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| (a) Direct material | _____ |
| (b) Major construction equipment | _____ |

⁹ Costs shall be in the currencies of the Contract.

- (c) Direct field labor (Total _____ hrs) _____
- (d) Subcontracts _____
- (e) Indirect material and labor _____
- (f) Site supervision _____
- (g) Head office technical staff salaries

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Process engineer | _____ hrs @ _____ rate/hr | _____ |
| Project engineer | _____ hrs @ _____ rate/hr | _____ |
| Equipment engineer | _____ hrs @ _____ rate/hr | _____ |
| Procurement | _____ hrs @ _____ rate/hr | _____ |
| Draftsperson | _____ hrs @ _____ rate/hr | _____ |
| Total | _____ hrs | _____ |

- (h) Extraordinary costs (computer, travel, etc.) _____
- (i) Fee for general administration, _____ % of Items _____
- (j) Taxes and customs duties _____

Total lump sum cost of Change Proposal _____
(Sum of items (a) to (j))

Cost to prepare Estimate for Change Proposal _____
(Amount payable if Change is not accepted)

9. Additional time for Completion required due to Change Proposal
10. Effect on the Functional Guarantees
11. Effect on the other terms and conditions of the Contract
12. Validity of this Proposal: within *[Number]* days after receipt of this Proposal by the Employer
13. Other terms and conditions of this Change Proposal:
- (a) You are requested to notify us of your acceptance, comments or rejection of this detailed Change Proposal within _____ days from your receipt of this Proposal.
- (b) The amount of any increase and/or decrease shall be taken into account in the adjustment of the Contract Price.

(c) Contractor's cost for preparation of this Change Proposal:²

(Contractor's Name)

(Signature)

(Name of signatory)

(Title of signatory)

² Specify where necessary.

Annex 5. Change Order

(Employer's Letterhead)

To: _____

Date: _____

Attention: _____

Contract Name: _____

Contract Number: _____

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

We approve the Change Order for the work specified in the Change Proposal (No. _____), and agree to adjust the Contract Price, Time for Completion and/or other conditions of the Contract in accordance with GC Clause 39 of the General Conditions.

1. Title of Change: _____

2. Change Request No./Rev.: _____

3. Change Order No./Rev.: _____

4. Originator of Change: Employer: _____
Contractor: _____

5. Authorized Price:

Ref. No.: _____ Date: _____
Foreign currency portion _____ plus Local currency portion _____

6. Adjustment of Time for Completion

None Increase _____ days Decrease _____ days

7. Other effects, if any

Authorized by: _____
(Employer)

Date: _____

Accepted by: _____
(Contractor)

Date: _____

Annex 6. Pending Agreement Change Order

(Employer's Letterhead)

To: _____

Date: _____

Attention: _____

Contract Name: _____

Contract Number: / _____

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

We instruct you to carry out the work in the Change Order detailed below in accordance with GC Clause 39 of the General Conditions.

1. Title of Change: _____
2. Employer's Request for Change Proposal No./Rev.: _____
dated: _____
3. Contractor's Change Proposal No./Rev.: _____ dated:

4. Brief Description of Change: _____
5. Facilities and/or Item No. of equipment related to the requested Change:

6. Reference Drawings and/or technical documents for the requested Change:

| <u>Drawing/Document No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
7. Adjustment of Time for Completion:
8. Other change in the Contract terms:
9. Other terms and conditions:

(Employer's Name)

(Signature)

(Name of signatory)

(Title of signatory)

Annex 7. Application for Change Proposal

(Contractor's Letterhead)

To: _____

Date: _____

Attention: _____

Contract Name: _____

Contract Number: _____

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

We hereby propose that the below-mentioned work be treated as a Change in the Facilities.

1. Title of Change: _____
2. Application for Change Proposal No./Rev.: _____ dated:

3. Brief Description of Change: _____
4. Reasons for Change:
5. Order of Magnitude Estimation (in the currencies of the Contract):
6. Scheduled Impact of Change:
7. Effect on Functional Guarantees, if any:
8. Appendix:

(Contractor's Name)

(Signature)

(Name of signatory)

(Title of signatory)

PART 3 – Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

Section VII. General Conditions (GC)

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General Conditions

Contract and Interpretation

1. Definitions

1.1 The following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

“Contract” means the Contract Agreement entered into between the Employer and the Contractor, together with the Contract Documents referred to therein; they shall constitute the Contract, and the term “the Contract” shall in all such documents be construed accordingly.

“Contract Documents” means the documents listed in Article 1.1 (Contract Documents) of the Contract Agreement (including any amendments thereto).

“GC” means the General Conditions hereof.

“PC” means the Particular Conditions.

“day” means calendar day .

“year” means 365 days.

“month” means calendar month.

“Party” means the Employer or the Contractor, as the context requires, and “Parties” means both of them.

“Employer” means the person **named as such in the PC** and includes the legal successors or permitted assigns of the Employer.

“Project Manager” means the person appointed by the Employer in the manner provided in GC Sub-Clause 17.1 (Project Manager) hereof and **named as such in the PC** to perform the duties delegated by the Employer.

“Contractor” means the person(s) whose bid to perform the Contract has been accepted by the Employer and is named as Contractor in the Contract Agreement, and includes the legal successors or permitted assigns of the Contractor.

“Contractor’s Representative” means any person nominated by the Contractor and approved by the Employer in the manner provided in GC Sub-Clause 17.2 (Contractor’s Representative and Construction Manager) hereof to perform the duties delegated by the Contractor.

“Construction Manager” means the person appointed by the Contractor’s Representative in the manner provided in GC Sub-Clause 17.2.4.

“Subcontractor,” including manufacturers, means any person to whom execution of any part of the Facilities, including preparation of any design or supply of any Plant, is sub-contracted directly or indirectly by the Contractor, and includes its legal successors or permitted assigns.

“Dispute Board” (DB) means the person or persons named as such in the PC appointed by agreement between the Employer and the Contractor to make a decision with respect to any dispute or difference between the Employer and the Contractor referred to him or her by the Parties pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 46.1 (Dispute Board) hereof.

“The Bank” means the financing institution **named in the PC.**

“Contract Price” means the sum specified in Article 2.1 (Contract Price) of the Contract Agreement, subject to such additions and adjustments thereto or deductions therefrom, as may be made pursuant to the Contract.

“Facilities” means the Plant to be supplied and installed, as well as all the Installation Services to be carried out by the Contractor under the Contract.

“Plant” means permanent plant, equipment, machinery, apparatus, materials, articles and things of all kinds to be provided and incorporated in the Facilities by the Contractor under the Contract (including the spare parts to be supplied by the Contractor under GC Sub-Clause 7.3 hereof), but does not include Contractor’s Equipment.

“Installation Services” means all those services ancillary to the supply of the Plant for the Facilities, to be provided by the Contractor under the Contract, such as transportation and provision of marine or other similar insurance, inspection, expediting, site preparation works (including the provision and use of Contractor’s Equipment and the supply of all construction materials required), installation, testing, precommissioning, commissioning, operations, maintenance, the provision of operations and maintenance manuals, training, etc... as the case may require.

“Contractor’s Equipment” means all facilities, equipment, machinery, tools, apparatus, appliances or things of every kind required in or for installation, completion and maintenance of

Facilities that are to be provided by the Contractor, but does not include Plant, or other things intended to form or forming part of the Facilities.

“Country of Origin” means the countries and territories eligible under the rules of the Bank as further **elaborated in the PC**.

“Site” means the land and other places upon which the Facilities are to be installed, and such other land or places as may be specified in the Contract as forming part of the Site.

“Effective Date” means the date of fulfillment of all conditions stated in Article 3 (Effective Date) of the Contract Agreement, from which the Time for Completion shall be counted.

“Time for Completion” means the time within which Completion of the Facilities as a whole (or of a part of the Facilities where a separate Time for Completion of such part has been prescribed) is to be attained, as referred to in GC Clause 8 and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Contract.

“Completion” means that the Facilities (or a specific part thereof where specific parts are specified in the Contract) have been completed operationally and structurally and put in a tight and clean condition, that all work in respect of Precommissioning of the Facilities or such specific part thereof has been completed, and that the Facilities or specific part thereof are ready for Commissioning as provided in GC Clause 24 (Completion) hereof.

“Precommissioning” means the testing, checking and other requirements specified in the Employer’s Requirements that are to be carried out by the Contractor in preparation for Commissioning as provided in GC Clause 24 (Completion) hereof.

“Commissioning” means operation of the Facilities or any part thereof by the Contractor following Completion, which operation is to be carried out by the Contractor as provided in GC Sub-Clause 25.1 (Commissioning) hereof, for the purpose of carrying out Guarantee Test(s).

“Guarantee Test(s)” means the test(s) specified in the Employer’s Requirements to be carried out to ascertain whether the Facilities or a specified part thereof is able to attain the Functional Guarantees specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Functional Guarantees, in accordance with the provisions of GC Sub-Clause 25.2 (Guarantee Test) hereof.

“Operational Acceptance” means the acceptance by the Employer of the Facilities (or any part of the Facilities where the Contract provides for acceptance of the Facilities in parts), which certifies the Contractor’s fulfillment of the Contract in respect of Functional Guarantees of the Facilities (or the relevant part thereof) in accordance with the provisions of GC Clause 28 (Functional Guarantees) hereof and shall include deemed acceptance in accordance with GC Clause 25 (Commissioning and Operational Acceptance) hereof.

“Defect Liability Period” means the period of validity of the warranties given by the Contractor commencing at Completion of the Facilities or a part thereof, during which the Contractor is responsible for defects with respect to the Facilities (or the relevant part thereof) as provided in GC Clause 27 (Defect Liability) hereof.

2. Contract Documents 2.1 Subject to Article 1.2 (Order of Precedence) of the Contract Agreement, all documents forming part of the Contract (and all parts thereof) are intended to be correlative, complementary and mutually explanatory. The Contract shall be read as a whole.

3. Interpretation 3.1 In the Contract, except where the context requires otherwise:

- (a) words indicating one gender include all genders;
- (b) words indicating the singular also include the plural and words indicating the plural also include the singular;
- (c) provisions including the word “agree,” “agreed,” or “agreement” require the agreement to be recorded in writing;
- (d) the word “tender” is synonymous with “bid,” “tenderer,” with “bidder,” and “tender documents” with “bidding documents,” and
- (e) “written” or “in writing” means hand-written, type-written, printed or electronically made, and resulting in a permanent record.

The marginal words and other headings shall not be taken into consideration in the interpretation of these Conditions.

3.2 Incoterms

Unless inconsistent with any provision of the Contract, the meaning of any trade term and the rights and obligations of Parties thereunder shall be as prescribed by *Incoterms*.

Incoterms means international rules for interpreting trade terms published by the International Chamber of Commerce (latest edition), 38 Cours Albert 1^{er}, 75008 Paris, France.

3.4 Entire Agreement

Subject to GC Sub-Clause 16.4 hereof, the Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Employer and Contractor with respect to the subject matter of Contract and supersedes all communications, negotiations and agreements (whether written or oral) of Parties with respect thereto made prior to the date of Contract.

3.5 Amendment

No amendment or other variation of the Contract shall be effective unless it is in writing, is dated, expressly refers to the Contract, and is signed by a duly authorized representative of each Party hereto.

3.6 Independent Contractor

The Contractor shall be an independent contractor performing the Contract. The Contract does not create any agency, partnership, joint venture or other joint relationship between the Parties hereto. Subject to the provisions of the Contract, the Contractor shall be solely responsible for the manner in which the Contract is performed. All employees, representatives or Subcontractors engaged by the Contractor in connection with the performance of the Contract shall be under the complete control of the Contractor and shall not be deemed to be employees of the Employer, and nothing contained in the Contract or in any subcontract awarded by the Contractor shall be construed to create any contractual relationship between any such employees, representatives or Subcontractors and the Employer.

3.7 Non-Waiver

3.7.1 Subject to GC Sub-Clause 3.7.2 below, no relaxation, forbearance, delay or indulgence by either Party in enforcing any of the terms and conditions of the Contract or the granting of time by either Party to the other shall prejudice, affect or restrict the rights of that Party under the Contract, nor shall any waiver by either Party of any breach of Contract operate as waiver of any subsequent or continuing breach of Contract.

3.7.2 Any waiver of a Party's rights, powers or remedies under the Contract must be in writing, must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Party granting such

waiver, and must specify the right and the extent to which it is being waived.

3.8 Severability

If any provision or condition of the Contract is prohibited or rendered invalid or unenforceable, such prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions and conditions of the Contract.

3.9 Country of Origin

“Origin” means the place where the plant and component parts thereof are mined, grown, produced or manufactured, and from which the services are provided. Plant components are produced when, through manufacturing, processing, or substantial or major assembling of components, a commercially recognized product results that is substantially in its basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.

4. **Communications**

4.1 Wherever these Conditions provide for the giving or issuing of approvals, certificates, consents, determinations, notices, requests and discharges, these communications shall be:

- (a) in writing and delivered against receipt; and
- (b) delivered, sent or transmitted to the address for the recipient’s communications as stated in the Contract Agreement.

When a certificate is issued to a Party, the certifier shall send a copy to the other Party. When a notice is issued to a Party, by the other Party or the Project Manager, a copy shall be sent to the Project Manager or the other Party, as the case may be.

5. **Law and Language**

5.1 The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with laws of the country **specified in the PC.**

5.2 The ruling language of the Contract shall be that **stated in the PC.**

5.3 The language for communications shall be the ruling language unless otherwise **stated in the PC.**

6. **Fraud and Corruption**

6.1 If the Employer determines that the Contractor and/or any of its personnel, or its agents, or its Subcontractors, subconsultants, services providers, suppliers and/or their employees has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive coercive, or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Employer may, after giving 14 days notice to the Contractor, terminate the Contractor's employment under

the Contract and expel him from the Site, and the provisions of Clause 42 shall apply as if such expulsion had been made under Sub-Clause 42.2.1 (c).

For the purposes of this Sub-Clause,

- (i) “corrupt practice” is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party¹⁰;
- (ii) “fraudulent practice” is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation¹¹;
- (iii) “collusive practice” is an arrangement between two or more parties¹² designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;
- (iv) “coercive practice” is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party¹³ or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;
- (v) “obstructive practice” is
 - (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Bank investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation, or
 - (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank’s inspection and audit rights

¹⁰ “Another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the procurement process or contract execution]. In this context, “public official” includes World Bank staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing procurement decisions.

¹¹ “Party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the procurement process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the procurement process or contract execution.

¹² “Parties” refers to participants in the procurement process (including public officials) attempting to establish bid prices at artificial, non competitive levels.

¹³ “Party” refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.

provided for under Sub-Clause 9.8.

Subject Matter of Contract

7. Scope of Facilities

- 7.1 Unless otherwise expressly limited in the Employer's Requirements, the Contractor's obligations cover the provision of all Plant and the performance of all Installation Services required for the design, and the manufacture (including procurement, quality assurance, construction, installation, associated civil works, Precommissioning and delivery) of the Plant, and the installation, completion and commissioning of the Facilities in accordance with the plans, procedures, specifications, drawings, codes and any other documents as specified in the Section, Employer's Requirements. Such specifications include, but are not limited to, the provision of supervision and engineering services; the supply of labor, materials, equipment, spare parts (as specified in GC Sub-Clause 7.3 below) and accessories; Contractor's Equipment; construction utilities and supplies; temporary materials, structures and facilities; transportation (including, without limitation, unloading and hauling to, from and at the Site); and storage, except for those supplies, works and services that will be provided or performed by the Employer, as set forth in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer.
- 7.2 The Contractor shall, unless specifically excluded in the Contract, perform all such work and/or supply all such items and materials not specifically mentioned in the Contract but that can be reasonably inferred from the Contract as being required for attaining Completion of the Facilities as if such work and/or items and materials were expressly mentioned in the Contract.
- 7.3 In addition to the supply of Mandatory Spare Parts included in the Contract, the Contractor agrees to supply spare parts required for the operation and maintenance of the Facilities for the period **specified in the PC** and the provisions, if any, **specified in the PC**. However, the identity, specifications and quantities of such spare parts and the terms and conditions relating to the supply thereof are to be agreed between the Employer and the Contractor, and the price of such spare parts shall be that given in Price Schedule No. 6, which shall be added to the Contract Price. The price of such spare parts shall include the purchase price therefor and other costs and expenses (including the Contractor's fees) relating to the supply

of spare parts.

8. Time for Commencement and Completion

- 8.1 The Contractor shall commence work on the Facilities within the period **specified in the PC** and without prejudice to GC Sub-Clause 26.2 hereof, the Contractor shall thereafter proceed with the Facilities in accordance with the time schedule specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Time Schedule.
- 8.2 The Contractor shall attain Completion of the Facilities or of a part where a separate time for Completion of such part is specified in the Contract, within the time **stated in the PC** or within such extended time to which the Contractor shall be entitled under GC Clause 40 hereof.

9. Contractor's Responsibilities

- 9.1 The Contractor shall design, manufacture including associated purchases and/or subcontracting, install and complete the Facilities in accordance with the Contract. When completed, the Facilities should be fit for the purposes for which they are intended as defined in the Contract.
- 9.2 The Contractor confirms that it has entered into this Contract on the basis of a proper examination of the data relating to the Facilities including any data as to boring tests provided by the Employer, and on the basis of information that the Contractor could have obtained from a visual inspection of the Site if access thereto was available and of other data readily available to it relating to the Facilities as of the date twenty-eight (28) days prior to bid submission. The Contractor acknowledges that any failure to acquaint itself with all such data and information shall not relieve its responsibility for properly estimating the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the Facilities.
- 9.3 The Contractor shall acquire and pay for all permits, approvals and/or licenses from all local, state or national government authorities or public service undertakings in the country where the Site is located which such authorities or undertakings require the Contractor to obtain in its name and which are necessary for the performance of the Contract, including, without limitation, visas for the Contractor's and Subcontractor's personnel and entry permits for all imported Contractor's Equipment. The Contractor shall acquire all other permits, approvals and/or licenses that are not the responsibility of the Employer under GC Sub-Clause 10.3 hereof and that are necessary for the performance of the Contract.
- 9.4 The Contractor shall comply with all laws in force in the

country where the Facilities are to be implemented. The laws will include all local, state, national or other laws that affect the performance of the Contract and bind upon the Contractor. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Employer from and against any and all liabilities, damages, claims, fines, penalties and expenses of whatever nature arising or resulting from the violation of such laws by the Contractor or its personnel, including the Subcontractors and their personnel, but without prejudice to GC Sub-Clause 10.1 hereof.

- 9.5 Any Plant and Installation Services that will be incorporated in or be required for the Facilities and other supplies shall have their origin as specified under GC Clause 1 (Country of Origin). Any subcontractors retained by the Contractor shall be from a country as specified in GC Clause 1 (Country of Origin).
- 9.6 The Contractor shall permit the Bank to inspect the Contractor's accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Bank, if so required by the Bank.
- 9.7 If the Contractor is a joint venture, or association (JVA) of two or more persons, all such persons shall be jointly and severally bound to the Employer for the fulfillment of the provisions of the Contract, unless otherwise specified in the PC, and shall designate one of such persons to act as a leader with authority to bind the JVA. The composition or the constitution of the JVA shall not be altered without the prior consent of the Employer.
- 9.8 The Contractor shall permit, and shall cause its Subcontractors and subconsultants to permit, the Bank and/or persons appointed by the Bank to inspect the Site and all accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract and the submission of the Bid, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Bank if requested by the Bank. The Contractor's and its Subcontractors' and subconsultants' attention is drawn to Sub-Clause 6.1 [Fraud and Corruption] which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank's inspection and audit rights provided for under Sub-Clause 9.8 constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility pursuant to the Bank's prevailing sanctions procedures).

10. Employer's

- 10.1 All information and/or data to be supplied by the Employer as described in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled

Responsibilities

Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer, shall be deemed to be accurate, except when the Employer expressly states otherwise.

- 10.2 The Employer shall be responsible for acquiring and providing legal and physical possession of the Site and access thereto, and for providing possession of and access to all other areas reasonably required for the proper execution of the Contract, including all requisite rights of way, as specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer. The Employer shall give full possession of and accord all rights of access thereto on or before the date(s) specified in that Appendix.
- 10.3 The Employer shall acquire and pay for all permits, approvals and/or licenses from all local, state or national government authorities or public service undertakings in the country where the Site is located which (a) such authorities or undertakings require the Employer to obtain in the Employer's name, (b) are necessary for the execution of the Contract, including those required for the performance by both the Contractor and the Employer of their respective obligations under the Contract, and (c) are specified in the Appendix (Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer).
- 10.4 If requested by the Contractor, the Employer shall use its best endeavors to assist the Contractor in obtaining in a timely and expeditious manner all permits, approvals and/or licenses necessary for the execution of the Contract from all local, state or national government authorities or public service undertakings that such authorities or undertakings require the Contractor or Subcontractors or the personnel of the Contractor or Subcontractors, as the case may be, to obtain.
- 10.5 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract or agreed upon by the Employer and the Contractor, the Employer shall provide sufficient, properly qualified operating and maintenance personnel; shall supply and make available all raw materials, utilities, lubricants, chemicals, catalysts, other materials and facilities; and shall perform all work and services of whatsoever nature, including those required by the Contractor to properly carry out Pre-commissioning, Commissioning and Guarantee Tests, all in accordance with the provisions of the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer, at or before the time specified in the program furnished by the Contractor under GC Sub-Clause 18.2 hereof and in the manner thereupon specified or as otherwise agreed

upon by the Employer and the Contractor.

- 10.6 The Employer shall be responsible for the continued operation of the Facilities after Completion, in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 24.8, and shall be responsible for facilitating the Guarantee Test(s) for the Facilities, in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 25.2.
- 10.7 All costs and expenses involved in the performance of the obligations under this GC Clause 10 shall be the responsibility of the Employer, save those to be incurred by the Contractor with respect to the performance of Guarantee Tests, in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 25.2.
- 10.8 In the event that the Employer shall be in breach of any of his obligations under this Clause, the additional cost incurred by the Contractor in consequence thereof shall be determined by the Project Manager and added to the Contract Price.

Payment

11. Contract Price

- 11.1 The Contract Price shall be as specified in Article 2 (Contract Price and Terms of Payment) of the Contract Agreement.
- 11.2 Unless an adjustment clause is **provided for in the PC**, the Contract Price shall be a firm lump sum not subject to any alteration, except in the event of a Change in the Facilities or as otherwise provided in the Contract.
- 11.3 Subject to GC Sub-Clauses 9.2, 10.1 and 35 hereof, the Contractor shall be deemed to have satisfied itself as to the correctness and sufficiency of the Contract Price, which shall, except as otherwise provided for in the Contract, cover all its obligations under the Contract.

12. Terms of Payment

- 12.1 The Contract Price shall be paid as specified in Article 2 (Contract Price and Terms of Payment) of the Contract Agreement and in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Terms and Procedures of Payment, which also outlines the procedures to be followed in making application for and processing payments.
- 12.2 No payment made by the Employer herein shall be deemed to constitute acceptance by the Employer of the Facilities or any part(s) thereof.
- 12.3 In the event that the Employer fails to make any payment by its respective due date or within the period set forth in the

Contract, the Employer shall pay to the Contractor interest on the amount of such delayed payment at the rate(s) shown in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Terms and Procedures of Payment, for the period of delay until payment has been made in full, whether before or after judgment or arbitrage award.

- 12.4 The currency or currencies in which payments are made to the Contractor under this Contract shall be specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Terms and Procedures of Payment, subject to the general principle that payments will be made in the currency or currencies in which the Contract Price has been stated in the Contractor's bid.

13. Securities

13.1 Issuance of Securities

The Contractor shall provide the securities specified below in favor of the Employer at the times, and in the amount, manner and form specified below.

13.2 Advance Payment Security

13.2.1 The Contractor shall, within twenty-eight (28) days of the notification of contract award, provide a security in an amount equal to the advance payment calculated in accordance with the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Terms and Procedures of Payment, and in the same currency or currencies.

13.2.2 The security shall be in the form provided in the bidding documents or in another form acceptable to the Employer. The amount of the security shall be reduced in proportion to the value of the Facilities executed by and paid to the Contractor from time to time, and shall automatically become null and void when the full amount of the advance payment has been recovered by the Employer. The security shall be returned to the Contractor immediately after its expiration.

13.3 Performance Security

13.3.1 The Contractor shall, within twenty-eight (28) days of the notification of contract award, provide a security for the due performance of the Contract in the amount **specified in the PC.**

13.3.2 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency or currencies of the Contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Employer, and

shall be in the form provided in Section IX, Contract Forms, corresponding to the type of bank guarantee stipulated by the Employer in the PC, or in another form acceptable to the Employer.

13.3.3 Unless otherwise specified in the PC, the security shall be reduced by half on the date of the Operational Acceptance. The Security shall become null and void, or shall be reduced pro rata to the Contract Price of a part of the Facilities for which a separate Time for Completion is provided, five hundred and forty (540) days after Completion of the Facilities or three hundred and sixty five (365) days after Operational Acceptance of the Facilities, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that if the Defects Liability Period has been extended on any part of the Facilities pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 27.8 hereof, the Contractor shall issue an additional security in an amount proportionate to the Contract Price of that part. The security shall be returned to the Contractor immediately after its expiration, provided, however, that if the Contractor, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 27.10, is liable for an extended defect liability obligation, the performance security shall be extended for the period specified in the PC pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 27.10 and up to the amount specified in the PC.

13.3.4 The Employer shall not make a claim under the Performance Security, except for amounts to which the Employer is entitled under the Contract. The Employer shall indemnify and hold the Contractor harmless against and from all damages, losses and expenses (including legal fees and expenses) resulting from a claim under the Performance Security to the extent to which the Employer was not entitled to make the claim.

14. Taxes and Duties

14.1 Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Contract, the Contractor shall bear and pay all taxes, duties, levies and charges assessed on the Contractor, its Subcontractors or their employees by all municipal, state or national government authorities in connection with the Facilities in and outside of the country where the Site is located.

14.2 Notwithstanding GC Sub-Clause 14.1 above, the Employer shall bear and promptly pay

- (a) all customs and import duties for the Plant specified in Price Schedule No. 1; and

- (b) other domestic taxes such as, sales tax and value added tax (VAT) on the Plant specified in Price Schedules No. 1 and No. 2 and that is to be incorporated into the Facilities, and on the finished goods, imposed by the law of the country where the Site is located.
- 14.3 If any tax exemptions, reductions, allowances or privileges may be available to the Contractor in the country where the Site is located, the Employer shall use its best endeavors to enable the Contractor to benefit from any such tax savings to the maximum allowable extent.
- 14.4 For the purpose of the Contract, it is agreed that the Contract Price specified in Article 2 (Contract Price and Terms of Payment) of the Contract Agreement is based on the taxes, duties, levies and charges prevailing at the date twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of bid submission in the country where the Site is located (hereinafter called "Tax" in this GC Sub-Clause 14.4). If any rates of Tax are increased or decreased, a new Tax is introduced, an existing Tax is abolished, or any change in interpretation or application of any Tax occurs in the course of the performance of Contract, which was or will be assessed on the Contractor, Subcontractors or their employees in connection with performance of the Contract, an equitable adjustment of the Contract Price shall be made to fully take into account any such change by addition to the Contract Price or deduction therefrom, as the case may be, in accordance with GC Clause 36 hereof.

Intellectual Property

15. License/Use of Technical Information

- 15.1 For the operation and maintenance of the Plant, the Contractor hereby grants a non-exclusive and non-transferable license (without the right to sub-license) to the Employer under the patents, utility models or other industrial property rights owned by the Contractor or by a third Party from whom the Contractor has received the right to grant licenses thereunder, and shall also grant to the Employer a non-exclusive and non-transferable right (without the right to sub-license) to use the know-how and other technical information disclosed to the Employer under the Contract. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as transferring ownership of any patent, utility model, trademark, design, copyright, know-how or other intellectual property right from the Contractor or any third Party to the Employer.
- 15.2 The copyright in all drawings, documents and other materials

containing data and information furnished to the Employer by the Contractor herein shall remain vested in the Contractor or, if they are furnished to the Employer directly or through the Contractor by any third Party, including suppliers of materials, the copyright in such materials shall remain vested in such third Party.

16. Confidential Information

16.1 The Employer and the Contractor shall keep confidential and shall not, without the written consent of the other Party hereto, divulge to any third Party any documents, data or other information furnished directly or indirectly by the other Party hereto in connection with the Contract, whether such information has been furnished prior to, during or following termination of the Contract. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor may furnish to its Subcontractor(s) such documents, data and other information it receives from the Employer to the extent required for the Subcontractor(s) to perform its work under the Contract, in which event the Contractor shall obtain from such Subcontractor(s) an undertaking of confidentiality similar to that imposed on the Contractor under this GC Clause 16.

16.2 The Employer shall not use such documents, data and other information received from the Contractor for any purpose other than the operation and maintenance of the Facilities. Similarly, the Contractor shall not use such documents, data and other information received from the Employer for any purpose other than the design, procurement of Plant, construction or such other work and services as are required for the performance of the Contract.

16.3 The obligation of a Party under GC Sub-Clauses 16.1 and 16.2 above, however, shall not apply to that information which

- (a) now or hereafter enters the public domain through no fault of that Party
- (b) can be proven to have been possessed by that Party at the time of disclosure and which was not previously obtained, directly or indirectly, from the other Party hereto
- (c) otherwise lawfully becomes available to that Party from a third Party that has no obligation of confidentiality.

16.4 The above provisions of this GC Clause 16 shall not in any way modify any undertaking of confidentiality given by either of the Parties hereto prior to the date of the Contract in respect of the Facilities or any part thereof.

16.5 The provisions of this GC Clause 16 shall survive termination, for whatever reason, of the Contract.

Execution of the Facilities

17. Representatives 17.1 Project Manager

If the Project Manager is not named in the Contract, then within fourteen (14) days of the Effective Date, the Employer shall appoint and notify the Contractor in writing of the name of the Project Manager. The Employer may from time to time appoint some other person as the Project Manager in place of the person previously so appointed, and shall give a notice of the name of such other person to the Contractor without delay. No such appointment shall be made at such a time or in such a manner as to impede the progress of work on the Facilities. Such appointment shall only take effect upon receipt of such notice by the Contractor. The Project Manager shall represent and act for the Employer at all times during the performance of the Contract. All notices, instructions, orders, certificates, approvals and all other communications under the Contract shall be given by the Project Manager, except as herein otherwise provided.

All notices, instructions, information and other communications given by the Contractor to the Employer under the Contract shall be given to the Project Manager, except as herein otherwise provided.

17.2 Contractor's Representative & Construction Manager

17.2.1 If the Contractor's Representative is not named in the Contract, then within fourteen (14) days of the Effective Date, the Contractor shall appoint the Contractor's Representative and shall request the Employer in writing to approve the person so appointed. If the Employer makes no objection to the appointment within fourteen (14) days, the Contractor's Representative shall be deemed to have been approved. If the Employer objects to the appointment within fourteen (14) days giving the reason therefor, then the Contractor shall appoint a replacement within fourteen (14) days of such objection, and the foregoing provisions of this GC Sub-Clause 17.2.1 shall apply thereto.

17.2.2 The Contractor's Representative shall represent and act for the Contractor at all times during the

performance of the Contract and shall give to the Project Manager all the Contractor's notices, instructions, information and all other communications under the Contract.

All notices, instructions, information and all other communications given by the Employer or the Project Manager to the Contractor under the Contract shall be given to the Contractor's Representative or, in its absence, its deputy, except as herein otherwise provided.

The Contractor shall not revoke the appointment of the Contractor's Representative without the Employer's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the Employer consents thereto, the Contractor shall appoint some other person as the Contractor's Representative, pursuant to the procedure set out in GC Sub-Clause 17.2.1.

17.2.3 The Contractor's Representative may, subject to the approval of the Employer which shall not be unreasonably withheld, at any time delegate to any person any of the powers, functions and authorities vested in him or her. Any such delegation may be revoked at any time. Any such delegation or revocation shall be subject to a prior notice signed by the Contractor's Representative, and shall specify the powers, functions and authorities thereby delegated or revoked. No such delegation or revocation shall take effect unless and until a copy thereof has been delivered to the Employer and the Project Manager.

Any act or exercise by any person of powers, functions and authorities so delegated to him or her in accordance with this GC Sub-Clause 17.2.3 shall be deemed to be an act or exercise by the Contractor's Representative.

17.2.4 From the commencement of installation of the Facilities at the Site until Completion, the Contractor's Representative shall appoint a suitable person as the Construction Manager. The Construction Manager shall supervise all work done at the Site by the Contractor and shall be present at the Site throughout normal working hours except when on leave, sick or absent for reasons connected with the proper performance of the Contract. Whenever the Construction Manager is absent from the Site, a suitable person shall be appointed to act as the Construction Manager's deputy.

17.2.5 The Employer may by notice to the Contractor object to any representative or person employed by the Contractor in the

execution of the Contract who, in the reasonable opinion of the Employer, may behave inappropriately, may be incompetent or negligent, or may commit a serious breach of the Site regulations provided under GC Sub-Clause 22.3. The Employer shall provide evidence of the same, whereupon the Contractor shall remove such person from the Facilities.

17.2.6 If any representative or person employed by the Contractor is removed in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 17.2.5, the Contractor shall, where required, promptly appoint a replacement.

18. Work Program 18.1 Contractor's Organization

The Contractor shall supply to the Employer and the Project Manager a chart showing the proposed organization to be established by the Contractor for carrying out work on the Facilities within twenty-one (21) days of the Effective Date. The chart shall include the identities of the key personnel and the curricula vitae of such key personnel to be employed shall be supplied together with the chart. The Contractor shall promptly inform the Employer and the Project Manager in writing of any revision or alteration of such an organization chart.

18.2 Program of Performance

Within twenty-eight (28) days after the Effective Date, the Contractor shall submit to the Project Manager a detailed program of performance of the Contract, made in a form acceptable to the Project Manager and showing the sequence in which it proposes to design, manufacture, transport, assemble, install and precommission the Facilities, as well as the date by which the Contractor reasonably requires that the Employer shall have fulfilled its obligations under the Contract so as to enable the Contractor to execute the Contract in accordance with the program and to achieve Completion, Commissioning and Acceptance of the Facilities in accordance with the Contract. The program so submitted by the Contractor shall accord with the Time Schedule included in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Time Schedule, and any other dates and periods specified in the Contract. The Contractor shall update and revise the program as and when appropriate or when required by the Project Manager, but without modification in the Times for Completion specified in the PC pursuant to Sub-Clause 8.2 and any extension granted in accordance with GC Clause 40,

and shall submit all such revisions to the Project Manager.

18.3 Progress Report

The Contractor shall monitor progress of all the activities specified in the program referred to in GC Sub-Clause 18.2 above, and supply a progress report to the Project Manager every month.

The progress report shall be in a form acceptable to the Project Manager and shall indicate: (a) percentage completion achieved compared with the planned percentage completion for each activity; and (b) where any activity is behind the program, giving comments and likely consequences and stating the corrective action being taken.

18.4 Progress of Performance

If at any time the Contractor's actual progress falls behind the program referred to in GC Sub-Clause 18.2, or it becomes apparent that it will so fall behind, the Contractor shall, at the request of the Employer or the Project Manager, prepare and submit to the Project Manager a revised program, taking into account the prevailing circumstances, and shall notify the Project Manager of the steps being taken to expedite progress so as to attain Completion of the Facilities within the Time for Completion under GC Sub-Clause 8.2, any extension thereof entitled under GC Sub-Clause 40.1, or any extended period as may otherwise be agreed upon between the Employer and the Contractor.

18.5 Procedures

The Contract shall be executed in accordance with the Contract Documents including the procedures given in the Forms and Procedures of the Employer's Requirements.

The Contractor may execute the Contract in accordance with its own standard project execution plans and procedures to the extent that they do not conflict with the provisions contained in the Contract.

19. Subcontracting

19.1 The Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled List of Major Items of Plant and Installation Services and List of Approved Subcontractors, specifies major items of supply or services and a list of approved Subcontractors against each item, including manufacturers. Insofar as no Subcontractors are listed against any such item, the Contractor shall prepare a list of Subcontractors for such item for inclusion in such list. The

Contractor may from time to time propose any addition to or deletion from any such list. The Contractor shall submit any such list or any modification thereto to the Employer for its approval in sufficient time so as not to impede the progress of work on the Facilities. Such approval by the Employer for any of the Subcontractors shall not relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations, duties or responsibilities under the Contract.

- 19.2 The Contractor shall select and employ its Subcontractors for such major items from those listed in the lists referred to in GC Sub-Clause 19.1.
- 19.3 For items or parts of the Facilities not specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled List of Major Items of Plant and Installation Services and List of Approved Subcontractors, the Contractor may employ such Subcontractors as it may select, at its discretion.
- 19.4 Each sub-contract shall include provisions which would entitle the Employer to require the sub-contract to be assigned to the Employer under GC 19.5 (if and when applicable), or in event of termination by the Employer under GC 42.2.
- 19.5 If a sub-contractor's obligations extend beyond the expiry date of the relevant Defects Liability Period and the Project Manager, prior to that date, instructs the Contractor to assign the benefits of such obligations to the Employer, then the Contractor shall do so.

20. Design and Engineering

20.1 Specifications and Drawings

- 20.1.1 The Contractor shall execute the basic and detailed design and the engineering work in compliance with the provisions of the Contract, or where not so specified, in accordance with good engineering practice.

The Contractor shall be responsible for any discrepancies, errors or omissions in the specifications, drawings and other technical documents that it has prepared, whether such specifications, drawings and other documents have been approved by the Project Manager or not, provided that such discrepancies, errors or omissions are not because of inaccurate information furnished in writing to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Employer.

- 20.1.2 The Contractor shall be entitled to disclaim responsibility for any design, data, drawing, specification or other

document, or any modification thereof provided or designated by or on behalf of the Employer, by giving a notice of such disclaimer to the Project Manager.

20.2 Codes and Standards

Wherever references are made in the Contract to codes and standards in accordance with which the Contract shall be executed, the edition or the revised version of such codes and standards current at the date twenty-eight (28) days prior to date of bid submission shall apply unless otherwise specified. During Contract execution, any changes in such codes and standards shall be applied subject to approval by the Employer and shall be treated in accordance with GC Clause 39.

20.3 Approval/Review of Technical Documents by Project Manager

20.3.1 The Contractor shall prepare or cause its Subcontractors to prepare, and furnish to the Project Manager the documents listed in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled List of Documents for Approval or Review, for its approval or review as specified and in accordance with the requirements of GC Sub-Clause 18.2 (Program of Performance).

Any part of the Facilities covered by or related to the documents to be approved by the Project Manager shall be executed only after the Project Manager's approval thereof.

GC Sub-Clauses 20.3.2 through 20.3.7 shall apply to those documents requiring the Project Manager's approval, but not to those furnished to the Project Manager for its review only.

20.3.2 Within fourteen (14) days after receipt by the Project Manager of any document requiring the Project Manager's approval in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 20.3.1, the Project Manager shall either return one copy thereof to the Contractor with its approval endorsed thereon or shall notify the Contractor in writing of its disapproval thereof and the reasons therefor and the modifications that the Project Manager proposes.

If the Project Manager fails to take such action within the said fourteen (14) days, then the said document shall be deemed to have been approved by the Project

Manager.

- 20.3.3 The Project Manager shall not disapprove any document, except on the grounds that the document does not comply with the Contract or that it is contrary to good engineering practice.
- 20.3.4 If the Project Manager disapproves the document, the Contractor shall modify the document and resubmit it for the Project Manager's approval in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 20.3.2. If the Project Manager approves the document subject to modification(s), the Contractor shall make the required modification(s), whereupon the document shall be deemed to have been approved.
- 20.3.5 If any dispute or difference occurs between the Employer and the Contractor in connection with or arising out of the disapproval by the Project Manager of any document and/or any modification(s) thereto that cannot be settled between the Parties within a reasonable period, then such dispute or difference may be referred to a Dispute Board for determination in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 46.1 hereof. If such dispute or difference is referred to a Dispute Board, the Project Manager shall give instructions as to whether and if so, how, performance of the Contract is to proceed. The Contractor shall proceed with the Contract in accordance with the Project Manager's instructions, provided that if the Dispute Board upholds the Contractor's view on the dispute and if the Employer has not given notice under GC Sub-Clause 46.3 hereof, then the Contractor shall be reimbursed by the Employer for any additional costs incurred by reason of such instructions and shall be relieved of such responsibility or liability in connection with the dispute and the execution of the instructions as the Dispute Board shall decide, and the Time for Completion shall be extended accordingly.
- 20.3.6 The Project Manager's approval, with or without modification of the document furnished by the Contractor, shall not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility or liability imposed upon it by any provisions of the Contract except to the extent that any subsequent failure results from modifications required by the Project Manager.

20.3.7 The Contractor shall not depart from any approved document unless the Contractor has first submitted to the Project Manager an amended document and obtained the Project Manager's approval thereof, pursuant to the provisions of this GC Sub-Clause 20.3.

If the Project Manager requests any change in any already approved document and/or in any document based thereon, the provisions of GC Clause 39 shall apply to such request.

21. Procurement

21.1 Plant

Subject to GC Sub-Clause 14.2, the Contractor shall procure and transport all Plant in an expeditious and orderly manner to the Site.

21.2 Employer-Supplied Plant

If the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer, provides that the Employer shall furnish any specific items to the Contractor, the following provisions shall apply:

21.2.1 The Employer shall, at its own risk and expense, transport each item to the place on or near the Site as agreed upon by the Parties and make such item available to the Contractor at the time specified in the program furnished by the Contractor, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 18.2, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

21.2.2 Upon receipt of such item, the Contractor shall inspect the same visually and notify the Project Manager of any detected shortage, defect or default. The Employer shall immediately remedy any shortage, defect or default, or the Contractor shall, if practicable and possible, at the request of the Employer, remedy such shortage, defect or default at the Employer's cost and expense. After inspection, such item shall fall under the care, custody and control of the Contractor. The provision of this GC Sub-Clause 21.2.2 shall apply to any item supplied to remedy any such shortage or default or to substitute for any defective item, or shall apply to defective items that have been repaired.

21.2.3 The foregoing responsibilities of the Contractor and its obligations of care, custody and control shall not relieve the Employer of liability for any undetected shortage, defect or default, nor place the Contractor under any liability for any

such shortage, defect or default whether under GC Clause 27 or under any other provision of Contract.

21.3 Transportation

21.3.1 The Contractor shall at its own risk and expense transport all the materials and the Contractor's Equipment to the Site by the mode of transport that the Contractor judges most suitable under all the circumstances.

21.3.2 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, the Contractor shall be entitled to select any safe mode of transport operated by any person to carry the materials and the Contractor's Equipment.

21.3.3 Upon dispatch of each shipment of materials and the Contractor's Equipment, the Contractor shall notify the Employer by telex, cable, facsimile or electronic means, of the description of the materials and of the Contractor's Equipment, the point and means of dispatch, and the estimated time and point of arrival in the country where the Site is located, if applicable, and at the Site. The Contractor shall furnish the Employer with relevant shipping documents to be agreed upon between the Parties.

21.3.4 The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining, if necessary, approvals from the authorities for transportation of the materials and the Contractor's Equipment to the Site. The Employer shall use its best endeavors in a timely and expeditious manner to assist the Contractor in obtaining such approvals, if requested by the Contractor. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Employer from and against any claim for damage to roads, bridges or any other traffic facilities that may be caused by the transport of the materials and the Contractor's Equipment to the Site.

21.4 Customs Clearance

The Contractor shall, at its own expense, handle all imported materials and Contractor's Equipment at the point(s) of import and shall handle any formalities for customs clearance, subject to the Employer's obligations under GC Sub-Clause 14.2, provided that if applicable laws or regulations require any application or act to be made by or in the name of the

Employer, the Employer shall take all necessary steps to comply with such laws or regulations. In the event of delays in customs clearance that are not the fault of the Contractor, the Contractor shall be entitled to an extension in the Time for Completion, pursuant to GC Clause 40.

22. Installation

22.1 Setting Out/Supervision

22.1.1 Bench Mark: The Contractor shall be responsible for the true and proper setting-out of the Facilities in relation to bench marks, reference marks and lines provided to it in writing by or on behalf of the Employer.

If, at any time during the progress of installation of the Facilities, any error shall appear in the position, level or alignment of the Facilities, the Contractor shall forthwith notify the Project Manager of such error and, at its own expense, immediately rectify such error to the reasonable satisfaction of the Project Manager. If such error is based on incorrect data provided in writing by or on behalf of the Employer, the expense of rectifying the same shall be borne by the Employer.

22.1.2 Contractor's Supervision: The Contractor shall give or provide all necessary superintendence during the installation of the Facilities, and the Construction Manager or its deputy shall be constantly on the Site to provide full-time superintendence of the installation. The Contractor shall provide and employ only technical personnel who are skilled and experienced in their respective callings and supervisory staff who are competent to adequately supervise the work at hand.

22.2 Labor:

22.2.1 Engagement of Staff and Labor

Except as otherwise stated in the Specification, the Contractor shall make arrangements for the engagement of all staff and labor, local or otherwise, and for their payment, housing, feeding and transport.

The Contractor shall provide and employ on the Site in the installation of the Facilities such skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labor as is necessary for the proper and timely execution of the Contract. The Contractor is encouraged to use local labor that has the

necessary skills.

The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permit(s) and/or visa(s) from the appropriate authorities for the entry of all labor and personnel to be employed on the Site into the country where the Site is located. The Employer will, if requested by the Contractor, use his best endeavors in a timely and expeditious manner to assist the Contractor in obtaining any local, state, national or government permission required for bringing in the Contractor's personnel.

The Contractor shall at its own expense provide the means of repatriation to all of its and its Subcontractor's personnel employed on the Contract at the Site to the place where they were recruited or to their domicile. It shall also provide suitable temporary maintenance of all such persons from the cessation of their employment on the Contract to the date programmed for their departure. In the event that the Contractor defaults in providing such means of transportation and temporary maintenance, the Employer may provide the same to such personnel and recover the cost of doing so from the Contractor.

22.2.2 Persons in the Service of Employer

The Contractor shall not recruit, or attempt to recruit, staff and labor from amongst the Employer's Personnel.

22.2.3 Labor Laws

The Contractor shall comply with all the relevant labor Laws applicable to the Contractor's Personnel, including Laws relating to their employment, health, safety, welfare, immigration and emigration, and shall allow them all their legal rights.

The Contractor shall at all times during the progress of the Contract use its best endeavors to prevent any unlawful, riotous or disorderly conduct or behavior by or amongst its employees and the labor of its Subcontractors.

The Contractor shall, in all dealings with its labor and the labor of its Subcontractors currently employed on or connected with the Contract, pay due regard to all

recognized festivals, official holidays, religious or other customs and all local laws and regulations pertaining to the employment of labor.

22.2.4 Rates of Wages and Conditions of Labor

The Contractor shall pay rates of wages, and observe conditions of labor, which are not lower than those established for the trade or industry where the work is carried out. If no established rates or conditions are applicable, the Contractor shall pay rates of wages and observe conditions which are not lower than the general level of wages and conditions observed locally by employers whose trade or industry is similar to that of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall inform the Contractor's Personnel about their liability to pay personal income taxes in the Country in respect of such of their salaries, wages and allowances as are chargeable under the Laws for the time being in force, and the Contractor shall perform such duties in regard to such deductions thereof as may be imposed on him by such Laws.

22.2.5 Working Hours

No work shall be carried out on the Site on locally recognized days of rest, or outside the normal working hours **stated in the PC**, unless:

- (a) otherwise stated in the Contract,
- (b) the Project Manager gives consent, or
- (c) the work is unavoidable, or necessary for the protection of life or property or for the safety of the Works, in which case the Contractor shall immediately advise the Project Manager.

If and when the Contractor considers it necessary to carry out work at night or on public holidays so as to meet the Time for Completion and requests the Project Manager's consent thereto, the Project Manager shall not unreasonably withhold such consent.

This Sub-Clause shall not apply to any work which is customarily carried out by rotary or double-shifts.

22.2.6 Facilities for Staff and Labor

Except as otherwise stated in the Specification, the Contractor shall provide and maintain all necessary accommodation and welfare facilities for the Contractor's Personnel. The Contractor shall also provide facilities for the Employer's Personnel as stated in the Specification.

The Contractor shall not permit any of the Contractor's Personnel to maintain any temporary or permanent living quarters within the structures forming part of the Permanent Works.

22.2.7 Health and Safety

The Contractor shall at all times take all reasonable precautions to maintain the health and safety of the Contractor's Personnel. In collaboration with local health authorities, the Contractor shall ensure that medical staff, first aid facilities, sick bay and ambulance service are available at all times at the Site and at any accommodation for Contractor's and Employer's Personnel, and that suitable arrangements are made for all necessary welfare and hygiene requirements and for the prevention of epidemics.

The Contractor shall appoint an accident prevention officer at the Site, responsible for maintaining safety and protection against accidents. This person shall be qualified for this responsibility, and shall have the authority to issue instructions and take protective measures to prevent accidents. Throughout the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall provide whatever is required by this person to exercise this responsibility and authority.

The Contractor shall send to the Project Manager, details of any accident as soon as practicable after its occurrence. The Contractor shall maintain records and make reports concerning health, safety and welfare of persons, and damage to property, as the Engineer may reasonably require.

The Contractor shall throughout the contract (including the Defects Notification Period): (i) conduct Information, Education and Consultation Communication (IEC) campaigns, at least every other month, addressed to all the Site staff and labor (including all the Contractor's employees, all Sub-

Contractors and Employer's and Project Manager's employees, and all truck drivers and crew making deliveries to Site for construction activities) and to the immediate local communities, concerning the risks, dangers and impact, and appropriate avoidance behavior with respect to of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)—or Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) in general and HIV/AIDS in particular; (ii) provide male or female condoms for all Site staff and labor as appropriate; and (iii) provide for STI and HIV/AIDS screening, diagnosis, counseling and referral to a dedicated national STI and HIV/AIDS program, (unless otherwise agreed) of all Site staff and labor.

The Contractor shall include in the program to be submitted for the execution of the Facilities under Sub-Clause 18.2 an alleviation program for Site staff and labor and their families in respect of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) including HIV/AIDS. The STI, STD and HIV/AIDS alleviation program shall indicate when, how and at what cost the Contractor plans to satisfy the requirements of this Sub-Clause and the related specification. For each component, the program shall detail the resources to be provided or utilized and any related sub-contracting proposed. The program shall also include provision of a detailed cost estimate with supporting documentation. Payment to the Contractor for preparation and implementation this program shall not exceed the Provisional Sum dedicated for this purpose.

22.2.8 Funeral Arrangements

In the event of the death of any of the Contractor's personnel or accompanying members of their families, the Contractor shall be responsible for making the appropriate arrangements for their return or burial, unless otherwise **specified in the PC**.

22.2.9 Records of Contractor's Personnel

The Contractor shall keep accurate records of the Contractor's personnel, including the number of each class of Contractor's Personnel on the Site and the names, ages, genders, hours worked and wages paid to all workers. These records shall be summarized on a monthly basis in a form approved by the Project Manager and shall be available for inspection by the

Project Manager until the Contractor has completed all work.

22.2.10 Supply of Foodstuffs

The Contractor shall arrange for the provision of a sufficient supply of suitable food as may be stated in the Specification at reasonable prices for the Contractor's Personnel for the purposes of or in connection with the Contract.

22.2.11 Supply of Water

The Contractor shall, having regard to local conditions, provide on the Site an adequate supply of drinking and other water for the use of the Contractor's Personnel.

22.2.12 Measures against Insect and Pest Nuisance

The Contractor shall at all times take the necessary precautions to protect the Contractor's Personnel employed on the Site from insect and pest nuisance, and to reduce their danger to health. The Contractor shall comply with all the regulations of the local health authorities, including use of appropriate insecticide.

22.2.13 Alcoholic Liquor or Drugs

The Contractor shall not, otherwise than in accordance with the Laws of the Country, import, sell, give barter or otherwise dispose of any alcoholic liquor or drugs, or permit or allow importation, sale, gift barter or disposal by Contractor's Personnel.

22.2.14 Arms and Ammunition

The Contractor shall not give, barter, or otherwise dispose of, to any person, any arms or ammunition of any kind, or allow Contractor's Personnel to do so.

22.2.15 Prohibition of All Forms of Forced or Compulsory Labor

The contractor shall not employ "forced or compulsory labor" in any form. "Forced or compulsory labor" consists of all work or service, not voluntarily performed, that is extracted from an individual under threat of force or penalty.

22.2.16 Prohibition of Harmful Child Labor

The Contractor shall not employ any child to perform any work that is economically exploitative, or is likely to be hazardous to, or to interfere with, the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.

22.3 Contractor's Equipment

22.3.1 All Contractor's Equipment brought by the Contractor onto the Site shall be deemed to be intended to be used exclusively for the execution of the Contract. The Contractor shall not remove the same from the Site without the Project Manager's consent that such Contractor's Equipment is no longer required for the execution of the Contract.

22.3.2 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, upon completion of the Facilities, the Contractor shall remove from the Site all Equipment brought by the Contractor onto the Site and any surplus materials remaining thereon.

22.3.3 The Employer will, if requested, use its best endeavors to assist the Contractor in obtaining any local, state or national government permission required by the Contractor for the export of the Contractor's Equipment imported by the Contractor for use in the execution of the Contract that is no longer required for the execution of the Contract.

22.4 Site Regulations and Safety

The Employer and the Contractor shall establish Site regulations setting out the rules to be observed in the execution of the Contract at the Site and shall comply therewith. The Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Employer, with a copy to the Project Manager, proposed Site regulations for the Employer's approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Such Site regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to, rules in respect of security, safety of the Facilities, gate control, sanitation, medical care, and fire prevention.

22.5 Opportunities for Other Contractors

22.5.1 The Contractor shall, upon written request from the Employer or the Project Manager, give all reasonable opportunities for carrying out the work to any other contractors employed by the Employer on or near the Site.

22.5.2 If the Contractor, upon written request from the Employer or the Project Manager, makes available to other contractors any roads or ways the maintenance for which the Contractor is responsible, permits the use by such other contractors of the Contractor's Equipment, or provides any other service of whatsoever nature for such other contractors, the Employer shall fully compensate the Contractor for any loss or damage caused or occasioned by such other contractors in respect of any such use or service, and shall pay to the Contractor reasonable remuneration for the use of such equipment or the provision of such services.

22.5.3 The Contractor shall also so arrange to perform its work as to minimize, to the extent possible, interference with the work of other contractors. The Project Manager shall determine the resolution of any difference or conflict that may arise between the Contractor and other contractors and the workers of the Employer in regard to their work.

22.5.4 The Contractor shall notify the Project Manager promptly of any defects in the other contractors' work that come to its notice, and that could affect the Contractor's work. The Project Manager shall determine the corrective measures, if any, required to rectify the situation after inspection of the Facilities. Decisions made by the Project Manager shall be binding on the Contractor.

22.6 Emergency Work

If, by reason of an emergency arising in connection with and during the execution of the Contract, any protective or remedial work is necessary as a matter of urgency to prevent damage to the Facilities, the Contractor shall immediately carry out such work.

If the Contractor is unable or unwilling to do such work immediately, the Employer may do or cause such work to be done as the Employer may determine is necessary in order to

prevent damage to the Facilities. In such event the Employer shall, as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any such emergency, notify the Contractor in writing of such emergency, the work done and the reasons therefor. If the work done or caused to be done by the Employer is work that the Contractor was liable to do at its own expense under the Contract, the reasonable costs incurred by the Employer in connection therewith shall be paid by the Contractor to the Employer. Otherwise, the cost of such remedial work shall be borne by the Employer.

22.7 Site Clearance

22.7.1 Site Clearance in Course of Performance: In the course of carrying out the Contract, the Contractor shall keep the Site reasonably free from all unnecessary obstruction, store or remove any surplus materials, clear away any wreckage, rubbish or temporary works from the Site, and remove any Contractor's Equipment no longer required for execution of the Contract.

22.7.2 Clearance of Site after Completion: After Completion of all parts of the Facilities, the Contractor shall clear away and remove all wreckage, rubbish and debris of any kind from the Site, and shall leave the Site and Facilities in a clean and safe condition.

22.8 Watching and Lighting

The Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense all lighting, fencing, and watching when and where necessary for the proper execution and the protection of the Facilities, or for the safety of the owners and occupiers of adjacent property and for the safety of the public.

23. Test and Inspection

23.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense carry out at the place of manufacture and/or on the Site all such tests and/or inspections of the Plant and any part of the Facilities as are specified in the Contract.

23.2 The Employer and the Project Manager or their designated representatives shall be entitled to attend the aforesaid test and/or inspection, provided that the Employer shall bear all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such attendance including, but not limited to, all traveling and board and lodging expenses.

23.3 Whenever the Contractor is ready to carry out any such test

and/or inspection, the Contractor shall give a reasonable advance notice of such test and/or inspection and of the place and time thereof to the Project Manager. The Contractor shall obtain from any relevant third Party or manufacturer any necessary permission or consent to enable the Employer and the Project Manager or their designated representatives to attend the test and/or inspection.

- 23.4 The Contractor shall provide the Project Manager with a certified report of the results of any such test and/or inspection.

If the Employer or Project Manager or their designated representatives fails to attend the test and/or inspection, or if it is agreed between the Parties that such persons shall not do so, then the Contractor may proceed with the test and/or inspection in the absence of such persons, and may provide the Project Manager with a certified report of the results thereof.

- 23.5 The Project Manager may require the Contractor to carry out any test and/or inspection not required by the Contract, provided that the Contractor's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the carrying out of such test and/or inspection shall be added to the Contract Price. Further, if such test and/or inspection impede the progress of work on the Facilities and/or the Contractor's performance of its other obligations under the Contract, due allowance will be made in respect of the Time for Completion and the other obligations so affected.

- 23.6 If any Plant or any part of the Facilities fails to pass any test and/or inspection, the Contractor shall either rectify or replace such Plant or part of the Facilities and shall repeat the test and/or inspection upon giving a notice under GC Sub-Clause 23.3.

- 23.7 If any dispute or difference of opinion shall arise between the Parties in connection with or arising out of the test and/or inspection of the Plant or part of the Facilities that cannot be settled between the Parties within a reasonable period of time, it may be referred to an Dispute Board for determination in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 6.1.

- 23.8 The Contractor shall afford the Employer and the Project Manager, at the Employer's expense, access at any reasonable time to any place where the Plant are being manufactured or the Facilities are being installed, in order to inspect the

progress and the manner of manufacture or installation, provided that the Project Manager shall give the Contractor a reasonable prior notice.

23.9 The Contractor agrees that neither the execution of a test and/or inspection of Plant or any part of the Facilities, nor the attendance by the Employer or the Project Manager, nor the issue of any test certificate pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 23.4, shall release the Contractor from any other responsibilities under the Contract.

23.10 No part of the Facilities or foundations shall be covered up on the Site without the Contractor carrying out any test and/or inspection required under the Contract. The Contractor shall give a reasonable notice to the Project Manager whenever any such parts of the Facilities or foundations are ready or about to be ready for test and/or inspection; such test and/or inspection and notice thereof shall be subject to the requirements of the Contract.

23.11 The Contractor shall uncover any part of the Facilities or foundations, or shall make openings in or through the same as the Project Manager may from time to time require at the Site, and shall reinstate and make good such part or parts.

If any parts of the Facilities or foundations have been covered up at the Site after compliance with the requirement of GC Sub-Clause 23.10 and are found to be executed in accordance with the Contract, the expenses of uncovering, making openings in or through, reinstating, and making good the same shall be borne by the Employer, and the Time for Completion shall be reasonably adjusted to the extent that the Contractor has thereby been delayed or impeded in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract.

24. Completion of the Facilities

24.1 As soon as the Facilities or any part thereof has, in the opinion of the Contractor, been completed operationally and structurally and put in a tight and clean condition as specified in the Employer's Requirements, excluding minor items not materially affecting the operation or safety of the Facilities, the Contractor shall so notify the Employer in writing.

24.2 Within seven (7) days after receipt of the notice from the Contractor under GC Sub-Clause 24.1, the Employer shall supply the operating and maintenance personnel specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer for Precommissioning of

the Facilities or any part thereof.

Pursuant to the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer, the Employer shall also provide, within the said seven (7) day period, the raw materials, utilities, lubricants, chemicals, catalysts, facilities, services and other matters required for Pre-commissioning of the Facilities or any part thereof.

- 24.3 As soon as reasonably practicable after the operating and maintenance personnel have been supplied by the Employer and the raw materials, utilities, lubricants, chemicals, catalysts, facilities, services and other matters have been provided by the Employer in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 24.2, the Contractor shall commence Pre-commissioning of the Facilities or the relevant part thereof in preparation for Commissioning, subject to GC Sub-Clause 25.5.
- 24.4 As soon as all works in respect of Pre-commissioning are completed and, in the opinion of the Contractor, the Facilities or any part thereof is ready for Commissioning, the Contractor shall so notify the Project Manager in writing.
- 24.5 The Project Manager shall, within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the Contractor's notice under GC Sub-Clause 24.4, either issue a Completion Certificate in the form specified in the Employer's Requirements (Forms and Procedures), stating that the Facilities or that part thereof have reached Completion as of the date of the Contractor's notice under GC Sub-Clause 24.4, or notify the Contractor in writing of any defects and/or deficiencies.

If the Project Manager notifies the Contractor of any defects and/or deficiencies, the Contractor shall then correct such defects and/or deficiencies, and shall repeat the procedure described in GC Sub-Clause 24.4.

If the Project Manager is satisfied that the Facilities or that part thereof have reached Completion, the Project Manager shall, within seven (7) days after receipt of the Contractor's repeated notice, issue a Completion Certificate stating that the Facilities or that part thereof have reached Completion as of the date of the Contractor's repeated notice.

If the Project Manager is not so satisfied, then it shall notify the Contractor in writing of any defects and/or deficiencies within seven (7) days after receipt of the Contractor's

repeated notice, and the above procedure shall be repeated.

- 24.6 If the Project Manager fails to issue the Completion Certificate and fails to inform the Contractor of any defects and/or deficiencies within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the Contractor's notice under GC Sub-Clause 24.4 or within seven (7) days after receipt of the Contractor's repeated notice under GC Sub-Clause 24.5, or if the Employer makes use of the Facilities or part thereof, then the Facilities or that part thereof shall be deemed to have reached Completion as of the date of the Contractor's notice or repeated notice, or as of the Employer's use of the Facilities, as the case may be.
- 24.7 As soon as possible after Completion, the Contractor shall complete all outstanding minor items so that the Facilities are fully in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, failing which the Employer will undertake such completion and deduct the costs thereof from any monies owing to the Contractor.
- 24.8 Upon Completion, the Employer shall be responsible for the care and custody of the Facilities or the relevant part thereof, together with the risk of loss or damage thereto, and shall thereafter take over the Facilities or the relevant part thereof.

25. Commissioning and Operational Acceptance

25.1 Commissioning

25.1.1 Commissioning of the Facilities or any part thereof shall be commenced by the Contractor immediately after issue of the Completion Certificate by the Project Manager, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 24.5, or immediately after the date of the deemed Completion, under GC Sub-Clause 24.6.

25.1.2 The Employer shall supply the operating and maintenance personnel and all raw materials, utilities, lubricants, chemicals, catalysts, facilities, services and other matters required for Commissioning.

25.1.3 In accordance with the requirements of the Contract, the Contractor's and Project Manager's advisory personnel shall attend the Commissioning, including the Guarantee Test, and shall advise and assist the Employer.

25.2 Guarantee Test

25.2.1 Subject to GC Sub-Clause 25.5, the Guarantee Test

and repeats thereof shall be conducted by the Contractor during Commissioning of the Facilities or the relevant part thereof to ascertain whether the Facilities or the relevant part can attain the Functional Guarantees specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Functional Guarantees. The Employer shall promptly provide the Contractor with such information as the Contractor may reasonably require in relation to the conduct and results of the Guarantee Test and any repeats thereof.

25.2.2 If for reasons not attributable to the Contractor, the Guarantee Test of the Facilities or the relevant part thereof cannot be successfully completed within the period from the date of Completion **specified in the PC** or any other period agreed upon by the Employer and the Contractor, the Contractor shall be deemed to have fulfilled its obligations with respect to the Functional Guarantees, and GC Sub-Clauses 28.2 and 28.3 shall not apply.

25.3 Operational Acceptance

25.3.1 Subject to GC Sub-Clause 25.4 below, Operational Acceptance shall occur in respect of the Facilities or any part thereof when

- (a) the Guarantee Test has been successfully completed and the Functional Guarantees are met; or
- (b) the Guarantee Test has not been successfully completed or has not been carried out for reasons not attributable to the Contractor within the period from the date of Completion specified in the PC pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 25.2.2 above or any other period agreed upon by the Employer and the Contractor; or
- (c) the Contractor has paid the liquidated damages specified in GC Sub-Clause 28.3 hereof; and
- (d) any minor items mentioned in GC Sub-Clause 24.7 hereof relevant to the Facilities or that part thereof have been completed.

25.3.2 At any time after any of the events set out in GC Sub-Clause 25.3.1 have occurred, the Contractor may give a notice to the Project Manager requesting the issue of an Operational Acceptance Certificate in the form provided in the Employer's Requirements (Forms and

Procedures) in respect of the Facilities or the part thereof specified in such notice as of the date of such notice.

25.3.3 The Project Manager shall, after consultation with the Employer, and within seven (7) days after receipt of the Contractor's notice, issue an Operational Acceptance Certificate.

25.3.4 If within seven (7) days after receipt of the Contractor's notice, the Project Manager fails to issue the Operational Acceptance Certificate or fails to inform the Contractor in writing of the justifiable reasons why the Project Manager has not issued the Operational Acceptance Certificate, the Facilities or the relevant part thereof shall be deemed to have been accepted as of the date of the Contractor's said notice.

25.4 Partial Acceptance

25.4.1 If the Contract specifies that Completion and Commissioning shall be carried out in respect of parts of the Facilities, the provisions relating to Completion and Commissioning including the Guarantee Test shall apply to each such part of the Facilities individually, and the Operational Acceptance Certificate shall be issued accordingly for each such part of the Facilities.

25.4.2 If a part of the Facilities comprises facilities such as buildings, for which no Commissioning or Guarantee Test is required, then the Project Manager shall issue the Operational Acceptance Certificate for such facility when it attains Completion, provided that the Contractor shall thereafter complete any outstanding minor items that are listed in the Operational Acceptance Certificate.

25.5 Delayed Pre-commissioning and/or Guarantee Test

25.5.1 In the event that the Contractor is unable to proceed with the Pre-commissioning of the Facilities pursuant to Sub-Clause 24.3, or with the Guarantee Test pursuant to Sub-Clause 25.2, for reasons attributable to the Employer either on account of non availability of other facilities under the responsibilities of other contractor(s), or for reasons beyond the Contractor's control, the provisions leading to "deemed" completion of activities such as Completion, pursuant

to GC Sub-Clause 24.6, and Operational Acceptance, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 25.3.4, and Contractor's obligations regarding Defect Liability Period, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 27.2, Functional Guarantee, pursuant to GC Clause 28, and Care of Facilities, pursuant to GC Clause 32, and GC Clause 41.1, Suspension, shall not apply. In this case, the following provisions shall apply.

25.5.2 When the Contractor is notified by the Project Manager that he will be unable to proceed with the activities and obligations pursuant to above Sub-Clause 13.1, the Contractor shall be entitled to the following:

- (a) the Time of Completion shall be extended for the period of suspension without imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 26.2;
- (b) payments due to the Contractor in accordance with the provision specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Terms and Procedures of Payment, which would not have been payable in normal circumstances due to non-completion of the subject activities, shall be released to the Contractor against submission of a security in the form of a bank guarantee of equivalent amount acceptable to the Employer, and which shall become null and void when the Contractor will have complied with its obligations regarding those payments, subject to the provision of Sub-Clause 25.5.3 below;
- (c) the expenses towards the above security and extension of other securities under the contract, of which validity needs to be extended, shall be reimbursed to the Contractor by the Employer;
- (d) the additional charges towards the care of the Facilities pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 32.1 shall be reimbursed to the Contractor by the Employer for the period between the notification mentioned above and the notification mentioned in Sub-Clause 25.5.4 below. The provision of GC Sub-Clause 33.2 shall apply to the Facilities during the same period.

25.5.3 In the event that the period of suspension under above Sub-Clause 25.5.1 actually exceeds one hundred eighty (180) days, the Employer and Contractor shall mutually agree to any additional compensation payable to the Contractor.

25.5.4 When the Contractor is notified by the Project Manager that the plant is ready for Pre-commissioning, the Contractor shall proceed without delay in performing Pre-commissioning in accordance with Clause 24.

Guarantees and Liabilities

26. Completion Time Guarantee

26.1 The Contractor guarantees that it shall attain Completion of the Facilities (or a part for which a separate time for completion is specified) within the Time for Completion specified in the PC pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 8.2, or within such extended time to which the Contractor shall be entitled under GC Clause 40 hereof.

26.2 If the Contractor fails to attain Completion of the Facilities or any part thereof within the Time for Completion or any extension thereof under GC Clause 40, the Contractor shall pay to the Employer liquidated damages in the amount **specified in the PC** as a percentage rate of the Contract Price or the relevant part thereof. The aggregate amount of such liquidated damages shall in no event exceed the amount **specified as “Maximum” in the PC** as a percentage rate of the Contract Price. Once the “Maximum” is reached, the Employer may consider termination of the Contract, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 42.2.2.

Such payment shall completely satisfy the Contractor’s obligation to attain Completion of the Facilities or the relevant part thereof within the Time for Completion or any extension thereof under GC Clause 40. The Contractor shall have no further liability whatsoever to the Employer in respect thereof.

However, the payment of liquidated damages shall not in any way relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations to complete the Facilities or from any other obligations and liabilities of the Contractor under the Contract.

Save for liquidated damages payable under this GC Sub-Clause 26.2, the failure by the Contractor to attain any milestone or other act, matter or thing by any date specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Time Schedule, and/or other program of work prepared pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 18.2 shall

not render the Contractor liable for any loss or damage thereby suffered by the Employer.

26.3 If the Contractor attains Completion of the Facilities or any part thereof before the Time for Completion or any extension thereof under GC Clause 40, the Employer shall pay to the Contractor a bonus in the amount **specified in the PC**. The aggregate amount of such bonus shall in no event exceed the amount **specified as “Maximum” in the PC**.

27. Defect Liability

27.1 The Contractor warrants that the Facilities or any part thereof shall be free from defects in the design, engineering, materials and workmanship of the Plant supplied and of the work executed.

27.2 The Defect Liability Period shall be five hundred and forty (540) days from the date of Completion of the Facilities (or any part thereof) or one year from the date of Operational Acceptance of the Facilities (or any part thereof), whichever first occurs, unless specified otherwise in the PC pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 27.10.

If during the Defect Liability Period any defect should be found in the design, engineering, materials and workmanship of the Plant supplied or of the work executed by the Contractor, the Contractor shall promptly, in consultation and agreement with the Employer regarding appropriate remedying of the defects, and at its cost, repair, replace or otherwise make good as the Contractor shall determine at its discretion, such defect as well as any damage to the Facilities caused by such defect. The Contractor shall not be responsible for the repair, replacement or making good of any defect or of any damage to the Facilities arising out of or resulting from any of the following causes:

- (a) improper operation or maintenance of the Facilities by the Employer;
- (b) operation of the Facilities outside specifications provided in the Contract; or
- (c) normal wear and tear.

27.3 The Contractor's obligations under this GC Clause 27 shall not apply to:

- (a) any materials that are supplied by the Employer under GC Sub-Clause 21.2, are normally consumed in operation, or have a normal life shorter than the Defect Liability Period stated herein;

- (b) any designs, specifications or other data designed, supplied or specified by or on behalf of the Employer or any matters for which the Contractor has disclaimed responsibility herein; or
- (c) any other materials supplied or any other work executed by or on behalf of the Employer, except for the work executed by the Employer under GC Sub-Clause 27.7.

27.4 The Employer shall give the Contractor a notice stating the nature of any such defect together with all available evidence thereof, promptly following the discovery thereof. The Employer shall afford all reasonable opportunity for the Contractor to inspect any such defect.

27.5 The Employer shall afford the Contractor all necessary access to the Facilities and the Site to enable the Contractor to perform its obligations under this GC Clause 27.

The Contractor may, with the consent of the Employer, remove from the Site any Plant or any part of the Facilities that are defective if the nature of the defect, and/or any damage to the Facilities caused by the defect, is such that repairs cannot be expeditiously carried out at the Site.

27.6 If the repair, replacement or making good is of such a character that it may affect the efficiency of the Facilities or any part thereof, the Employer may give to the Contractor a notice requiring that tests of the defective part of the Facilities shall be made by the Contractor immediately upon completion of such remedial work, whereupon the Contractor shall carry out such tests.

If such part fails the tests, the Contractor shall carry out further repair, replacement or making good, as the case may be, until that part of the Facilities passes such tests. The tests shall be agreed upon by the Employer and the Contractor.

27.7 If the Contractor fails to commence the work necessary to remedy such defect or any damage to the Facilities caused by such defect within a reasonable time (which shall in no event be considered to be less than fifteen (15) days), the Employer may, following notice to the Contractor, proceed to do such work, and the reasonable costs incurred by the Employer in connection therewith shall be paid to the Employer by the Contractor or may be deducted by the Employer from any monies due the Contractor or claimed under the Performance Security.

27.8 If the Facilities or any part thereof cannot be used by reason of

such defect and/or making good of such defect, the Defect Liability Period of the Facilities or such part, as the case may be, shall be extended by a period equal to the period during which the Facilities or such part cannot be used by the Employer because of any of the aforesaid reasons.

- 27.9 Except as provided in GC Clauses 27 and 33, the Contractor shall be under no liability whatsoever and howsoever arising, and whether under the Contract or at law, in respect of defects in the Facilities or any part thereof, the Plant, design or engineering or work executed that appear after Completion of the Facilities or any part thereof, except where such defects are the result of the gross negligence, fraud, or criminal or willful action of the Contractor.
- 27.10 In addition, any such component of the Facilities, and during the period of time as may be **specified in the PC**, shall be subject to an extended defect liability period. Such obligation of the Contractor shall be in addition to the defect liability period specified under GC Sub-Clause 27.2.

28. Functional Guarantees

- 28.1 The Contractor guarantees that during the Guarantee Test, the Facilities and all parts thereof shall attain the Functional Guarantees specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Functional Guarantees, subject to and upon the conditions therein specified.
- 28.2 If, for reasons attributable to the Contractor, the minimum level of the Functional Guarantees specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Functional Guarantees, are not met either in whole or in part, the Contractor shall at its cost and expense make such changes, modifications and/or additions to the Plant or any part thereof as may be necessary to meet at least the minimum level of such Guarantees. The Contractor shall notify the Employer upon completion of the necessary changes, modifications and/or additions, and shall request the Employer to repeat the Guarantee Test until the minimum level of the Guarantees has been met. If the Contractor eventually fails to meet the minimum level of Functional Guarantees, the Employer may consider termination of the Contract, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 42.2.2.
- 28.3 If, for reasons attributable to the Contractor, the Functional Guarantees specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Functional Guarantees, are not attained either in whole or in part, but the minimum level of the Functional Guarantees specified in the said Appendix to the Contract Agreement is met,

the Contractor shall, at the Contractor's option, either

- (a) make such changes, modifications and/or additions to the Facilities or any part thereof that are necessary to attain the Functional Guarantees at its cost and expense, and shall request the Employer to repeat the Guarantee Test or
- (b) pay liquidated damages to the Employer in respect of the failure to meet the Functional Guarantees in accordance with the provisions in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Functional Guarantees.

28.4 The payment of liquidated damages under GC Sub-Clause 28.3, up to the limitation of liability specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Functional Guarantees, shall completely satisfy the Contractor's guarantees under GC Sub-Clause 28.3, and the Contractor shall have no further liability whatsoever to the Employer in respect thereof. Upon the payment of such liquidated damages by the Contractor, the Project Manager shall issue the Operational Acceptance Certificate for the Facilities or any part thereof in respect of which the liquidated damages have been so paid.

29. Patent Indemnity

29.1 The Contractor shall, subject to the Employer's compliance with GC Sub-Clause 29.2, indemnify and hold harmless the Employer and its employees and officers from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of whatsoever nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Employer may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract by reason of: (a) the installation of the Facilities by the Contractor or the use of the Facilities in the country where the Site is located; and (b) the sale of the products produced by the Facilities in any country.

Such indemnity shall not cover any use of the Facilities or any part thereof other than for the purpose indicated by or to be reasonably inferred from the Contract, any infringement resulting from the use of the Facilities or any part thereof, or any products produced thereby in association or combination with any other equipment, plant or materials not supplied by the Contractor, pursuant to the Contract Agreement.

29.2 If any proceedings are brought or any claim is made against the Employer arising out of the matters referred to in GC Sub-Clause 29.1, the Employer shall promptly give the Contractor a

notice thereof, and the Contractor may at its own expense and in the Employer's name conduct such proceedings or claim and any negotiations for the settlement of any such proceedings or claim.

If the Contractor fails to notify the Employer within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of such notice that it intends to conduct any such proceedings or claim, then the Employer shall be free to conduct the same on its own behalf. Unless the Contractor has so failed to notify the Employer within the twenty-eight (28) day period, the Employer shall make no admission that may be prejudicial to the defense of any such proceedings or claim.

The Employer shall, at the Contractor's request, afford all available assistance to the Contractor in conducting such proceedings or claim, and shall be reimbursed by the Contractor for all reasonable expenses incurred in so doing.

- 29.3 The Employer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Contractor and its employees, officers and Subcontractors from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of whatsoever nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Contractor may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract arising out of or in connection with any design, data, drawing, specification, or other documents or materials provided or designed by or on behalf of the Employer.

30. Limitation of Liability

- 30.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct,
- (a) neither Party shall be liable to the other Party, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, which may be suffered by the other Party in connection with the Contract, other than specifically provided as any obligation of the Party in the Contract, and
 - (b) the aggregate liability of the Contractor to the Employer, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the amount resulting from the application of the multiplier specified in the PC, to the Contract Price or, if a multiplier is not so specified, the total Contract Price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment, or to any obligation of the Contractor to indemnify the Employer

with respect to patent infringement.

Risk Distribution

31. Transfer of Ownership

- 31.1 Ownership of the Plant (including spare parts) to be imported into the country where the Site is located shall be transferred to the Employer upon loading on to the mode of transport to be used to convey the Plant from the country of origin to that country.
- 31.2 Ownership of the Plant (including spare parts) procured in the country where the Site is located shall be transferred to the Employer when the Plant are brought on to the Site.
- 31.3 Ownership of the Contractor's Equipment used by the Contractor and its Subcontractors in connection with the Contract shall remain with the Contractor or its Subcontractors.
- 31.4 Ownership of any Plant in excess of the requirements for the Facilities shall revert to the Contractor upon Completion of the Facilities or at such earlier time when the Employer and the Contractor agree that the Plant in question are no longer required for the Facilities.
- 31.5 Notwithstanding the transfer of ownership of the Plant, the responsibility for care and custody thereof together with the risk of loss or damage thereto shall remain with the Contractor pursuant to GC Clause 32 (Care of Facilities) hereof until Completion of the Facilities or the part thereof in which such Plant are incorporated.

32. Care of Facilities

- 32.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the care and custody of the Facilities or any part thereof until the date of Completion of the Facilities pursuant to GC Clause 24 or, where the Contract provides for Completion of the Facilities in parts, until the date of Completion of the relevant part, and shall make good at its own cost any loss or damage that may occur to the Facilities or the relevant part thereof from any cause whatsoever during such period. The Contractor shall also be responsible for any loss or damage to the Facilities caused by the Contractor or its Subcontractors in the course of any work carried out, pursuant to GC Clause 27. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the Facilities or that part thereof caused by reason of any of the matters specified or referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of GC Sub-Clauses 32.2 and 38.1.

32.2 If any loss or damage occurs to the Facilities or any part thereof or to the Contractor's temporary facilities by reason of

- (a) insofar as they relate to the country where the Site is located, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation, radioactive contamination, pressure wave caused by aircraft or other aerial objects, or any other occurrences that an experienced contractor could not reasonably foresee, or if reasonably foreseeable could not reasonably make provision for or insure against, insofar as such risks are not normally insurable on the insurance market and are mentioned in the general exclusions of the policy of insurance, including War Risks and Political Risks, taken out under GC Clause 34 hereof; or
- (b) any use or occupation by the Employer or any third Party other than a Subcontractor, authorized by the Employer of any part of the Facilities; or
- (c) any use of or reliance upon any design, data or specification provided or designated by or on behalf of the Employer, or any such matter for which the Contractor has disclaimed responsibility herein,

the Employer shall pay to the Contractor all sums payable in respect of the Facilities executed, notwithstanding that the same be lost, destroyed or damaged, and will pay to the Contractor the replacement value of all temporary facilities and all parts thereof lost, destroyed or damaged. If the Employer requests the Contractor in writing to make good any loss or damage to the Facilities thereby occasioned, the Contractor shall make good the same at the cost of the Employer in accordance with GC Clause 39. If the Employer does not request the Contractor in writing to make good any loss or damage to the Facilities thereby occasioned, the Employer shall either request a change in accordance with GC Clause 39, excluding the performance of that part of the Facilities thereby lost, destroyed or damaged, or, where the loss or damage affects a substantial part of the Facilities, the Employer shall terminate the Contract pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 42.1 hereof.

32.3 The Contractor shall be liable for any loss of or damage to any Contractor's Equipment, or any other property of the Contractor used or intended to be used for purposes of the Facilities, except (i) as mentioned in GC Sub-Clause 32.2 with respect to the Contractor's temporary facilities, and (ii) where such loss or damage arises by reason of any of the matters specified in GC

Sub-Clauses 32.2 (b) and (c) and 38.1.

- 32.4 With respect to any loss or damage caused to the Facilities or any part thereof or to the Contractor's Equipment by reason of any of the matters specified in GC Sub-Clause 38.1, the provisions of GC Sub-Clause 38.3 shall apply.
- 33. Loss of or Damage to Property; Accident or Injury to Workers; Indemnification**
- 33.1 Subject to GC Sub-Clause 33.3, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Employer and its employees and officers from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of whatsoever nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, in respect of the death or injury of any person or loss of or damage to any property other than the Facilities whether accepted or not, arising in connection with the supply and installation of the Facilities and by reason of the negligence of the Contractor or its Subcontractors, or their employees, officers or agents, except any injury, death or property damage caused by the negligence of the Employer, its contractors, employees, officers or agents.
- 33.2 If any proceedings are brought or any claim is made against the Employer that might subject the Contractor to liability under GC Sub-Clause 33.1, the Employer shall promptly give the Contractor a notice thereof and the Contractor may at its own expense and in the Employer's name conduct such proceedings or claim and any negotiations for the settlement of any such proceedings or claim.
- If the Contractor fails to notify the Employer within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of such notice that it intends to conduct any such proceedings or claim, then the Employer shall be free to conduct the same on its own behalf. Unless the Contractor has so failed to notify the Employer within the twenty-eight (28) day period, the Employer shall make no admission that may be prejudicial to the defense of any such proceedings or claim.
- The Employer shall, at the Contractor's request, afford all available assistance to the Contractor in conducting such proceedings or claim, and shall be reimbursed by the Contractor for all reasonable expenses incurred in so doing.
- 33.3 The Employer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Contractor and its employees, officers and Subcontractors from any liability for loss of or damage to property of the Employer, other than the Facilities not yet taken over, that is caused by fire, explosion or any other perils, in excess of the amount recoverable from insurances procured under GC Clause 34, provided that such

fire, explosion or other perils were not caused by any act or failure of the Contractor.

33.4 The Party entitled to the benefit of an indemnity under this GC Clause 33 shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate any loss or damage which has occurred. If the Party fails to take such measures, the other Party's liabilities shall be correspondingly reduced.

34. Insurance

34.1 To the extent specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Insurance Requirements, the Contractor shall at its expense take out and maintain in effect, or cause to be taken out and maintained in effect, during the performance of the Contract, the insurances set forth below in the sums and with the deductibles and other conditions specified in the said Appendix. The identity of the insurers and the form of the policies shall be subject to the approval of the Employer, who should not unreasonably withhold such approval.

(a) Cargo Insurance During Transport

Covering loss or damage occurring while in transit from the Contractor's or Subcontractor's works or stores until arrival at the Site, to the Plant (including spare parts therefor) and to the Contractor's Equipment.

(b) Installation All Risks Insurance

Covering physical loss or damage to the Facilities at the Site, occurring prior to Completion of the Facilities, with an extended maintenance coverage for the Contractor's liability in respect of any loss or damage occurring during the Defect Liability Period while the Contractor is on the Site for the purpose of performing its obligations during the Defect Liability Period.

(c) Third Party Liability Insurance

Covering bodily injury or death suffered by third Parties including the Employer's personnel, and loss of or damage to property occurring in connection with the supply and installation of the Facilities.

(d) Automobile Liability Insurance

Covering use of all vehicles used by the Contractor or its Subcontractors, whether or not owned by them, in connection with the execution of the Contract.

(e) Workers' Compensation

In accordance with the statutory requirements applicable in any country where the Contract or any part thereof is executed.

(f) Employer's Liability

In accordance with the statutory requirements applicable in any country where the Contract or any part thereof is executed.

(g) Other Insurances

Such other insurances as may be specifically agreed upon by the Parties hereto as listed in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Insurance Requirements.

34.2 The Employer shall be named as co-insured under all insurance policies taken out by the Contractor pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 34.1, except for the Third Party Liability, Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurances, and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall be named as co-insureds under all insurance policies taken out by the Contractor pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 34.1 except for the Cargo Insurance During Transport, Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurances. All insurer's rights of subrogation against such co-insureds for losses or claims arising out of the performance of the Contract shall be waived under such policies.

34.3 The Contractor shall, in accordance with the provisions of the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Insurance Requirements, deliver to the Employer certificates of insurance or copies of the insurance policies as evidence that the required policies are in full force and effect. The certificates shall provide that no less than twenty-one (21) days' notice shall be given to the Employer by insurers prior to cancellation or material modification of a policy.

34.4 The Contractor shall ensure that, where applicable, its Subcontractor(s) shall take out and maintain in effect adequate insurance policies for their personnel and vehicles and for work executed by them under the Contract, unless such Subcontractors are covered by the policies taken out by the Contractor.

34.5 The Employer shall at its expense take out and maintain in effect during the performance of the Contract those insurances specified in the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Insurance Requirements, in the sums and with the deductibles

and other conditions specified in the said Appendix. The Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall be named as co-insureds under all such policies. All insurers' rights of subrogation against such co-insureds for losses or claims arising out of the performance of the Contract shall be waived under such policies. The Employer shall deliver to the Contractor satisfactory evidence that the required insurances are in full force and effect. The policies shall provide that not less than twenty-one (21) days' notice shall be given to the Contractor by all insurers prior to any cancellation or material modification of the policies. If so requested by the Contractor, the Employer shall provide copies of the policies taken out by the Employer under this GC Sub-Clause 34.5.

- 34.6 If the Contractor fails to take out and/or maintain in effect the insurances referred to in GC Sub-Clause 34.1, the Employer may take out and maintain in effect any such insurances and may from time to time deduct from any amount due the Contractor under the Contract any premium that the Employer shall have paid to the insurer, or may otherwise recover such amount as a debt due from the Contractor. If the Employer fails to take out and/or maintain in effect the insurances referred to in GC 34.5, the Contractor may take out and maintain in effect any such insurances and may from time to time deduct from any amount due the Employer under the Contract any premium that the Contractor shall have paid to the insurer, or may otherwise recover such amount as a debt due from the Employer. If the Contractor fails to or is unable to take out and maintain in effect any such insurances, the Contractor shall nevertheless have no liability or responsibility towards the Employer, and the Contractor shall have full recourse against the Employer for any and all liabilities of the Employer herein.
- 34.7 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, the Contractor shall prepare and conduct all and any claims made under the policies effected by it pursuant to this GC Clause 34, and all monies payable by any insurers shall be paid to the Contractor. The Employer shall give to the Contractor all such reasonable assistance as may be required by the Contractor. With respect to insurance claims in which the Employer's interest is involved, the Contractor shall not give any release or make any compromise with the insurer without the prior written consent of the Employer. With respect to insurance claims in which the Contractor's interest is involved, the Employer shall not give any release or make any compromise with the insurer without the prior written consent of the Contractor.

35. Unforeseen Conditions

35.1 If, during the execution of the Contract, the Contractor shall encounter on the Site any physical conditions other than climatic conditions, or artificial obstructions that could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the date of the Contract Agreement by an experienced contractor on the basis of reasonable examination of the data relating to the Facilities including any data as to boring tests, provided by the Employer, and on the basis of information that it could have obtained from a visual inspection of the Site if access thereto was available, or other data readily available to it relating to the Facilities, and if the Contractor determines that it will in consequence of such conditions or obstructions incur additional cost and expense or require additional time to perform its obligations under the Contract that would not have been required if such physical conditions or artificial obstructions had not been encountered, the Contractor shall promptly, and before performing additional work or using additional Plant or Contractor's Equipment, notify the Project Manager in writing of

- (a) the physical conditions or artificial obstructions on the Site that could not have been reasonably foreseen;
- (b) the additional work and/or Plant and/or Contractor's Equipment required, including the steps which the Contractor will or proposes to take to overcome such conditions or obstructions;
- (c) the extent of the anticipated delay; and
- (d) the additional cost and expense that the Contractor is likely to incur.

On receiving any notice from the Contractor under this GC Sub-Clause 35.1, the Project Manager shall promptly consult with the Employer and Contractor and decide upon the actions to be taken to overcome the physical conditions or artificial obstructions encountered. Following such consultations, the Project Manager shall instruct the Contractor, with a copy to the Employer, of the actions to be taken.

35.2 Any reasonable additional cost and expense incurred by the Contractor in following the instructions from the Project Manager to overcome such physical conditions or artificial obstructions referred to in GC Sub-Clause 35.1 shall be paid by the Employer to the Contractor as an addition to the Contract Price.

If the Contractor is delayed or impeded in the performance of the Contract because of any such physical conditions or artificial obstructions referred to in GC Sub-Clause 35.1, the Time for Completion shall be extended in accordance with GC Clause 40.

**36. Change in
Laws and
Regulations**

36.1 If, after the date twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of Bid submission, in the country where the Site is located, any law, regulation, ordinance, order or by-law having the force of law is enacted, promulgated, abrogated or changed which shall be deemed to include any change in interpretation or application by the competent authorities, that subsequently affects the costs and expenses of the Contractor and/or the Time for Completion, the Contract Price shall be correspondingly increased or decreased, and/or the Time for Completion shall be reasonably adjusted to the extent that the Contractor has thereby been affected in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such additional or reduced costs shall not be separately paid or credited if the same has already been accounted for in the price adjustment provisions where applicable, in accordance with the PC pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 11.2.

**37. Force
Majeure**

37.1 "Force Majeure" shall mean any event beyond the reasonable control of the Employer or of the Contractor, as the case may be, and which is unavoidable notwithstanding the reasonable care of the Party affected, and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (a) war, hostilities or warlike operations whether a state of war be declared or not, invasion, act of foreign enemy and civil war
- (b) rebellion, revolution, insurrection, mutiny, usurpation of civil or military government, conspiracy, riot, civil commotion and terrorist acts
- (c) confiscation, nationalization, mobilization, commandeering or requisition by or under the order of any government or de jure or de facto authority or ruler or any other act or failure to act of any local state or national government authority
- (d) strike, sabotage, lockout, embargo, import restriction, port congestion, lack of usual means of public transportation and communication, industrial dispute, shipwreck, shortage or restriction of power supply, epidemics, quarantine and plague
- (e) earthquake, landslide, volcanic activity, fire, flood or

inundation, tidal wave, typhoon or cyclone, hurricane, storm, lightning, or other inclement weather condition, nuclear and pressure waves or other natural or physical disaster

- (f) shortage of labor, materials or utilities where caused by circumstances that are themselves Force Majeure.

37.2 If either Party is prevented, hindered or delayed from or in performing any of its obligations under the Contract by an event of Force Majeure, then it shall notify the other in writing of the occurrence of such event and the circumstances thereof within fourteen (14) days after the occurrence of such event.

37.3 The Party who has given such notice shall be excused from the performance or punctual performance of its obligations under the Contract for so long as the relevant event of Force Majeure continues and to the extent that such Party's performance is prevented, hindered or delayed. The Time for Completion shall be extended in accordance with GC Clause 40.

37.4 The Party or Parties affected by the event of Force Majeure shall use reasonable efforts to mitigate the effect thereof upon its or their performance of the Contract and to fulfill its or their obligations under the Contract, but without prejudice to either Party's right to terminate the Contract under GC Sub-Clauses 37.6 and 38.5.

37.5 No delay or nonperformance by either Party hereto caused by the occurrence of any event of Force Majeure shall

- (a) constitute a default or breach of the Contract, or
- (b) give rise to any claim for damages or additional cost or expense occasioned thereby, subject to GC Sub-Clauses 32.2, 38.3 and 38.4

if and to the extent that such delay or nonperformance is caused by the occurrence of an event of Force Majeure.

37.6 If the performance of the Contract is substantially prevented, hindered or delayed for a single period of more than sixty (60) days or an aggregate period of more than one hundred and twenty (120) days on account of one or more events of Force Majeure during the currency of the Contract, the Parties will attempt to develop a mutually satisfactory solution, failing which either Party may terminate the Contract by giving a notice to the other, but without prejudice to either Party's right to terminate

the Contract under GC Sub-Clause 38.5.

37.7 In the event of termination pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 37.6, the rights and obligations of the Employer and the Contractor shall be as specified in GC Sub-Clauses 42.1.2 and 42.1.3.

37.8 Notwithstanding GC Sub-Clause 37.5, Force Majeure shall not apply to any obligation of the Employer to make payments to the Contractor herein.

38. War Risks

38.1 “War Risks” shall mean any event specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of GC Sub-Clause 37.1 and any explosion or impact of any mine, bomb, shell, grenade or other projectile, missile, munitions or explosive of war, occurring or existing in or near the country (or countries) where the Site is located.

38.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Contract, the Contractor shall have no liability whatsoever for or with respect to

- (a) destruction of or damage to Facilities, Plant, or any part thereof;
- (b) destruction of or damage to property of the Employer or any third Party; or
- (c) injury or loss of life

if such destruction, damage, injury or loss of life is caused by any War Risks, and the Employer shall indemnify and hold the Contractor harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, actions, lawsuits, damages, costs, charges or expenses arising in consequence of or in connection with the same.

38.3 If the Facilities or any Plant or Contractor’s Equipment or any other property of the Contractor used or intended to be used for the purposes of the Facilities shall sustain destruction or damage by reason of any War Risks, the Employer shall pay the Contractor for

- (a) any part of the Facilities or the Plant so destroyed or damaged to the extent not already paid for by the Employer

and so far as may be required by the Employer, and as may be necessary for completion of the Facilities

- (b) replacing or making good any Contractor’s Equipment or other property of the Contractor so destroyed or damaged
- (c) replacing or making good any such destruction or damage

to the Facilities or the Plant or any part thereof .

If the Employer does not require the Contractor to replace or make good any such destruction or damage to the Facilities, the Employer shall either request a change in accordance with GC Clause 39, excluding the performance of that part of the Facilities thereby destroyed or damaged or, where the loss, destruction or damage affects a substantial part of the Facilities, shall terminate the Contract, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 42.1.

If the Employer requires the Contractor to replace or make good on any such destruction or damage to the Facilities, the Time for Completion shall be extended in accordance with GC 40.

- 38.4 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Contract, the Employer shall pay the Contractor for any increased costs or incidentals to the execution of the Contract that are in any way attributable to, consequent on, resulting from, or in any way connected with any War Risks, provided that the Contractor shall as soon as practicable notify the Employer in writing of any such increased cost.
- 38.5 If during the performance of the Contract any War Risks shall occur that financially or otherwise materially affect the execution of the Contract by the Contractor, the Contractor shall use its reasonable efforts to execute the Contract with due and proper consideration given to the safety of its and its Subcontractors' personnel engaged in the work on the Facilities, provided, however, that if the execution of the work on the Facilities becomes impossible or is substantially prevented for a single period of more than sixty (60) days or an aggregate period of more than one hundred and twenty (120) days on account of any War Risks, the Parties will attempt to develop a mutually satisfactory solution, failing which either Party may terminate the Contract by giving a notice to the other.
- 38.6 In the event of termination pursuant to GC Sub-Clauses 38.3 or 38.5, the rights and obligations of the Employer and the Contractor shall be specified in GC Sub-Clauses 42.1.2 and 42.1.3.

Change in Contract Elements

39. Change in the Facilities

39.1 Introducing a Change

39.1.1 Subject to GC Sub-Clauses 39.2.5 and 39.2.7, the Employer shall have the right to propose, and subsequently require, that the Project Manager order the Contractor

from time to time during the performance of the Contract to make any change, modification, addition or deletion to, in or from the Facilities hereinafter called "Change", provided that such Change falls within the general scope of the Facilities and does not constitute unrelated work and that it is technically practicable, taking into account both the state of advancement of the Facilities and the technical compatibility of the Change envisaged with the nature of the Facilities as specified in the Contract.

39.1.2 The Contractor may from time to time during its performance of the Contract propose to the Employer with a copy to the Project Manager, any Change that the Contractor considers necessary or desirable to improve the quality, efficiency or safety of the Facilities. The Employer may at its discretion approve or reject any Change proposed by the Contractor, provided that the Employer shall approve any Change proposed by the Contractor to ensure the safety of the Facilities.

39.1.3 Notwithstanding GC Sub-Clauses 39.1.1 and 39.1.2, no change made necessary because of any default of the Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Contract shall be deemed to be a Change, and such change shall not result in any adjustment of the Contract Price or the Time for Completion.

39.1.4 The procedure on how to proceed with and execute Changes is specified in GC Sub-Clauses 39.2 and 39.3, and further details and forms are provided in the Employer's Requirements (Forms and Procedures).

39.2 Changes Originating from Employer

39.2.1 If the Employer proposes a Change pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 39.1.1, it shall send to the Contractor a "Request for Change Proposal," requiring the Contractor to prepare and furnish to the Project Manager as soon as reasonably practicable a "Change Proposal," which shall include the following:

- (a) brief description of the Change
- (b) effect on the Time for Completion
- (c) estimated cost of the Change
- (d) effect on Functional Guarantees (if any)

- (e) effect on the Facilities
- (f) effect on any other provisions of the Contract.

39.2.2 Prior to preparing and submitting the “Change Proposal,” the Contractor shall submit to the Project Manager an “Estimate for Change Proposal,” which shall be an estimate of the cost of preparing and submitting the Change Proposal.

Upon receipt of the Contractor’s Estimate for Change Proposal, the Employer shall do one of the following:

- (a) accept the Contractor’s estimate with instructions to the Contractor to proceed with the preparation of the Change Proposal
- (b) advise the Contractor of any part of its Estimate for Change Proposal that is unacceptable and request the Contractor to review its estimate
- (c) advise the Contractor that the Employer does not intend to proceed with the Change.

39.2.3 Upon receipt of the Employer’s instruction to proceed under GC Sub-Clause 39.2.2 (a), the Contractor shall, with proper expedition, proceed with the preparation of the Change Proposal, in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 39.2.1.

39.2.4 The pricing of any Change shall, as far as practicable, be calculated in accordance with the rates and prices included in the Contract. If such rates and prices are inequitable, the Parties thereto shall agree on specific rates for the valuation of the Change.

39.2.5 If before or during the preparation of the Change Proposal it becomes apparent that the aggregate effect of compliance therewith and with all other Change Orders that have already become binding upon the Contractor under this GC Clause 39 would be to increase or decrease the Contract Price as originally set forth in Article 2 (Contract Price) of the Contract Agreement by more than fifteen percent (15%), the Contractor may give a written notice of objection thereto prior to furnishing the Change Proposal as aforesaid. If the Employer accepts the Contractor’s objection, the Employer shall withdraw the proposed Change and shall notify the Contractor in

writing thereof.

The Contractor's failure to so object shall neither affect its right to object to any subsequent requested Changes or Change Orders herein, nor affect its right to take into account, when making such subsequent objection, the percentage increase or decrease in the Contract Price that any Change not objected to by the Contractor represents.

39.2.6 Upon receipt of the Change Proposal, the Employer and the Contractor shall mutually agree upon all matters therein contained. Within fourteen (14) days after such agreement, the Employer shall, if it intends to proceed with the Change, issue the Contractor with a Change Order.

If the Employer is unable to reach a decision within fourteen (14) days, it shall notify the Contractor with details of when the Contractor can expect a decision.

If the Employer decides not to proceed with the Change for whatever reason, it shall, within the said period of fourteen (14) days, notify the Contractor accordingly. Under such circumstances, the Contractor shall be entitled to reimbursement of all costs reasonably incurred by it in the preparation of the Change Proposal, provided that these do not exceed the amount given by the Contractor in its Estimate for Change Proposal submitted in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 39.2.2.

39.2.7 If the Employer and the Contractor cannot reach agreement on the price for the Change, an equitable adjustment to the Time for Completion, or any other matters identified in the Change Proposal, the Employer may nevertheless instruct the Contractor to proceed with the Change by issue of a "Pending Agreement Change Order."

Upon receipt of a Pending Agreement Change Order, the Contractor shall immediately proceed with effecting the Changes covered by such Order. The Parties shall thereafter attempt to reach agreement on the outstanding issues under the Change Proposal.

If the Parties cannot reach agreement within sixty (60) days from the date of issue of the Pending Agreement Change Order, then the matter may be referred to the Dispute Board in accordance with the provisions of GC

Sub-Clause 46.1.

39.3 Changes Originating from Contractor

39.3.1 If the Contractor proposes a Change pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 39.1.2, the Contractor shall submit to the Project Manager a written "Application for Change Proposal," giving reasons for the proposed Change and including the information specified in GC Sub-Clause 39.2.1.

Upon receipt of the Application for Change Proposal, the Parties shall follow the procedures outlined in GC Sub-Clauses 39.2.6 and 39.2.7. However, should the Employer choose not to proceed, the Contractor shall not be entitled to recover the costs of preparing the Application for Change Proposal.

40. Extension of Time for Completion

40.1 The Time(s) for Completion specified in the PC pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 8.2 shall be extended if the Contractor is delayed or impeded in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract by reason of any of the following:

- (a) any Change in the Facilities as provided in GC Clause 39
- (b) any occurrence of Force Majeure as provided in GC Clause 37, unforeseen conditions as provided in GC Clause 35, or other occurrence of any of the matters specified or referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of GC Sub-Clause 32.2
- (c) any suspension order given by the Employer under GC Clause 41 hereof or reduction in the rate of progress pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 41.2 or
- (d) any changes in laws and regulations as provided in GC Clause 36 or
- (e) any default or breach of the Contract by the Employer, Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled ,or any activity, act or omission of the Employer, or the Project Manager, or any other contractors employed by the Employer, or
- (f) any delay on the part of a sub-contractor, provided such delay is due to a cause for which the Contractor himself would have been entitled to an extension of time under this sub-clause, or
- (g) delays attributable to the Employer or caused by customs, or

(h) any other matter specifically mentioned in the Contract

by such period as shall be fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and as shall fairly reflect the delay or impediment sustained by the Contractor.

40.2 Except where otherwise specifically provided in the Contract, the Contractor shall submit to the Project Manager a notice of a claim for an extension of the Time for Completion, together with particulars of the event or circumstance justifying such extension as soon as reasonably practicable after the commencement of such event or circumstance. As soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of such notice and supporting particulars of the claim, the Employer and the Contractor shall agree upon the period of such extension. In the event that the Contractor does not accept the Employer's estimate of a fair and reasonable time extension, the Contractor shall be entitled to refer the matter to a Dispute Board, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 46.1.

The Contractor shall at all times use its reasonable efforts to minimize any delay in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

In all cases where the Contractor has given a notice of a claim for an extension of time under GC 40.2, the Contractor shall consult with the Project Manager in order to determine the steps (if any) which can be taken to overcome or minimize the actual or anticipated delay. The Contractor shall there after comply with all reasonable instructions which the Project Manager shall give in order to minimize such delay. If compliance with such instructions shall cause the Contractor to incur extra costs and the Contractor is entitled to an extension of time under GC 40.1, the amount of such extra costs shall be added to the Contract Price.

41. Suspension

41.1 The Employer may request the Project Manager, by notice to the Contractor, to order the Contractor to suspend performance of any or all of its obligations under the Contract. Such notice shall specify the obligation of which performance is to be suspended, the effective date of the suspension and the reasons therefor. The Contractor shall thereupon suspend performance of such obligation, except those obligations necessary for the care or preservation of the Facilities, until ordered in writing to resume such performance by the Project Manager.

If, by virtue of a suspension order given by the Project Manager, other than by reason of the Contractor's default or breach of the Contract, the Contractor's performance of any of its obligations

is suspended for an aggregate period of more than ninety (90) days, then at any time thereafter and provided that at that time such performance is still suspended, the Contractor may give a notice to the Project Manager requiring that the Employer shall, within twenty-eight (28) days of receipt of the notice, order the resumption of such performance or request and subsequently order a change in accordance with GC Clause 39, excluding the performance of the suspended obligations from the Contract.

If the Employer fails to do so within such period, the Contractor may, by a further notice to the Project Manager, elect to treat the suspension, where it affects a part only of the Facilities, as a deletion of such part in accordance with GC Clause 39 or, where it affects the whole of the Facilities, as termination of the Contract under GC Sub-Clause 42.1.

41.2 If

- (a) the Employer has failed to pay the Contractor any sum due under the Contract within the specified period, has failed to approve any invoice or supporting documents without just cause pursuant to the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Terms and Procedures of Payment, or commits a substantial breach of the Contract, the Contractor may give a notice to the Employer that requires payment of such sum, with interest thereon as stipulated in GC Sub-Clause 12.3, requires approval of such invoice or supporting documents, or specifies the breach and requires the Employer to remedy the same, as the case may be. If the Employer fails to pay such sum together with such interest, fails to approve such invoice or supporting documents or give its reasons for withholding such approval, or fails to remedy the breach or take steps to remedy the breach within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the Contractor's notice or
- (b) the Contractor is unable to carry out any of its obligations under the Contract for any reason attributable to the Employer, including but not limited to the Employer's failure to provide possession of or access to the Site or other areas in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 10.2, or failure to obtain any governmental permit necessary for the execution and/or completion of the Facilities,

then the Contractor may by fourteen (14) days' notice to the Employer suspend performance of all or any of its obligations under the Contract, or reduce the rate of

progress.

- 41.3 If the Contractor's performance of its obligations is suspended or the rate of progress is reduced pursuant to this GC Clause 41, then the Time for Completion shall be extended in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 40.1, and any and all additional costs or expenses incurred by the Contractor as a result of such suspension or reduction shall be paid by the Employer to the Contractor in addition to the Contract Price, except in the case of suspension order or reduction in the rate of progress by reason of the Contractor's default or breach of the Contract.
- 41.4 During the period of suspension, the Contractor shall not remove from the Site any Plant, any part of the Facilities or any Contractor's Equipment, without the prior written consent of the Employer.

42. Termination

42.1 Termination for Employer's Convenience

42.1.1 The Employer may at any time terminate the Contract for any reason by giving the Contractor a notice of termination that refers to this GC Sub-Clause 42.1.

42.1.2 Upon receipt of the notice of termination under GC Sub-Clause 42.1.1, the Contractor shall either immediately or upon the date specified in the notice of termination

- (a) cease all further work, except for such work as the Employer may specify in the notice of termination for the sole purpose of protecting that part of the Facilities already executed, or any work required to leave the Site in a clean and safe condition
- (b) terminate all subcontracts, except those to be assigned to the Employer pursuant to paragraph (d) (ii) below
- (c) remove all Contractor's Equipment from the Site, repatriate the Contractor's and its Subcontractors' personnel from the Site, remove from the Site any wreckage, rubbish and debris of any kind, and leave the whole of the Site in a clean and safe condition, and
- (d) subject to the payment specified in GC Sub-Clause 42.1.3,
 - (i) deliver to the Employer the parts of the

Facilities executed by the Contractor up to the date of termination

- (ii) to the extent legally possible, assign to the Employer all right, title and benefit of the Contractor to the Facilities and to the Plant as of the date of termination, and, as may be required by the Employer, in any subcontracts concluded between the Contractor and its Subcontractors; and
- (iii) deliver to the Employer all non-proprietary drawings, specifications and other documents prepared by the Contractor or its Subcontractors as at the date of termination in connection with the Facilities.

42.1.3 In the event of termination of the Contract under GC Sub-Clause 42.1.1, the Employer shall pay to the Contractor the following amounts:

- (a) the Contract Price, properly attributable to the parts of the Facilities executed by the Contractor as of the date of termination
- (b) the costs reasonably incurred by the Contractor in the removal of the Contractor's Equipment from the Site and in the repatriation of the Contractor's and its Subcontractors' personnel
- (c) any amounts to be paid by the Contractor to its Subcontractors in connection with the termination of any subcontracts, including any cancellation charges
- (d) costs incurred by the Contractor in protecting the Facilities and leaving the Site in a clean and safe condition pursuant to paragraph (a) of GC Sub-Clause 42.1.2
- (e) the cost of satisfying all other obligations, commitments and claims that the Contractor may in good faith have undertaken with third Parties in connection with the Contract and that are not covered by paragraphs (a) through (d) above.

42.2 Termination for Contractor's Default

42.2.1 The Employer, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies it may possess, may terminate the Contract

forthwith in the following circumstances by giving a notice of termination and its reasons therefor to the Contractor, referring to this GC Sub-Clause 42.2:

- (a) if the Contractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent, has a receiving order issued against it, compounds with its creditors, or, if the Contractor is a corporation, a resolution is passed or order is made for its winding up, other than a voluntary liquidation for the purposes of amalgamation or reconstruction, a receiver is appointed over any part of its undertaking or assets, or if the Contractor takes or suffers any other analogous action in consequence of debt
- (b) if the Contractor assigns or transfers the Contract or any right or interest therein in violation of the provision of GC Clause 43.
- (c) if the Contractor, in the judgment of the Employer has engaged in corrupt, collusive, coercive, or fraudulent practices, as defined in GC Clause 6, in competing for or in executing the Contract.

42.2.2 If the Contractor

- (a) has abandoned or repudiated the Contract
- (b) has without valid reason failed to commence work on the Facilities promptly or has suspended, other than pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 41.2, the progress of Contract performance for more than twenty-eight (28) days after receiving a written instruction from the Employer to proceed
- (c) persistently fails to execute the Contract in accordance with the Contract or persistently neglects to carry out its obligations under the Contract without just cause
- (d) refuses or is unable to provide sufficient materials, services or labor to execute and complete the Facilities in the manner specified in the program furnished under GC Sub-Clause 18.2 at rates of progress that give reasonable assurance to the Employer that the Contractor can attain Completion of the Facilities by the Time for Completion as extended,

then the Employer may, without prejudice to any other

rights it may possess under the Contract, give a notice to the Contractor stating the nature of the default and requiring the Contractor to remedy the same. If the Contractor fails to remedy or to take steps to remedy the same within fourteen (14) days of its receipt of such notice, then the Employer may terminate the Contract forthwith by giving a notice of termination to the Contractor that refers to this GC Sub-Clause 42.2.

42.2.3 Upon receipt of the notice of termination under GC Sub-Clauses 42.2.1 or 42.2.2, the Contractor shall, either immediately or upon such date as is specified in the notice of termination,

- (a) cease all further work, except for such work as the Employer may specify in the notice of termination for the sole purpose of protecting that part of the Facilities already executed, or any work required to leave the Site in a clean and safe condition
- (b) terminate all subcontracts, except those to be assigned to the Employer pursuant to paragraph (d) below
- (c) deliver to the Employer the parts of the Facilities executed by the Contractor up to the date of termination
- (d) to the extent legally possible, assign to the Employer all right, title and benefit of the Contractor to the Facilities and to the Plant as of the date of termination, and, as may be required by the Employer, in any subcontracts concluded between the Contractor and its Subcontractors
- (e) deliver to the Employer all drawings, specifications and other documents prepared by the Contractor or its Subcontractors as of the date of termination in connection with the Facilities.

42.2.4 The Employer may enter upon the Site, expel the Contractor, and complete the Facilities itself or by employing any third Party. The Employer may, to the exclusion of any right of the Contractor over the same, take over and use with the payment of a fair rental rate to the Contractor, with all the maintenance costs to the account of the Employer and with an indemnification by the Employer for all liability including damage or injury to

persons arising out of the Employer's use of such equipment, any Contractor's Equipment owned by the Contractor and on the Site in connection with the Facilities for such reasonable period as the Employer considers expedient for the supply and installation of the Facilities.

Upon completion of the Facilities or at such earlier date as the Employer thinks appropriate, the Employer shall give notice to the Contractor that such Contractor's Equipment will be returned to the Contractor at or near the Site and shall return such Contractor's Equipment to the Contractor in accordance with such notice. The Contractor shall thereafter without delay and at its cost remove or arrange removal of the same from the Site.

42.2.5 Subject to GC Sub-Clause 42.2.6, the Contractor shall be entitled to be paid the Contract Price attributable to the Facilities executed as of the date of termination, the value of any unused or partially used Plant on the Site, and the costs, if any, incurred in protecting the Facilities and in leaving the Site in a clean and safe condition pursuant to paragraph (a) of GC Sub-Clause 42.2.3. Any sums due the Employer from the Contractor accruing prior to the date of termination shall be deducted from the amount to be paid to the Contractor under this Contract.

42.2.6 If the Employer completes the Facilities, the cost of completing the Facilities by the Employer shall be determined.

If the sum that the Contractor is entitled to be paid, pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 42.2.5, plus the reasonable costs incurred by the Employer in completing the Facilities, exceeds the Contract Price, the Contractor shall be liable for such excess.

If such excess is greater than the sums due the Contractor under GC Sub-Clause 42.2.5, the Contractor shall pay the balance to the Employer, and if such excess is less than the sums due the Contractor under GC Sub-Clause 42.2.5, the Employer shall pay the balance to the Contractor.

The Employer and the Contractor shall agree, in writing, on the computation described above and the manner in which any sums shall be paid.

42.3 Termination by the Contractor

42.3.1 If

- (a) the Employer has failed to pay the Contractor any sum due under the Contract within the specified period, has failed to approve any invoice or supporting documents without just cause pursuant to the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Terms and Procedures of Payment, or commits a substantial breach of the Contract, the Contractor may give a notice to the Employer that requires payment of such sum, with interest thereon as stipulated in GC Sub-Clause 12.3, requires approval of such invoice or supporting documents, or specifies the breach and requires the Employer to remedy the same, as the case may be. If the Employer fails to pay such sum together with such interest, fails to approve such invoice or supporting documents or give its reasons for withholding such approval, fails to remedy the breach or take steps to remedy the breach within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the Contractor's notice, or
- (b) the Contractor is unable to carry out any of its obligations under the Contract for any reason attributable to the Employer, including but not limited to the Employer's failure to provide possession of or access to the Site or other areas or failure to obtain any governmental permit necessary for the execution and/or completion of the Facilities,

then the Contractor may give a notice to the Employer thereof, and if the Employer has failed to pay the outstanding sum, to approve the invoice or supporting documents, to give its reasons for withholding such approval, or to remedy the breach within twenty-eight (28) days of such notice, or if the Contractor is still unable to carry out any of its obligations under the Contract for any reason attributable to the Employer within twenty-eight (28) days of the said notice, the Contractor may by a further notice to the Employer referring to this GC Sub-Clause 42.3.1, forthwith terminate the Contract.

- 42.3.2 The Contractor may terminate the Contract forthwith by giving a notice to the Employer to that effect, referring to this GC Sub-Clause 42.3.2, if the Employer becomes bankrupt or insolvent, has a receiving order issued against it, compounds with its creditors, or, being a corporation, if

a resolution is passed or order is made for its winding up (other than a voluntary liquidation for the purposes of amalgamation or reconstruction), a receiver is appointed over any part of its undertaking or assets, or if the Employer takes or suffers any other analogous action in consequence of debt.

42.3.3 If the Contract is terminated under GC Sub-Clauses 42.3.1 or 42.3.2, then the Contractor shall immediately

- (a) cease all further work, except for such work as may be necessary for the purpose of protecting that part of the Facilities already executed, or any work required to leave the Site in a clean and safe condition
- (b) terminate all subcontracts, except those to be assigned to the Employer pursuant to paragraph (d)
 - (i)
- (c) remove all Contractor's Equipment from the Site and repatriate the Contractor's and its Subcontractors' personnel from the Site, and
- (d) subject to the payment specified in GC Sub-Clause 42.3.4,
 - (i) deliver to the Employer the parts of the Facilities executed by the Contractor up to the date of termination
 - (ii) to the extent legally possible, assign to the Employer all right, title and benefit of the Contractor to the Facilities and to the Plant as of the date of termination, and, as may be required by the Employer, in any subcontracts concluded between the Contractor and its Subcontractors, and
 - (iii) deliver to the Employer all drawings, specifications and other documents prepared by the Contractor or its Subcontractors as of the date of termination in connection with the Facilities.

42.3.4 If the Contract is terminated under GC Sub-Clauses 42.3.1 or 42.3.2, the Employer shall pay to the Contractor all payments specified in GC Sub-Clause 42.1.3, and reasonable compensation for all loss, except for loss of

profit, or damage sustained by the Contractor arising out of, in connection with or in consequence of such termination.

42.3.5 Termination by the Contractor pursuant to this GC Sub-Clause 42.3 is without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Contractor that may be exercised in lieu of or in addition to rights conferred by GC Sub-Clause 42.3.

42.4 In this GC Clause 42, the expression “Facilities executed” shall include all work executed, Installation Services provided, and all Plant acquired, or subject to a legally binding obligation to purchase, by the Contractor and used or intended to be used for the purpose of the Facilities, up to and including the date of termination.

42.5 In this GC Clause 42, in calculating any monies due from the Employer to the Contractor, account shall be taken of any sum previously paid by the Employer to the Contractor under the Contract, including any advance payment paid pursuant to the Appendix to the Contract Agreement titled Terms and Procedures of Payment.

43. Assignment

43.1 Neither the Employer nor the Contractor shall, without the express prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, assign to any third Party the Contract or any part thereof, or any right, benefit, obligation or interest therein or thereunder, except that the Contractor shall be entitled to assign either absolutely or by way of charge any monies due and payable to it or that may become due and payable to it under the Contract.

44. Export Restrictions

44.1 Notwithstanding any obligation under the Contract to complete all export formalities, any export restrictions attributable to the Employer, to the country of the Employer or to the use of the Plant and Installation Services to be supplied which arise from trade regulations from a country supplying those Plant and Installation Services, and which substantially impede the Contractor from meeting its obligations under the Contract, shall release the Contractor from the obligation to provide deliveries or services, always provided, however, that the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Employer and of the Bank that it has completed all formalities in a timely manner, including applying for permits, authorizations and licenses necessary for the export of the Plant and Installation Services under the terms of the Contract. Termination of the Contract on this basis shall be for the Employer’s convenience pursuant to

Sub-Clause 42.1.

Claims, Disputes and Arbitration

45. Contractor's Claims

45.1 If the Contractor considers himself to be entitled to any extension of the Time for Completion and/or any additional payment, under any Clause of these Conditions or otherwise in connection with the Contract, the Contractor shall submit a notice to the Project Manager, describing the event or circumstance giving rise to the claim. The notice shall be given as soon as practicable, and not later than 28 days after the Contractor became aware, or should have become aware, of the event or circumstance.

If the Contractor fails to give notice of a claim within such period of 28 days, the Time for Completion shall not be extended, the Contractor shall not be entitled to additional payment, and the Employer shall be discharged from all liability in connection with the claim. Otherwise, the following provisions of this Sub-Clause shall apply.

The Contractor shall also submit any other notices which are required by the Contract, and supporting particulars for the claim, all as relevant to such event or circumstance.

The Contractor shall keep such contemporary records as may be necessary to substantiate any claim, either on the Site or at another location acceptable to the Project Manager. Without admitting the Employer's liability, the Project Manager may, after receiving any notice under this Sub-Clause, monitor the record-keeping and/or instruct the Contractor to keep further contemporary records. The Contractor shall permit the Project Manager to inspect all these records, and shall (if instructed) submit copies to the Project Manager.

Within 42 days after the Contractor became aware (or should have become aware) of the event or circumstance giving rise to the claim, or within such other period as may be proposed by the Contractor and approved by the Project Manager, the Contractor shall send to the Project Manager a fully detailed claim which includes full supporting particulars of the basis of the claim and of the extension of time and/or additional payment claimed. If the event or circumstance giving rise to the claim has a continuing effect:

- (a) this fully detailed claim shall be considered as interim;
- (b) the Contractor shall send further interim claims at

monthly intervals, giving the accumulated delay and/or amount claimed, and such further particulars as the Project Manager may reasonably require; and

- (c) the Contractor shall send a final claim within 28 days after the end of the effects resulting from the event or circumstance, or within such other period as may be proposed by the Contractor and approved by the Project Manager.

Within 42 days after receiving a claim or any further particulars supporting a previous claim, or within such other period as may be proposed by the Project Manager and approved by the Contractor, the Project Manager shall respond with approval, or with disapproval and detailed comments. He may also request any necessary further particulars, but shall nevertheless give his response on the principles of the claim within such time.

Each Payment Certificate shall include such amounts for any claim as have been reasonably substantiated as due under the relevant provision of the Contract. Unless and until the particulars supplied are sufficient to substantiate the whole of the claim, the Contractor shall only be entitled to payment for such part of the claim as he has been able to substantiate.

The Project Manager shall agree with the Contractor or estimate: (i) the extension (if any) of the Time for Completion (before or after its expiry) in accordance with GC Clause 40, and/or (ii) the additional payment (if any) to which the Contractor is entitled under the Contract.

The requirements of this Sub-Clause are in addition to those of any other Sub-Clause which may apply to a claim. If the Contractor fails to comply with this or another Sub-Clause in relation to any claim, any extension of time and/or additional payment shall take account of the extent (if any) to which the failure has prevented or prejudiced proper investigation of the claim, unless the claim is excluded under the second paragraph of this Sub-Clause.

In the event that the Contractor and the Employer cannot agree on any matter relating to a claim, either Party may refer the matter to the Dispute Board pursuant to GC 46 hereof.

46. Disputes and Arbitration

46.1 Appointment of the Dispute Board

Disputes shall be referred to a DB for decision in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 46.3. The Parties shall appoint a DB by the

date stated in the PC.

The DB shall comprise, as stated in the PC, either one or three suitably qualified persons (“the members”), each of whom shall be fluent in the language for communication defined in the Contract and shall be a professional experienced in the type of activities involved in the performance of the Contract and with the interpretation of contractual documents. If the number is not so stated and the Parties do not agree otherwise, the DB shall comprise three persons, one of whom shall serve as chairman.

If the Parties have not jointly appointed the DB 21 days before the date stated in the PC and the DB is to comprise three persons, each Party shall nominate one member for the approval of the other Party. The first two members shall recommend and the Parties shall agree upon the third member, who shall act as chairman.

However, if a list of potential members is included in the PC, the members shall be selected from those on the list, other than anyone who is unable or unwilling to accept appointment to the DB.

The agreement between the Parties and either the sole member or each of the three members shall incorporate by reference the General Conditions of Dispute Board Agreement contained in the Appendix to these General Conditions, with such amendments as are agreed between them.

The terms of the remuneration of either the sole member or each of the three members, including the remuneration of any expert whom the DB consults, shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties when agreeing the terms of appointment of the member or such expert (as the case may be). Each Party shall be responsible for paying one-half of this remuneration.

If a member declines to act or is unable to act as a result of death, disability, resignation or termination of appointment, a replacement shall be appointed in the same manner as the replaced person was required to have been nominated or agreed upon, as described in this Sub-Clause.

The appointment of any member may be terminated by mutual agreement of both Parties, but not by the Employer or the Contractor acting alone. Unless otherwise agreed by both Parties, the appointment of the DB (including each member) shall expire when the Operational Acceptance Certificate has been issued in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 25.3.

46.2 Failure to Agree on the Composition of the Dispute Board

If any of the following conditions apply, namely:

- (a) the Parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the sole member of the DB by the date stated in the first paragraph of GC Sub-Clause 46.1,

either Party fails to nominate a member (for approval by the other Party) of a DB of three persons by such date,

the Parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the third member (to act as chairman) of the DB by such date, or

the Parties fail to agree upon the appointment of a replacement person within 42 days after the date on which the sole member or one of the three members declines to act or is unable to act as a result of death, disability, resignation or termination of appointment,

then the appointing entity or official **named in the PC** shall, upon the request of either or both of the Parties and after due consultation with both Parties, appoint this member of the DB. This appointment shall be final and conclusive. Each Party shall be responsible for paying one-half of the remuneration of the appointing entity or official.

46.3 Obtaining Dispute Board's Decision

If a dispute (of any kind whatsoever) arises between the Parties in connection with the performance of the Contract, including any dispute as to any certificate, determination, instruction, opinion or valuation of the Project Manager, either Party may refer the dispute in writing to the DB for its decision, with copies to the other Party and the Project Manager. Such reference shall state that it is given under this Sub-Clause.

For a DB of three persons, the DB shall be deemed to have received such reference on the date when it is received by the chairman of the DB.

Both Parties shall promptly make available to the DB all such additional information, further access to the Site, and appropriate facilities, as the DB may require for the purposes of making a decision on such dispute. The DB shall be deemed to be not acting as arbitrator(s).

Within 84 days after receiving such reference, or within such other period as may be proposed by the DB and approved by

both Parties, the DB shall give its decision, which shall be reasoned and shall state that it is given under this Sub-Clause. The decision shall be binding on both Parties, who shall promptly give effect to it unless and until it shall be revised in an amicable settlement or an arbitral award as described below. Unless the Contract has already been abandoned, repudiated or terminated, the Contractor shall continue with the performance of the Facilities in accordance with the Contract.

If either Party is dissatisfied with the DB's decision, then either Party may, within 28 days after receiving the decision, give notice to the other Party of its dissatisfaction and intention to commence arbitration. If the DB fails to give its decision within the period of 84 days (or as otherwise approved) after receiving such reference, then either Party may, within 28 days after this period has expired, give notice to the other Party of its dissatisfaction and intention to commence arbitration.

In either event, this notice of dissatisfaction shall state that it is given under this Sub-Clause, and shall set out the matter in dispute and the reason(s) for dissatisfaction. Except as stated in GC Sub-Clauses 46.6 and 46.7, neither Party shall be entitled to commence arbitration of a dispute unless a notice of dissatisfaction has been given in accordance with this Sub-Clause.

If the DB has given its decision as to a matter in dispute to both Parties, and no notice of dissatisfaction has been given by either Party within 28 days after it received the DB's decision, then the decision shall become final and binding upon both Parties.

46.4 Amicable Settlement

Where notice of dissatisfaction has been given under GC Sub-Clause 46.3 above, both Parties shall attempt to settle the dispute amicably before the commencement of arbitration. However, unless both Parties agree otherwise, arbitration may be commenced on or after the fifty-sixth day after the day on which notice of dissatisfaction and intention to commence arbitration was given, even if no attempt at amicable settlement has been made.

46.5 Arbitration

Unless **indicated otherwise in the PC**, any dispute not settled amicably and in respect of which the DB's decision (if any) has not become final and binding shall be finally settled by arbitration. Unless otherwise agreed by both Parties, arbitration

shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) For contracts with foreign contractors:
 - (i) international arbitration with proceedings administered by the international arbitration institution **appointed in the PC**, in accordance with the rules of arbitration of the appointed institution;,
 - (ii) the place of arbitration shall be the city where the headquarters of the appointed arbitration institution is located or such other place selected in accordance with the applicable arbitration rules; and
 - (iii) the arbitration shall be conducted in the language for communications defined in Sub-Clause 5.3; and
- (b) For contracts with domestic contractors, arbitration with proceedings conducted in accordance with the laws of the Employer's country.

The arbitrator(s) shall have full power to open up, review and revise any certificate, determination, instruction, opinion or valuation of the Project Manager, and any decision of the DB, relevant to the dispute. Nothing shall disqualify the Project Manager from being called as a witness and giving evidence before the arbitrator(s) on any matter whatsoever relevant to the dispute.

Neither Party shall be limited in the proceedings before the arbitrator(s) to the evidence or arguments previously put before the DB to obtain its decision, or to the reasons for dissatisfaction given in its notice of dissatisfaction. Any decision of the DB shall be admissible in evidence in the arbitration.

Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after completion of the Works. The obligations of the Parties, the Project Manager and the DB shall not be altered by reason of any arbitration being conducted during the progress of the Works.

46.6 Failure to Comply with Dispute Board's Decision

In the event that a Party fails to comply with a DB decision which has become final and binding, then the other Party may, without prejudice to any other rights it may have, refer the failure itself to arbitration under GC Sub-Clause 46.5. GC Sub-Clauses 46.3 and 46.4 shall not apply to this reference.

46.7 Expiry of Dispute Board's Appointment

If a dispute arises between the Parties in connection with the performance of the Contract, and there is no DB in place, whether by reason of the expiry of the DB's appointment or otherwise:

- (a) GC Sub-Clauses 46.3 and 46.4 shall not apply, and
- (b) the dispute may be referred directly to arbitration under GC Sub-Clause 46.5

APPENDIX

A General Conditions of Dispute Board Agreement

1. Definitions

Each “Dispute Board Agreement” is a tripartite agreement by and between:

the “Employer”;

the “Contractor”; and

the “Member” who is defined in the Dispute Board Agreement as being:

- (i) the sole member of the “DB” and, where this is the case, all references to the “Other Members” do not apply, or
- (ii) one of the three persons who are jointly called the “DB” (or “dispute board”) and, where this is the case, the other two persons are called the “Other Members”.

The Employer and the Contractor have entered (or intend to enter) into a contract, which is called the “Contract” and is defined in the Dispute Board Agreement, which incorporates this Appendix. In the Dispute Board Agreement, words and expressions which are not otherwise defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Contract.

2. General Provisions

Unless otherwise stated in the Dispute Board Agreement, it shall take effect on the latest of the following dates:

- (a) the Commencement Date defined in the Contract,
- (b) when the Employer, the Contractor and the Member have each signed the Dispute Board Agreement, or
- (c) when the Employer, the Contractor and each of the Other Members (if any) have respectively each signed a dispute board agreement.

This employment of the Member is a personal appointment. At any time, the Member may give not less than 70 days’ notice of resignation to the Employer and to the Contractor, and the Dispute Board Agreement shall terminate upon the expiry of this period.

3. Warranties

The Member warrants and agrees that he/she is and shall be impartial and independent of the Employer, the Contractor and the Project Manager. The Member shall promptly disclose, to each of them and to the Other Members (if any), any fact or circumstance which might appear inconsistent with his/her warranty and agreement of impartiality and independence.

When appointing the Member, the Employer and the Contractor relied upon the Member's representations that he/she is:

- (a) experienced in the work which the Contractor is to carry out under the Contract,
- (b) experienced in the interpretation of contract documentation, and
- (c) fluent in the language for communications defined in the Contract.

4. General Obligations of the Member

The Member shall:

- (a) have no interest financial or otherwise in the Employer, the Contractor or the Project Manager, nor any financial interest in the Contract except for payment under the Dispute Board Agreement;
- (b) not previously have been employed as a consultant or otherwise by the Employer, the Contractor or the Project Manager, except in such circumstances as were disclosed in writing to the Employer and the Contractor before they signed the Dispute Board Agreement;
- (c) have disclosed in writing to the Employer, the Contractor and the Other Members (if any), before entering into the Dispute Board Agreement and to his/her best knowledge and recollection, any professional or personal relationships with any director, officer or employee of the Employer, the Contractor or the Project Manager, and any previous involvement in the overall project of which the Contract forms part;
- (d) not, for the duration of the Dispute Board Agreement, be employed as a consultant or otherwise by the Employer, the Contractor or the Project Manager, except as may be agreed in writing by the Employer, the Contractor and the Other Members (if any);
- (e) comply with the annexed procedural rules and with GC Sub-Clause 46.3;
- (f) not give advice to the Employer, the Contractor, the Employer's Personnel or the Contractor's Personnel concerning the conduct of the Contract, other than in accordance with the annexed procedural rules;
- (g) not while a Member enter into discussions or make any agreement with the Employer, the Contractor or the Project Manager regarding employment by any of them, whether as a consultant or otherwise, after ceasing to act under the Dispute Board Agreement;
- (h) ensure his/her availability for all site visits and hearings as are necessary;
- (i) become conversant with the Contract and with the progress of the Facilities (and of any other parts of the project of which the Contract forms part) by studying all documents received which shall be maintained in a current working file;

- (j) treat the details of the Contract and all the DB's activities and hearings as private and confidential, and not publish or disclose them without the prior written consent of the Employer, the Contractor and the Other Members (if any); and
- (k) be available to give advice and opinions, on any matter relevant to the Contract when requested by both the Employer and the Contractor, subject to the agreement of the Other Members (if any).

5. General Obligations of the Employer and the Contractor

The Employer, the Contractor, the Employer's Personnel and the Contractor's Personnel shall not request advice from or consultation with the Member regarding the Contract, otherwise than in the normal course of the DB's activities under the Contract and the Dispute Board Agreement. The Employer and the Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with this provision, by the Employer's Personnel and the Contractor's Personnel respectively.

The Employer and the Contractor undertake to each other and to the Member that the Member shall not, except as otherwise agreed in writing by the Employer, the Contractor, the Member and the Other Members (if any):

- (a) be appointed as an arbitrator in any arbitration under the Contract;
- (b) be called as a witness to give evidence concerning any dispute before arbitrator(s) appointed for any arbitration under the Contract; or
- (c) be liable for any claims for anything done or omitted in the discharge or purported discharge of the Member's functions, unless the act or omission is shown to have been in bad faith.

The Employer and the Contractor hereby jointly and severally indemnify and hold the Member harmless against and from claims from which he is relieved from liability under the preceding paragraph.

Whenever the Employer or the Contractor refers a dispute to the DB under GC Sub-Clause 46.3, which will require the Member to make a site visit and attend a hearing, the Employer or the Contractor shall provide appropriate security for a sum equivalent to the reasonable expenses to be incurred by the Member. No account shall be taken of any other payments due or paid to the Member.

6. Payment

The Member shall be paid as follows, in the currency named in the Dispute Board Agreement:

- (a) a retainer fee per calendar month, which shall be considered as payment in full for:
 - (i) being available on 28 days' notice for all site visits and hearings;

- (ii) becoming and remaining conversant with all project developments and maintaining relevant files;
- (iii) all office and overhead expenses including secretarial services, photocopying and office supplies incurred in connection with his duties; and
- (iv) all services performed hereunder except those referred to in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Clause.

The retainer fee shall be paid with effect from the last day of the calendar month in which the Dispute Board Agreement becomes effective; until the last day of the calendar month in which the Taking-Over Certificate is issued for the whole of the Works.

With effect from the first day of the calendar month following the month in which Taking-Over Certificate is issued for the whole of the Works, the retainer fee shall be reduced by one third. This reduced fee shall be paid until the first day of the calendar month in which the Member resigns or the Dispute Board Agreement is otherwise terminated.

- (b) a daily fee which shall be considered as payment in full for:
 - (i) each day or part of a day up to a maximum of two days' travel time in each direction for the journey between the Member's home and the site, or another location of a meeting with the Other Members (if any);
 - (ii) each working day on site visits, hearings or preparing decisions; and
 - (iii) each day spent reading submissions in preparation for a hearing.
- (c) all reasonable expenses including necessary travel expenses (air fare in less than first class, hotel and subsistence and other direct travel expenses) incurred in connection with the Member's duties, as well as the cost of telephone calls, courier charges, faxes and telexes: a receipt shall be required for each item in excess of five percent of the daily fee referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of this Clause;
- (d) any taxes properly levied in the Country on payments made to the Member (unless a national or permanent resident of the Country) under this Clause 6.

The retainer and daily fees shall be as specified in the Dispute Board Agreement. Unless it specifies otherwise, these fees shall remain fixed for the first 24 calendar months, and shall thereafter be adjusted by agreement between the Employer, the Contractor and the Member, at each anniversary of the date on which the Dispute Board Agreement became effective.

If the Parties fail to agree on the retainer fee or the daily fee the appointing entity or official named in the PC shall determine the amount of the fees to be used.

The Member shall submit invoices for payment of the monthly retainer and air fares quarterly in advance. Invoices for other expenses and for daily fees shall be submitted following the

conclusion of a site visit or hearing. All invoices shall be accompanied by a brief description of activities performed during the relevant period and shall be addressed to the Contractor.

The Contractor shall pay each of the Member's invoices in full within 56 calendar days after receiving each invoice and shall apply to the Employer (in the Statements under the Contract) for reimbursement of one-half of the amounts of these invoices. The Employer shall then pay the Contractor in accordance with the Contract.

If the Contractor fails to pay to the Member the amount to which he/she is entitled under the Dispute Board Agreement, the Employer shall pay the amount due to the Member and any other amount which may be required to maintain the operation of the DB; and without prejudice to the Employer's rights or remedies. In addition to all other rights arising from this default, the Employer shall be entitled to reimbursement of all sums paid in excess of one-half of these payments, plus all costs of recovering these sums and financing charges calculated at the rate specified in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 12.3.

If the Member does not receive payment of the amount due within 70 days after submitting a valid invoice, the Member may (i) suspend his/her services (without notice) until the payment is received, and/or (ii) resign his/her appointment by giving notice under Clause 7.

7. Termination

At any time: (i) the Employer and the Contractor may jointly terminate the Dispute Board Agreement by giving 42 days' notice to the Member; or (ii) the Member may resign as provided for in Clause 2.

If the Member fails to comply with the Dispute Board Agreement, the Employer and the Contractor may, without prejudice to their other rights, terminate it by notice to the Member. The notice shall take effect when received by the Member.

If the Employer or the Contractor fails to comply with the Dispute Board Agreement, the Member may, without prejudice to his other rights, terminate it by notice to the Employer and the Contractor. The notice shall take effect when received by them both.

Any such notice, resignation and termination shall be final and binding on the Employer, the Contractor and the Member. However, a notice by the Employer or the Contractor, but not by both, shall be of no effect.

8. Default of the Member

If the Member fails to comply with any of his obligations under Clause 4 concerning his impartiality or independence in relation to the Employer or the Contractor, he/she shall not be entitled to any fees or expenses hereunder and shall, without prejudice to their other rights, reimburse each of the Employer and the Contractor for any fees and expenses received by the Member and the Other Members (if any), for proceedings or decisions (if any) of the DB which are rendered void or ineffective by the said failure to comply.

9. Disputes

Any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this Dispute Board Agreement, or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be finally settled by institutional arbitration. If no other arbitration institute is agreed, the arbitration shall be conducted under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by one arbitrator appointed in accordance with these Rules of Arbitration.

Annex

DISPUTE BOARD GUIDELINES

1. Unless otherwise agreed by the Employer and the Contractor, the DB shall visit the site at intervals of not more than 140 days, including times of critical construction events, at the request of either the Employer or the Contractor. Unless otherwise agreed by the Employer, the Contractor and the DB, the period between consecutive visits shall not be less than 70 days, except as required to convene a hearing as described below.
2. The timing of and agenda for each site visit shall be as agreed jointly by the DB, the Employer and the Contractor, or in the absence of agreement, shall be decided by the DB. The purpose of site visits is to enable the DB to become and remain acquainted with the progress of the Works and of any actual or potential problems or claims, and, as far as reasonable, to prevent potential problems or claims from becoming disputes.
3. Site visits shall be attended by the Employer, the Contractor and the Project Manager and shall be co-ordinated by the Employer in co-operation with the Contractor. The Employer shall ensure the provision of appropriate conference facilities and secretarial and copying services. At the conclusion of each site visit and before leaving the site, the DB shall prepare a report on its activities during the visit and shall send copies to the Employer and the Contractor.
4. The Employer and the Contractor shall furnish to the DB one copy of all documents which the DB may request, including Contract documents, progress reports, variation instructions, certificates and other documents pertinent to the performance of the Contract. All communications between the DB and the Employer or the Contractor shall be copied to the other Party. If the DB comprises three persons, the Employer and the Contractor shall send copies of these requested documents and these communications to each of these persons.
5. If any dispute is referred to the DB in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 46.3, the DB shall proceed in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 46.3 and these Guidelines. Subject to the time allowed to give notice of a decision and other relevant factors, the DB shall:
 - (a) act fairly and impartially as between the Employer and the Contractor, giving each of them a reasonable opportunity of putting his case and responding to the other's case, and
 - (b) adopt procedures suitable to the dispute, avoiding unnecessary delay or expense.
6. The DB may conduct a hearing on the dispute, in which event it will decide on the date and place for the hearing and may request that written documentation and arguments from the Employer and the Contractor be presented to it prior to or at the hearing.

7. Except as otherwise agreed in writing by the Employer and the Contractor, the DB shall have power to adopt an inquisitorial procedure, to refuse admission to hearings or audience at hearings to any persons other than representatives of the Employer, the Contractor and the Project Manager, and to proceed in the absence of any Party who the DB is satisfied received notice of the hearing; but shall have discretion to decide whether and to what extent this power may be exercised.

8. The Employer and the Contractor empower the DB, among other things, to:

- (a) establish the procedure to be applied in deciding a dispute,
- (b) decide upon the DB's own jurisdiction, and as to the scope of any dispute referred to it,
- (c) conduct any hearing as it thinks fit, not being bound by any rules or procedures other than those contained in the Contract and these Guidelines,
- (d) take the initiative in ascertaining the facts and matters required for a decision,
- (e) make use of its own specialist knowledge, if any,
- (f) decide upon the payment of financing charges in accordance with the Contract,
- (g) decide upon any provisional relief such as interim or conservatory measures,
- (h) open up, review and revise any certificate, decision, determination, instruction, opinion or valuation of the Project Manager, relevant to the dispute, and
- (i) appoint, should the DB so consider necessary and the Parties agree, a suitable expert at the cost of the Parties to give advice on a specific matter relevant to the dispute.

9. The DB shall not express any opinions during any hearing concerning the merits of any arguments advanced by the Parties. Thereafter, the DB shall make and give its decision in accordance with GC Sub-Clause 46.3, or as otherwise agreed by the Employer and the Contractor in writing. If the DB comprises three persons:

- (a) it shall convene in private after a hearing, in order to have discussions and prepare its decision;
- (b) it shall endeavour to reach a unanimous decision: if this proves impossible the applicable decision shall be made by a majority of the Members, who may require the minority Member to prepare a written report for submission to the Employer and the Contractor; and
- (c) if a Member fails to attend a meeting or hearing, or to fulfil any required function, the other two Members may nevertheless proceed to make a decision, unless:

- (i) either the Employer or the Contractor does not agree that they do so, or
- (ii) the absent Member is the chairman and he/she instructs the other Members to not make a decision.

Section VIII. Particular Conditions

The following Particular Conditions shall supplement the General Conditions in Section VII. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the General Conditions.

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Particular Conditions (PC)

The following Particular Conditions (PC) shall supplement the General Conditions (GC). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the GC. The clause number of the PC is the corresponding clause number of the GC.

PC 1. Definitions

The Employer is: Nepal Electricity Authority
Durbarmarg, Kathmandu
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Tel: 977 1 4480672
Email: hbb220kv@nea.org.np

The Project Manager is:

The Project Manager
Hetauda –Bharatpur- Bardaghat 220 kV Transmission Line Project
Nepal India Electricity Transmission and Trade Project
Transmission Directorate
Nepal Electricity Authority
Thanabharang, Hetauda, Nepal
Telephone: +977 57 520407, 57 524467
Electronic mail address:hbb220kv@nea.org.np, iswarijaiswal99@gmail.com

The Bank is: The World Bank

Country of Origin: all countries and territories as indicated in Section V of the bidding documents, Eligible Countries.

PC 5. Law and Language

PC 5.1 The Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of Nepal

PC 5.2 The ruling language shall be English

PC 5.3 The language for communications shall be English

PC 7. Scope of Facilities

PC 7.3 The Contractor shall carry sufficient inventories to ensure an ex-stock supply of consumable spares for the Plant. Other spare parts and components shall be supplied as promptly as possible, but at the most within six (6) months of placing the order and opening the letter of credit. In addition, in the event of termination of the production of spare parts, advance notification will be made to the Employer of the pending termination, with sufficient time to permit the Employer to procure the needed requirement. Following such termination, the Contractor will furnish to the extent possible and at no cost to the Employer the blueprints, drawings and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

Add PC 7.4 Sub Clause as follows:

Contractor's obligations cover the provision of all Plant and the performance of all Installation Services required as per the provision of the Employer's Requirements. Such scope include, but are not limited to, the provision of supervision and engineering services; the supply of labor, materials, equipment and accessories; Contractor's Equipment; construction utilities and supplies; temporary materials, structures and facilities; transportation (including, without limitation, unloading and hauling to, from and at the Site); and storage, except for those supplies, works and services that will be provided or performed by the Employer, as stated in the Employer's Requirements.

PC 8. Time for Commencement and Completion

PC 8.1 The Contractor shall commence work on the Facilities within 7 days from the Effective Date for determining Time for Completion as specified in the Contract Agreement.

PC 8.2 The Time for Completion of the whole of the Facilities shall be 15 months from the Effective Date as described in the Contract Agreement.

PC 11. Contract Price

PC 11.2 The Contract Price shall not be adjusted.

PC 13. Securities

PC 13.3.1 The amount of performance security, as a percentage of the Contract Price for the Facility or for the part of the Facility for which a separate Time for Completion is provided, shall be: 10 %

PC 13.3.2 the performance security shall be in the form of the Bank Guarantee (Unconditional) attached hereto in Section IX, Contract Forms. The Performance Security shall be issued by any registered bank in Nepal, or a foreign bank counter guaranteed by correspondent local bank, in complete accordance with the specimen provided herein.

PC 13.3.3 The performance security shall not be reduced on the date of the Operational Acceptance

PC 14 Taxes and Duties

Delete this Clause in its entirety and replace it with the following:

PC 14.1 In the country of Origin

The prices bid by the Contractor shall include all taxes, duties and other charges imposed outside the Employer's country on the production, manufacture, sale and transport of the Contractor's Equipment, Plant, Materials and Supplies to be used on or furnished under the Contract, and on the services performed under the Contract.

PC 14.2 In Nepal

14.2.1 The Project is entitled for 1% custom duty and VAT exemption. The Contractor has to follow all the procedures to import Plant & Mandatory Spare Parts to be supplied from abroad in Price Schedule No. 1. The Contractor shall pay all the taxes and duties applicable at the point of entry (custom). Employer will refund such amount to the Contractor upon submission of the related original documents. However, Employer will not be responsible for any demurrage charges applicable due to delay in custom clearance.

14.2.2 The unit bid price quoted in the Price Schedule Nos. 2 & 4 are exclusive of VAT. VAT in each supply/progress bill shall be paid to the Contractor and as per law of Nepal he will be responsible for depositing the same to the concerned Revenue office in Nepal.

14.2.3 Tax Deduction at Source (TDS)

As per the law of Nepal the Employer will deduct TDS at the rate as applicable at the time of execution of the contract from each payment to the Contractor and deposit to the Revenue office. The Contractor shall be provided with all details in this regard promptly. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining tax clearance before issuance of Final Acceptance Certificate or before releasing the final 5% retention amount.

14.2.4 Staff income tax

The Contractor's staff, personnel and laborers, and those of its subcontractors, will be liable to pay personal income taxes in the Employer's country irrespective of local or foreign nationals on income earned including salaries and wages as applicable under the laws and regulations of Nepal. The Contractor shall perform such duties in regard to Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) thereof as may be applicable by such laws and regulations.

14.2.5 Contractor's Plant, Equipment, Materials and Supplies

Notwithstanding the provision of this document, Contractor's Plant and Equipment, including essential tools and spare parts thereof, imported by the contractor for the sole purpose of executing the Contract, and taken out of Nepal upon completion of the Works shall, except for Plant and Mandatory Spare Parts to be supplied from abroad in Price Schedule No.1, be exempt from payment of customs duties and taxes levied in Nepal. However, the Contractor shall deposit the amount or provide a Bank Guarantee to the GoN, Customs Department equal to the amount of customs duties at the prevailing laws, rules and regulations of Nepal for those imported equipment, plant, materials and supplies at the time of import. The amount of the deposit so provided will be refunded in Nepalese Rupees, or the Bank guarantee cancelled by the Employer, after the submission to the Employer of the re-export certificate issued by the Customs Department.

If the Contractor disposes of any Contract's Equipment, spare parts, materials or supplies in Nepal, it shall pay all customs duties and taxes applicable on such Items under the laws and regulations of Nepal in force at the time and shall repay to the Employer the amount of any customs duties and taxes which may have been reimbursed to the Contractor by the Employer in connection with importation of such items.

Contractor shall re-export all the equipment, plant, materials, and supplies within 90(Ninety) days after completion of the project.

- 14.2.6 The Contractor shall maintain records satisfactory to the Employer documenting use of all Plant, materials and supplies imported into and/or procured for the performance of the Works. If any of such plant, materials and/or supplies, imported into Nepal or otherwise supplied to the Project at a special or preferential rate of Customs Duties or taxes, are misused or found to be used or appropriated for any purpose other than the Project, the Contractor shall be held fully responsible, and liable to pay customs duties, VAT and other taxes and/or any penalties as may be imposed in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of Nepal.

PC 15 Licenses / Use of Technical Information

Add the following second paragraph: Under Sub-clause 15.2

The Employer shall have the right to reproduce any or all drawings, documents and other materials furnished to the Employer for the purpose of the Contract and in addition , if required, for operation and maintenance.

PC 21 Procurement

- PC 21.3.4 Add the following at the end of this Sub-Clause:
"In case of any damage, the Contractor shall restore all such facilities, as far as possible, to its original condition at its own expense and to the satisfaction of the Employer."

PC 21.4 Custom Clearances;

Add the following paragraph at the beginning of this Sub-Clause:

The Contractor shall familiarize himself with the rules and regulations of Nepal with regard to customs, duties, taxes, importation and clearing of goods and equipment and the like and the Contractor shall follow the required procedures regardless of the relief provided by the Employer. The Employer will provide assistance whenever possible.

PC 22 Installation

PC 22.2.5 Working Hours

Normal working hours are: The Contractor shall be responsible for following the normal working hours to specific location and rules.

PC 22.3.4 Add the Sub-Clause PC 22.3.4 "Duties on Contractor's Equipment, Plant, Materials and Supplies"

Notwithstanding the provision of this document, Contractor's Plant and Equipment, including essential tools and spare parts thereof, imported by the contractor for the sole purpose of executing the Contract, and taken out of Nepal upon completion of the Works shall, except for Plant and Mandatory Spare Parts to be supplied from abroad in Price Schedule No.1, be exempt from payment of customs duties and taxes levied in Nepal. However, the Contractor shall deposit the amount or provide a Bank Guarantee to the GoN, Customs Department equal to the amount of customs duties at the prevailing laws, rules and regulations of Nepal for those imported equipment, plant, materials and supplies at the time of import. The amount of the deposit so provided will be refunded in Nepalese Rupees, or the Bank guarantee cancelled by the Employer, after the submission to the Employer of the re-export certificate issued by the Customs Department.

If the Contractor disposes of any Contract's Equipment, spare parts, materials or supplies in Nepal, it shall pay all customs duties and taxes applicable on such items under the laws and regulations of Nepal in force at the time and shall repay to the Employer the amount of any customs duties and taxes which may have been reimbursed to the Contractor by the Employer in connection with importation of such items.

Contractor shall re-export all the equipment, plant, materials, and supplies within 90(Ninety) days after completion of the project.

PC 22.4 Site Regulations and Safety

The Contractor shall comply with all the National Legislatures, Environmental Acts, proposed Environmental legislatures and the proposed mitigation measures in preparing proposed site regulations and plan for approval.

PC 22.4.2 Add the following Sub - Clause

Use of Explosives;

No blasting or work involving the use of explosives will be permitted along the overhead line routes and substation area or adjacent areas under this Contract.

PC 22.6 Add the following at the end of first paragraph:

The materials to be removed shall be incinerated or disposed off at places which will not be unsightly or objectionable to the inhabitants of the area following all environmental requirements.

PC 25. Commissioning and Operational Acceptance

PC 25.2.2 The Guarantee Test of the Facilities shall be successfully completed within one week from the date of Completion.

PC 25.6 The following clause Supplementing to GCC Clause 25

The scope of the contractor shall include the commission and operational acceptance of the whole facilities provided that the equipments supplied by the Employer shall be functional able.

PC 26. Completion Time Guarantee

PC 26.2

Applicable rate for liquidated damages: 0.05 % of the Contract price per each day per delay.

The above rate applies to the price of the part of the Facilities, as quoted in the Price Schedule, for that part for which the Contractor fails to achieve Completion within the particular Time for Completion.

Maximum deduction for liquidated damages: ten percent (10%) of the Total Contract Price.

PC 26.3

Bonus will be given for earlier Completion of the Facilities or part thereof.

Applicable (*amount or rate*) for the bonus for early Completion:

Maximum bonus: 0.025 % of the Contract price per each day per early Completion

PC 27. Defect Liability

Delete this Clause in its entirety and replace it with the following:

PC 27.1 the Contractor warrants that the Facilities or any part thereof shall be free from defects in the design, engineering, materials and workmanship of the Plant supplied and of the works executed under the present scope of the contract. However, Employer shall be responsible for the Warranties of the equipment supplied to the contractor and works already executed.

PC 27.2 The Defect Liability Period shall be one year from the date of Operational Acceptance of the Facilities (or any part thereof).

If during the Defect Liability Period any defect should be found in the design, engineering, materials and workmanship of the Plant supplied or of the work executed already by the Employer, the Contractor shall promptly, in consultation and agreement with the Employer, informed and give their proposal to the employer regarding appropriate remedying of the defects, and at its cost, repair, replace or otherwise make good. However, contractor shall be responsible for the repair, replacement or making good of any defect or of any damage to the Facilities for the works executed under the present scope of the contract during defect liabilities period. The Contractor shall not be responsible for the repair, replacement or making good of any defect or of any damage to the Facilities arising out of or resulting from any of the following causes:

- (a) improper operation or maintenance of the Facilities by the Employer;
- (b) operation of the Facilities outside specifications provided in the Contract;
or
- (c) normal wear and tear.

PC 28. Functional Guarantees

PC 28.5 The following clause Supplementing to GCC Clause 28

The scope of the contractor shall include the commission and operational acceptance of the whole facilities provided that the equipment supplied by the Employer shall be functional able and the functional guarantee shall be given by the contractor under present scope of contract as specified in the Appendix 8. Functional Guarantees.

PC 46. Disputes and Arbitration

GC 46.1 The DB shall be appointed within 28 days after the Effective Date.
The DB shall be formed with three member.
List of potential DB members is: None

GC 46.2 Appointment (if not agreed) to be made by:
For contracts entered into with foreign contractors: United Nations
Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

For contracts entered into with national contractors: NEPCA

GC 46.5 Procedure to settle disputes in respect of DB's decisions:

(a) Contracts with foreign contractors:

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, or breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as at present in force

(b) Contracts with national contractors:

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, or breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act 2055 (1999) of Nepal.

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Notification of Award - Letter of Acceptance

Date: _____

To: _____

This is to notify you that your Bid dated _____ for execution of the _____ for the Contract Price in the aggregate of _____, as corrected and modified in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders is hereby accepted by our Agency.

You are requested to furnish the Performance Security within 7 days in accordance with the Conditions of Contract, using for that purpose one of the Performance Security Forms included in Section IX, - Contract Forms, of the Bidding Document

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Agency: _____

Attachment: Contract Agreement

Contract Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made the _____ day of _____, _____,
BETWEEN

(1) _____, a corporation incorporated under the laws of _____ and having its principal place of business at _____ (hereinafter called “the Employer”), and (2) _____, a corporation incorporated under the laws of _____ and having its principal place of business at _____ (hereinafter called “the Contractor”).

WHEREAS the Employer desires to engage the Contractor to design, manufacture, test, deliver, install, complete and commission certain Facilities, viz. _____ (“the Facilities”), and the Contractor has agreed to such engagement upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter appearing.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

Article 1.
Contract Documents

1.1 Contract Documents (Reference GC Clause 2)

The following documents shall constitute the Contract between the Employer and the Contractor, and each shall be read and construed as an integral part of the Contract:

- (a) This Contract Agreement and the Appendices hereto
- (b) Letter of Bid and Price Schedules submitted by the Contractor
- (c) Particular Conditions
- (d) General Conditions
- (e) Specification
- (f) Drawings
- (g) Other completed bidding forms submitted with the Bid
- (h) Any other documents forming part of the Employer’s Requirements
- (i) Any other documents shall be added here

1.2 Order of Precedence (Reference GC Clause 2)

In the event of any ambiguity or conflict between the Contract Documents listed above, the order of precedence shall be the order in which the Contract Documents are listed in Article 1.1

(Contract Documents) above.

1.3 Definitions (Reference GC Clause 1)

Capitalized words and phrases used herein shall have the same meanings as are ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

Article 2.
Contract Price
and Terms of
Payment

2.1 Contract Price (Reference GC Clause 11)

The Employer hereby agrees to pay to the Contractor the Contract Price in consideration of the performance by the Contractor of its obligations hereunder. The Contract Price shall be the aggregate of: _____, _____ as specified in Price Schedule No. 5 (Grand Summary), and _____, _____, or such other sums as may be determined in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract.

2.2 Terms of Payment (Reference GC Clause 12)

The terms and procedures of payment according to which the Employer will reimburse the Contractor are given in the Appendix (Terms and Procedures of Payment) hereto.

The Employer may instruct its bank to issue an irrevocable confirmed documentary credit made available to the Contractor in a bank in the country of the Contractor. The credit shall be for an amount of _____; and shall be subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits 1993 Revision, ICC Publication No. 600.

In the event that the amount payable under Schedule No. 1 is adjusted in accordance with GC 11.2 or with any of the other terms of the Contract, the Employer shall arrange for the documentary credit to be amended accordingly.

Article 3.
Effective Date

3.1 Effective Date (Reference GC Clause 1)

The Effective Date from which the Time for Completion of the Facilities shall be counted is the date when all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:

- (a) This Contract Agreement has been duly executed for and on behalf of the Employer and the Contractor;
- (b) The Contractor has submitted to the Employer the performance security and the advance payment guarantee;
- (c) The Employer has paid the Contractor the advance payment
- (d) The Contractor has been advised that the documentary credit referred to in Article 2.2 above has been issued in its favor.

Each party shall use its best efforts to fulfill the above conditions for which it is responsible as soon as practicable.

3.2 If the conditions listed under 3.1 are not fulfilled within two (2) months from the date of this Contract notification because of reasons not attributable to the Contractor, the Parties shall discuss and agree on an equitable adjustment to the Contract Price and the Time for Completion and/or other relevant conditions of the Contract.

3.3 Failure of the Contractor to furnish advance payment security as specified in 3.1 (b) above within the period specified in GCC 13.2.1 shall lead the effectiveness condition for advance payment to be null and void.

**Article 4.
Communications**

4.1 The address of the Employer for notice purposes, pursuant to GC 4.1 is: _____.

4.2 The address of the Contractor for notice purposes, pursuant to GC 4.1 is: _____.

**Article 5.
Appendices**

5.1 The Appendices listed in the attached List of Appendices shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract Agreement.

5.2 Reference in the Contract to any Appendix shall mean the Appendices attached hereto, and the Contract shall be read and construed accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Employer and the Contractor have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized representatives the day and year first above written.

Signed by, for and on behalf of the Employer

[Signature]

[Title]

in the presence of _____

Signed by, for and on behalf of the Contractor

[Signature]

[Title]

in the presence of _____

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Appendix 1. Terms and Procedures of Payment

In accordance with the provisions of GC Clause 12 (Terms of Payment), the Employer shall pay the Contractor in the following manner and at the following times, on the basis of the Price Breakdown given in the section on Price Schedules. Payments will be made in the currencies quoted by the Bidder unless otherwise agreed between the Parties. Applications for payment in respect of part deliveries may be made by the Contractor as work proceeds.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Schedule No. 1. Plant and Equipment Supplied from Abroad

In respect of plant and equipment supplied from abroad, the following payments shall be made:

Ten percent (10%) of the total CIP amount as an advance payment against receipt of invoice and an irrevocable advance payment security for the equivalent amount made out in favor of the Employer. The advance payment security may be reduced in proportion to the value of the plant and equipment delivered to the site, as evidenced by shipping and delivery documents.

Eighty percent (80%) of the total or pro rata CIP amount upon Incoterm "CIP", upon delivery to the carrier within forty-five (45) days after receipt of documents.

Five percent (5%) of the total or pro rata CIP amount upon issue of the Completion Certificate, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice.

Five percent (5%) of the total or pro rata CIP amount upon issue of the Operational Acceptance Certificate, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice.

Schedule No. 2. Plant and Equipment Supplied from within the Employer's Country

In respect of plant and equipment supplied from within the Employer's country, the following payments shall be made:

Ten percent (10%) of the total EXW amount as an advance payment against receipt of invoice, and an irrevocable advance payment security for the equivalent amount made out in favor of the Employer. The advance payment security may be reduced in proportion to the value of the plant and equipment delivered to the site, as evidenced by shipping and delivery documents.

Eighty percent (80%) of the total or pro rata EXW amount upon Incoterm "Ex-Works," upon delivery to the carrier within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice and documents.

Five percent (5%) of the total or pro rata EXW amount upon issue of the Completion Certificate, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice.

Five percent (5%) of the total or pro rata EXW amount upon issue of the Operational Acceptance Certificate, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice.

Schedule No. 3. Design Services

In respect of design services for both the foreign currency and the local currency portions, the following payments shall be made:

Ten percent (10%) of the total design services amount as an advance payment against receipt of invoice, and an irrevocable advance payment security for the equivalent amount made out in favor of the Employer.

Ninety percent (90%) of the total or pro rata design services amount upon acceptance of design in accordance with GC Clause 20 by the Project Manager within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice.

Schedule No. 4. Installation Services

In respect of installation services for both the foreign and local currency portions, the following payments shall be made:

Ten percent (10%) of the total installation services amount as an advance payment against receipt of invoice, and an irrevocable advance payment security for the equivalent amount made out in favor of the Employer. The advance payment security may be reduced in proportion to the value of work performed by the Contractor as evidenced by the invoices for installation services.

Eighty percent (80%) of the measured value of work performed by the Contractor, as identified in the said Program of Performance, during the preceding month, as evidenced by the Employer's authorization of the Contractor's application, will be made monthly within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice.

Five percent (5%) of the total or pro rata value of installation services performed by the Contractor as evidenced by the Employer's authorization of the Contractor's monthly applications, upon issue of the Completion Certificate, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice.

Five percent (5%) of the total or pro rata value of installation services performed by the Contractor as evidenced by the Employer's authorization of the Contractor's monthly applications, upon issue of the Operational Acceptance Certificate, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice.

For the release of final five percent (5%) retention amount in respect of Schedules 2 and 4 (a) & (b); the Contractor shall submit evidence of compliance with the taxation requirements of the Government of Nepal.

In the event that the Employer fails to make any payment on its respective due date, the Employer shall pay to the Contractor interest on the amount of such delayed payment at the rate of 3% per annum for foreign currency and 6% per annum for Nepali Rupees for period of delay until payment has been made in full.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

The procedures to be followed in applying for certification and making payments shall be as follows:

The procedures shall be as mentioned in the relevant sections of the bidding documents.

Appendix 2. Price Adjustment

Not Applicable

Appendix 3. Insurance Requirements

Insurances to be Taken Out by the Contractor

In accordance with the provisions of GC Clause 34, the Contractor shall at its expense take out and maintain in effect, or cause to be taken out and maintained in effect, during the performance of the Contract, the insurances set forth below in the sums and with the deductibles and other conditions specified. The identity of the insurers and the form of the policies shall be subject to the approval of the Employer, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

(a) Cargo Insurance

Covering loss or damage occurring, while in transit from the supplier's or manufacturer's works or stores until arrival at the Site, to the Facilities (including spare parts therefor) and to the construction equipment to be provided by the Contractor or its Subcontractors.

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Deductible limits</u> | <u>Parties insured</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 110% of | (*) | Contractor | Dispatch | Delivery |
| CIP Cost | | | Certificate | to Site |

(*) Excess 5 % of Claimed amount subject to minimum of NRs 20,000 for normal and NRs 80,000 for act of God/major perils and collapse.

(b) Installation All Risks Insurance of the works to be done by Contractor

Covering physical loss or damage to the Facilities at the Site, occurring prior to completion of the Facilities, with extended maintenance coverage for the Contractor's liability in respect of any loss or damage occurring during the defect liability period while the Contractor is on the Site for the purpose of performing its obligations during the defect liability period.

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Deductible limits</u> | <u>Parties insured</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 110% of | (*) | Contractor | Dispatch | Delivery |
| CIP Cost | | | Certificate | to Site |

(*) Excess 5 % of Claimed amount subject to minimum of NRs 10,000 for normal and NRs 30,000 for act of God/major perils and collapse.

Installation All Risks Insurance of the works already completed at Site

Covering physical loss or damage to the Facilities at the Site, occurring prior to completion of the Facilities, in respect of any loss or damage occurring during the defect liability period while the Contractor is on the Site for the purpose of performing its obligations during the defect liability period.

The provisional sum is allocated in the Schedule of Rates and Price for this purpose. The contractor shall cover the mentioned insurance and same amount shall be reimbursed to the contractor upon the submission of the actual invoice and insurance policy.

(c) Third Party Liability Insurance

Covering bodily injury or death suffered by third parties (including the Employer's personnel) and loss of or damage to property (including the Employer's property and any parts of the Facilities that have been accepted by the Employer) occurring in connection with the supply and installation of the Facilities.

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Deductible limits</u> | <u>Parties insured</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| NRs 4 million as in (b) above | | Contractor's Employees | Commence Of Works | Defect Liability Period |
| NRs 4 million as in (b) above | | Third Party Personnel | Commence Of Works | Defect Liability Period |
| NRs 4 million as in (b) above | | Employer's Property | Commence Of Works | Defect Liability Period |

(d) Automobile Liability Insurance

Covering use of all vehicles used by the Contractor or its Subcontractors (whether or not owned by them) in connection with the supply and installation of the Facilities. Comprehensive insurance in accordance with statutory requirements.

(e) Workers' Compensation

In accordance with the statutory requirements applicable in any country where the Facilities or any part thereof is executed.

(f) Employer's Liability

In accordance with the statutory requirements applicable in any country where the Facilities or any part thereof is executed.

(g) Other Insurances

The Contractor is also required to take out and maintain at its own cost the following insurances:

Details:

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Deductible limits</u> | <u>Parties insured</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|

The Employer shall be named as co-insured under all insurance policies taken out by the Contractor pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 34.1, except for the Third Party Liability, Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurances, and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall be named as co-insureds under all insurance policies taken out by the Contractor pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 34.1, except for the Cargo, Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurances. All insurer's rights of subrogation against such co-insureds for losses or claims arising out of the performance of the Contract shall be waived under such policies.

Insurances to Be Taken Out By the Employer

Not Applicable

Appendix 4. Time Schedule

Appendix 5. List of Major Items of Plant and Installation Services and List of Approved Subcontractors

A list of major items of Plant and Installation Services is provided below.

The following Subcontractors and/or manufacturers are approved for carrying out the items of the Facilities indicated below. Where more than one Subcontractor is listed, the Contractor is free to choose between them, but it must notify the Employer of its choice in good time prior to appointing any selected Subcontractor. In accordance with GC Sub-Clause 19.1, the Contractor is free to submit proposals for Subcontractors for additional items from time to time. No Subcontracts shall be placed with any such Subcontractors for additional items until the Subcontractors have been approved in writing by the Employer and their names have been added to this list of Approved Subcontractors.

| Major Items of Plant and Installation Services | Approved Subcontractors/Manufacturers | Nationality |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------|
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Appendix 6. Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer

The following personnel, facilities, works and supplies will be provided/supplied by the Employer, and the provisions of GC Clauses 10, 21 and 24 shall apply as appropriate.

All personnel, facilities, works and supplies will be provided by the Employer in good time so as not to delay the performance of the Contractor, in accordance with the approved Time Schedule and Program of Performance pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 18.2.

Unless otherwise indicated, all personnel, facilities, works and supplies will be provided free of charge to the Contractor.

Personnel

Charge to Contractor (if any)

Facilities

Charge to Contractor (if any)

Works

Charge to Contractor (if any)

Supplies

Charge to Contractor (if any)

Appendix 7. List of Documents for Approval or Review

Pursuant to GC Sub-Clause 20.3.1, the Contractor shall prepare, or cause its Subcontractor to prepare, and present to the Project Manager in accordance with the requirements of GC Sub-Clause 18.2 (Program of Performance), the following documents for

A. Approval

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

B. Review

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Appendix 8. Functional Guarantees

N/A

Performance Security Form – *Bank Guarantee*

Beneficiary:

Date: _____

PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE No.: _____

We have been informed that _____ (hereinafter called “the Contractor”) has entered into Contract No. _____ dated _____ with you, for the execution of _____ (hereinafter called “the Contract”).

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, a performance guarantee is required.

At the request of the Contractor, we _____ hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of _____ (____)¹⁴, upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Contractor is in breach of its obligation(s) under the Contract, without your needing to prove or to show grounds for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall be reduced by half upon our receipt of:

- (a) a copy of the Operational Acceptance Certificate; or
- (b) a registered letter from the Contractor (i) attaching a copy of its notice requesting issuance of the Operational Acceptance Certificate and (ii) stating that the project manager has failed to issue such Certificate within the time required or provide in writing justifiable reasons why such Certificate has not been issued, so that Operational Acceptance is deemed to have occurred.

This guarantee shall expire no later than the earlier of:¹⁵

- (a) twelve months after our receipt of either (a) or (b) above; or
- (b) eighteen months after our receipt of:

¹⁴ The Guarantor shall insert an amount representing the percentage of the Contract Price specified in the Contract and denominated either in the currency(ies) of the Contract or a freely convertible currency acceptable to the *Employer*.

¹⁵ This text shall be revised as and where necessary to take into account (i) partial acceptance of the Facilities in accordance with Sub-Clause 25.4 of the GCC; and (ii) extension of the performance security when the Contractor is liable for an extended warranty obligation pursuant to Sub-Clause 27.10 of the GCC (although in this latter case the *Employer* might want to consider an extended warranty security in lieu of the extension of the performance security).

- (i) a copy of the Completion Certificate; or
 - (ii) a registered letter from the Contractor, attaching a copy of the notice to the project manager that the Facilities are ready for commissioning, and stating that fourteen days have elapsed from receipt of such notice (or seven days have elapsed if the notice was a repeated notice) and the project manager has failed to issue a Completion Certificate or inform the Contractor in writing of any defects or deficiencies; or
 - (iii) a registered letter from the Contractor stating that no Completion Certificate has been issued but the Employer is making use of the Facilities; or
- (c) the ____ day of _____, 2____.¹⁶

Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458, except that subparagraph (ii) of Sub-article 20(a) is hereby excluded.

[signature(s)]

¹⁶ Insert the date twenty-eight days after the expected expiration date of the Defect Liability Period. The Employer should note that in the event of an extension of the time for completion of the Contract, the Employer would need to request an extension of this guarantee from the Guarantor. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the guarantee. In preparing this guarantee, the Employer might consider adding the following text to the form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: “The Guarantor agrees to a one-time extension of this guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months][one year], in response to the Employer’s written request for such extension, such request to be presented to the Guarantor before the expiry of the guarantee.”

Bank Guarantee Form for Advance Payment

Beneficiary: _____

Date: _____

ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.: _____

We have been informed that _____ (hereinafter called "the Contractor") has entered into Contract No. _____ dated _____ with you, for the execution of _____ (hereinafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance payment in the sum of _____ (_____) is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Contractor, we _____ hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of _____ (_____) upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Contractor is in breach of its obligation under the Contract because the Contractor used the advance payment for purposes other than toward the execution of the Works.

It is a condition for any claim and payment under this guarantee to be made that the advance payment referred to above must have been received by the Contractor on his account number _____ at _____.

The maximum amount of this guarantee is valid shall be progressively reduced in proportion to the value of each part-shipment or part-delivery of plant and equipment to the site, as indicated in copies of the relevant shipping and delivery documents that shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of documentation indicating full repayment by the Contractor of the amount of the advance payment, or on the ___ day of _____, 2___, whichever is earlier.¹⁷ Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

¹⁷ Insert the expected expiration date of the Time for Completion. The *Employer* should note that in the event of an extension of the time for completion of the Contract, the *Employer* would need to request an extension of this guarantee from the Guarantor. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the guarantee. In preparing this guarantee, the *Employer* might consider adding the following text to the form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: "The Guarantor agrees to a one-time extension of this guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months][one year], in response to the *Employer's* written request for such extension, such request to be presented to the Guarantor before the expiry of the guarantee."

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458.

[signature(s) name of bank or financial institution]