

**The following conditions shall be applicable for all Non Hydrocarbon procurement unless specifically mentioned in the Special Purchase Conditions.**

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## GENERAL PURCHASE CONDITIONS

### 1. DEFINITIONS:

The following expressions used in these terms and conditions and in the purchase order shall have the meaning indicated against each of these:

- 1.1. **OWNER:** Owner means Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (a Government of India enterprise), a Company incorporated in India having its registered office at Bharat Bhavan, 4 & 6 Currimbhoy Road, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400038 and shall include its successors and assigns (hereafter called BPCL as a short form).
- 1.2. **VENDOR:** Vendor means the person, firm or the Company/ Corporation to whom this Request for quotation (RFQ)/purchase order is issued and shall include its successors and assigns.
- 1.3. **INSPECTOR:** Person/ agency deputed by BPCL for carrying out inspection, checking/testing of items ordered and for certifying the items conforming to the purchase order specifications..
- 1.4. **GOODS/ MATERIALS:** means any of the articles, materials, machinery, equipments, supplies, drawing, data and other property and all services including but not limited to design, delivery, installation, inspection, testing and commissioning specified or required to complete the order.
- 1.5. **SITE/ LOCATION:** means any Site where BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED desires to receive materials any where in India as mentioned in RFQ.
- 1.6. **"RATE CONTRACT"** means the agreement for supply of goods/ materials between Owner and Vendor, for a fixed period of time (i.e till validity of Rate Contract, with no commitment of contractual quantity) on mutually agreed terms and conditions. The actual supply of goods/ materials shall take place only on issue of separate purchase orders for required quantity as and when required by Owner.

### 2. REFERENCE FOR DOCUMENTATION:

- 2.1. The number and date of Collective Request for Quotation (CRFQ) must appear on all correspondence before finalization of Rate Contract / Purchase Order.
- 2.2. After finalization of Contract / Purchase Order: The number and date of Rate Contract/ Purchase Order must appear on all correspondence, drawings, invoices, dispatch advices, (including shipping documents if applicable) packing list and on any documents or papers connected with this order.
- 2.3. In the case of imports, the relevant particulars of the import Licence shall be duly indicated in the invoice and shipping documents as well as on the packages or consignments.

### 3. RIGHT OF OWNER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT TENDER:

The right to accept the tender will rest with the Owner.

### 4. LANGUAGE:

The Bid and all supporting documentation and all correspondence whatsoever exchanged by Vendor and Owner, shall be in English language only. In case any of the supporting documents (either technical or financial) are not in English language, then the English translation copy of the same shall also be furnished duly certified, stamped and signed by local Chamber of Commerce of bidder's country or Indian embassy in bidder's country or their embassy in India.

### 5. PRICE:

Unless otherwise agreed to the terms of the RFQ, price shall be:

Firm and no escalation will be entertained on any ground, except on the ground of statutory levies applicable on the tendered items.

### 6. TAXES AND DUTIES:

All vendors shall have GST registration in the concerned State as applicable and vendor shall quote their GSTIN number in the quotation wherever required.

#### 6.1 GST:

- 6.1.1. GST extra as applicable at the time of delivery within scheduled delivery period will be payable by BPCL against documentary evidence. Vendor shall mention in their offer, the percentage of GST applicable at

present. Any upward variation in GST rates, beyond the contractual delivery period, shall be to vendor's account.

- 6.1.2. In case GST is not applicable at present: In case GST gets levied due to change in turnover of Vendor/Supplier, shall be borne by the vendor/supplier. If GST becomes applicable due to change in the law in future, the same will be borne by vendor subject to 6.1.1. In case of change in stand of vendor/supplier about applicable rate of GST towards higher side, the same will not be payable.
- 6.1.3. Owner shall take Input Tax Credit of the GST paid on the material supplied for both GST and cess component as applicable and accordingly GST / Cess should be quoted separately wherever applicable.

Vendor shall ask the transporter of the goods to hand over the copy of GST invoice (transporter's copy) at the time of delivery of goods at owner's site.

- 6.1.4 The vendor shall take steps viz. mention relevant GSTIN of BPCL in GST invoices and returns, uploading invoice in GSTR 1, payment of the tax liability on the said invoices and filing of Returns etc. and comply with all the requirements of applicable laws including GST laws for the time being in force to enable the OWNER to avail tax credit/s including input tax credit.

Deferment of GST Amounts shall be done for those vendors who have got instances of open mismatches due to non-compliance. Open mismatches refer to cases whereby OWNER could not claim the GST Input Tax Credit in the month of payment of invoice due to non-compliance/ delayed compliance by the VENDOR. Accordingly, Over and above any payment term mentioned in the tender including that mentioned in the GPC/GCC, payment to VENDOR by OWNER for the basic amount (i.e. amount excluding GST) shall be made as mentioned in GPC/GCC or as mentioned anywhere else in the tender as applicable. However, GST amount of the Invoices shall be paid only after the amount gets reflected in the return (GSTR-1 Return of outward supplies/GSTR- 3B) submitted by the vendor on GSTIN portal (GSTR 2B of OWNER) to the satisfaction of OWNER. Till such time GST amount with correct details is reflected in GSTIN portal to satisfaction of OWNER, amount shall be withheld by OWNER.

Over and above, VENDOR is also required to issue e-invoice if the same is applicable to the OWNER. In absence of GST e-invoice, any loss of Input Tax Credit to the OWNER shall be indemnified by the VENDOR.

Deferment of GST amounts to the vendors are subject to compliance of any applicable Act.

- 6.1.5 In case of vendors for whom deferment of GST amounts were not done, Any loss or non-availability of input tax credit by the OWNER due to non-compliance of applicable tax law including but not limited to GST laws in force or otherwise, on the part of VENDOR, an amount equivalent to any tax liability accruing to the OWNER and/or to the extent of any loss accrued to the OWNER due to the non-availability of input tax credit or any liability accrued to the OWNER shall either stand cancelled or deducted from the payment due to the VENDOR or shall be reimbursed by the VENDOR as the case may be till such default is either rectified or made good by the VENDOR and the OWNER is satisfied that it is in a position to claim valid input tax credit within the timelines as per applicable laws.
- 6.1.6 Any cost, liability, dues, penalty, fees, interest as the case may be which accrues to the OWNER at any point of time on account of non-compliance of applicable tax laws or rules or regulations thereof or otherwise due to default on the part of VENDOR shall be borne by the VENDOR. An amount equivalent to such cost, liability, dues, penalty, fees, and interest as the case may be shall be reimbursed by the VENDOR within 30 days. Any GST as may be applicable on such recovery of amount shall also be borne by VENDOR and same shall be collected by the OWNER.

## **6.2 FREIGHT:**

- 6.2.1 Freight: Firm freight charges to be quoted as indicated in the Tender documents. Freight shall be payable after receipt of the Material(s) at the site, unless otherwise specified.

- 6.3. NEW STATUTORY LEVIES:** All new statutory levies leviable on sale of finished goods to owner, if applicable are payable extra by BPCL against documentary proof, within the contractual delivery period.
- 6.4 VARIATION IN TAXES/ DUTIES:** Any increase/decrease in all the above mentioned statutory levies on the date of delivery during the scheduled delivery period on finished materials will be on BPCL's account. Any upward variation in statutory levies after contractual delivery date shall be to vendor's account.
- 6.5 INCOME TAX (WITHHOLDING TAX):** In the case of avilment of services from Non Resident Vendors who are claiming benefits offered under the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements signed by India with the Government of the other country (i.e. the country of the Vendor), such Non Resident Vendors are required to provide the Tax Residency Certificates at the time of submission of Bid documents. The Tax Residency Certificates shall contain the following details:
- a) Name of Vendor (assessee);
  - b) Status (Individual, Company, firm etc.) of assessee;
  - c) Nationality (in case of individual);
  - d) Country or specified territory of incorporation or registration (in case of others);
  - e) Assessee 's tax identification number in the country or specified territory of residence or in case no such number, then, a unique number on the basis of which the person is identified by the Government of the country or the specified territory;
  - f) Residential status for the purpose of tax;
  - g) Period for which the certificate is applicable; and
  - h) Address of the applicant for the period for which the certificate is applicable.

The Tax Residency Certificate shall be duly verified by the Government of the Country or the specified territory of the assessee of which the assessee claims to be a resident for the purposes of tax.

## **7. INSPECTION:**

- 7.1. Materials shall be inspected by BPCL approved third party inspection agency if applicable before dispatch of materials. However, arranging and providing inspection facilities is entirely vendor's responsibility and in no way shall affect the delivery schedule.
- 7.2. Scope of Inspection shall be as per RFQ or as specified in the Special Purchase Conditions. Materials shall be inspected as per scope of inspection by TPIAs which are registered under "NABCB accredited bodies as per requirement of ISO/IEC 17020 as Type A" in QCI's NABCB website as on the date of Inspection of Goods. The link is as below:  
[http://nabcb.qci.org.in/accreditation/reg\\_bod\\_inspection\\_bodies.php](http://nabcb.qci.org.in/accreditation/reg_bod_inspection_bodies.php)
- 7.3. Unless otherwise specified, the inspection shall be carried out as per the relevant standards/ scope of inspection provided alongwith the Tender Enquiry/Purchase Order.
- 7.4. BPCL may, at its own expense, have its representative(s) witness any test or inspection. In order to enable BPCL's representative(s) to witness the tests/ inspections, BPCL will advise the Vendor in advance whether it intends to have its representative(s) be present at any of the inspections.
- 7.5. Even if the inspection and tests are fully carried out, the Vendor shall not be absolved from its responsibilities to ensure that the Material(s), raw materials, components and other inputs are supplied strictly to conform and comply with all the requirements of the Contract at all stages, whether during manufacture and fabrication, or at the time of Delivery as on arrival at site and after its erection or start up or consumption, and during the defect liability period. The inspections and tests are merely intended to prima-facie satisfy BPCL that the Material(s) and the parts and components comply with the

requirements of the Contract. The Vendor's responsibility shall also not be anyway reduced or discharged because BPCL or BPCL's representative(s) or Inspector(s) shall have examined, commented on the Vendor's drawings or specifications or shall have witnessed the tests or required any chemical or physical or other tests or shall have stamped or approved or certified any Material(s).

- 7.6. Although material approved by the Inspector(s), if on testing and inspection after receipt of the Material(s) at the location, any Material(s) are found not to be in strict conformity with the contractual requirements or specifications, BPCL shall have the right to reject the same and hold the Vendor liable for non-performance of the Contract.

## **8. SHIPPING:**

- 8.1 SEA SHIPMENT:** All shipment of materials shall be made by first class direct vessels as per procedure detailed hereunder. The Foreign Supplier shall arrange with Vessels Owners or Forwarding Agents for proper storage of the entire Cargo intended for the project in a specific manner so as to facilitate and to avoid any over carriage at the port of discharge. All shipment shall be under deck unless carriage on deck is unavoidable.

The bills of lading should be made out in favour of 'Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited or order'.

All columns in the body of the Bill of Lading namely marks and nos., material description, weight particulars etc., should be uniform and accurate and such statements should be uniform in all the shipping documents. The freight particulars should mention the basis of freight tonnage, heavy lift charges, if any, surcharge, discount etc. clearly and separately. The net total freight payable shall be shown at the bottom.

**SHIPPING DOCUMENTS:** All documents viz. Bill of Lading, invoices, packing list, freight memos, country of origin certificates, test certificate, drawings and catalogues should be in English language.

In addition of the bill of lading which should be obtained in three stamped original plus as many copies as required, invoices, packing list, freight memos, (if the freight particulars are not shown in the bills of lading), country of origin certificate, test/ composition certificate, shall be made out against each shipment in as many number of copies as shown below.

The bill of lading, invoice and packing list specifically shall show uniformly the mark and numbers, contents case wise, country of origin, consignees name, port of destination and all other particulars as indicated under clause 2. The invoice shall show the unit rates and net total F.O.B. prices. Items packed separately should also be invoiced and the value shown accordingly. Packing list must show apart from other particulars actual contents in each case, net and gross weights and dimensions, and the total number of packages. All documents should be duly signed by the Vendor's authorised representatives.

In the case of FOB orders, shipping arrangements shall be made by the Chartering Wing of the Ministry of Surface Transport, New Delhi through their respective forwarding agents. The names and addresses of forwarding agents shall be as per Special Purchase Conditions. Supplier shall furnish to the respective agents the full details of consignments such as outside dimension, weights (both gross and net) No of packages, technical description and drawings, name of supplier, ports of loading, etc. 6-weeks notice shall be given by the supplier to enable the concerned agency to arrange shipping space.

The bill of lading shall indicate the following:

Shipper: Vendor's Name

Consignee: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

In case of supplies from USA, Export Licences, if any required from the American Authorities shall be obtained by the U.S. Suppliers. If need be assistance for obtaining such export licences would be available from India Supply Mission at Washington.

- 8.2 AIRSHIPMENT:** In case of Airshipment, the materials shall be shipped through freight consolidator (approved by us). The airway bill shall be made out in favour of BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED.

TRANSMISSION OF SHIPPING DOCUMENTS for both modes of shipment viz. Sea and/or Air: Foreign Supplier shall obtain the shipping documents in seven complete sets including three original stamped copies of the Bill of Lading / Airway bill as quickly as possible after the shipment is made, and airmail/send scanned copies by e-mail as shown below so that they are received at least three weeks before the Vessels arrival or immediately in case of Air shipment. Foreign Supplier shall be fully responsible or any delay and/ or demurrage in clearance of the consignment at the port due to delay in transmittal of the shipping documents.

If in terms of letter or otherwise, the complete original set of documents are required to be sent to BPCL through Bank the distribution indicated below will confine to copies of documents only minus originals.

<u>Documents</u>	<u>BPCL</u>
Bill of Lading/Airway Bill	4 (including 1 original)
Invoice	4
Packing List	4
Freight Memo	4
Country of Origin Certificate	4
Third party inspection certificate	4
Drawing	4
Catalogue	4
Invoice of Third Party	4

for inspection charges whenever applicable.

- 9. INDIAN AGENT COMMISSION:**  
Any offer through Indian agents will be considered only after authorization mentioning them as Indian agents, is received from Vendor. Indian agents commission if applicable will be payable only in Indian currency. Indian agents should be registered with Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals, Government of India and agency commission will be payable only after registration with DGS&D, New Delhi.
- 10. ORDER AWARD/ EVALUATION CRITERIA:**  
Unless otherwise specified, Order award criteria will be on lowest quote landed price basis. Landed price will be summation of Basic Price, Packing & Forwarding Charges, GST, Freight, Inspection Charges, Supervision of Installation & Commissioning and other taxes & levies, loading etc., if any, reduced by Input tax Credits as applicable.
- 11. CONFIRMATION OF ORDER:**  
The vendor shall acknowledge the receipt of the purchase order within 10 days of mailing the same. The vendor shall sign, stamp the acknowledgement copy of the purchase order and return the same to BPCL.
- 12. PAYMENT TERMS:**
- 12.1. Unless otherwise specified, 100% payment shall be made within 30 days from date of receipt and acceptance of materials at Site against submission of Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) for 10% of basic order value if PBG is applicable for the tender. The eligible MSME bidders can avail Bill discounting facility as follows.

- 12.2. In the case of imports, payment will be made on submission of original documents directly to Owner (Telegraphic Transfer-TT) or through Bank (Cash against documents-CAD) or through Irrevocable Letter of Credit.
- 12.3. Unless otherwise mentioned, the specified documents (All documents listed below (one original and two copies) should be submitted to originator of P.O. (the name and contact details of whom are given in PO) and payments for despatches will be made by the originator of Purchase Order :
- a) Invoice
  - b) GST invoice
  - c) The Lorry Receipt of the consignment
  - d) Packing list for the consignment
  - e) Third Party Inspector's Certificate covering the invoiced Material(s)/ Release Note, wherever applicable
  - f) Manufacturers Test/Composition Certificate, wherever applicable
  - g) Drawing(s)/Catalogue(s) covering the Material(s), wherever applicable
  - h) Guarantee/Warranty Certificate(s), wherever applicable.
  - i) Original Receipt for other statutory levies as applicable.
  - j) Performance Bank Guarantee as applicable.

- 12.4. The eligible MSME bidders can avail the discounting facility as follows: -

Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) is an institutional mechanism set up in order to facilitate discounting of trade receivables of MSMEs from corporate buyers through invoice discounting by multiple financiers. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is registered with TReDS platform of the aggregators M/s. Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL), M/s Invoice mart and M/s. M1 xchange. The eligible MSME bidders can avail the discounting facility by registering either in one or multiple TReDS platform of the aggregators. It enables the sellers (MSMEs) to discount their invoices through the aggregators to the financiers at competitive rates thus unlocking their working capital swiftly.

### **13. GUARANTEE/ WARRANTY:**

- 13.1. Materials shall be guaranteed against manufacturing defects, materials, workmanship and design for a period of 12 months from the date of commissioning or 18 months from the date of dispatch whichever is earlier. Warranty for replacement of material / accessories should be provided free of charges at our premises. The above guarantee/warranty will be without prejudice to the certificate of inspection or material receipt note issued by us in respect of the materials. In case the defect arises within the abovementioned Defect Liability Period (DLP) and the same is repaired/replaced, the DLP for the repaired/replaced job/item will be extended suitably so as to cover the original DLP. However, in no case, such extension will exceed 24 months from date of start of initial DLP.
- 13.2. All the materials including components and sub contracted items should be guaranteed by the vendor within the warranty period mentioned above. In the event of any defect in the material, the vendor will replace / repair the material at BPCL's concerned location at vendor's risk and cost on due notice.
- 13.3. In case, vendor does not replace / repair the material on due notice, rejected material will be sent to the vendor on "Freight to pay" basis for free replacement. Material after rectification of defects shall be dispatched by the vendor on "Freight Paid" basis. Alternatively, BPCL reserves the right to have the material repaired / replaced at the locations concerned, at the vendor's risk, cost and responsibility.
- 13.4. The Vendor shall provide similar warrantee on the parts, components, fittings, accessories etc. so repaired and / or replaced.

#### 14. PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEES:

14.1. Vendor will have to provide Performance Bank Guarantee for 10% of the basic value of purchase order unless otherwise specified. This bank guarantee shall be valid (shall remain in force) for guarantee period (as mentioned in the guarantee clause), with an invocation period of six months thereafter. In the case of Indigenous vendors, the Performance Bank Guarantee shall be given on a non-judicial stamp paper of appropriate value (currently Rs 100). PBG format is as per Annexure-I.

In case, PBG is not provided by the Vendor, 10% of the basic value shall be retained in lieu of PBG, till the expiry of guarantee and claim period.

In the case of imports, the Supplier shall furnish the Performance Bank Guarantee (as per Annexure-I) through the following:

- (a) Branches of Indian scheduled banks operating in their Country.
- (b) Foreign bank operating in their Country which is counter guaranteed by branches of Indian scheduled banks operating in their Country/ India.
- (c) Indian branches of foreign banks.
- (d) Foreign bank operating in their Country counter guaranteed by their Indian branch.

However, in respect of (c) and (d) above, the Indian branch of foreign banks should be recognized as scheduled bank by Reserve Bank of India.

14.2. If Vendor wants to submit the PBG at Contract level to avoid multiple number of PBG (i.e. PBG issued against every purchase/ call off order) then the validity of PBG will be calculated as mentioned below:

Validity of PBG = Rate Contract Issue Date (Start Date of Rate Contract) + Rate Contract Period (validity of Rate Contract) + Contractual Delivery Period of material + Contractual Guarantee period + 6 month (for invocation / Claim).

14.3 Process for submitting Bank Guarantee / PBG under SFMS (Structured Financial Messaging System) mode as follows:

Vendors shall insist their Bank for issuance of SFMS Bank Guarantee for faster payments. Vendors shall provide BPCL's Bank Account No. & IFSC Code (Details given below) to their Bank as beneficiary at the time of application for Bank Guarantee in favor of BPCL. Issuing Bank shall issue the Bank Guarantee & send SFMS message to BPCL's Bank confirming the authenticity of Bank Guarantee who in turn shall send the confirmation to BPCL. Vendor should ensure the following for issue of E- bank guarantee:

- a. The issuing bank is on SFMS platform
- b. SFMS Message type used is 760 COV and SFMS Delivery report/ Message copy is sent along with original BG
- c. For BG amendment, message type 767COV is to be used.
- d. SFMS contains following details:
  - i. Beneficiary's bank name: ICICI Bank
  - ii. IFSC Code: ICIC0000393
  - iii. BPCL'S Customer ID: 8PCL583493800
- e. BG Issuing Bank should send the BG Issuance advice through SFMS to BPCL's designated Banker: ICICI Bank, Backbay Branch, Mumbai (IFSC: ICIC0000393).
- f. BG Issuance advice should mention applicable Unique Identifier Code (UIC) in row/ field number 7037 of SFMS Delivery Report.
  - a. BPCL Location : Kharghar , Navi Mumbai
  - b. Head office : Ballard Estate
  - c. UIC : BPCL583493800
- g. The Original BG should be submitted along with print out of SFMS Delivery report from the BG Issuing Bank Branch.
- h. SFMS BG will help in faster verification of BGs and prompt release of payments to Vendors.



**15. PACKING & MARKING:**

**15.1 PACKING:**

- 15.1.1 Packing shall withstand the hazards normally encountered with the means of transport for the goods of this purchase order including loading and unloading operation both by crane and by pushing off.

In the case of imports, all equipments/ materials shall be suitably packed in weather proof, seaworthy/airworthy packing for ocean/air transport under tropical conditions and for rail or road or other appropriate transport in India. The packing shall be strong and efficient enough to ensure safe preservice upto the final point of destination.

Raw/Solid wood packaging material of imported items has to be appropriately treated & marked as per International Standard of Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM-15") for material originating from the contracting countries to the International Plant Protection Convention or the members of Food & Agriculture Organization. Material from non-contracting parties would have to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate of the treatment endorsed. The Custom Officer at Indian Port shall not release the material without appropriate compliance of the above provisions w.e.f. 01.11.2004.

- 15.1.2 The packing specification incorporated herein are supplementary to the internal and external packing methods and standards as per current general rules of J.R.A. Good Tariff Part-I. All packaging shall be done in such a manner as to reduce volume as much as possible.
- 15.1.3 Fragile articles should be packed with special packing materials depending on the type of Materials and the packing shall bear the words "HANDLE WITH CARE GLASS FRAGILE, DON'T ROLL THIS END UP. THIS END DOWN," to be indicated by arrow.
- 15.1.4 Chemicals in powder form, catalyst, refractories and like materials etc. shall be packed in drums, cans and tins only. However, Catalyst may be supplied in Jumbo bags.
- 15.1.5 The hazardous materials shall be packed in accordance with the applicable rules, regulations and tariff of all cognizant Government Authorities and other Governing bodies. It shall be the responsibility of the seller of hazardous materials to designate the material as hazardous and to identify each material by its proper commodity name and its hazardous material class code.
- 15.1.6 All packages requiring handling by crane should have sufficient space at appropriate place to put sling of suitable dia (strength). Iron/Steel angle should be provided at the place where sling marking are made to avoid damage to package/ equipment while lifting.
- 15.1.7 Item shipped in bundles must be securely tied with steel wire or strapping. Steel reinforcing rods, bars, pipes, structural members etc. shall be bundled in uniform lengths and the weight shall be within the breaking strength of the securing wire or strapping.

In the case of imports, for bundles the shipping marks shall be embossed on metal or similar tag and wired securely on each end.

- 15.1.8 All delicate surfaces on equipment/ materials should be carefully protected and printed with protective paint/compound and wrapped to prevent rusting and damage.
- 15.1.9 All mechanical and electrical equipment and other heavy articles shall be securely fastened to the case bottom and shall be blocked and braced to avoid any displacement/ shifting during transit.
- 15.1.10 Attachments and spare parts of equipment and all small pieces shall be packed separately in wooden cases with adequate protection inside the case and wherever possible should be sent along with the main equipment. Each item shall be suitably tagged with identification of main equipment, item denomination and reference number of respective assembly drawing. Each item of steel structure and furnaces shall be identified with two erection markings with minimum lettering height of 15mm. Such markings will be followed by the collection numbers in indelible ink/paint. A copy of the packing list shall accompany the materials in each package.

15.1.11 All protrusions shall be suitably protected by providing a cover comprising of tightly bolted wooden disc on the flanges. All nozzles, holes and openings and also all delicate surfaces shall be carefully protected against damage and bad weather. All manufactured surfaces shall be painted with rust proof paint.

In the case of imports, for bulk uniform material when packed in several cases, progressive serial numbers shall be indicated on each case.

15.1.12 Wherever required, equipment/ materials instruments shall be enveloped in polythene bags containing silicagel or similar dehydrating compound.

15.1.13 Pipes shall be packed as under:

- (a) Upto 50mm NB in wooden cases/ crates.
- (b) Above 50mm NB and upto 100mm NB in bundles and should be strapped at minimum three places.
- (c) Above 100mm NB in loose.

15.1.14 Pipes and tubes of stainless steel, copper etc. shall be packed in wooden cases irrespective of their sizes.

15.1.15 Pipes with threaded or flanged ends shall be protected with suitable caps covers, before packing. In the case of imports, all pipes and sheets shall be marked with strips bearing progressive no.

15.1.16 Detailed packing list in waterproof envelope shall be inserted in the package together with equipment/materials. One copy of the detailed packing list shall be fastened outside of the package in waterproof envelope and covered by metal cover.

15.1.17 The supplier shall be held liable for all damages or breakages to the goods due to the defective or insufficient packing as well as for corrosion due to insufficient protection.

15.1.18 Packaged equipment or materials showing damage defects or shortages resulting from improper packaging materials or packing procedures or having concealed damages or shortages, at the time of unpacking shall be to the supplier's account.

All packages which require special handling and transport should have their Centres of Gravity and the points at which they may be slung or gripped clearly indicated and marked "ATTENTION SPECIAL LOAD HANDLE WITH CARE" both in English/ Hindi Languages.

In the case of imports, a distinct colour splash in say red black around each package crate/ bundle shall be given for identification.

15.1.19 Along with the packed material, supplier should attach material list, manuals/instructions and also the Inspection certificate/ release note, wherever applicable.

15.2. **MARKING:** The following details to be written on the side face of packing:

- a) Purchase Order Number
- b) Consignee Name & Address
- c) Vendor Name
- d) Batch no with manufacturing date
- e) Procedure (in brief) for handling
- f) Date of dispatch etc.
- g) Expiry Date, if applicable

15.3 **IMPORTED ITEMS:** On three sides of the packages, the following marks shall appear, clearly visible, with indelible paint and on Vendor's care and expenses.



**18. TRANSIT INSURANCE:**

Unless otherwise mentioned,

- 18.1. Transit Insurance shall be covered by BPCL against its Mega Package Policy only where risk/reward has been transferred to BPCL.
- 18.2. In the case of imports, insurance against all marine and transit risk shall be covered under the Owner's marine policy. However, the Vendor shall ensure that in effecting shipments clear bill of lading/airway bill are obtained and the carrier's responsibility is fully retained on the Carriers so that the consignee's interests are fully secured and are in no way jeopardized.
- 18.3. The Vendor shall send BPCL information of the proposed consignment well in advance by fax/e-mail/courier to enable BPCL to take necessary action for the transit insurance of the consignment. Any failure by the Vendor to do so shall place the consignment at the Vendor's risk.
- 18.4. In the case of imports, as soon as any shipment is made, the Foreign Supplier shall send advance information by way of e-mail to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, (with detailed address as given in Special Purchase Conditions and/or purchase order) giving particulars of the shipments, vessels name, port of shipment, bill of lading number and date, total FOB and freight value.

**19. VALIDITY OF OFFER:**

The rates quoted against this tender shall be valid for a period of 90 Days from the date of opening of the tender unless otherwise specified in the Special Purchase Conditions.

**20. DELIVERY DATES AND PRICE REDUCTION SCHEDULE:**

- 20.1. The time and date of Delivery of Material(s) as stipulated in the Contract shall be adhered to on the clear understanding that the Price(s) of the Material(s) has/have been fixed with reference to the said Delivery date(s).
- 20.2. If any delay is anticipated by the Vendor in the delivery of the Material(s) or any of them beyond the stipulated date(s) of Delivery, the Vendor shall forthwith inform BPCL in writing of such anticipated delay and of the steps being taken by the Vendor to remove or reduce the anticipated delay, and shall promptly keep BPCL informed of all subsequent developments.
- 20.3. The delivery period quoted must be realistic & specific. The inability of successful Vendors to execute orders in accordance with the agreed delivery schedule will entitle BPCL, at its options, to:
  - 20.3.1. Accept delayed delivery at prices reduced by a sum equivalent to half percent (0.5%) of the basic value of any goods not delivered for every week of delay or part thereof, limited to a maximum of 5% of the total basic order value. LR date will be considered as delivery completion date for calculation of price reduction in the case of ex works contract. Date of receipt of materials at owner's premises shall be considered for calculation of price reduction for F.O.R destination contract.

In the case of imports, the contractual delivery date shall be considered from the date of Letter of Credit (L/C) or the date of L/C amendment because of Buyer's fault plus one week (to take care of transit time for receipt of L/C) plus the delivery schedule as indicated by the vendors.

In case of the shipment taking place on "Cash against documents", the contractual delivery shall be taken from the date of purchase order plus one week (to take care of transit time for receipt of order) plus delivery period.

Further the date of B/L or House airway bill shall be considered to find out the delay with respect to contractual delivery date. In case of FOB shipments if the vessel is not available then the intimation by

vendors regarding readiness of the goods for the shipment shall be considered for calculating the delay if any. So vendor shall inform the readiness of material for shipment on FOB (Free on Board) basis/ FCA (Free on Carrier) basis.

- 20.3.2. Cancel the order in part or full and purchase such cancelled quantities from elsewhere on account at the risk and cost of the vendor, without prejudice to its right under 20.3.1 above in respect of goods delivered.

**21. RISK PURCHASE CLAUSE:**

BPCL reserves the right to curtail or cancel the order either in full or part thereof if the vendor fails to comply with the delivery schedule and other terms & conditions of the order. BPCL also reserves the right to procure the same or similar materials/equipment through other sources at vendor's entire risk, cost and consequences. Further, the vendor agrees that in case of procurement by the owner from other sources the differential amount paid by the owner shall be on account of the vendor together with any interest and other costs accrued thereon for such procurement.

**22. FORCE MAJEURE**

**Circumstances leading to force majeure**

(a) Act of terrorism;

(b) Riot, war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection of military or usurped power;

(c) Ionising radiation or contamination, radio activity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel, radioactive toxic explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive assembly or nuclear component;

(d) epidemics, earthquakes, flood, fire, hurricanes, typhoons or other physical natural disaster, but excluding weather conditions regardless of severity; and

(e) freight embargoes, strikes at national or state-wide level or industrial disputes at a national or state-wide level in any country where Works are performed, and which affect an essential portion of the Works but excluding any industrial dispute which is specific to the performance of the Works or the Contract.

For the avoidance of doubt, inclement weather, third party breach, delay in supply of materials (other than due to a nationwide transporters' strike) or commercial hardship shall not constitute a Force Majeure event.

**• Notification of Force Majeure**

Contractor shall notify within [10(ten)] days of becoming aware of or the date it ought to have become aware of the occurrence of an event of Force Majeure giving full particulars of the event of Force Majeure and the reasons for the event of Force Majeure preventing the Affected Party from, or delaying the Affected Party in performing its obligations under the Contract.

**• Right of either party to terminate**

If an event of Force Majeure occurs and its effect continues for a period of 180 (one hundred eighty days) or more in a continuous period of 365 (three hundred sixty five) days after notice has been given under this clause, either Party may terminate the Contract by issuing a written notice of 30 (thirty) days to the other Party.

• **Payment in case of termination due to Force Majeure**

The Contract Price attributable to the Works performed as at the date of the commencement of the relevant event of Force Majeure.

The Contractor has no entitlement and Owner has no liability for:

- a) Any costs, losses, expenses, damages or the payment of any part of the Contract Price during an event of Force Majeure; and
- b) Any delay costs in any way incurred by the Contractor due to an event of Force Majeure.  
Time extension for such cases will be worked out appropriately.

**23. ARBITRATION CLAUSE:**

Any dispute or difference whatsoever arising out of or in connection with this Agreement including any question regarding its existence, validity, construction, interpretation, application, meaning, scope, operation or effect of this contract or termination thereof shall be referred to and finally resolved through arbitration as per the procedure mentioned herein below :

- (a) The dispute or difference shall, in any event, be referred only to a Sole Arbitrator
- (b) The appointment and arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with SCOPE forum of Arbitration Rules for the time being in force or as amended from time to time
- (c) The Seat of arbitration shall be at \_\_\_\_\_ (Region/HQ from where the tender has been floated)
- (d) The proceedings shall be conducted in English language
- (e) The cost of the proceedings shall be equally borne by the parties, unless otherwise directed by the Sole Arbitrator.

In the event of any dispute or difference relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of commercial contract(s) between the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)/Port Trusts inter se and also between CPSEs and Government Departments/Organizations (excluding disputes concerning Railways, Income Tax, Customs & Excise Departments\*), such dispute or difference shall be taken up by either party for its resolution through AMRCD as mentioned in DPE OM no.4(1)/2013-DPE(GM)/FTS-1835 dated 22-05-2018.

(\* The exclusion would also include disputes concerning GST, State level Sales Tax / VAT etc; though not mentioned explicitly)

**24. INTEGRITY PACT (IP):**

Vendors are requested to sign & return our pre-signed IP document, if applicable. This document is essential & binding. Vendor's failure to return the IP document duly signed along with Bid Document may result in the bid not being considered for further evaluation.

**25. RECOVERY OF SUMS DUE:**

Whenever, any claim against vendor for payment of a sum of money arises out of or under the contract, the owner shall be entitled to recover such sums from any sum then due or when at any time thereafter may become due from the vendor under this or any other contract with the owner and should this sum be not sufficient to cover the recoverable amount of claim(s), the vendor shall pay to BPCL on demand the balance remaining due.

**26. CONFIDENTIALITY OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

Drawing, specifications and details shall be the property of the BPCL and shall be returned by the Vendor on demand. The Vendor shall not make use of drawing and specifications for any purpose at any time save and except for the purpose of BPCL. The Vendor shall not disclose the technical information furnished to or organized by the Vendor under or by virtue of or as a result of the implementation of the Purchase Order to any person, firm or body or corporate authority and shall make all endeavors to ensure that the technical information is kept CONFIDENTIAL. The technical information imparted and supplied to the vendor by BPCL shall at all time remain the absolute property of BPCL. Imparting of any confidential information by the Vendor will be breach of contract.

**27. PATENTS & ROYALTIES:**

The vendor shall fully indemnify BPCL and users of materials specified herein/supplied at all times, against any action, claim or demand, costs and expenses, arising from or incurred by reasons of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, registered design, trademark or name, copy right or any other protected rights in respect of any materials supplied or any arrangement, system or method of using, fixing or working used by the vendor. In the event of any claim or demand being made or action sought against BPCL in respect of any of the aforesaid matter, the vendor shall be notified thereof immediately and the vendor shall at his/its own expense with (if necessary) the assistance of BPCL (whose all expense shall be reimbursed by the vendor) conduct all negotiations for the settlement of the same and/or litigation which may arise thereof.

**28. LIABILITY CLAUSE:**

In case where it is necessary for employees or representatives of the Vendor to go upon the premises of owner, vendor agrees to assume the responsibility for the proper conduct of such employees/representatives while on said premises and to comply with all applicable Workmen's Compensation Law and other applicable Government Regulations and Ordinances and all plant rules and regulations particularly in regard to safety precautions and fire hazards. If this order requires vendor to furnish labour at site, such vendor's workmen or employees shall under no circumstances be deemed to be in owner's employment and vendor shall hold himself responsible for any claim or claims which they or their heirs, dependent or personal representatives, may have or make, for damages or compensation for anything done or committed to be done, in the course of carrying out the work covered by the purchase order, whether arising at owner's premises or elsewhere and agrees to indemnify the owner against any such claims, if made against the owner and all costs of proceedings, suit or actions which owner may incur or sustain in respect of the same.

**29. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR GOODS PROCUREMENT :**

The aggregate total liability of the Contractor to Owner under the Contract shall not exceed the total Contract Price, except that this Clause shall not limit the liability of the Contractor for following:

(a) In the event of breach of any Applicable Law;

(b) In the event of fraud, willful misconduct or illegal or unlawful acts, or gross negligence of the Contractor or any person acting on behalf of the Contractor; or

(c) In the event of acts or omissions of the Contractor which are contrary to the most elementary rules of diligence which a conscientious Contractor would have followed in similar circumstances; or

(d) In the event of any claim or loss or damage arising out of infringement of Intellectual Property; or

(e) For any damage to any third party, including death or injury of any third party caused by the Contractor or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Contractor in executing the Works.

Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for any kind of indirect or consequential loss or damage like, loss of use, loss of profit, loss of production or business interruption which is connected with any claim arising under the Contract.

**30. COMPLIANCE OF REGULATIONS:**

Vendor warrants that all goods/Materials covered by this order have been produced, sold, dispatched, delivered and furnished in strict compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, labour agreement, working condition and technical codes and statutory requirements as applicable from time to time. The vendor shall ensure compliance with the above and shall indemnify owner against any actions, damages, costs and expenses of any failure to comply as aforesaid.

**31. REJECTION, REMOVAL OF REJECTED GOODS AND REPLACEMENT:**

In case the testing and inspection at any stage by inspectors reveal that the equipment, materials and workmanship do not comply with specification and requirements, the same shall be removed by the vendor at his/its own expense and risk, within the time allowed by the owner. The owner shall be at liberty to dispose off such rejected goods in such manner as he may think appropriate. In the event the vendor fails to remove the rejected goods within the period as aforesaid, all expenses incurred by the owner for such disposal shall be to the account of the vendor. The freight paid by the owner, if any, on the inward journey of the rejected materials shall be reimbursed by the vendor to the owner before the rejected materials are removed by the vendor. The vendor will have to proceed with the replacement of the equipment or part of equipment without claiming any extra payment if so required by the owner. The time taken for replacement in such event will not be added to the contractual delivery period.

**32. NON-WAIVER:**

Failure of the Owner to insist upon any of the terms or conditions incorporated in the Purchase Order or failure or delay to exercise any rights or remedies herein, or by law or failure to properly notify Vendor in the event of breach, or the acceptance of or payment of any goods hereunder or approval of design shall not release the Vendor and shall not be deemed a waiver of any right of the Owner to insist upon the strict performance thereof or of any of its or their rights or remedies as to any such goods regardless of when such goods are shipped, received or accepted nor shall any purported oral modification or revision of the order by BPCL act as waiver of the terms hereof. Any waiver to be effective must be in writing. Any lone incident of waiver of any condition of this agreement by BPCL shall not be considered as a continuous waiver or waiver for other condition by BPCL.

**33. NEW & UNUSED MATERIAL:**

All the material supplied by the vendor shall be branded new, unused and of recent manufacture.



**34. PURCHASE PREFERENCE CLAUSE:**

Owner reserves its right to allow Public Sector Enterprises (Central/State), purchase preference as admissible/ applicable from time to time under the existing Govt. policy. Purchase preference to a PSE shall be decided based on the price quoted by PSE as compared to L1 Vendor at the time of evaluation of the price bid.

Owner reserves its right to allow Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), MSEs owned by Women Entrepreneurs and MSEs owned by Scheduled Caste (SC) or the Scheduled tribe (ST) entrepreneurs, purchase preference as admissible/applicable from time to time under the existing Govt. policy. Purchase preference to a MSE, a MSE owned by women entrepreneurs and a MSE owned by SC/ST entrepreneurs shall be decided based on the price quoted by the said MSEs as compared to L-1 Vendor at the time of evaluation of the price bid.

Bidders claiming purchase preference as MSE need to submit the following documents:

- Self-attested copy of all the pages of the EM-II certificate/Udyog Adhar Memorandum issued by the appropriate authorities mentioned in the Public procurement policy of MSEs-2012 and
- Vendor's declaration/affidavit in their organization/Company letter head, stating that, in the event of award of contract, all the ordered supplies shall be made from the unit for which MSE certificate has been submitted.

**35. CANCELLATION:**

35.1. BPCL reserves the right to cancel the contract/purchase order or any part thereof through a written notice to the vendor if:

35.1.1. The vendor fails to comply with the terms of this purchase order/contract.

35.1.2. The vendor becomes bankrupt or goes into liquidation.

35.1.3. The vendor fails to deliver the goods on time and/or replace the rejected goods promptly.

35.1.4. The vendor makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

35.1.5. A receiver is appointed for any of the property owned by the vendor.

35.2. Upon receipt of the said cancellation notice, the vendor shall discontinue all work on the purchase order matters connected with it. BPCL in that event will be entitled to procure the requirement in the open market and recover excess payment over the vendor's agreed price if any, from the vendor and also reserving to itself the right to forfeit the security deposit if any, made by the vendor against the contract. The vendor is aware that the said goods are required by BPCL for the ultimate purpose of materials production and that non-delivery may cause loss of production and consequently loss of profit to the BPCL. In this-event of BPCL exercising the option to claim damages for non delivery other than by way of difference between the market price and the contract price, the vendor shall pay to BPCL, fair compensation to be agreed upon between BPCL and the vendor. The provision of this clause shall not prejudice the right of BPCL from invoking the provisions of price reduction clause mentioned in 20.3.1 as aforesaid.

**36. ANTI –COMPETITIVE AGREEMENTS/ABUSE OF DOMINANT POSITION:**

The Competition Act, 2002 as amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007 (the Act), prohibits anti- competitive practices and aims at fostering competition and at protecting Indian markets against anti- competitive practices by enterprises. The Act prohibits anti- competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position by enterprises, and regulates combinations (consisting of acquisition, acquiring of

control and M&A) wherever such agreements, abuse or combination causes, or is likely to cause, appreciable adverse effect on competition in markets in India. BPCL reserves the right to approach the Competition Commission established under the Act of Parliament and file information relating to anti-competitive agreements and abuse of dominant position. If such a situation arises, then Vendors are bound by the decision of the Competitive Commission and also subject to penalty and other provisions of the Competition Act.

**37. ASSIGNMENT:**

The Vendor does not have any right to assign his rights and obligations under these general purchase conditions without the prior written approval of BPCL.

**38. GOVERNING LAW:**

These General Purchase Conditions shall be governed by the Laws of India.

**39. AMENDMENT:**

Any amendment to these General Purchase Conditions can be made only in writing and with the mutual consent of the parties to these conditions.

**40. NOTICES:**

Any notices to be given hereunder by a Party to the other shall be in English and delivered by hand or sent by courier or facsimile to the other Party at the address or facsimile number stated below or such other address or number as may be notified by the relevant Party from time to time.

**41. POLICY ON HOLIDAY LISTING:**

The guidelines and procedures for Holiday Listing are available separately in BPCL website and shall be applicable in the context of all tenders floated and consequently all orders/ contracts / purchase orders. It can be accessed using the following link: <http://bharatpetroleum.in/pdf/holidaylistingpolicyfinal.pdf> .

**42. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR PURCHASES :**

1. Purchase Order
2. Detailed letter of Acceptance along with its enclosures
3. Letter of Award / Fax of Acceptance
4. Job Specifications (specific to particular job only)
5. Drawings
6. Special Purchase Conditions (SPC)
7. Technical Specifications
8. Instructions to Bidders
9. General Purchase Conditions (GPC)
10. Other Documents

Additionally, any variation or amendment / change order issued after signing of formal contract shall take precedence over respective clauses of the formal contract and its Annexures.

**43. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:**

The purchaser may, by written notice of 14 days sent to the seller, cancel the contract, in whole or part, at any time for his convenience. The notice of cancellation shall specify that cancellation is for the

purchaser's convenience, the extent to which performance of work under the contract is cancelled and the date upon which such cancellation becomes effective.

The goods that are complete and ready for shipment within 30 days after the seller's receipt of notice of cancellation shall be purchased by the purchaser at contract terms and prices. For the remaining goods, the purchaser may opt :-

a. To have any portion completed and delivered at the contract terms and prices

and / or

b. To cancel the remainder and pay to the seller an agreed amount for partially completed goods and materials and parts previously procured by the seller.

**44. BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS CESS:**

a. Bidders to note that under Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Act (Re&CS) Act 1996, Cess is applicable to contracts executed outside Factory Area (e.g. construction of new industrial installation, office & residential buildings etc.) as per the provisions applicable under 'The Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act 1996'.

b. The contractor must be registered with the concerned authorities under the Building and other Construction Workers" (RE&CS) Act, 1996 or in case of non-registration; the contractor should obtain registration within one month of the award of contract.

c. The contractor shall be responsible to comply with all provisions of the Building and Other Construction Workers" (RE&CS) Act, 1996, the Building and other Construction Workers" Welfare Cess Act, 1996, the Building and other Construction Workers" (RE&CS) Rules, 1998 and the Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Rules, 1998.

d. Cess, as per the prevailing rate (presently 1%), shall be deducted at source from bills of the contactors by the Engineer-in-Charge and remitted to the "Secretary, Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board" of the concerned State.

e. The contactor shall be responsible to submit final assessment return of the Cess amount to the assessing officer after adjusting the Cess deducted at source.

**BPCL**

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**VENDOR**

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**Please sign & return all the pages of GPC as a token of your acceptance of all the terms & conditions as mentioned.**

**PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE**  
**(On Non-judicial paper for appropriate value)**

To,  
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

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Dear Sir,

In consideration of the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, (hereinafter called 'the Company' which expression shall include its successors and assigns) having awarded to M/s. (Name) ..... (Constitution).....(address) ..... (hereinafter referred to as "The vendor" which expression shall wherever the subject or context so permits include its successors and assigns) a supply contract in terms interalia, of the Company's Purchase order No..... dated ..... and the General and Special Purchase Conditions of the Company and upon the condition of vendor's furnishing security for the performance of the vendor's obligations and/or discharge of the vendor's liability under and / or in connection with the said supply contract upto a sum of Rs. (in figures).....Rs (in words).....only amounting to 10% (ten percent) of the total contract value.

We, (Name).....(constitution) .....(hereinafter called "the Bank" which expression shall include its successors and assigns) hereby jointly and severally undertake and guarantee to pay to the Company in ---- (Currency) forthwith on demand in writing and without protest or demur of any and all moneys any wise payable by the Vendor to the Company under in respect of or in connection with the said supply contract inclusive of all the Company's losses and expenses and other moneys anywise payable in respect to the above as specified in any notice of demand made by the Company to the Bank with reference to this Guarantee upto an aggregate limit of Rs(in figures).....Rs(in words) .....only.

AND the Bank hereby agrees with the Company that

- (i) This Guarantee/undertaking shall be a continuing guarantee and shall remain valid and irrevocable for all claims of the Company and liabilities of the vendor arising upto and until midnight of .....

This date shall be 6 months from the last date of guarantee period.

- (ii) This Guarantee/ Undertaking shall be in addition to any other guarantee or security of whatsoever that the Company may now or at any time otherwise have in relation to the vendor's obligation/liabilities under and /or connection with the said supply contract, and the Company shall have full authority to take recourse to or reinforce this security in preference to the other security(ies) at its sole discretion, and no failure on the part of the Company in enforcing or requiring enforcement of any other security shall have the effect of releasing the Bank from its liability hereunder.

- (iii) The Company shall be at liability without reference to the Bank and without effecting the full liability of the Bank hereunder to take any other security in respect of the vendor's obligations and /or liabilities under or in connection with the said supply contract and to vary the terms vis a vis the vendor of the said supply contract or to grant time and/ or indulgence to the vendor or to reduce or to increase or otherwise vary the prices of the total contract value or to release or to forbear from enforcement all or any of the obligations of the vendor under the said supply contract and/ or the remedies of the Company under any other security(ies) now or hereafter held by the Company and no such dealing(s), variation(s), reduction(s), increase(s) or the indulgence(s) or arrangement(s) with the vendor or release or forbearance whatsoever shall have the effect of releasing the Bank from its full liability to the Company hereunder or of prejudicing rights of the Company against the Bank.

- (iv) This Guarantee /Undertaking shall not be determined by the liquidation or winding up or dissolution or change of constitution or insolvency of the vendor but shall in all respects and for all purposes be binding and operative until payment of all moneys payable to the Company in terms hereof.
- (v) The Bank hereby waives all rights at any time inconsistent with the terms of the Guarantee/ Undertaking and the obligations of the Bank in terms hereof shall not be anywise affected or suspended by reason of any dispute or disputes having been raised by the vendor (whether or not pending before any Arbitrator, officer, Tribunal or Court) or any denial of liability by the vendor or any other order of communication whatsoever by the vendor stopping or preventing or purporting to stop or prevent any payment by the Bank to the Company in terms hereof.
- (vi) The amount stated in any notice of demand addressed by the Company to the Guarantor as liable to be paid to the Company by the vendor or as suffered or incurred by the Company on account of any losses or damages of costs, charges and or expenses shall as between the Bank and the Company be conclusive of the amount so liable to be paid to the Company or suffered or incurred by the Company, as the case may be and payable by the Guarantor to Company in terms hereof.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

NAME & DESIGNATION

NAME OF THE BANK

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