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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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1 Introduction, General Information and General Requirement

This part of the Tender Documents describes the technical specifications of OPGW and associated hardware & fittings including joint box etc. This specification describes the functional and performance requirements of the system.

This part of specification describes the functional and performance requirement of the Fibre Optic cable and its associated hardware & fittings.

1.1 Scope and General Requirements

The scope of OPGW requirement is described as follows:

The scope shall include planning, design, engineering, manufacturing, supply & testing of OPGW cable & associated items and documentation of:

- (I) 24F OPGW Cable
- (II) All associated hardware, fittings and accessories (Tension assembly, Suspension assembly, Vibration dampers, reinforcing rods, Earthing clamps, Downlead clamps etc.) required for installation of OPGW cable.
- (III) Joint box for above OPGW cable
- (IV) Fibre Optic approach cable including associated installation material (as required if specified in BoQ).
- (V) Fibre Optic Distribution Panels (FODP) (as required if specified in BOQ).
- (VI) Supply of spares
- (VII) Supply of test equipment (if applicable)

The various Sections of this specification define the design, performance, test and implementation requirements for OPGW Cable system.

1.2 General Requirements

The Contractor must conform to the requirements and provide any special equipment necessary to meet the requirements stated herein.

It should be noted that parameters for OPGW cable design has been specified in the tender. The Contractor shall offer the product meeting the design accordingly.

OPGW design shall be finalized during the detailed engineering stage based on aluminium tube design or steel tube design.

The Bidder's proposal shall address all functional and performance requirements within this specification and shall include sufficient information and supporting documentation in order to determine compliance with this specification without further necessity for inquiries.

The Bidder's proposal shall clearly identify all features described in the specifications or in any supporting reference material that will not be implemented; otherwise, those features shall become binding as part of the final contract.

The offered items shall be designed to operate in varying environments. Adequate measures shall be taken to provide protection against rodents, contaminants, pollutants, water & moisture, lightning & short circuit, vibration and electro-magnetic interference

etc.

The Contractor shall demonstrate a specified level of performance of the offered items during well-structured factory tests and field testing wherever required.

1.3 Applicable Standards

The following standards and codes shall be generally applicable to the equipment and works supplied under this Contract:

(1) American Society for Testing and Materials ASTM

ASTM-B415 Standard Specification for Hard-Drawn Aluminium-Clad Steel Wire

(2) Bell Communication Research

GR-20 Generic requirements for optical fibre and optical fibre cable

(3) ITU-T/CCITT Recommendations

G.650 Definitions and test methods for the relevant parameters of single-mode fibres

G.652 Characteristics of a single-mode optical fibre cable

(4) IEEE

IEEE-1138, 2009 IEEE Standard for Testing and Performance for Optic Ground Wire (OPGW) for Use on Electric Utility power Lines

(5) Telecommunication Industry Association EIA/TIA

EIA/TIA-455-3 Procedure to Measure Temperature Cycling Effects on Optical Fibres, Optical Cable, and Other Passive Fiber Optic Components

EIA/TIA-455-16 Salt Spray (Corrosion) Test for Fibre Optic Components

EIA/TIA-455-20 Measurement of Change in Optical Transmittance

EIA/TIA-455-25 Repeated Impact Testing of Fibre Optic Cables and Cable Assemblies

EIA/TIA-455-32 Fibre Optic Circuit Discontinuities

EIA/TIA-455-33 Fibre Optic Cable Tensile Loading and Bending Test

EIA/TIA-455-41 Compressive Loading Resistance of Fibre Optic Cables

EIA/TIA-455-59 Measurement of Fibre Point Defects Using an OTDR

EIA/TIA-455-62 Measurement of Optical Fibre Macrobend Attenuation

EIA/TIA-455-78 Spectral Attenuation Cutback Measurement for Single- Mode Optical Fibres

EIA/TIA-455-80 Measurement of Cut-Off Wavelength of Single-Mode Fibre by Transmitted Power

EIA/TIA-455-81 Compound Flow (Drip) Test for Filled Fibre Optic Cable

EIA/TIA-455-82 Fluid Penetration Test for Fluid-Blocked Fibre optic Cable

EIA/TIA-455-91 Fibre Optic Cable Twist-Bend Test

EIA/TIA-455-164	Single-Mode Fibre, Measurement of Mode Field Diameter by Far-Field Scanning
EIA/TIA-455-167	Mode Field Diameter Measurement, Variable Aperture Method in the Far-Field
EIA/TIA-455-168	Chromatic Dispersion Measurement of Multimode Graded Index and Single-Mode Optical Fibres by Spectral Group Delay Measurement in the Time Domain
EIA/TIA-455-169	Chromatic Dispersion Measurement of Single-Mode Optical Fibres by the Phase-Shift Method
EIA/TIA-455-170	Cable Cut-off Wavelength of Single-Mode Fibre by Transmitted Power
EIA/TIA-455-174	Mode Field Diameter Measurement
EIA/TIA-455-175	Chromatic Dispersion Measurement of Single-Mode Optical Fibres by the Differential Phase-Shift Method
EIA/TIA-455-176	Method of Measuring Optical Fibre Cross-Sectional Geometry by Automated Grey-Scale Analysis
EIA/TIA-598	Optical Fibre Cable Colour Coding

(6) International Electrotechnical Commission IEC standards

IEC-60793-1 series	Optical fibres – Generic & product specifications, measurement methods & test procedures specification
IEC-60794-1-1	Optical fibre cables – Generic specification
IEC-60794-1-2	Optical fibre cables – Basic optical cable test procedure
IEC-60794-3	Optical fibre cables – Duct, buried and aerial cables – sectional specification
IEC-60794-4	Optical fibre cables – Overhead cables
IEC-61089	Round wire concentric lay overhead electrical stranded conductors
IEC-61232	Aluminium-clad steel wires for electrical purposes
IEC-61284	Overhead Lines-Requirements and tests for fittings
IEC-61395	Overhead electrical conductors – Creep test procedures for stranded conductors

Specifications and codes shall be the latest version, inclusive of revisions, which are in force at the date of the contract award. Where new specifications, codes, and revisions are issued during the period of the contract, the Contractor shall attempt to comply with such, provided that no additional expenses are charged to the Employer without Employer's written consent.

In the event the Contractor offers to supply material and/or equipment in compliance to any standard other than Standards listed herein, the Contractor shall include with their proposal, full salient characteristics of the new standard for comparison.

In case values indicated for certain parameters in the specifications are more stringent than those specified by the standards, the specification shall override the standards.

1.4 References

- (1) CIGRE Guide for Planning of Power Utility Digital Communications Networks
- (2) CIGRE Optical Fibre Planning Guide for Power Utilities
- (3) CIGRE New Opportunities for Optical Fibre Technology in Electricity Utilities
- (4) CIGRE guide to fittings for Optical Cables on Transmission Lines

2 Specification for OPGW cabling and associated hardware & fittings

This section of the technical specification describes the functional and technical specifications of Fibre Optic cabling and associated items.

2.1 Fibre Optic Cabling

In this section of the technical specification, the functional & technical specifications of OPGW cable, Fibre Optic Approach Cable, Joint Box and associated hardware & fittings for the requirements for G.652D Dual-window Single mode (DWSM) telecommunications grade optical fibre is specified. Bidders shall furnish with their bids, detailed descriptions of the fibres & cable(s) proposed.

All optical fibre cabling including fibre itself and all associated installation hardware shall have a minimum guaranteed design life span of 25 years. Documentary evidence in support of guaranteed life span of cable & fibre shall be submitted by the Contractor during detailed engineering.

2.1.1 Required Optical Fibre Characteristics

The optical fibre to be provided should have following characteristics:

2.1.1.1 Physical Characteristic

Dual-Window Single mode (DWSM), G.652D optical fibres shall be provided in the fibre optic cables. DWSM optical fibres shall meet the requirements defined in Table 2-1(a).

2.1.1.2 Attenuation

The attenuation coefficient for wavelengths between 1525 nm and 1575 nm shall not exceed the attenuation coefficient at 1550 nm by more than 0.05 dB/km. The attenuation coefficient between 1285 nm and 1330 nm shall not exceed the attenuation coefficient at 1310 nm by more than 0.05 dB/km. The attenuation of the fibre shall be distributed uniformly throughout its length such that there are no point discontinuities in excess of 0.10 dB. The fibre attenuation characteristics specified in table 2-1 (a) shall be “guaranteed” fibre attenuation of any & every fibre reel. The overall optical fibre path attenuation shall not be more than calculated below:

Maximum attenuation @ 1550 nm: $0.21 \text{ dB/km} \times \text{total km} + 0.05 \text{ dB/splice} \times \text{no. of splices} + 0.5 \text{ dB/connector} \times \text{no. of connectors}$.

Maximum attenuation @ 1310 nm: $0.35 \text{ dB/km} \times \text{total km} + 0.05 \text{ dB/splice} \times \text{no. of splices} + 0.5 \text{ dB/connector} \times \text{no. of connectors}$.

Table 2-1(a)
DWSM Optical Fibre Characteristics

Fibre Description:	Dual-Window Single-Mode
Mode Field Diameter @ 1310nm:	8.6 to 9.5 μm ($\pm 0.6\mu\text{m}$)

Cladding Diameter:	125.0 $\mu\text{m} \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$
Mode field concentricity error	$\leq 0.6\mu\text{m}$
Cladding non-circularity	$\leq 1\%$
Cable Cut-off Wavelength λ_{cc}	$\leq 1260 \text{ nm}$
1550 nm loss performance	As per G.652 D
Proof Test Level	$\leq 0.69 \text{ Gpa}$
Attenuation Coefficient:	@ 1310 nm $\leq 0.35 \text{ dB / km}$ @ 1550 nm $\leq 0.21 \text{ dB / km}$
Chromatic Dispersion; Maximum:	18 ps/ (nm x km) @ 1550 nm 3.5 ps/ (nm x km) 1288-1339nm 5.3 ps/ (nm x km) 1271-1360nm
Zero Dispersion Wavelength:	1300 to 1324nm
Zero Dispersion Slope:	0.092 ps/ (nm ² x km) maximum
Polarization mode dispersion coefficient	$\leq 0.2 \text{ ps/km}^{1/2}$
Temperature Dependence:	Induced attenuation $\leq 0.05 \text{ dB}$ (-60 ⁰ C to +85 ⁰ C)
Bend Performance:	@ 1310 nm (75 $\pm$ 2 mm dia Mandrel), 100 turns: Attenuation Rise $\leq 0.05 \text{ dB/km}$ @ 15500 nm (75 $\pm$ 2 mm dia Mandrel), 100 turns: Attenuation Rise $\leq 0.10 \text{ dB/km}$ @ 1310 nm (32 $\pm$ 2 mm dia Mandrel), 1 turn: Attenuation Rise $\leq 0.50 \text{ dB/km}$

2.1.2 Fibre Optic Cable Construction

The OPGW (Optical Ground Wire) cable is to be installed on the transmission lines in place of Earth wire. The design of cable shall account for the varying operating and environmental conditions that the cable shall experience while in service. The OPGW cable to be supplied shall be meeting the design parameters specified in Technical Specifications. To meet the overall requirement of the transmission line(s), the contractor may offer more than one design without any additional cost to Employer, in case single design is not meeting the requirement. OPGW shall be designed matching with the earthwire technical parameters as specified and meeting the technical specification as envisaged for OPGW. Any other technical parameters/details, as required for cable design etc. shall be provided by Employer.

2.1.2.1 Optical Fibre Cable Lengths

The estimated optical fibre cable length for F.O. link(s) are provided in BPS considering 5% for plain and 7% for hilly areas over and above route length of the transmission line. The Contractor shall supply the OPGW cable in standard drum length mostly in 5 kms (with $\pm 5\%$ tolerance) for plain terrain & 3 kms (with $\pm 5\%$ tolerance) for hilly terrain. The OPGW BoQ

shall be released by Project Manager for the purpose of supply. Adjustment as required in number of standard drums and associated hardware can be done by Project Manager to optimise OPGW supply and reduce wastages.

2.1.2.2 Optical Fibre Identification

Individual optical fibres within a fibre unit and fibre units shall be identifiable in accordance with EIA/TIA 598 or IEC 60304 or Bellcore GR-20 colour-coding scheme.

Colouring utilized for colour coding optical fibres shall be integrated into the fibre coating and shall be homogenous. The colour shall not bleed from one fibre to another and shall not fade during fibre preparation for termination or splicing.

Each cable shall have traceability of each fibre back to the original fibre manufacturer's fibre number and parameters of the fibre. If more than the specified number of fibres is included in any cable, the spare fibres shall be tested by the cable manufacturer and any defective fibres shall be suitably bundled, tagged and identified at the factory by the vendor.

2.1.2.3 Optical Fibre Strain& Sag-Tension chart

The OPGW cable the optical fibres shall experience no strain under all loading conditions defined in IS 802. Zero fibre strain condition shall apply even after a 25 year cable creep.

For the purpose of this specification, the following definitions shall apply:

- Maximum Working Tension (MWT) is defined as the maximum cable tension at which there is *no fibre strain*.
- The *no fibre strain* condition is defined as fibre strain of less than or equal to 0.05%, as determined by direct measurements through IEC/ ETSI (FOTP) specified optical reflectometry
- The Cable strain margin is defined as the maximum cable strain at which there is no fibre strain.
- The cable Maximum Allowable Tension (MAT) is defined as the maximum tension experienced by the Cable under the worst-case loading condition.
- The cable max strain is defined as the maximum strain experienced by the Cable under the worst-case loading condition.
- The cable Every Day Tension (EDT) is defined as the maximum cable tension on any span under normal conditions.
- The Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS/ breaking strength) is defined as the maximum tensile load applied and held constant for one minute at which the specimen shall not break.

While preparing the Sag-tension charts for the OPGW cable the following conditions shall be met:

- The Max Allowable Tension (MAT) / max strain shall be less than or equal to the MWT/ Strain margin of the cable.
- The sag shall not exceed the earth wire sag in all conditions.
- The Max Allowable Tension shall also be less than or equal to 0.45 times the UTS.
- The 25-year creep at 25% of UTS (creep test as per IEEE 1138) shall be such that the 25-year creep plus the cable strain at Max Allowable Tension (MAT) is less than or equal to the cable strain margin.
- The everyday tension (EDT) shall not exceed 20% of the UTS for the OPGW cable.

The Sag-tension chart of OPGW cable indicating the maximum tension, cable strain and sag shall be calculated and submitted under various conditions mentioned below:

1. 53° C, no wind and no ice



2. 32° C, no wind and no ice
3. -5°C, no wind and no ice
4. 32° C, full wind and no ice
5. 32° C, 75% full wind and no ice
6. -5° C, 2/3rd / 36% of full wind (IS 802:1977 / 1995)

The above cases shall be considered for the spans from 100 m to 600 m or higher span length in the range of 50 m spans. Max. Vertical sag, max. tension and max sag at -5° C & no wind shall be considered in line with the design parameter of transmission line. The full wind load shall be considered as the design wind load for all the specified transmission lines as per relevant IS 802 version / equivalent or better international standard and the sag-tension chart shall be submitted considering the transmission lines. In case of any span higher than 600m, suitable OPGW cable meeting sag-tension requirement of transmission line shall also be provided by the Contractor. The Contractor shall submit the stringing chart for review of Employer.

2.1.2.4 Cable Materials

The materials used for optical fibre cable construction, shall meet the following requirements:

2.1.2.4.1 Filling Materials

The interstices of the fibre optic unit and cable shall be filled with a suitable compound to prohibit any moisture ingress or any water longitudinal migration within the fibre optic unit or along the fibre optic cable. The water tightness of the cable shall meet or exceed the test performance criteria as per IEC 60794-1-F-5.

The filling compound used shall be a non-toxic homogenous waterproofing compound that is free of dirt and foreign matter, nonhygroscopic, electrically nonconductive and non-nutritive to fungus. The compound shall also be fully compatible with all cable components it may come in contact with and shall inhibit the generation of hydrogen within the cable.

The waterproofing filling materials shall not affect fibre coating, colour coding, or encapsulant commonly used in splice enclosures, shall be dermatologically safe, non-staining and easily removable with a non-toxic cleaning solvent.

2.1.2.4.2 Metallic Members

When the fibre optic cable design incorporates metallic elements in its construction, all metallic elements shall be electrically continuous.

2.1.2.5 Marking, Packaging and Shipping

This section describes the requirements for marking, packaging and shipping the overhead fibre optic cable.

- (a) Drum Markings: Each side of every reel of cable shall be permanently marked in white lettering with the vendors' address, the Purchaser's destination address, cable part number and specification as to the type of cable, length, number of fibres, a unique drum number including the name of the transmission line & segment no., factory inspection stamp and date.
- (b) Cable Drums and Packing: The OPGW shall be supplied in returnable steel drums for main supply & non-returnable steel drums for spare supply. These painted steel drums shall be corrosion free, shall be of adequate strength, and constructed to protect the OPGW against all damage and displacement during transit, storage, subsequent handling & stringing operations in the field. The supplier shall be responsible for any loss or damage during transportation, handling and storage due to improper packing. The ownership of the empty OPGW drums shall lie with the OPGW supplier who shall ultimately take back the empty OPGW drums Both ends of the cable shall be sealed as to prevent the escape of filling compounds and dust & moisture ingress during shipment and handling. Spare cable caps shall be provided with each drum as required.

There shall be no factory splices allowed within a continuous length of cable. Only one continuous cable length shall be provided on each drum. The lengths of cable to be supplied on standard drum length.

2.1.3 Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) construction

OPGW cable construction shall comply with IEEE-1138, 2009. The cable provided shall meet both the construction and performance requirements such that the ground wire function, the optical fibre integrity and optical transmission characteristics are suitable for the intended purpose. The cable shall consist of optical fibre units as defined in this specification. There shall be no factory splices within the cable structure of a continuous cable length.

2.1.3.1 OPGW design

Buffer Tube

Loose tube construction shall be implemented. The individually coated optical fibre(s) shall be surrounded by a buffer for protection from physical damage during fabrication, installation and operation of the cable. The fibre coating and buffer shall be strippable for splicing and termination. Each fibre unit shall be individually identifiable utilizing colour coding. Buffer tubes shall be filled with a water-blocking gel. The individually coated optical fibre(s) shall be provided directly in stainless steel tube in case stainless steel tube design.

(a) Central Aluminium tube type

The composite fibre optic overhead ground wire shall be made up of multiple buffer tubes embedded in a water tight aluminium/aluminium alloy protective central fibre optic unit surrounded by concentric-lay stranded metallic wires in single or multiple layers. Each buffer tube shall have maximum 12 no. of fibres. All fibres in single buffer tube or directly in central fibre optic unit is not acceptable. The dual purpose of the composite cable is to provide the electrical and physical characteristics of conventional overhead ground wire while providing the optical transmission properties of optical fibre.

(b) Central Stainless-Steel tube type

The composite fibre optic overhead ground wire shall consist of a central fibre optic unit made up of stainless steel with aluminium coating/tube surrounded by concentric-lay stranded metallic wires in single or multiple layers. The dual purpose of the composite cable is to provide the electrical and physical characteristics of conventional overhead ground wire while providing the optical transmission properties of optical fibre

Central Fibre Optic Unit

(a) Central Aluminium tube type

The central fibre optic unit shall be designed to house and protect multiple buffered optical fibre units from damage due to forces such as crushing, bending, twisting, tensile stress and moisture. The central fibre optic unit and the outer stranded metallic conductors shall serve together as an integral unit to protect the optical fibres from degradation due to vibration and galloping, wind and ice loadings, wide temperature variations, lightning and fault current, as well as environmental effects which may produce hydrogen.

The OPGW design of dissimilar materials for stranded wires and tubes are not allowed. Central fibre optic unit may be of aluminium/ aluminium alloy tube. There shall be no exposed areas of tubing that can make electrical contact either directly or indirectly through moisture, contamination, protrusions, etc with the

surrounding stranded wires. The tube may be fabricated as a seamless tube, seam welded, or a tube without a welded seam.

(b) Central Stainless Steel tube type

The central fibre optic unit shall be designed to house and protect optical fibres provided in single buffered tube of stainless steel tube from damage due to forces such as crushing, bending, twisting, tensile stress and moisture. The central fibre optic unit and the outer stranded metallic conductors shall serve together as an integral unit to protect the optical fibres from degradation due to vibration and galloping, wind and ice loadings, wide temperature variations, lightning and fault current, as well as environmental effects which may produce hydrogen.

The OPGW design of dissimilar materials for stranded wires and tubes are not allowed. Central fibre optic unit shall be of stainless steel tube with aluminium protective coating or stainless steel tube with Al protecting outer tube. In case of aluminium protective coating, the coating must completely cover the tubes leaving no exposed areas of tubing that can make electrical contact either directly or indirectly through moisture, contamination, protrusions, etc with the surrounding stranded wires. The tube may be fabricated as a seamless tube, seam welded, or a tube without a welded seam.

2.1.3.2 Basic Construction

The OPGW cable construction shall conform to the applicable requirements of this specification, applicable clauses of IEC 61089 related to stranded conductors and Table 2.2(a) OPGW Mechanical and Electrical Characteristics. In addition, the basic construction shall include bare concentric-lay-stranded metallic wires with the outer layer having left hand lay. The wires may be of multiple layers with a combination of various metallic wires within each layer. The direction of lay for each successive layer shall be reversed. The finished wires shall contain no joints or splices unless otherwise agreed to by the Employer and shall conform to all applicable clauses of IEC 61089 as they pertain to stranded conductors.

The wires shall be so stranded that when the complete OPGW is cut, the individual wires can be readily regrouped and then held in place by one hand.

2.1.3.3 Breaking Strength

The rated breaking strength of the completed OPGW shall be taken as 90 percent of the sum of the rated breaking strengths of the individual wires, calculated from their nominal diameter and the specified minimum tensile strength.

The rated breaking strength shall not include the strength of the optical unit. The fibre optic unit shall not be considered a load bearing tension member when determining the total rated breaking strength of the composite conductor.

2.1.3.4 Electrical and Mechanical Requirements

Table 2-2(a) provides OPGW Electrical and Mechanical Requirements for the minimum performance characteristics. Additionally, the OPGW mechanical & electrical characteristics shall be similar to that of the earthwire being replaced such that there is no or minimal consequential increase in stresses on towers. For the purposes of determining the appropriate Max Working Tension limit for the OPGW cable IS 802:1995 /2015 and IS 875: 1987 shall be applied. However the OPGW installation sag & tension charts shall be based on IS 802 version to which the line is originally designed. For the OPGW cable design selection and preparation of sag tension charts, the limits specified in this section shall also be satisfied. The Bidder shall submit sag-tension charts for the above cases with their bids.

Table 2.2(a)
OPGW Electrical and Mechanical Requirements

(1)	Everyday Tension	$\leq 20\%$ of UTS of OPGW
(2)	D.C. Resistance at 20°C:	< 1.0 ohm/Km
(3)	Short Circuit Current	≥ 6.32 kA for 1.0 second (for 220 kV & above lines) ≥ 5.6 kA for 1.0 second (for 132 KV & 66KV lines) Short Circuit shall be applicable as per the Voltage level of the lines

Bidder may offer separate design for each short circuit rating however OPGW design with higher short circuit level shall be acceptable.

2.1.4 Operating Conditions

Since OPGW shall be located at the top of the transmission line support structure, it will be subjected to Aeolian vibration, Galloping and Lightning strikes. It will also carry ground fault currents. Therefore, its electrical and mechanical properties shall be same or similar as those required of conventional ground conductors.

2.1.5 Installation Hardware

Installation Hardware includes all required fittings and hardware such as Tension assembly, Suspension assembly, Vibration dampers, Reinforcing rods, Earthing clamps, Downlead clamps, splice enclosure etc. The estimated quantity for hardware fittings are provided in BPS. Initially 70% of total hardware shall be supplied based on quantities in BPS or as directed by Project Manager and balance 30% shall be supplied as directed by Project Manager.

The OPGW hardware fittings and accessories shall follow the general requirements regarding design, materials, dimensions & tolerances, protection against corrosion and markings as specified in clause 4.0 of EN 61284: 1997 (IEC 61284). The shear strength of all bolts shall be at least 1.5 times the maximum installation torque. The OPGW hardware & accessories drawing & Data Requirement Sheets (DRS) document shall consist of three parts: (1) A technical particulars sheet (2) An assembly drawing i.e. level 1 drawing and (3) Component level drawings i.e. level 2 & lower drawings. All component reference numbers, dimensions and tolerances, bolt tightening torques & shear strength and ratings such as UTS, slip strength etc shall be marked on the drawings.

The fittings and accessories described herein are indicative of installation hardware typically used for OPGW installations and shall not necessarily be limited to the following:

- (a) Suspension Assemblies: Preformed armour grip suspension clamps and aluminium alloy armour rods/ reinforcing rods shall be used. The suspension clamps shall be designed to carry a vertical load of not less than 25 KN. The suspension clamps slippage shall occur between 12kN and 17 kN as measured. For river crossing and special transmission lines (where heavier earthwire used e.g. 7/4.5) OPGW installation hardware design slippage shall occur between 9% and 14% of UTS of OPGW.

The Contractor shall supply all the components of the suspension assembly including shackles, bolts, nuts, washers, split pins, etc. The total drop of the suspension assembly shall not exceed 150 mm (measured from the centre point of attachment to the centre point of the OPGW). The design of the assembly shall be such that the direction of run of the OPGW shall be the same as that of the conductor.

- (b) Dead End Clamp Assemblies: All dead end clamp assemblies shall preferably be of performed armoured grip type and shall include all necessary hardware for attaching the assembly to the tower strain plates. Dead end clamps shall allow the OPGW to pass through continuously without cable cutting. The slip strength shall be rated not less than 95% of the Ultimate tensile strength of the OPGW.
- (c) Clamp Assembly Earthing Wire: Earthing wire consisting of a 1500 mm length of aluminium or aluminium alloy conductor equivalent in size to the OPGW shall be used to earth suspension and dead end clamp assemblies to the tower structure. The earthing wire shall be permanently fitted with lugs at each end. The lugs shall be attached to the clamp assembly at one end and the tower structure at the other.
- (d) Structure Attachment Clamp Assemblies: Clamp assemblies used to attach the OPGW to the structures, shall have two parallel grooves for the OPGW, one on either side of the connecting bolt. The clamps shall be such that clamping characteristics do not alter adversely when only one OPGW is installed. The tower attachment plates shall locate the OPGW on the inside of the tower and shall be attached directly to the tower legs/cross-members without drilling or any other structural modifications.
- (e) Tension Fitting for Suspension Tower
The OPGW cable sections shall also be terminated & spliced on suspension towers as per requirement. For this, a special fitting namely Yoke plate alongwith tension fittings shall be provided for termination/jointing of OPGW on Suspension tower. Typical drawing of suspension fitting where cable may be terminated on suspension tower is given in Appendices.
- (f) Vibration Dampers: Vibration dampers type 4R Stockbridge or equivalent, having four (4) different frequencies spread within the Aeolian frequency bandwidth corresponding to wind speed of 1m/s to 7 m/s, shall be used for suspension and tension points in each span. The Contractor shall determine the exact numbers and placement(s) of vibration dampers through a detailed vibration analysis.

One damper minimum on each side per OPGW cable for suspension points and two dampers minimum on each side per OPGW cable for tension points shall be used for nominal design span of 400 meters. For all other ruling spans, the number of vibration damper shall be as per manufacturer recommendation and damper placement chart.

The clamp of the vibration damper shall be made of high strength aluminum alloy of type LM-6. It shall be capable of supporting the damper and prevent damage or chaffing of the conductor during erection or continued operation. The clamp shall have smooth and permanent grip to keep the damper in position on the OPGW cable without damaging the strands or causing premature fatigue failure of the OPGW cable under the clamp. The clamp groove shall be in uniform contact with the OPGW cable over the entire clamping surface except for the rounded edges. The groove of the clamp body and clamp cap shall be smooth, free from projections, grit or other materials which could cause damage to the OPGW cable when the clamp is installed. Clamping bolts shall be provided with self-locking nuts and designed to prevent corrosion of threads or loosening in service.

The messenger cable shall be made of high strength galvanised steel/stain less steel. It shall be of preformed and post formed quality in order to prevent subsequent drop of weight and to maintain consistent flexural stiffness of the cable in service. The messenger cable other than stainless steel shall be hot dip galvanised in accordance with the recommendations of IS: 4826 for heavily coated wires.

The damper mass shall be made of hot dip galvanised mild steel/cast iron or a permanent mould cast zinc alloy. All castings shall be free from defects such as cracks, shrinkage, inclusions and blow holes etc. The surface of the damper masses

shall be smooth.

The damper clamp shall be casted over the messenger cable and offer sufficient and permanent grip on it. The messenger cable shall not slip out of the grip at a load less than the mass pull-off value of the damper. The damper masses made of material other-than zinc alloy shall be fixed to the messenger cable in a suitable manner in order to avoid excessive stress concentration on the messenger cables which shall cause premature fatigue failure of the same. The messenger cable ends shall be suitably and effectively sealed to prevent corrosion. The damper mass made of zinc alloy shall be casted over the messenger cable and have sufficient and permanent grip on the messenger cable under all service conditions.

The contractor must indicate the clamp bolt tightening torque to ensure that the slip strength of the clamp is maintained between 2.5 kN and 5 kN. The clamp when installed on the OPGW cable shall not cause excessive stress concentration on the OPGW cable leading to permanent deformation of the OPGW strands and premature fatigue failure in operation.

The vibration analysis of the system, with and without damper and dynamic characteristics of the damper as detailed in Technical Specification, shall have to be submitted. The technical particulars for vibration analysis and damping design of the system are as follows:

Sl. No.	Description	Technical Particulars
1	Span Length in meters (i) Ruling design span: (ii) Maximum span: (iii) Minimum Span:	400 meters 1100 meters 100 meters
2	Configuration:	As per Specifications
3	Tensile load in each:	As per sag tension calculations
4	Armour rods used:	Standard preformed armour rods/AGS
5	Maximum permissible dynamic strain:	+/- 150 micro strains

The damper placement chart for spans ranging from 100m to 1100m shall be submitted by the Contractor. Placement charts should be duly supported with sample calculations and manufacturer recommendation.

The damper placement charts shall include the following

- (1) Location of the dampers for various combinations of spans and line tensions clearly indicating the number of dampers to be installed per OPGW cable per span.
- (2) Placement distances clearly identifying the extremities between which the distances are to be measured.
- (3) Placement recommendation depending upon type of suspension clamps (viz Free center type/Armour grip type etc.)
- (4) The influence of mid span compression joints, repair sleeves and armour rods (standard and AGS) in the placement of dampers .

2.1.6 Fibre Optic Splice Enclosures (Joint Box)

All splices shall be encased in Fibre Optic Splice Enclosures. Suitable splice enclosures shall be provided to encase the optical cable splices in protective, moisture and dust free environment. Splice enclosures shall comply with ingress protection class IP 66 or better. The splice enclosures shall be designed for the storage and protection of required number of optical fibre splices and equipped with sufficient number of splice trays for splicing all fibres in the cable. No more than 12 fibres shall be terminated in a single splice tray. They shall be filled with suitable encapsulate that is easily removable should re-entry be required into the enclosures.

Splice enclosures shall be suitable for outdoor use with each of the cable types provided under this contract. Splice enclosures shall be appropriate for mounting on transmission line towers above anti-climb guard levels at about 10 metres from top of the tower and shall accommodate pass-through splicing. The actual mounting height and location shall be finalised after Survey. Contractor shall be responsible for splicing of fibres and installation of splice enclosures.

2.1.6.1 Optical Fibre Splices

Splicing of the optical fibre cabling shall be minimized through careful Contractor planning. There shall be no mid-span splices allowed. All required splices shall be planned to occur on tower structures. All optical fibre splicing shall comply with the following:

- (a) All fibre splices shall be accomplished through fusion splicing.
- (b) Each fibre splice shall be fitted with a splice protection sheath fitted over the final splice.
- (c) All splices and bare fibre shall be neatly installed in covered splice trays.
- (d) For each link, bi-directional attenuation of single mode fusion splices, shall not average more than 0.05 dB and no single splice loss shall exceed 0.1 dB when measured at 1550 nm.
- (e) For splicing, fibre optic cable service loops of adequate length shall be provided so that all splices occurring at tower structures can be performed at ground level.

2.1.7 Fibre Optic Approach Cables

For purposes of this specification, a fibre optic approach cable is defined as the Armoured underground fibre optic cable required to connect Overhead Fibre Optic Cable (OPGW) between the final in line splice enclosure on the gantry / tower forming the termination of the fibre cable on the power line and the Fibre Optic Distribution Panel (FODP) installed within the building. The estimated fibre optic approach cabling length requirements are indicated in the BoQ. Actual supply to be done as per directives of Project Manager.

2.1.7.1 Basic Construction

The cable shall be suitable for direct burial, laying in trenches & PVC/Hume ducts, laying under false flooring and on indoor or outdoor cable raceways.

2.1.7.2 Jacket Construction & Material

The Approach Cable shall be a UV resistant, rodent proof, armoured cable with metallic type of armouring. The outer cable jacket for approach cable shall consist of carbon black polyethylene resin to prevent damage from exposure to ultra-violet light, weathering and high levels of pollution. The jacket shall conform to ASTM D1248 for density.

2.1.7.3 Optical, Electrical and Mechanical Requirements

Approach cable shall contain fibres with identical optical/ physical characteristics as those in the OPGW cables. The cable core shall comprise of tensile strength member(s), fibre support/bedding structure, core wrap/bedding, and an overall impervious jacket.

2.1.7.4 Fibre Optic Approach Cable Installation hardware

At all locations, approach cable shall be laid within PLB HDPE duct along with necessary accessories such as pushfit coupler, end cap, cable bends etc.

2.1.8 Fibre Optic Distribution Panel

At each location requiring the termination of at least one fibre within a cable, all fibres within that cable shall be connectorized and terminated in Fibre Optic Distribution Panels in a manner consistent with the following:

- (a) All fibre optic terminations shall be housed using FODPs provisioned with splice organizers and splice trays. All fibres within a cable shall be fusion spliced to preconnectorized pigtails and fitted to the "Back-side" of the provided fibre optic couplings.
- (b) FODPs shall be suitable for use with each of the cable types provided as part of this contract. FODPs shall accommodate pass-through splicing and fibre terminations.
- (c) FODPs shall be supplied in suitable cabinets/racks with locking arrangement. The dimension of FODP cabinet shall be minimum 2200mm x 600mm x 600mm (HxWxD) and shall meet or exceed ingress protection class IP55 specifications.
- (d) All FODPs shall be of corrosion resistant, robust construction and shall allow both top or bottom entry for access to the splice trays. Ground lugs shall be provided on all FODPs and the Contractor shall ensure that all FODPs are properly grounded.
- (e) Flexible protection shall be provided to the patch cord bunches going out from FODP to other equipment.

2.1.9 Optical Fibre Connectors

Optical fibres shall be connectorised with FC-PC type connectors preferably. Alternatively, connector with matching patch cord shall also be acceptable. Fibre optic couplings supplied with FODPs shall be appropriate for the fibre connectors to be supported. There shall be no adapters.

2.1.10 Service Loops

For purposes of this specification, cable and fibre service loops are defined as slack (extra) cable and fibre provided for facilitating the installation, maintenance and repair of the optical fibre cable plant.

- (a) Outdoor Cable Service Loops: In-line splice enclosures installed outdoors and mounted on the utility towers shall be installed with sufficient fibre optic cable service loops such that the recommended minimum bend radius is maintained while allowing for installation or maintenance of the cable to be performed in a controlled environment at ground level.
- (b) Indoor Cable Service Loops: FODPs shall provide at least three (3) metres of cable service loop. Service loops shall be neatly secured and stored, coiled such that the minimum recommended bend radius' are maintained.
- (c) Fibre Units Service Loops: For all fibre optic cable splicing, the cable shall be stripped back a sufficient length such that the fan-out of fibre units shall provide for at least one (1) metre of fibre unit service loop between the stripped cable and the bare fibre fan-out.
- (d) Pigtail Service Loops: Connectorized pigtails spliced to bare fibres shall provide at least 1 metre of service loop installed in the FODP fibre organizer and at least one (1) metre of service loop to the couplings neatly stored behind the FODP coupling panels.
- (e) Fibre Service Loops: At least 0.5 metre of bare fibre service loop shall be provided on each side of all fibre splices. The bare fibre service loops shall be neatly and safely installed inside covered splice trays.

2.1.11 OPGW Cable Installation requirements

Most of the OPGW fibre optic cables to be installed under this project shall be installed under live line conditions, i.e., with all the circuits of the transmission line charged to their

rated voltage. The tentative bill of quantities for live-line OPGW cable system installations have been specified in the appendices.

The OPGW cable shall be installed at the top of the tower by replacing the existing ground wire. The Contractor shall carry out re-tensioning of the existing earth wire wherever required to maintain the adequate clearances for live line stringing of fibre optic cables. However, in exceptional cases installation of OPGW cable below conductor may also be considered on low voltage lines which shall be decided during detailed engineering.

During pre-installation survey, the Contractor shall check the suitability of OPGW installation on HVDC / EHV AC transmission line crossings, river crossing, highway, rail crossing etc in consultation with Employer. The Contractor shall propose suitable OPGW route accordingly using diamond crossing etc wherever earth wire is not available beneath line crossings. Such additional OPGW due to change in route on account of line crossings shall be included as a part of main quantity for OPGW route length.

OPGW installed under live line condition, i.e., with all circuits charged to the rated line voltage as specified in this section shall be generally in accordance with the IEEE Guide to the Installation of Overhead Transmission Line Conductors (IEEE STD. 524 with latest revisions), with additional instructions and precautions for live line working and fibre optic cable handling. Some of the cable may be installed in off-line condition also.

A tower structural analysis shall be carried out by the Contractor, based on the relevant data to be provided by Employer, to ensure that with the replacement of existing earthwire with the OPGW cable, the tower members remain within the statutory safety limits as per Indian Electricity rules and if required the Contractor shall carry out the tower strengthening as necessary.

Suitable marking / identification on all installed OPGW / associated fittings / vibration dampers under this package shall be proposed by the Contractor to differentiate OPGW from conventional Earthwire which shall be implemented after acceptance & approval of Employer.

3 Inspection and testing

All materials furnished and all work performed under this Contract shall be inspected and tested. Deliverables shall not be shipped until all required inspections and tests have been completed, and all deficiencies have been corrected to comply with this Specification and approved for shipment by the Employer.

Except where otherwise specified, the Contractor shall provide all manpower and materials for tests, including testing facilities, logistics, power and instrumentation, and replacement of damaged parts. The costs shall be borne by the Contractor and shall be deemed to be included in the contract price.

The entire cost of testing for factory & site acceptance, routine tests, production tests and other test during manufacture & site activities specified herein shall be treated as included in the quoted unit price of materials, except for the expenses of Inspector/Employer's representative. Acceptance or waiver of tests shall not relieve the Contractor from the responsibility to furnish material in accordance with the specifications.

All tests shall be witnessed by the Employer and/or its authorized representative (hereinafter referred to as the Employer) unless the Employer authorizes testing to proceed without witness. The Employer representative shall sign the test form indicating approval of successful tests.

Should any inspections or tests indicate that specific item does not meet Specification requirements, the appropriate items shall be replaced, upgraded, or added by the Contractor as necessary to correct the noted deficiencies at no cost to the Employer. After correction of a deficiency, all necessary retests shall be performed to verify the effectiveness of the corrective action.

The Employer reserves the right to require the Contractor to perform, at the Employer's

expense, any other reasonable test(s) at the Contractor's premises, on site, or elsewhere in addition to the specified Type, Acceptance, Routine, or Manufacturing tests to assure the Employer of specification compliance.

All security related features shall be demonstrated during FAT/SAT as required by the Employer.

3.1 Inspection

Access to the Contractor's facilities during system manufacturing and testing and to any facility where systems/ equipment are being produced/ tested/ integrated for the fibre optic communication network, shall be available to the Employer. At all times the Employer shall have full facilities for unrestricted inspection of such materials or equipment. To facilitate this, the Contractor shall submit for the Employer approval, a comprehensive Quality Assurance Plan using ISO 9000 as a general guideline. In addition, the Quality Assurance Plan shall satisfy the following:

- (a) Sufficient office facilities, equipment, and documentation necessary to complete all inspections and to verify that the equipment is being fabricated and maintained in accordance with the Specification shall be provided by the Contractor to the Employer.
- (b) Inspections to be performed by the Employer will include visual examination of hardware, cable dressings and labeling. Contractor's documentation will also be examined to verify that it adequately identifies and describes all offered items and spare parts.
- (c) Access to inspect the Contractor's standards, procedures, and records that are applicable to the supplied equipment shall be provided to the Employer. Documents will be inspected to verify that the Contractor has performed the required quality assurance activities.
- (d) The inspection rights described above shall also apply to sub Contractors who are responsible for supplying major components described in this Specification. These items shall be inspected and tested at the sub Contractor's factory by the Employer's representatives prior to shipping this equipment to the Contractor's facility or directly to the Employer.
- (e) The above inspection rights shall also apply to sub Contractors supplying assemblies, subassemblies and components. However, such items will normally be inspected and tested by the Employer's representatives at the Contractor's site before acceptance.

3.2 Test Plans and Procedures

Test plans for both factory and site acceptance tests shall be provided by the Contractor. Test plans shall be modular to allow individual test segments to be repeated upon request.

Procedures for type test, factory acceptance test, and site acceptance test for OPGW (including hardware accessories) and communication equipment (wherever applicable) have been provided in Appendix F, G & H respectively.

The Contractor shall submit a Test Schedule for the Employer's approval within one (1) week after the award of contract for Type Tests and three (3) months after the award of contract for all other tests. The test schedule shall list the tests to be carried out, and the approximate test duration. The test periods shall also be indicated in the PERT chart or equivalent for the work. The Contractor shall give the Employer twenty one (21) days written notice of any material being ready for testing. Fifteen days prior to the scheduled testing, the Employer shall provide written notice to the Contractor of any drawings, equipment, material, or workmanship which, in the Employer's opinion, are not compliant to the specification. The Contractor shall give due consideration to such objections, if valid, effecting the corrections as necessary or shall

prove, in writing, that said modifications are unnecessary for contract compliance.

3.2.1 Factory and Site Test Plans

A test plan for factory and site acceptance tests shall be submitted for approval, at least four (4) weeks before the start of testing. The test plan shall be a single overview document that defines the overall schedule and individual responsibilities associated with conducting the tests, documenting the test results, and successfully completing the test criteria. Test Plans shall include, at a minimum, the information contained in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1
Factory & field Test Plan Requirements

Item:	Description:
1.	Test schedule
2.	Record-keeping assignments, procedures and forms
3.	Procedures for monitoring, correcting and retesting variances
4.	Procedures for controlling and documenting all changes made to the communications equipment after the start of testing

3.2.2 Test Procedures

All test equipment and/or instruments shall bear calibration stickers indicating valid calibration on and beyond the testing date. The time lapsed since last calibration shall not exceed the test equipment/ jig manufacturer recommended calibration interval or the interval recommended in the test lab's internal quality procedures.

The Contractor shall ensure that all testing will be performed by qualified testing personnel well experienced in performing such tests.

3.2.3 Test Records

Complete and indexed records of all factory and site acceptance tests results shall be maintained and provided to the Employer by the Contractor in hardcopy. The records shall be keyed to the steps enumerated in the test procedures. The minimal items required in test records are described in Table 3-3.

Table 3-3
Test Record Requirements

Item:	Description:
1.	Test Title and Revision Level, if applicable; contract references
2.	Date and time for test start and test completed
3.	Test title and reference to the appropriate section of the test procedures
4.	Description of any special test conditions or special actions taken (Includes test-case data).
5.	Test results for each test segment including an indication of Passed, Conditional Pass, Incomplete or Failed.
6.	Test procedure modifications made during testing.
7.	Variance Report(s) tracking information and copies (if variance(s) was detected).
8.	Contractor's test engineer(s) identification, signature and remarks
9.	Employer's test witness identification, signature and remarks
10.	List of all attachments
11.	Attachments (including system logs, printouts, variances, hard copies of visual

Table 3-3
Test Record Requirements

Item:	Description:
	test result displays, etc.)

All principle test records, test certificates and performance curves shall be supplied for all tests carried out as proof of compliance with the specifications and/or each and every specified test. These test certificates, records and performance curves shall be supplied for all tests, whether or not they have been witnessed by the Employer within the specified duration after the completion of test. Information given on such test certificates and curves shall be sufficient to identify the material or equipment to which the certificates refer, and shall also bear the Contractor's reference and heading.

3.2.4 Rejection of Elements

Any item or component which fails to comply with the requirements of this Specification in any respect, at any stage of manufacture, test, erection or on completion at site may be rejected by the Employer either in whole or part as considered necessary.

Material or components with defects of such a nature that do not meet the requirements of the Specification by adjustment or modification shall be replaced by the Contractor at his own expense. After adjustment or modification, the Contractor shall submit the items to the Employer for further inspection and/or tests.

3.2.5 Test Periods Defined

The terminology used in Volume I, General Conditions of Contract and their correlation with the test's requirements described within this section is as follows:

Pre-Commissioning & Commissioning Period - The Site Acceptance Test (SAT)

Operational Acceptance - Successful completion of SAT

3.3 Type Testing

"Type Tests" shall be defined as those tests which are to be carried out to prove the design, process of manufacture and general conformity of the materials to this Specification. Type Testing shall comply with the following:

- (a) All cable & equipment being supplied shall conform to type tests as per technical specification.
- (b) The reports submitted shall be of type tests conducted within below mentioned periods from the date of bid opening:
 - (i) seven (7) years for OPGW cable and OPGW hardware fittings

In case the test reports are older than aforementioned time duration, the Contractor shall repeat these tests at no extra cost to the purchaser.

- (c) The Contractor shall submit, within 30 days of Contract Award, copies of test reports for all of the Type Tests that are specified in the specifications and that have previously (before Contract award) been performed. These reports may be accepted by the Employer only if they apply to materials and equipment that are essentially identical to those due to be delivered under the Contract and only if test procedures and parameter values are identical to those specified in these specifications carried out at accredited labs and witnessed by third party / customer's representatives.

In the event of any discrepancy in the test reports or any type tests not carried out, same shall be carried out by Contractor without any additional cost implication to the Employer.

- (d) Type Tests shall be certified or performed by reputed laboratories using material and equipment data sheets as per procedures provided in this technical

specification. The Contractor shall provide the Employer at least 30 days written notice of the planned commencement of each type test.

- (e) The Contractor shall provide a detailed schedule for performing all specified type tests. These tests shall be performed in the presence of a representative of the Employer.
- (f) The Contractor shall ensure that all type tests can be completed within the time schedule offered in his Technical Proposal.
- (g) In case of failure during any type test, the Supplier is either required to manufacture a fresh sample lot and repeat all type tests successfully or repeat that particular type test(s) at least three times successfully on the samples selected from the already manufactured lot at his own expenses. In case a fresh lot is manufactured for testing then the lot already manufactured shall be rejected.

3.3.1 Type Test Samples

The Contractor shall supply equipment/material for sample selection only after the Quality Assurance Plan has been approved by the Employer. The sample material shall be manufactured strictly in accordance with the approved Quality Assurance Plan. The Contractor shall submit for Employer approval, the type test sample selection procedure. The selection process for conducting the type tests shall ensure that samples are selected at random. At least three samples of each of the proposed equipment/item/cable drum except FO cable installation hardware & fittings shall be offered for selection. For FO cable installation hardware & fittings at least ten (10) samples shall be offered for selection.

3.3.2 List of Type Tests

The type testing shall be conducted on the following equipment/items

- (a) Optical fibres
- (b) OPGW Cable
- (c) OPGW Cable fittings
- (d) Vibration Damper
- (e) Splice Enclosure (Joint Box)
- (j) Approach Cable

3.3.2.1 Type Tests for Optical Fibres

The type tests listed below in table 3-6 shall be conducted on DWSM fibres to be supplied as part of overhead cables. The tests specific to the cable type are listed in subsequent sections.

Table 3-6
Type Tests For Optical Fibres

S. No.	Test Name	Acceptance Criteria	Test procedure
1	Attenuation	As per Section-02 of TS	IEC 60793-1-40 Or EIA/TIA 455-78A
2	Attenuation Variation with Wavelength	As per Section-02 of TS	IEC 60793-1-40 Or EIA/TIA 455-78A
3	Attenuation at Water Peak	As per Section-02 of TS	IEC 60793-1-40 Or EIA/TIA 455-78A
4	Temp. Cycling (Temp dependence of Attenuation)		IEC 60793-1-52 Or EIA/TIA 455-3A, 2 cycles

**Table 3-6
Type Tests For Optical Fibres**

S. No.	Test Name	Acceptance Criteria	Test procedure
5	Attenuation With Bending (Bend Performance)		IEC 60793-1-47 Or EIA/TIA 455-62A
6	Mode Field dia.		IEC 60793-1-45 Or EIA/TIA 455-164A/167A/174
7	Chromatic Dispersion		IEC 60793-1-42 Or EIA/TIA 455-168A/169A/175A
8	Cladding Diameter		IEC 60793-1-20 Or EIA/TIA 455-176
9	Point Discontinuities of attenuation		IEC 60793-1-40 Or EIA/TIA 455-59
10	Core -Clad concentricity error		IEC 60793-1-20 Or EIA/TIA 455-176
11	Fibre Tensile Proof Testing		IEC 60793-1-30 Or EIA/TIA 455-31B
-End Of table-			

3.3.2.2 Type Tests for OPGW Cables

The type tests to be conducted on the OPGW cable are listed in Table 3-7 Type Tests for OPGW Cables. Unless specified otherwise in the technical specifications or the referenced standards, the optical attenuation of the specimen, measured during or after the test as applicable, shall not increase by more than 0.05 dB/Km.

**Table 3-7
Type tests for OPGW Cable**

S. No.	Test Name	Test Description	Test Procedure
1	Water Ingress Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.3.5
2	Seepage of filling compound	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.3.6
3	Short Circuit Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.3.3

Table 3-7
Type tests for OPGW Cable

S. No.	Test Name	Test Description	Test Procedure
4	Aeolian Vibration Test	IEEE 1138-2009 / Or IEC60794-4-10 / IEC 60794-1-2, Method E19	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.3.1
5	Galloping test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.3.2
6	Cable Bend Test	IEEE 1138-2009 / IEC 60794-1-2 Method E11	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.2.3
7	Sheave Test	IEEE 1138-2009 / IEC 60794-1-2 (2003) Method E1B	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.2.1
8	Crush Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.2.2
9	Twist Test	IEEE 1138-2009/ (IEC 60794-1-2 E4/ EIA/TIA 455-25B)	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.2.4
10	Creep Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.1.1
11	Fibre Strain Test	IEEE 1138- 1994	IEEE 1138- 1994
12	Strain Margin Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.1.3
13	Stress Strain Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.1.2

Table 3-7
Type tests for OPGW Cable

S. No.	Test Name	Test Description	Test Procedure
14	Cable Cut-off wavelength Test	IEEE 1138-1994	IEEE 1138-1994
15	Temperature Cycling Test	IEEE 1138-2009 / IEC 60794-1-2, Method F1	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.3.7
16	Corrosion (Salt Spray) Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.3.8
17	Ultimate Tensile Strength Test	IEEE 1138-2009/ IEC 60794-1-2 E1 / EIA/TIA 455-33B	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.1.4
18	Lightning Arc Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.3.4
19	DC Resistance Test	IEEE 1138-2009/ (IEC 60228)	IEEE 1138-2009 Method 6.4.1.5
-End Of Table-			

3.3.2.3 Type Test on OPGW Cable Fittings

The type tests to be conducted on the OPGW Cable fittings and accessories are listed below:

(i) Mechanical Strength Test for Suspension/Tension Assembly

Applicable Standards: IEC 61284, 1997.

Suspension Assembly

The armour rods /reinforcement rods are assembled on to the approved OPGW using the Installation Instructions to check that the assembly is correctly fitted and is the same that will be carried out during installations.

Part 1:

The suspension assembly shall be increased at a constant rate up to a load equal to 50% of the specified minimum Failure Load increased and held for one minute for the test rig to stabilise. The load shall then be increased at a steady rate to 67% of the minimum Failure Load and held for five minutes. The angle between the cable, the Suspension Assembly and the horizontal

shall not exceed 16°. This load shall then be removed in a controlled manner and the Protection Splice disassembled. Examination of all the components shall be made and any evidence of visual deformation shall be documented.

Part 2:

The Suspension clamp shall then be placed in the testing machine. The tensile load shall gradually be increased up to 50% of the specified Minimum Failure Load of the Suspension Assembly and held for one minute for the Test Rig to stabilise and the load shall be further increased at a steady rate until the specified minimum Failure Load is reached and held for one minute. No fracture should occur during this period. The applied load shall then be increased until the failing load is reached and the value shall be documented.

Tension Assembly

The Tension Assembly is correctly fitted and is the same that will be carried out during installations.

Part 1:

The tension assembly (excluding tension clamp) shall be increased at a constant rate up to a load equal to 50% of the specified minimum Failure Load increased at a constant rate and held for one minute for the test rig to stabilise. The load shall then be increased at a steady rate to 67% of the minimum Failure Load and held for five minutes. This load shall then remove in a controlled manner and the Tension Assembly disassembled. Examination of the Tension Dead-End and associated components shall be made and any evidence of visual deformation shall be documented.

Part 2:

The Tension Dead-End and associated components shall then be reassembled and bolts tightened as before. The tensile load shall gradually be increased up shall gradually be increased up to 50% of the specified Minimum Failure Load of the Tension Assembly and held for one minute for the Test Rig to stabilise and the load shall be further increased at a steady rate until the specified minimum Failure Load is reached and held for one minute. No fracture should occur during this period. The applied load shall then be increased until the failing load is reached and the value shall be documented.

Acceptance Criteria for Tension/Suspension Assembly:

- No evidence of binding of the Nuts or Deformation of components at end of Part 1 of Test.
- No evidence of Fracture at the end of one minute at the minimum failure load during Part 2 of the Test.

Any result outside these parameters shall constitute a failure.

(ii) Clamp Slip Strength Test for Suspension Assembly

The suspension assembly shall be vertically suspended by means of a flexible attachment. A suitable length fibre optical cable shall be fixed in the clamps. Once the Suspension Clamp has been assembled, the test rig is tensioned to 1 kN and the position scale on the recorder 'zeroed'. The test rig is then tensioned to 2.5 kN and the relative positions of the Reinforcing Rods, Armour Rods and Suspension Clamp shall be marked by a suitable means to confirm any slippage after the test has been completed. The relative positions of the helical Armour Rods and associated Reinforcing Rods at each end shall be marked and also 2 mm relative position between clamp body and Armour Rods shall be marked on one side. The load shall be increased to 12 kN at a loading rate of 3 kN/min and held for one minute. At the end of this one minute period, the relative displacement between clamp body and the armour rods shall be observed. If the slippage is 2 mm or above, the test shall be terminated. Otherwise, at the end of one minute the position of the clamp body and 2 mm. relative positions between clamp body and armour rods shall be marked on the other side. After the one minute pause, the load shall be further increased at a loading rate of 3 kN/min, and recording of load and displacement shall continue until either the relative Position displacement between clamp body and armour rods reaches more than 2 mm or the load reaches the maximum slip load of 17 kN. On reaching either of the above values the test is terminated. Visual examination of all paint marks shall be recorded, and a measurement of any displacement recorded in the Table of Results.

Acceptance Criteria:

The Suspension Clamp has passed the Slip Test if the following conditions are met:

- No slippage* shall occur at or below the specified minimum slip load.
* Definition of no slippage in accordance with IEC 61284, 1997:- Any relative movement less than 2 mm is accepted. The possible couplings or elongations produced by the cable as a result of the test itself are not regarded as slippage.
- Slippage shall occur between the specified maximum and minimum slip load of 12 - 17 kN.
- There shall be no slippage of the Reinforcing Rods over the cable, and no slippage of the Armour Rods over the Reinforcing Rods.
- The relative movement (i.e. more than 2 mm between Armour Rods & Clamp body) between minimum 12 kN and maximum slip 17 kN, shall be considered as slip.
- The Armour Rods shall not be displaced from their original lay or damaged**.
** Definition of no damage in accordance with convention expressed in IEC 61284: 1997 no damage, other than surface flattening of the strands shall occur.

Any result outside these parameters is a failure.

(iii) Slip Strength Test of Tension Clamp

Tension clamps shall be fitted on a 8 m length of fibre optic cable on both ends. The assembly shall be mounted on a tensile testing machine and anchored in a manner similar to the arrangement to be used in service. A tensile load shall gradually be applied up to 20 % of the UTS of OPGW. Displacement transducers shall be installed to measure the relative movement between the OPGW relative to the Reinforcing Rods and Tension Dead -End relative to Reinforcing Rods. In addition, suitable marking shall be made on the OPGW and Dead-End to confirm grip. The load shall be gradually increased at a constant rate up to 50 % of the UTS and the position scale of the recorder is zeroed. The load shall then gradually increased up to 95 % of the UTS and maintained for one minute. After one minute pause, the load shall be slowly released to zero and the marking examined and measured for any relative movement.

Acceptance Criteria:

- No movement* shall occur between the OPGW and the Reinforcing Rods, or between the Reinforcing Rods and the Dead-End assembly.
- No failure or damage or disturbance to the lay of the Tension Dead-End, Reinforcing Rods or OPGW.

* Definition of no movement as defined in IEC 61284: Any relative movement less than 2 mm is accepted. The possible couplings or elongations produced by the conductor as a result of the test itself are not regarded as slippage.

Any result outside these parameters shall constitute a failure.

(iv) Grounding Clamp and Structure Mounting Clamp Fit Test

For structure mounting clamp, one series of tests shall be conducted with two fibre optic cables installed, one series of tests with one fibre optic cable installed in one groove, and one series of tests with one fibre optic cable in the other groove. Each clamp shall be installed including clamping compound as required on the fibre optic cable. The nut shall be tightened on to the bolt by using torque wrench with a torque of 5.5 kgm or supplier's recommended torque and the tightened clamp shall be held for 10 minutes. After the test remove the fibre optic cable and examine all its components for distortion, crushing or breaking. Also the fibre optic cable shall be checked to ensure free movement within the core using dial callipers to measure the diameter of the core tube. The material shall be defined as failed if any visible distortion, crushing, cracking or breaking of the core tube is observed or the fibre optic cable within the core tube is not free to move, or when the diameter of the core tube as measured at any location in the clamped area is more than 0.5 mm larger or smaller of the core diameter as measured outside the clamped area.

(v) Structure Mounting Clamp Strength Test

The clamp and mounting assembly shall be assembled on a vertical 200 mm x 200 mm angle

and a short length of fibre optic cable installed. A vertical load of 200 kg shall be applied at the end of the mounting clamp and held for 5 minutes. Subsequently, the load shall be increased to 400 kg and held for 30 seconds. Any visible distortion, slipping or breaking of any component of the mounting clamp or assembly shall constitute failure.

3.3.2.4 Type Test on Vibration Damper

(a) Dynamic Characteristic Test

The damper shall be mounted with its clamp tightened with torque recommended by the manufacturer on shaker table capable of simulating sinusoidal vibrations for Critical Aeolian Vibration frequency band ranging from $0.18/d$ to $1.4/d$ – where d is the OPGW cable diameter in meters. The damper assembly shall be vibrated vertically with a ± 1 mm amplitude from 5 to 15 Hz frequency and beyond 15 Hz at 0.5 mm to determine following characteristics with the help of suitable recording instruments.

- (i) Force Vs frequency
- (ii) Phase angle Vs frequency
- (iii) Power dissipation Vs frequency

The Force Vs frequency curve shall not show steep peaks at resonance frequencies and deep troughs between the resonance frequencies. The resonance frequencies shall be suitably spread within the Aeolian vibration frequency-band between the lower and upper dangerous frequency limits determined by the vibration analysis of fibre optic cable without dampers.

Acceptance criteria for vibration damper:

- (i) The above dynamic characteristics test on five damper shall be conducted.
- (ii) The mean reactance and phase angle Vs frequency curves shall be drawn with the criteria of best fit method.
- (iii) The above mean reactance response curve should lie within following limits:
V.D. for OPGW - $0.060 f$ to $0.357 f$ kgf/mm*
Where f is frequency in Hz.
- (iv) The above mean phase angle response curve shall be between 25° to 130° within the frequency range of interest.
- (v) If the above curve lies within the envelope, the damper design shall be considered to have successfully met the requirement.
- (vi) Visual resonance frequencies of each mass of damper is to be recorded and to be compared with the guaranteed values.

(b) Vibration Analysis

The vibration analysis of the fibre optic cable shall be done with and without damper installed on the span. The vibration analysis shall be done on a digital computer using energy balance approach. The following parameters shall be taken into account for the purpose of analysis.

- (i) The analysis shall be done for single fibre optic cable without armour rods. The tension shall be taken as 25% of UTS of fibre optic cable for a span ranging from 100 m to 1100 m.
- (ii) The self damping factor and flexural stiffness (EI) for fibre optic cable shall be calculated on the basis of experimental results. The details to experimental analysis with these data shall be furnished.
- (iii) The power dissipation curve obtained from Damper Characteristics Test shall be used for analysis with damper.
- (iv) Examine the Aeolian Vibration level of the fibre optic cable with and without vibration damper installed at the recommended location or wind velocity ranging from 0 to 30 Km per hour, predicting amplitude, frequency and vibration energy input.

- (v) From vibration analysis of fibre optic cable without damper, antinode vibration amplitude and dynamic strain levels at clamped span extremities as well as antinodes shall be examined and thus lower and upper dangerous frequency limits between which the Aeolian vibration levels exceed the specified limits shall be determined.
- (vi) From vibration analysis of fibre optic cable with damper(s) installed at the recommended location, the dynamic strain level at the clamped span extremities, damper attachment point and the antinodes on the fibre optic cable shall be determined. In addition to above damper clamp vibration amplitude and antinodes vibration amplitudes shall also be examined.
The dynamic strain levels at damper attachment point, clamped span extremities and antinodes shall not exceed the specified limits. The damper clamp vibration amplitude shall not be more than that of the specified fatigue limits.

(c) Fatigue Tests

(i) Test Set Up

The fatigue tests shall be conducted on a laboratory set up with a minimum effective span length of 30m. The fibre optic cable shall be tensioned at 25% of UTS of fibre optic cable and shall not be equipped with protective armour rods at any point.

Constant tension shall be maintained within the span by means of lever arm arrangement. After the fibre optic cable has been tensioned, clamps shall be installed to support the fibre optic cable at both ends and thus influence of connecting hardware fittings are eliminated from the free span. The clamps shall not be used for holding the tension on the fibre optic cable. There shall be no loose parts, such as suspension clamps, U bolts, on the test span supported between clamps mentioned above. The span shall be equipped with vibration inducing equipment suitable for producing steady standing vibration. The inducing equipment shall have facilities for step less speed control as well as step less amplitude arrangement. Equipment shall be available for measuring the frequency, cumulative number of cycles and amplitude of vibration at any point along the span.

(ii) Fatigue Test

The vibration damper shall be installed on the test span with the manufacturer's specified tightening torque. It shall be ensured that the damper shall be kept minimum three loops away from the shaker to eliminate stray signals influencing damper movement.

The damper shall then be vibrated at the highest resonant frequency of each damper mass. For dampers involving torsional resonant frequencies, tests shall be done at torsional modes also in addition to the highest resonant frequencies at vertical modes. The resonance frequency shall be identified as the frequency at which each damper mass vibrates with the maximum amplitude on itself. The amplitude of vibration of the damper clamp shall be maintained not less than $\pm 25/f$ mm where f is the frequency in Hz.

The test shall be conducted for minimum ten million cycles at each resonant frequency mentioned above. During the test, if resonance shift is observed, the test frequency shall be tuned to the new resonant frequency.

The clamp slip test as mentioned herein shall be repeated after fatigue tests without retorquing or adjusting the damper clamp, and the clamp shall withstand a minimum load equal to 80% of the slip strength for a minimum duration of one minute.

After the above tests, the damper shall be removed from fibre optic cable and subjected to dynamic characteristics test. There shall not be any major deterioration in the characteristics of the damper. The damper then shall be cut open and inspected. There shall not be any broken, loose, or damaged part. There shall not be significant deterioration or wear of the damper. The fibre optic cable under clamp shall also be free from any damage.

For purposes of acceptance, the following criteria shall be applied:

- (1) There shall not be any resonant frequency shift before and after the test by more than $\pm 20\%$
- (2) The power dissipation of the damper before and after test at the individual

resonant frequencies do not differ by more than $\pm 20\%$

Beside above tests, the type tests listed below in the table shall also be conducted on Vibration Damper

Sl No.	Test Name	Test Procedure
1	Visual examination & Dimensional and material verification	IEC 61897 Clause 7.1 & 7.2
2	Clamp Slip test	IEC 61897 Clause 7.5
3	Clamp bolt tightening test	IEC 61897 Clause 7.7
4	Attachments of weights to messenger cable	IEC 61897 Clause 7.8
5	Attachment of clamps to messenger cable	IEC 61897 Clause 7.8
6	Damper effectiveness evaluation	IEC 61897 Clause 7.11.3.2

3.3.2.5 Type Tests for Splice Enclosures (Joint Box)

Following Type tests shall be demonstrated on the Splice Enclosure(s) (Splice Enclosure/Box). For certain tests, lengths of the fibre optic cable shall be installed in the splice box, and the fibres must be spliced and looped in order to simulate conditions of use. The attenuation of the fibres shall be measured, during certain tests, by relevant Fibre Optic Test Procedures (EIA/TIA 455 or IEC 60794-1 procedures).

(i)Temperature Cycling Test

FO cable is installed in the splice enclosure and optical fibres spliced and looped. The box must be subjected to 5 cycles of temperature variations of -40°C to $+65^{\circ}\text{C}$ with a dwell time of at least 2 hours on each extreme.

Fibre loop attenuation shall be measured in accordance with EIA 455-20 / IEC 60794-1-C10. The variation in attenuation shall be less than $\pm 0.05\text{dB}$. The final humidity level, inside the box, shall not exceed the initial level, at the closing of the box.

(ii)Humid Heat test

The sealed splice enclosure, with fibres spliced and looped inside, must be subjected to a temperature of $+55^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ with a relative humidity rate of between 90% and 95% for 5 days. The attenuation variation of the fibres during the duration of the test shall be less than $\pm 0.05\text{dB}$, and the internal humidity rate measured, less than 2%.

(iii)Water Immersion test

The splice enclosure with optical fibres cable installed and fibres spliced fixed, shall be immersed in water for 24 hours. No water seepage or moisture shall be detected in the splice enclosure. The attenuation variation of the fibres after the test shall be less than $\pm 0.05\text{dB}$.

(iv)Vibration Test

The splice enclosure, with fibres united inside, shall be subjected to vibrations on two axes with a frequency scanning of 5 to 50 Hz. The amplitude of the vibrations shall be constant at 0.450mm, peak to peak, for 2 hours, for each of the vibrations' axes. The variation in attenuation, of the fibres, shall be less than $\pm 0.05\text{dB}$. The splice enclosure shall be examined for any defects or deformation. There shall be no loosening or visible damage of the FO cable at the entry point.

(v)Bending and Torsion test

The splice enclosure, with fibres spliced inside, shall be firmly held in place and be subjected to the following sequence of mechanical stresses on the cable:

- 3 torsion cycles of $\pm 180^{\circ}$ shall be exercised on the cable. Each cycle shall be less than one minute.
- 3 flexure cycles of the cable, of $\pm 180^{\circ}$ with one cycle less than one minute.

The variation in the attenuation, of the fibres, shall be less than $\pm 0.05\text{dB}$. The cables connection ring shall remain securely fixed to the box with the connection maintained firmly.

No defects/fissures shall be noted on the joint ring or on the splice enclosure

(vi) Tensile test

The splice enclosure with cable fixed to the boxes shall be subjected to a minimum tension of 448 N for a period of two minutes. No fissure shall be noted in the connections or on the box.

(vii) Drop Test

With 2 lengths of 11 metres of cable fixed to the box, it shall be dropped five times from a height of 10 metres. There shall be no fissure, at all, of the box, and the connections shall remain tight. The test surface shall be carried out in accordance with IEC 60068-2-32.

3.3.2.6 Type Tests for Fibre Optic Approach Cable

The type tests to be conducted on the Fibre Optic Approach cable are listed in table 3-8: Type Tests for Fibre Optic Approach Cable. Unless specified otherwise in the technical specifications or the referenced standards, the optical attenuation of the specimen, measured during or after the test as applicable, shall not increase by more than 0.05 dB/Km.

**Table 3-8:
Type Tests Fibre Optic Approach Cable**

S.NO.	Test Name	Test Procedure
1	Water Ingress Test	(IEC 60794-1-F5 / EIA 455-82B) Test duration : 24 hours
2	Seepage of filling compound	(EIA 455-81A) Preconditioning : 72 hours, Test duration : 24 hours.
3	Crush Test	(IEC 60794-1-E3/ EIA 455-41)
4	Impact Test	(IEC-60794-1-E4/ EIA 455-25A)
5	Stress strain Test	(EIA 455-33A)
6	Cable Cut-off wavelength Test	(EIA 455-170)
7	Temperature Cycling Test	(IEC60794-1-F1/EIA-455-3A) – 2 cycles
-End Of Table-		

Impact Test

The Impact test shall be carried out in accordance with IEC:60794-1-E4. Five separate impacts of 2.0 kg shall be applied at different locations. The radius of the intermediate piece shall be the reel drum radius $\pm 10\%$. A permanent or temporary increase in optical attenuation value greater than 0.05 dB/km shall constitute failure.

3.4 Factory Acceptance Tests

Factory acceptance tests shall be conducted on randomly selected final assemblies of all equipment to be supplied. Factory acceptance testing shall be carried out on OPGW Cable and associated hardware & fittings, Approach Cable and associated hardware fitting , Joint Box, FODP, etc. and all other items for which price has been identified separately in the Bid Price Schedules.

Material shall not be shipped to the Employer until required factory tests are completed satisfactorily, all variances are resolved, full test documentation has been delivered to the Employer, and the Employer has issued CIP Clearance/Interim Inspection Report. Successful completion of the factory tests and the Employer approval to ship, shall in no way constitute final acceptance of the system or any portion thereof. These tests shall be carried out in the presence of the Employer's authorised representatives unless waiver for witnessing by

Employer's representatives is intimated to the contractor.

Factory acceptance tests shall not proceed without the prior delivery to and approval of all test documentation by the Employer.

The factory acceptance test shall demonstrate the technical characteristics of the equipment in relation to this specifications and approved drawings and documents. List of factory acceptance tests for Fibre Optic Transmission system, Termination Equipment Sub-system , NMS are given in specified Tables in this section. This list of factory acceptance tests shall be supplemented by the Contractor's standard FAT testing program. The factory acceptance tests for the other items shall be proposed by the Contractor in accordance with technical specifications and Contractor's (including Sub-Contractor's / supplier's) standard FAT testing program. In general the FAT for other items shall include at least: Physical verification, demonstration of technical characteristics, various operational modes, functional interfaces, alarms and diagnostics etc.

For Test equipment & clock, FAT shall include supply of proper calibration certificates, demonstration of satisfactory performance, evidence of correct equipment configuration and manufacturer's final inspection certificate/ report.

3.4.1 Sampling for FAT

From each batch of equipment presented by the Contractor for Factory acceptance testing, the Employer shall select random sample(s) to be tested for acceptance. Unless otherwise agreed, all required FAT tests in the approved FAT procedures, shall be performed on all samples. The Sampling rate for the Factory acceptance tests shall be minimum 10% of the batch size (minimum 1) for all items. The physical verification shall be carried out on 100% of the offered quantities as per the approved FAT procedure. In case any of the selected samples fail, the failed sample is rejected and additional 20% samples shall be selected randomly and tested. In case any sample from the additional 20% also fails the entire batch may be rejected. In case a number of equipments are required for demonstration of the performance of any equipment during FAT, the sample size shall be taken as that number of equipments which are necessary to demonstrate the performance, irrespective of the percentage.

For the OPGW cable hardware fittings & accessories, the minimum sampling rate, and batch acceptance criteria shall be as defined in IS 2486.

The Sampling rate for the Factory acceptance tests shall be 10% of the batch size (minimum 2) for FO cable drums, FODPs, Joint box and other similar items.

Since FAT testing provides a measure of assurance that the Quality Control objectives are being met during all phases of production, the Employer reserves the right to require the Contractor to investigate and report on the cause of FAT failures and to suspend further testing/ approvals until such a report is made and remedial actions taken, as applicable.

3.4.2 Production Testing

Production testing shall mean those tests which are to be carried out during the process of production by the Contractor to ensure the desired quality of end product to be supplied by him. The production tests to be carried out at each stage of production shall be based on the Contractor's standard quality assurance procedures. The production tests to be carried out shall be listed in the Manufacturing Quality Plan (MQP), alongwith information such as sampling frequency, applicable standards, acceptance criteria etc.

The production tests would normally not be witnessed by the Employer. However, the Employer reserves the right to do so or inspect the production testing records in accordance with Inspection rights specified for this contract.

3.4.3 Factory Acceptance Tests on Optical Fibre to be supplied with OPGW

The factory acceptance tests listed in table below are applicable for the Optical fibres to be supplied. The listed tests follow testing requirements set forth in IEEE standard 1138, 1994

section 4.2.2.1 and section 5.2.2.1. The referenced sections specify the detailed test description. The acceptance norm shall be as specified in the above mentioned IEEE standards unless specified otherwise in the technical specifications.

Table 3-14
Factory Acceptance Tests for Optical Fibres: Optical Tests

S. No.	Test Name	Acceptance Criteria	Test procedure
1	Attenuation Coefficient	TS Vol II, Table 2-1(a)	EIA/TIA 455- 78A
2	Point Discontinuities of attenuation	TS Vol II, Section 2.1.1.2	EIA/TIA 455-59
3	Attenuation at Water Peak	TS Vol II, Table 2-1(a)	EIA/TIA 455- 78A
4	Chromatic Dispersion		EIA/TIA 455-168A/169A/175A
5	Core – Clad Concentricity Error		EIA/TIA 455-/176
6	Cladding diameter		EIA/TIA 455-176
7	Fibre Tensile Proof Testing		EIA/TIA 455-31B
-End of table-			

The test report for the above tests for the fibers carried out by the Fiber Manufacturer and used in the OPGW cables shall be shown to the inspector during OPGW cable FAT and shall be submitted along with the OPGW cable FAT report.

3.4.4 Factory Acceptance Test on OPGW Cable

The factory acceptance tests for OPGW cable specified below in Table follow the requirements set forth in IEEE standard 1138 / IEC 60794. The FAT shall be carried out on 10% of offered drums in each lot as specified in technical specifications and the optical tests shall be carried out in all fibres of the selected sample drums. The Rated Tensile Strength test shall be carried out on one sample in each lot.

Table 3-15
Factory Acceptance Tests on OPGW
Applicable standard: IEEE 1138 / IEC 60794

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test on Manufactured OPGW
1	Attenuation Co-efficient at 1310 nm and 1550 nm
2	Point discontinuities of attenuation
3	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
4	Rated Tensile Strength
5	Lay Length Measurements

3.4.5 Factory Acceptance Test on OPGW Fittings

The factory acceptance tests for OPGW Fittings as specified below in Table 3-16. The sampling plan shall be as per relevant standard:

Table 3-16
Factory Acceptance Tests On OPGW Fittings

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test
Suspension Assembly	
1	UTS/Mechanical Strength of the assembly
2	Clamp Slip Test
3	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
4	Mechanical strength of each component
5	Galvanising test
Tension Assembly	
6	Clamp Slip Strength test
7	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
8	Mechanical strength of each component
9	Galvanising Test
Vibration Damper	
10	Galvanising test on damper, masses and messenger wires
11	Damper response (resonant frequencies)
12	Clamp Slip test
13	Strength of messenger wires
14	Attachments of weights to messenger cable
15	Attachments of clamps to messenger cable
16	Clamp bolt tightening test
17	Clamp bolt torque test
18	Dynamic characteristic test.
19	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
Structure Mounting Clamp	
20	Clamp fit test
21	Clamp Strength test
22	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
End of Table	

3.4.6 Factory Acceptance Test on Approach Cable

The factory acceptance tests for Approach Cable specified below in Table 3-17:

Table 3-17
Factory Acceptance Tests On Approach Cable

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test
1	Attenuation Co-efficient at 1310 nm and 1550 nm
2	Point discontinuities of attenuation
3	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings

3.4.7 Factory Acceptance Test on Splice Enclosure (Joint Box) /FODP

The factory acceptance tests for Splice Enclosures/FODP as specified below in Table:

Table 3-18
Factory Acceptance Tests on Splice Enclosures (Joint Box)/FODP

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test
1	Visual check of Quantities and Specific Component Number for each component of Splice Enclosure/FODP and dimensional checks against the approved drawings.

3.4.8 Factory Acceptance Test on Test Equipment ,Pigtail & other items

As per technical specification and approved DRS/Documents.

3.5 Site Acceptance Tests

The Contractor shall be responsible for the submission of all equipment & test equipment supplied in this contract for site tests and inspection as required by the Employer. All equipment shall be tested on site under the conditions in which it will normally operate.

The tests shall be exhaustive and shall demonstrate that the overall performance of the contract works satisfies every requirement specified. At a minimum Site Acceptance Testing requirement for FO cable.

This testing shall be supplemented by the Contractor's standard installation testing program, which shall be in accordance with his quality plan(s) for Fibre Optic cabling Installation.

During the course of installation, the Employer shall have full access for inspection and verification of the progress of the work and for checking workmanship and accuracy, as may be required. On completion of the work prior to commissioning, all equipment shall be tested to the satisfaction of the Employer to demonstrate that it is entirely suitable for commercial operation.

3.5.1 Minimum Site Acceptance Testing Requirement for FO Cabling

Prior to installation, every spooled fibre optic cable segment shall be tested for compliance with the Pre-shipment data previously received from the manufacturer. This requirement will preclude the installation of out of specification cable segments that may have been damaged during shipment.

3.5.1.1 Phases of Site Acceptance Testing

SAT shall be carried out link by link from FODP to FODP. SAT may be performed in parts in case of long links.

The tests, checks, adjustments etc conducted by the Contractor prior to offering the equipment for SAT shall be called Pre-SAT activities. The Pre-SAT activities shall be described in the installation manuals and Field Quality Plan documents.

Sag and tension of OPGW shall generally be as per approved sag-tension chart and during installation, sag and tension of OPGW shall be documented. Upon completion of a continuous cable path, all fibres within the cable path shall be demonstrated for acceptance of the cable path. Fibre Optic cable site testing minimum requirements are provided in Table 3-20(a) through 3-20(c) below:

Table 3-20(a)
Fibre Optic Cable Pre-Installation Testing

Item:	Description:
1.	Physical Inspection of the cable assembly for damage
2.	Optical fibre continuity and fibre attenuation with OTDR at 1550 nm
3.	Fibre Optic Cable length measurement using OTDR

Table 3-20(b)
Fibre Optic Cable Splicing Testing

Item:	Description:
1.	Per splice bi-directional average attenuation with OTDR
2.	Physical inspection of splice box/enclosure for proper fibre / cable routing techniques
3.	Physical inspection of sealing techniques, weatherproofing, etc.

Table 3-20(c)
Fibre Optic Cable Commissioning Testing

Item:	Description:
1.	End to End (FODP to FODP) bi-directional average attenuation of each fibre at 1310 nm and 1550 nm by OTDR.
2.	End to End (FODP to FODP) bi-directional average attenuation of each fibre at 1310 nm and 1550 nm by Power meter.
3.	Bi-directional average splice loss by OTDR of each splice as well as for all splices in the link (including at FODP also).
4.	Proper termination and labelling of fibres & fibre optic cables at FODP as per approved labelling plan.
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4.0 Support Services & Documentation

This section describes the requirements for Contractor supplied support services and list of documents of the fibre optic cable system. The intent of the support program is to ensure for operation, maintenance and expansion of the system.

4.1 Support Services

Throughout design, implementation, factory testing, and site testing, the Contractor shall supply consulting assistance, as required by the Employer.

4.1.1 Technical Support

Consultation with Contractor's technical support personnel shall be readily available on a short-term/long-term basis to assist the Employer personnel in maintaining OPGW cable &

associated items upon expiration of the warranty period. The Contractor shall include in their offer(s), a proposal for ensuring continued technical support as stated above.

4.2 Spare Parts

The spare parts and test equipment shall be provided for each subsystem as described below.

4.2.1 Mandatory Spare

The mandatory spare BOQ represents the minimum spares the Contractor shall be required to supply.

4.2.2 Recommended Spare Parts List

The bidder shall propose a comprehensive spare parts strategy. The intent of the spare parts strategy is to ensure a readiness against unforeseen cabling system breakdowns, and to carry out replacement maintenance of susceptible or failed components. Consistent with the proposed spare parts strategy, the bidder shall provide a list of "Recommended Spare Parts", which may be required over and above the spares listed in Mandatory Spare parts list to support the fibre optic cabling system during a one-year period. This list of spares shall be called the "Recommended Spare Parts List".

The Recommended spare parts list shall not be considered for evaluation and shall be included in the final scope of supply. The Bid shall include the following minimum information for the recommended spare parts:

Original manufacturer and part number

Name and Description

Number of units in each set

Total number of sets to be provided

The unit as well as set prices shall be provided in the appropriate Bid Price Schedule.

4.3 Test Equipment (as required if specified in BoQ)

Mandatory test equipment requirements has been specified in the BoQ. The parameters/features of the mandatory equipment are enumerated in Table 4.1 below:

Table 4.1		
S. No.	Test equipment	Parameter
A.	Test Equipment for OPGW cable	
1	OTDR (Optical Time Domain Reflectometer) for 1310/1550 nm with laser source.	Equivalent to Anritsu MW9076B1 or better.
2	Optical Attenuators (variable 1310/1550nm).	Equivalent to JDSU OLA55 or better.
3	Optical Power meter (1310/1550nm)	Equivalent to JDSU OLP55 or better
4	Laser Light Source (1310/1550nm)	Equivalent to EXFO FLS300-23BL or better.
5	Optical Talk set.	Equivalent to JDSU OTS55 or better.
6	Optical Fibre Fusion Splicer incl. Fibre cleaver	Equivalent to Sumitomo T-39-SE or better.
7	Calibrated Fibre	
8	Connectorization kit	FIS-FI-0053-FC-INST or equivalent
8	Splice kit	FIS – FI-0053-FF or equivalent

9	Optical test accessory kit including all necessary connectors, adaptors, cables, terminations and other items required for testing	FIS – FI-0053-TS-ST or equivalent
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In case the offered make/model of test equipment has multiple options for the parameters, the option of higher range shall be acceptable. The supplied test equipment shall be suitable for use in the high EMI/EMC environment. The Contractor shall submit performance certificate for offered test equipment from at least one customer. The Contractor shall offer only reputed make test equipment such as Acterna (JDSU)/Anritsu/Sumitomo/Agilent/EXFO etc.

4.4 Miscellaneous Supplies

The Contractor shall provide all required consumable and non-consumable supplies necessary to support all installation and test activities through final operational acceptance. However, if there are any problems in the SAT and additional consumables are required, the same shall also be supplied by the Contractor free of cost.