

## **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited**

### **General Purchase Conditions**

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## **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited**

### **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 LTD. 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.
- 1.7. **“FIRM PROCUREMENT”** means the agreement between the parties for mutually agreed terms and conditions with commitment of Quantity Ordered.

#### **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.

**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 VAT / CST/GST/Service tax registration in the concerned State and vendor shall quote their TIN number in the quotation.

**6.1. EXCISE DUTY :**

- 6.1.1. Excise duty 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 excise duty applicable at present. Any upward variation in excise duty rates, beyond the contractual delivery period, shall be to vendor's account.
- 6.1.2. In case Excise Duty is not applicable at present : Excise duty due to change in turn over is not payable. If applicable in future, the same will be borne by vendor.
- 6.1.3. Owner shall take CENVAT Credit on the material supplied for both excise duty and cess component and accordingly Excise duty / Cess should be quoted separately wherever applicable.

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

## **6.2. SALES TAX / VAT/GST :**

- 6.2.1. Sales Tax as applicable at the time of delivery within scheduled delivery period will be payable by BPCL. Vendor shall give details of local sales tax and/or central sales tax currently applicable in their offer. The rates applicable for “CST without form C”, “CST with form C” and “VAT” shall be clearly indicated.
- 6.2.2. Input VAT Credit may be claimed by BPCL, wherever applicable. Vendor shall submit the TAX invoice.

## **6.3 Service tax :**

All vendors shall have service tax registration wherever applicable. BPCL may also claim CENVAT Credit on service tax. The vendor should quote service tax separately, if applicable. Vendor shall submit the TAX invoice. Vendor is required to furnish serially numbered and signed invoice / bill / challan containing the following details:

- a) Name, address and registration number of the service provider
- b) Name and address of person receiving taxable service
- c) Description, classification and value of taxable service provided
- d) Service Tax Payable

## **6.4 FREIGHT AND OCTROI :**

- 6.4.1 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.
- 6.4.2. Octroi and entry taxes, if any, shall be invoiced separately and shall be re-imbursed by BPCL at actuals after receipt of the Material(s) at the Site against the submission of original documentary evidence for proof of payment of the related octroi and entry taxes, as the case may be.

## **6.5. 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.

## **6.6 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.

## **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. Our registered third party inspection agencies are SGS/GLISPL/IRS/DNV/LRIS/EIL/TATA Projects/PDIL/ULIPL/RITES LTD/ITSIPL as amended time to time unless otherwise specified in the Special Purchase Conditions.
- 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 anywise 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, through the chartering wing, Ministry of Surface Transport 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 Ltd.. 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 : Government of India

Consignee : Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

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 LTD.

TRANSMISSION OF SHIPPING DOCUMENTS :

Foreign Supplier shall obtain the shipping documents in seven complete sets including three original stamped copies of the Bill of Lading as quickly as possible after the shipment is made, and airmail as shown below so that they are received at least three weeks before the Vessels arrival. 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.

Documents	BPCL (Mumbai)
Bill of Lading	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, Excise Duty, Sales Tax, Freight, Inspection, Octroi, Supervision of Installation & Commissioning and other taxes & levies, loading etc, if any, reduced by cenvat/vat credit 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.

- 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) Excise 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 Octroi/other statutory levies as applicable.
  - j) Performance Bank Guarantee as applicable.

### **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.
- 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 warranty on the parts, components, fittings, accessories etc. so repaired and / or replaced.

### **14. PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE :**

- 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 :

14.2.1. 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).

## **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 packing for ocean 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 package 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 surface 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) Vendor Name

- c) Batch no with Manufacturing date
- d) Procedure (in brief) for handling
- e) Date of dispatch etc.

### 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.

BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED  
(With detailed address as given in Special Purchase Conditions)

From :

To : Bharat Petroleum Corpn.Ltd.

(With detailed address as given in Special Purchase Conditions)

Order no.	Rev. no.
Item :	
Equipment Nomenclature :	
Net weight :	Kgs.
Gross weight :	Kgs.
Case No.	of Total cases :
Dimensions :	
Import Licence No.	

NOTE :

Marking shall be bold - minimum letter height 5 cm. For every order and every shipment, packages must be marked with serial progressive numbering.

Top heavy containers shall be so marked either Top Heavy or Heavy Ends.

When packing material is clean and light coloured, a dark black stencil paint shall be acceptable. However, where packaging material is soiled or dark, a coat of flat zinc white paint shall be applied and allowed to dry before applying the specific markings.

In case of large equipments like vessels, heat exchangers, etc. the envelope containing the documents shall be fastened inside a shell connection, with an identifying arrow sign "documents" using indelible paint.

**16. DELIVERY :**

- 16.1. Unless otherwise mentioned, Vendor is requested to quote their best delivery schedule from the date of receipt of Purchase order.
- 16.2. Time being the essence of this contract, the delivery mentioned in the purchase order shall be strictly adhered to and no variation shall be permitted except with prior authorization in writing from the Owner. Goods should be delivered, securely packed and in good order and condition, at the place of delivery and within the time specified in the purchase order for their delivery.
- 16.3. The contractual delivery period is inclusive of all the lead time for engineering / procurement of raw material, the manufacturing, inspection / testing, packing, transportation or any other activity whatsoever required to be accomplished for effecting the delivery at the required delivery point.
- 16.4. Unless otherwise specified, Material(s) shall not be despatched without prior inspection and/or testing and Release Order/Material(s) Acceptance Certificate issued by the Inspector(s).
- 16.5. BPCL shall have the right to advise any change in despatch point or destination in respect of any Material(s). Any extra expenditure incurred by the Vendor on this account supported by satisfactory documentary evidence, will be reimbursed to the Vendor by BPCL.

**17. UNLOADING AND STACKING :**

Unloading and stacking will be arranged by BPCL. The Vendor shall send BPCL information of the proposed consignment well in advance by telegram/fax/e-mail/courier to enable BPCL to take necessary action.

**18. TRANSIT INSURANCE :**

Unless otherwise mentioned,

- 18.1. Transit Insurance shall be covered by BPCL against its Mega Package Policy.
- 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 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.
- 18.2. The Vendor shall send BPCL information of the proposed consignment well in advance by telegram/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.
- 18.3. In the case of imports, as soon as any shipment is made, the Foreign Supplier shall send advance information by way of Telex message to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., (with detailed address as given in Special Purchase Conditions) 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 owners 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 CLAUSE :**

(A) **Definition:** The term “**Force Majeure**” means any event or circumstance or combination of events or circumstances that affects the performance by the vendor of its obligations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (including by preventing, hindering or delaying such performance), but only if and to the extent that such events and circumstances are not within the vendor’s reasonable control and were not reasonably foreseeable and the effects of which the vendor could not have prevented or overcome by acting as a Reasonable and Prudent person or, by the exercise of reasonable skill and care. Force Majeure events and circumstances shall in any event include the following events and circumstances to the extent they or their consequences satisfy the requirements set forth above in this Clause:

- (i) the effect of any element or other act of God, including any storm, flood, drought, lightning, earthquake, tidal wave, tsunami, cyclone or other natural disaster;
- (ii) fire, accident, loss or breakage of facilities or equipment, structural collapse or explosion;
- (iii) epidemic, plague or quarantine;
- (iv) air crash, shipwreck, or train wreck;
- (v) acts of war (whether declared or undeclared), sabotage, terrorism or act of public enemy (including the acts of any independent unit or individual engaged in activities in furtherance of a programme of irregular warfare), acts of belligerence of foreign enemies (whether declared or undeclared), blockades, embargoes, civil disturbance, revolution, rebellion or insurrection, exercise of military or usurped power, or any attempt at usurpation of power;
- (vi) radioactive contamination or ionizing radiation;

**( B) Notice and Reporting:**

- ( i ) The Vendor shall as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of commencement of the event of Force Majeure, but in any event no later than two (7) days after such commencement date, notify

the BPCL in writing of such event of Force Majeure and provide the following information:

- (a) reasonably full particulars of the event or circumstance of Force Majeure and the extent to which any obligation will be prevented or delayed;
  - (b) such date of commencement and an estimate of the period of time required to enable the vendor to resume full performance of its obligations; and
  - (c) all relevant information relating to the Force Majeure and full details of the measures the vendor is taking to overcome or circumvent such Force Majeure.
- (ii) The Vendor shall, throughout the period during which it is prevented from performing, or delayed in the performance of, its obligations under this Agreement, upon request, give or procure access to examine the scene of the Force Majeure including such information, facilities and sites as the other Party may reasonably request in connection with such event. Access to any facilities or sites shall be at the risk and cost of the Party requesting such information and access.

**(C) Mitigation Responsibility:**

- (i) The Vendor shall use all reasonable endeavours, acting as a Reasonable and Prudent Person, to circumvent or overcome any event or circumstance of Force Majeure as expeditiously as possible, and relief under this Clause shall cease to be available to the Vendor claiming Force Majeure if it fails to use such reasonable endeavours during or following any such event of Force Majeure.
- (ii) The Vendor shall have the burden of proving that the circumstances constitute valid grounds of Force Majeure under this Clause and that it has exercised reasonable diligence efforts to remedy the cause of any alleged Force Majeure.
- (iii) The Vendor shall notify BPCL when the Force Majeure has terminated or abated to an extent which permits resumption of performance to occur and shall resume performance as expeditiously as possible after such termination or abatement.

**(D) Consequences of Force Majeure.** Provided that the Vendor has complied and continues to comply with the obligations of this Clause and subject to the further provisions:

- (i) the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement to the extent



performance thereof is prevented or impeded by the event of Force Majeure shall be suspended and the Parties shall not be liable for the non-performance thereof for the duration of the period of Force Majeure; and

- (ii) the time period(s) for the performance of the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement to the extent performance thereof is prevented or impeded by the event of Force Majeure shall be extended for the duration of the relevant period of Force Majeure except as provided herein.

**(E) Force Majeure Events Exceeding 60 Days**

- (i) If an event or series of events (alone or in combination) of Force Majeure occur, and continue for a period in excess of 60 consecutive days, then BPCL shall have the right to terminate this agreement, whereupon the Parties shall meet to mitigate the impediments caused by the Force Majeure event.

**23. ARBITRATION CLAUSE :**

- 23.1 Any dispute or difference of any nature whatsoever, any claim, cross-claim, counter-claim or set off of BPCL/Vendor against omission or on account of any of the parties hereto arising out of or in relation to this Contract shall be referred to the Sole Arbitration of Director(Marketing) / Director (HR) / Director (R) of BPCL as the case may be or to some officer of BPCL who may be nominated by them.
- 23.2. In the event the Arbitrator being unable or refusing to act for any reason whatsoever, the said Directors of BPCL shall designate another person to act as an Arbitrator in accordance with the terms of the said Contract/Agreement. The Arbitrator newly appointed shall be entitled to proceed with the reference from the point at which it was left by his predecessor.
- 23.3. It is known to the parties herein that the Arbitrator appointed hereunder is an employee of the Corporation and may be Share holder of the Corporation.
- 23.4. The award of the Arbitrator so appointed shall be final, conclusive and binding on all the parties to the contract and the law applicable to arbitration proceedings will be the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 or any other enactment in replacement thereof.
- 23.5. The language of the proceedings will be in English and the place of proceedings will be Mumbai.
- 23.6. The parties hereby agree that the Courts in the city of Mumbai alone shall have jurisdiction to entertain any application or other proceedings in respect of anything arising under this Agreement and any Award or Awards made by the Sole Arbitrator

hereunder shall be filed, if required, in the concerned Courts in the City of Mumbai alone.  
(legal)

**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. 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.

**30. 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.

**31. 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.

**32. NEW & UNUSED MATERIAL :**

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

**33. 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) 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 and a MSE owned by SC/ST entrepreneurs shall be decided based on the price quoted by the said MSEs as compared to L1 Vendor at the time of evaluation of the price bid.

**34. CANCELLATION :**

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

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

34.1.2. The vendor becomes bankrupt or goes into liquidation.

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

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

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

34.2. 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.

**35. 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.

**36. ASSIGNMENT**

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

**37. GOVERNING LAW**

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

**38. 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.

**39. SPECIAL PURCHASE CONDITIONS**

In case of a conflict between the clauses, terms and conditions of General Purchase Conditions and Special Purchase condition, the clauses, terms and conditions of Special Purchase Condition will have an overriding effect over General Purchase Conditions and the same shall be applicable.

**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:

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 above.**

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.

ii. 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 ordissolution 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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