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# **GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

## **FOR**

## **PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES**

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## **CHAPTER - I**

### **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

#### **1.1 Definition of Terms**

In this Contract (as defined here-in-after), save where the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions used in these General Conditions of Contract and elsewhere in the Contract, shall have the meanings assigned to them hereunder:

- (1) **"Approved"** means approval in writing including subsequent written confirmation of previous verbal approval(s).
- (2) The **"Bid /Tender/Offer"** means the proposal along with required supporting documents submitted by the Bidder/Service Provider for consideration by the Employer.
- (3) The **"Bidder/Tenderer"** means the person(s) / Firm / company /Corporation /Organization/entity, who participated in the Tender.
- (4) **"Completion Certificate"** means the certificate to be issued by the Engineer In-charge (EIC) when the Services have been completed entirely in accordance with Contract.
- (5) **"Completion Date"** means the date of actual completion of the services by the Service Provider as certified by the Employer.
- (6) **"Contract"** means an agreement between Employer and the Service Provider/Supplier for execution of the Service(s) as per Contract Documents and its subsequent amendment(s), if any in writing thereto.
- (7) **"Contract Documents"** means collectively the Tender Documents, Designs, Drawings, Scope of Services, Specifications, Schedule of Rates (SOR), Letter of Acceptance, Work Order and agreed variations if any, and such other documents constituting the tender and acceptance thereof.
- (8) **"Day"** means a calendar day of 24 hours from midnight to midnight irrespective of the number of hours serviced in that day.
- (9) **"Demobilization"** means removal of all equipment, machinery, manpower from the site after completion of the services with the due permission of EIC.
- (10) **"Drawings"** means and include all Engineering sketches, general arrangements/ layout drawings, sectional plans, all elevations, etc. related to the Contract together with modification and revision thereto.
- (11) The **"Employer/Service Receiver/ Company/Owner"** means **Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited (APL)**, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 with its registered office at 4th Floor, Orion Place, Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev Path, Bhangagarh, Guwahati, Assam-781005 (which expression shall be deemed to include the successors, and assigns of APL).



- (12) **The "Engineer-In-Charge" (EIC)** means the person designated from time to time by Employer and shall include those who are expressly authorized by him to act for and on his behalf for operation/execution of this Contract for Services.
- (13) **"Equipment/Materials/Goods"** means and include all equipment, machinery, stores, goods which are required under the Contract for satisfactory performance of Services by the Service Provider.
- (14) **"Letter of Acceptance"** means intimation regarding notification of award by the Employer to the successful Bidder/Service Provider through a Letter conveying that the Tender/Bid/Offer/Work Order has been accepted in accordance with the provisions contained therein.
- (15) **"Guarantee/Warranty/ Defect Liability Period (DLP)"** means the period and other conditions governing the warranty/guarantee/defect liability period of the services as provided in the Contract.
- (16) **"Metric System"**: All technical documents are given in the metric system and all service should be carried out according to the metric system. All documents concerning the service shall also be maintained in the metric system.
- (17) **"Mobilization"** means stabilizing adequate infrastructure at designated Site comprising of Equipment, aids, tools, tackles, instruments, Goods & Materials, experienced manpower, supported with supervising personal in order to provide services as per the provision of Contract document.
- (18) **"Negligence"** means any act or failure to act (whether sole, joint or concurrent) by a person or an entity which was intended to cause, or which was reckless disregard of or wanton indifference to, avoidable and harmful consequences such person or entity knew, or should have known, would result from such act or failure to act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, negligence shall not include any action taken in good faith for the safeguard of life or property.
- (19) The **"Service(s)"** means and include all services and activities/jobs to be performed by the Service Provider in pursuant to and in accordance with Contract or part thereof as the case may be and shall include all extra, additional, altered or substituted services and approvals from any agency/third party & license(s)/permissions from statutory authorities (if any), as required for purpose of the Contract.
- (20) The **"Service Provider"** means Bidder/Tenderer whose tender has been accepted by the Employer and includes the Service Provider's legal representative(s), his successor(s) and permitted assign(s).
- (21) **"Service Provider's/ Bidder's Representative"** means such person(s) duly authorized by the Bidder/Service Provider in writing to the Employer as having authority to act for and



on behalf the Bidder /Service Provider in matters affecting the Services and to provide the requisite services to Employer.

- (22) **"Site"** means the place(s) provided by the Employer where the Services are to be carried out/executed and any other place(s) as may be specifically designated in the Contract as forming part of the site.
- (23) **"Specifications"** means and include detailed description, statements to technical data, performance characteristics, and standards (Indian as well as International) as applicable and as specified in the Contract.
- (24) The **"Sub-Service Provider"** means any person / firm / Organization / company /entity (other than the Service Provider) and it's legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns named in the Contract as a Sub-Service Provider for a part of the Services or to whom a part of the Services has been sub-Contracted with the written prior consent of the Employer.
- (25) **"Value of Contract"** or **"Total Contract Price"** means the sum accepted or the sum calculated in accordance with the prices accepted in the Contract as payable to the Service Provider for the entire execution and full completion of the service, including Amendment(s) to Contract, if any.
- (26) **"Week"** means a period of any consecutive seven Days.
- (27) **"Willful Misconduct"** means intentional disregard of good and prudent standards of performance or proper conduct under the Contract with knowledge that it is likely to result in any injury to any person or loss or damage of property.
- (28) **"Working Day"** means any Day which is not declared by the Employer to be holiday or off-day.

## **1.2 INTERPRETATIONS & PRIORITY OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

1.2.1 The documents forming the Contract are to be read together and interpreted as mutually explanatory of one another. If there is a direct inconsistency in specific obligation(s), then for the purposes of interpretation, and unless otherwise provided in the Contract, the priority of the Contract Documents shall be in accordance with following sequence:

- 1) The Contract Agreement
- 2) Work Order along with its enclosures
- 3) Letter of Acceptance
- 4) Scope of Works/ Job Specifications (specific to particular job only, wherever provided)
- 5) Drawings
- 6) Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)
- 7) Technical Specifications (wherever applicable)
- 8) Instructions to Bidders (ITB)



9) General Conditions of Contract (GCC)

10) Other Documents

Works shown in the Drawing but not mentioned in the Specifications or described in the Specifications without being shown in the Drawings shall nevertheless be deemed to be included in the same manner as if they had been specifically shown upon the Drawings and described in the Specifications.

Any amendment/change order issued by Employer upon signing of formal Contract shall take precedence over respective clauses of the formal Contract and its annexures.

The higher priority interpretation shall be adopted only to the extent required to deal with an inconsistency. Specific term(s) agreed take priority over general statement(s) and terms in Contract Document created at a later date govern over terms in earlier Contract Document. Subject to foregoing, the terms of the groups of documents set out above have equal importance within their group.

1.2.2 Headings and Marginal Notes: All headings and marginal notes to the clauses of these General Conditions of Contract or to the Specifications or to any other Tender Document are solely for the purpose of giving a concise indication and not a summary of the contents thereof, and they shall never be deemed to be part thereof or be used in the interpretation thereof the Contract.

1.2.3 Singular and Plural: In Contract Documents unless otherwise stated specifically, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa wherever the context so requires.

1.2.4 Gender: Where the context so requires, words imparting the masculine gender shall also include the feminine gender and the neuter gender and vice versa.

1.2.5 Severability: Should any provision of this Contract be found to be invalid, illegal or otherwise not enforceable by any court of law, such finding shall not affect the remaining provision(s)/clause(s) hereto and they shall remain binding on the parties hereto.

**1.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

1.3.1 Special Conditions of Contract consisting of scope of services, specification of Services & items etc. shall be read in conjunction with the General Conditions of Contract, and any other documents forming part of this Contract wherever the context so requires.

1.3.2 Notwithstanding the sub-division of the documents into these separate sections and volumes every part of each section/volume shall be deemed to be supplementary to and complementary of every other part and shall be read with and into the Contract so far as it may be practicable to do so.





- 1.3.3 Where any portion of the General Condition of Contract is repugnant to or at variance with any provisions of the Special Conditions of Contract, unless a different intention appears the provisions of the Special Conditions of Contract shall be deemed to over-ride the provisions of the General Conditions of Contract and shall to the extent of such repugnancy, or variations, prevail.
- 1.3.4 Wherever it is mentioned in the Specifications that the Service Provider shall perform certain Service or provide certain facilities, it is understood that the Service Provider shall do so at his cost and the Value of Contract shall be deemed to have included cost of such performance and provisions, so mentioned.
- 1.3.5 The materials, design and services shall satisfy the relevant Standards, the Job Specifications contained herein and Codes referred to. Where the job specification stipulate requirements in addition to those contained in the standard codes and specifications, these additional requirements shall also be satisfied.



## **CHAPTER – II**

### **2.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS & OBLIGATIONS**

#### **2.1 FORMATION OF CONTRACT**

- 2.1.1 Employer will be the sole judge in the matter of award of Contract and the decision of Employer shall be final and binding.
- 2.1.2 The acceptance of tender will be intimated to the successful Bidder by the Employer either by Fax / E - mail /Letter or like means defined as Letter of Acceptance (FOA).
- 2.1.3 The Contract shall come into force on the date of LOA and the same shall be binding on Employer and Service Provider.

#### **2.2 SIGNING OF AGREEMENT**

- 2.2.1 The successful Tenderer/Service Provider shall be required to execute an Agreement within 15 days of the LOA in the format attached/enclosed with Tender Document. In the event of failure on the part of the Service Provider to sign the Agreement within the aforesaid stipulated period, the Earnest Money Deposit or initial Security Deposit/Performance Security Deposit (as available, preferably the later) will be forfeited and Employer may consider the Contract as terminated..

#### **2.3 ADDENDA/CORRIGENDA**

- 2.3.1 Addenda/ Corrigenda to the Tender Documents incorporating modification(s) and clarification(s) to the Tender Document issued prior to the due date of bid submission shall become integral part of the Contract.

#### **2.4 SITE VISIT**

- 2.4.1 The Bidder/Service Provider shall be deemed to have visited the Site(s)/work centre(s) and familiarized itself while submitting the Tender. Non-familiarity with the Site conditions by the Bidder/ Service Provider will not be considered a reason either for extra claim(s) or for any delay in performance or any other claim in this regard.

#### **2.5 ACTION IN CASE OF CORRUPT/FRAUDULENT /COLLUSIVE /COERCIVE PRACTICES AND EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE**

The Bidder(s)/Service Provider(s) are required to abide by the following provisions:

- (i) The procedure for action in case of Corrupt/ Fraudulent/ Collusive/ Coercive Practices containing provisions for putting a Bidder/Service Provider on suspension and/or



banning list (as the case may be) if such an agency has indulged in Corrupt/ Fraudulent/ Collusive/ Coercive Practices.

Further, Bidder(s)/Service Provider(s) accepts and certifies that they would adhere to the Fraud Prevention Policy of APL and shall not indulge themselves or allow others (working in APL) to indulge in fraudulent activities and that they would immediately apprise the Owner/APL/Organization(s) of the fraud/ suspected fraud as soon as it comes to their notice.

- (ii) The procedure for evaluation of performance of Service Provider containing provisions for putting a Service Provider on suspension and/or holiday list (as the case may be).

## **2.6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

2.6.1 During the currency of Contract and after its termination, the Service Provider and its affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing any goods, works or services for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.

## **2.7 ABNORMAL RATES**

2.7.1 The Tenderer is expected to quote rate for each item after careful analysis of cost involved for the performance of the completed item considering all specifications and Conditions of Contract. In case, it is noticed that the rates quoted by the Tenderer for any item are unusually higher or unusually lower, it will be sufficient cause for the rejection of the tender/bid unless the Employer is convinced about the reasonableness after scrutiny of the analysis for such rate(s) to be furnished by the Tenderer (on demand).

## **2.8 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDER**

Service Provider shall, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract:

2.8.1 perform the services in accordance with the Scope of Services /Specifications and Activity Schedule of the Tender Document and carry out its obligations with all due diligence and efficiency, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices and shall observe sound management practices and employ appropriate advance technology and safe methods. When completed, the job/services shall be fit for the purpose for which the services are intended as specifically defined in the Contract.

2.8.2 provide all labour as required to provide the Service unless otherwise provided in the Scope of Services or Special Conditions of the Contract.



- 2.8.3 perform all other obligations, jobs / services which are required by the terms of this Contract or which reasonably can be implied from such terms as being necessary for providing necessary service as per the Contract.
- 2.8.4 be deemed to have satisfied himself before submitting his bid as to the correctness and sufficiency of its bid for the services required and of the rates and prices quoted, which rates and prices shall, except insofar as otherwise provided, cover all its obligations under the Contract.
- 2.8.5 give or provide all necessary supervision during the performance of the services and as long thereafter within the warranty period/DLP as Employer may consider necessary for the proper fulfilling of Service Provider's obligations under the Contract.
- 2.8.6 not disrupt the Services of the Employer being carried out by the Service Provider / and shall provide access for carrying out job/services to:
- Employer's personnel(s), and /or
  - any other Contractor(s) / Service Provider(s) employed by Employer, and /or
  - personnel of public authority(ies)/third party(ies)

Further, the Service Provider shall execute the job carefully without causing damage to the existing facility(ies) and facility(ies) of third party(ies) and in case of such happening shall immediately bring to the notice of EIC..

Further, the coordination and inspection of the day-to-day job under the Contract shall be the responsibility of the Engineer-in-Charge (EIC). The EIC or his authorised representative including any statutory authority shall at all reasonable times, have full power and authority to access and inspect the Services wherever in progress either on the Site or at the Service Provider's premises/workshops and the Service Provider shall afford or procure every facility and assistance to carry out such inspection. Such Inspection shall not release the Service Provider from any obligation under the Contract.

## **2.9 SERVICE PROVIDER'S REPRESENTATIVE & PERSONNEL**

- 2.9.1 Service Provider shall appoint a person ("*Service Provider's Representative*") who shall be responsible for and authorized to represent it at all times during the progress of the Service and to receive and to act on any request made by Employer in the performance of the Service pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
- 2.9.2 Service Provider's Representative shall have full authority to represent and bind the Service Provider in relation to any matter concerning the Service Provider's performance of the services under the Contract and Employer shall be entitled to rely on all the



decisions of the Service Provider's Representative as if they were the decisions of the Service Provider.

2.9.3 Service Provider's Representative shall supervise, coordinate and ensure the quality of all aspects of his obligations under this Contract. Service Provider shall not change its Representative without the prior approval of Employer.

2.9.4 Service Provider's Representative shall liaise with Employer for the proper coordination and timely completion of the Services and on any matter pertaining to the same.

2.9.5 Service Provider's Representative shall extend full cooperation to Employer's representatives/inspector in the manner required by them for supervision /inspection/ observation of equipment, material, procedures, performance, reports and records pertaining to Services.

2.9.6 Service Provider's Representative shall have complete charge of his personnel engaged in the performance of the Service and to ensure compliance of rules and regulations and safety practice.

2.9.7 If the Service Provider's Representative is found not acceptable to the EIC, the Service Provider shall, as soon as practicable, having regard to the requirement of replacing him, after receiving notice of such withdrawal, remove the representative and shall not thereafter employ him again on the Services in any capacity and shall replace him by another representative acceptable to the EIC.

## **2.10 SERVICE PROVIDER'S EMPLOYEES / PERSONNEL**

The Service Provider in connection with performing the Services and remedying of any defects, shall provide:

- (a) only such skilled and experienced personnel(s) in their respective areas; and
- (b) such skilled, semi-skilled and un-skilled labour as is necessary for the proper and timely fulfilling of the Service Provider's obligations under the Contract.

The Service Provider shall provide skilled / qualified /experienced personnel, if specified in the SCC /Scope of Work.

While engaging the contractual manpower, Service Provider is required to make effort to provide opportunity of employment to the people belonging to Scheduled Castes and weaker sections of society also in order to have a fair representation of these sections.

## **2.11 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE SECURITY (CPS)**

2.11.1 The Service Provider shall provide Contract Performance Security (CPS) to the Employer, within 30 days from the date of notification of award (i.e. Letter of Acceptance) or the



date specified in the notification of award whichever is earlier, for an amount mentioned therein. The CPS shall be returned/refunded three months after Contract completion period and Defects Liability Period (DLP), if any. All costs associated with CPS shall be borne by the Service Provider. No charges or interest shall be payable by the Employer even if the CPS is in the form of a Demand Draft.

- 2.11.2 The Service Provider shall furnish the CPS in the form of a Demand Draft or a Bank Guarantee from any Indian scheduled bank or a branch of an International bank situated in India and registered with Reserve Bank of India as scheduled foreign bank. However, for other than the Nationalized Indian Banks, the banks whose BGs are furnished, must be commercial banks having net worth in excess of Rs. 100 crores and a declaration to this effect should be made by such commercial bank either in the bank guarantee itself or separately on a letter head. The bank guarantee shall be submitted in the prescribed format.
- 2.11.3 If the Service Provider or their employees /agents / representatives or Sub-Service Provider (if authorized by Employer) shall damage, break, deface or destroy any property /equipment belonging to the Employer or third party(ies) during the execution of this Contract, the same shall be made good by the Service Provider at his own expenses and in default thereof, the EIC may cause the same to be made good by other agencies and recover expenses plus 15% overhead from the Service Provider. The decision of EIC in this matter shall be final and binding on the Service Provider.
- 2.11.4 All compensation, claim or other sums of money payable by the Service Provider to the Employer under terms of this Contract may be deducted from or paid by the encashment of a sufficient part of his Contract Performance Security or from any sums which may be due or may become due to the Service Provider by the Employer on any account whatsoever and in the event of his CPS being reduced by reasons of any such deductions or sale of aforesaid, the Service Provider shall within ten days thereafter make good in form of bank draft(s)/BG (as the case may be) as aforesaid any sum or sums which may have been deducted from or realised by encashment of his CPS, or any part thereof. The Service Provider shall pay to the Employer on demand without protest any balance remaining due. In this regard no interest shall be payable by the Employer to Service Provider for such sum deposited as CPS.
- 2.11.5 The CPS deposit shall cover the entire Contract value including extra jobs/ services. As long as the CPS submitted at the time of award take cares the extra jobs/ services executed and total executed value are within the awarded Contract price, there is no need for additional CPS . As soon as the total executed value is likely to exceed the



ceiling of awarded Contract Value, the Service Provider should furnish additional CPS through DD or submit amendment to existing BG to effect the enhancement of CPS.

2.11.6 Failure of the successful bidder to comply with the requirements of Clause 2.11 shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, the forfeiture of CPS and any other actions or remedies available to the Employer.

## **2.12 FAILURE BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT**

2.12.1 If the Service Provider refuses or fails to provide the Service or any part thereof with such diligence as will ensure its performance within the time specified in the Contract or extension thereof or fails to perform any of his obligation under the Contract or in any manner commits a breach of any of the provisions of the Contract it shall be open to the Employer at its option by written notice to the Service Provider:

a) TO DETERMINE THE CONTRACT in which event the Contract shall stand terminated and shall cease to be in force and effect on and from the date appointed by the Employer on that behalf, whereupon the Service Provider shall stop forthwith any of the Service then in progress, except such Service as the Employer may, in writing, require to be done to safeguard any property or work or installations from damage, and the Employer, for its part, may take over the Service remaining unfinished by the Service Provider and complete the same through another service provider or by other means, at the risk and cost of the Service Provider, and any of his sureties if any, shall be liable to the Employer for any excess cost occasioned by such service having to be so taken over and obtained by the Employer over and above the cost at the rates specified in the schedule of quantities and rate/prices.

b) WITHOUT DETERMINING THE Contract to take over the Service of the Service Provider or any part thereof and complete the same through other service provider or by other means at the risk and cost of the Service Provider. The Service Provider and any of his sureties are liable to the Employer for any excess cost over and above the cost at the rates specified in the Schedule of Quantities/ rates, occasioned by such services having been taken over and completed by the Employer.

2.12.2 In such events of Clause 2.12.1(a) or (b) above, the following shall be applicable:-

a) The whole or part of the Contract Performance Security furnished by the Service Provider is liable to be forfeited without prejudice to the right of the Employer to recover from the Service Provider the excess cost referred to in the sub-clause aforesaid. The Employer shall also have the right of taking possession and utilising in completing the services or any part thereof, such as materials, equipment and plants



available at service site belonging to the Service Provider as may be necessary and the Service Provider shall not be entitled for any compensation for use or damage to such materials, equipment and plant.

b) The amount that may have become due to the Service Provider on account of service already executed by him shall not be payable to him until after the expiry of Six (6) calendar months reckoned from the date of termination of Contract or from the taking over of the Service or part thereof by the Employer as the case may be, during which period the responsibility for faulty material or workmanship in respect of such service shall, under the Contract, rest exclusively with the Service Provider. This amount shall be subject to deduction of any amounts due from the Contract to the Employer under the terms of the Contract authorised or required to be reserved or retained by the Employer.

2.12.3 Before taking any action as per Clause 2.12.1(a) or (b) if in the judgment of the Employer, the default or defaults committed by the Service Provider is/are curable and can be cured by the Service Provider if an opportunity given to him, then the Employer may issue Notice in writing calling the Service Provider to cure the default within such time specified in the Notice.

2.12.4 The Employer shall also have the right to proceed or take action as per 2.12.1(a) or (b) above, in the event that the Service Provider becomes bankrupt, insolvent, compounds with his creditors, assigns the Contract in favour of his creditors or any other person(s) or being a company or a corporation goes into voluntary liquidation, provided that in the said events it shall not be necessary for the Employer to give any prior notice to the Service Provider.

2.12.5 Termination of the Contract as provided for in sub- clause 2.12.1(a) above shall not prejudice or affect their rights of the Employer which may have accrued upto the date of such termination.

### **2.13 SERVICE PROVIDER REMAINS LIABLE TO PAY COMPENSATION IF ACTION NOT TAKEN UNDER CLAUSE 2.12**

2.13.1 If in any case in which any of the powers conferred upon the Employer by clause 2.12 thereof shall have become exercisable and the same had not been exercised, the non-exercise thereof shall not constitute a waiver of any of the conditions hereof and such powers shall notwithstanding be exercisable in the event of any further case of default by the Service Provider for which by any clause or clauses hereof he is declared liable to pay compensation amounting to the whole of his Contract Performance Security, and the liability of the Service Provider for past and future compensation shall remain





unaffected. In the event of the Employer putting in force the power under above sub-clause 2.12 (a) or 2.12 (b) vested in him under the preceding clause he may, if he so desired, take possession of all or any tools and plants, materials and stores at the site thereof belonging to the Service Provider or procured by him and intended to be used for the execution of the Service or any part thereof paying or allowing for the same in account at the Contract rates or in case of these not being applicable, at current market rates to be certified by the EIC whose certificate thereof shall be final, otherwise the EIC may give notice in writing to the Service Provider or Service Provider's Representatives requiring him to remove such tools, plant, materials or stores from the premises (within a time to be specified in such notice).

Failure of any action by the Service Provider for removal of material/tools/plant/store etc. within the period mentioned in notice of EIC, the Employer shall also be entitled to recover handling and storage charges @5% of the estimated value of material tools/plant/store for each month or part of a month without relieving the Service Provider from any other related liability. In the event of the Service Provider's failure to remove the same within a period of 6 months or as decided by the EIC, the EIC may take action for removal through auction or private sale on behalf of the Service Provider and at his risk in all respects. The Service Provider shall be liable to pay the Employer the handling & storage charges per month or a part of the month from the date of serving the notice by the EIC to the date of removal of the materials by the Employer plus overhead charges @ 15% of sale value of such materials. In case of negative or zero sale value, the overhead charges shall be applicable on the handling & storage charges. The decision of EIC w.r.t. such removal and the amount of the proceeds shall be final and binding on the Service Provider.

## **2.14 CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION**

2.14.1 Where the Service Provider is a partnership firm, the prior approval of the Employer shall be obtained in writing, before any change is made in the constitution of the firm. Where the Service Provider is an individual or a Hindu undivided family business concern, such approval as aforesaid shall, likewise be obtained before such Service Provider enters into any agreement with other parties, where under, the reconstituted firm would have the right to carry out the service hereby undertaken by the Service Provider. In either case if prior approval as aforesaid is not obtained, the Contract shall be deemed to have been allotted in contravention of clause 2.21 hereof.

## **2.15 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

### **2.15.1 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEATH**



If the Service Provider is an individual or a proprietary concern and the individual or the proprietor dies or if the Service Provider is a partnership concern and one of the partner dies then unless, the Employer is satisfied that the legal representative of the individual or the proprietary concern or the surviving partners are capable of carrying out and completing Contract, the Employer is entitled to cancel the Contract for the uncompleted part without being in any way liable for any compensation payment to the estate of the deceased Service Provider and/or to the surviving partners of the Service Provider's firm on account of the cancellation of Contract. The decision of the Employer/EIC in such assessment shall be final & binding on the parties. In the event of such cancellation, the Employer shall not hold the estate of the deceased Service Provider and/or the surviving partners of Service Provider's firm liable for any damages for non-completion of the Contract.

#### **2.15.2 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT IN CASE OF LIQUIDATION / BANKRUPTCY, ETC**

If the Service Provider shall dissolve or become bankrupt or insolvent or cause or suffer any receiver to be appointed of his business of any assets thereof compound with his Creditors, or being a corporation commence to be wound up, not being a member's voluntary winding up for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction, or carry on its business under a Receiver for the benefits of its Creditors any of them, Employer shall be at liberty to terminate the Contract forthwith upon coming to know of the happening of any such event as aforesaid by notice in writing to the Service Provider or to give the Receiver or Liquidator or other person, the option of carrying out the Contract subject to his providing a guarantee up to an amount to be agreed upon by the Employer for due and faithful performance of the Contract.

#### **2.15.3 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT FOR CORRUPT / FRAUDULENT / COLLUSIVE / COERCIVE PRACTICES AND NON-PERFORMANCE**

If the Bidder/Service Provider is found to have indulged in Corrupt/ Fraudulent /Collusive/Coercive practices, the Contract shall be terminated and the Bidder/ Service Provider shall be banned for future business with APL. The detailed procedure for banning including suspension is elaborated in the tender document.

Due to non-performance of the Service Provider leading to termination of the Contract, the Service Provider initially shall be put on suspension list and thereafter on holiday list of Employer for a period mentioned in the detailed procedure, to be reckoned from the date of communication by Owner/Employer. The detailed procedure for evaluation of performance in this regard is elaborated in the tender document.

#### **2.15.4 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Contract, the Employer may, by 30 (Thirty) days written notice, terminate the Contract in whole or in part. In addition to the payment



mentioned at clause 2.18, the Service Provider shall be compensated for de-mobilization and other costs incurred at mutually negotiated terms.

In case of such termination, the obligation of the Employer to pay, shall be limited to the extent of work/job completed by the Service Provider as per provision of the Contract upto the date of termination, subject to the Service Provider complying with other terms of the Contract.

Notwithstanding the termination of the Contract, the parties shall continue to be bound by the provisions of this Contract that reasonably require some action or forbearance after such termination.

## **2.16 AMOUNT PAYABLE IN CASE OF TERMINATION**

2.16.1 In all cases of termination herein set forth, the obligation of the Employer to pay, shall be limited to the extent of service rendered by Service Provider as per provision of the Contract upto the date of termination, subject to the Service Provider complying with other terms of the Contract. Notwithstanding the termination of the Contract, the parties shall continue to be bound by the provisions of this Contract that reasonably require some action or forbearance after such termination.

## **2.17 MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYER NOT INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE**

2.17.1 No Director, or official or employee of the Employer shall in any way be personally bound or liable for the acts or obligations of the Employer under the Contract or answerable for any default or omission in the observance or performance of any of the acts, matters or things which are herein contained.

## **2.18 EMPLOYER NOT BOUND BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS**

2.18.1 The Service Provider shall not be entitled to any increase on the scheduled rates or any other right or claim whatsoever by reason of any representation, explanation statement or alleged representation, promise or guarantees given or alleged to have been given to him by any person.

## **2.19 FORCE MAJEURE**

2.19.1 In the event of either party being rendered unable by Force Majeure to perform any obligations required to be performed by them under the Contract the relative obligation of the party affected by such Force Majeure shall upon notification to the other party be suspended for the period during which Force Majeures event lasts. The cost and loss sustained by the either party shall be borne by the respective parties.

The term "Force Majeures" as employed herein shall include:

- (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/Services are performed, and which affect an essential portion of the Works/Services but excluding any industrial dispute which is specific to the performance of the Works/Services 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.

#### 2.19.2 Notification of Force Majeure

The affected party 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.

#### 2.19.3 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.

Further, the Service Provider shall with all reasonable diligence remove from the Site all the Service Provider's equipment and shall give similar facilities to his Sub Service Provider to do so.

#### 2.19.4 Payment in case of termination due to Force Majeure

The Contract Price attributable to the Works/Services performed till the date of the commencement of the relevant event of Force Majeure with effective recovery/ retention shall be payable to Service Provider.

The Service Provider has no entitlement and Employer has no liability for:



a) any costs, losses, expenses, damages or the payment of any part of the Total Contract Price during an event of Force Majeure; and

b) any delay costs in any way incurred by the Service Provider due to an event of Force Majeure.

2.21.5 Time for performance of the relative obligation suspended by the Force Majeure shall then stand extended by the period for which such cause lasts.

2.21.6 Outbreak of War:

If during the currency of the Contract there shall be an outbreak of war whether declared or not, in that part of the World which whether financially or otherwise materially affect the execution of the Work, the Service Provider shall unless and until the Contract is terminated under the provisions in this clause continue to use his best endeavor to complete the execution of the Work/Services, provided always that the Employer shall be entitled, at any time after such outbreak of war to terminate or re-negotiate the Contract by giving notice in writing to the Service Provider and upon such notice being given the Contract shall, save as to the rights of the parties under this clause and to the operation of the clauses entitled settlement of Disputes and Arbitration hereof, be terminated but without prejudice to the right of either party in respect of any antecedent breach thereof.

## **2.20 PRICE REDUCTION SCHEDULE**

2.20.1 Time is the essence of the Contract. In case the Service Provider fails to mobilize / deploy the required manpower and the complete equipments so as to commence the Services within Mobilisation Period and complete the Services within the stipulated period, then, unless such failure is due to Force Majeure as defined in Clause 2.19 herein above or due to Employer's defaults, the total Value of Contract shall be reduced by ½ (half) % of the total Value of Contract per complete week of delay or part thereof subject to a maximum of 5 (five) % of the total Value of Contract, by way of reduction in price for delay and not as penalty.

The Employer shall be at liberty to adjust or deduct the said amount from amount due to the Service Provider / it's Contract Performance Security payable on demand.

The decision of the EIC with respect to applicability of Price Reduction Schedule shall be final and binding on the Service Provider.

2.20.2 The parties agree that this is a genuine pre-estimate of the loss/damage which will be suffered by the Employer on account of delay on the part of the Service Provider and the said amount will be adjusted for the amount payable to the Service Provider,



without there being any proof of the actual loss or damages having been caused by such delay/breach.

2.20.3 The Price Reduction will be calculated on the basis of total Value of Contract / executed Value of Contract (as the case may be) excluding taxes and duties where such taxes and duties have been shown separately in the Contract.

2.20.4 As mentioned above, in case of delay in execution of Contract, Service Provider will raise invoice for reduced value as per Price Reduction Clause. If Service Provider has raised the invoice for full value, then Service Provider will issue Credit Note towards the applicable Price Reduction Schedule amount.

In case Service Provider fails to submit the invoice for reduced value or does not issue credit note as mentioned above, APL will release the payment to Service Provider after effecting the Price Reduction Schedule clause.

In the event any financial implication arises on APL due to issuance of invoice without reduction in price or non-issuance of Credit Note, the same shall be to the account of Service Provider.

## **2.21 ASSIGNMENT/SUBLET**

2.21.1 The Service Provider shall not, save with previous written consent of the Engineer-in-charge, sublet, transfer or assign the Contract or any part thereof or interest therein or benefit or advantage thereof in any manner whatsoever. Provided, nevertheless, that any such consent shall not relieve the Service Provider from any obligation, duty or responsibility under the Contract.

2.21.2 The basic scope of Services cannot be sublet. However, on specific request of the Service Provider and subject to written consent of Employer, the Service Provider may sublet allied/incidental jobs related to the Services. Such consent shall not relieve the Service Provider from any obligation, duty or responsibility under the Contract and Service Provider shall be fully responsible for the Services hereunder and the execution and performance of the Contract.

2.21.3 Sub-letting of whole Contract is prohibited. An undertaking to this effect will be given by Service Provider along with each invoice/ bill.

## **2.22 LIENS**

2.22.1 If, at any time there should be evidence of any lien or claim for which the Employer might have become liable and which is chargeable to the Service Provider, the Employer shall have the right to retain out of any payment then due or thereafter to become due an amount sufficient to completely indemnify the Employer against such lien or claim



and if such lien or claim be valid, the Employer may pay and discharge the same and deduct the amount so paid from any money which may be or may become due and payable to the Service Provider. If any lien or claim remain unsettled after all payments are made, the Service Provider shall refund or pay to the Employer all money that the latter may be compelled to pay in discharging such lien or claim including all costs and reasonable expenses.

2.22.2 The Employer shall have lien on all materials, equipments including those brought by the Service Provider for the purpose of providing service.

2.22.3 The final payment shall not become due until the Service Provider delivers to the EIC a complete release or waiver of all liens arising or which may arise out of his agreement or receipt in full or certification by the Service Provider in a form approved by EIC that all invoices for labour, materials, services have been paid in lien thereof and if required by the EIC in any case an affidavit that so far as the Service Provider has knowledge or information the releases and receipts include all the labour and material for which a lien could be filled.

2.22.4 Service Provider will indemnify and hold the Employer harmless, for a period of two years after the issue of Completion/Execution Certificate, from all liens and other encumbrances against the Employer on account of debts or claims alleged to be due from the Service Provider or his Sub-Service Provider to any person and on behalf of Employer, the Service Provider will defend at his own expense, any claim or litigation brought against the Employer or the Service Provider including Sub-Service Provider in connection therewith. Service Provider shall defend or contest at his own expense, any fresh claim or litigation against the Employer by any person including his Sub-Service Provider, till its satisfactory settlement even after the expiry of two years from the date of issue of Completion/Execution Certificate.

## **2.23 NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

2.23.1 None of the terms and conditions of this Contract shall be deemed waived by either party unless such waiver is executed in writing by the duly authorized representative of both the parties.

## **2.24 CERTIFICATE NOT TO AFFECT RIGHT OF EMPLOYER AND LIABILITY OF SERVICE PROVIDER**

2.24.1 No interim payment certificate(s) issued by the EIC of the Employer, nor any sum paid on account by the Employer, nor any extension of time for execution of the service granted by Employer shall affect or prejudice the rights of the Employer against the Service Provider or relieve the Service Provider of his obligations for the due performance of the Contract, or be interpreted as approval of the Service done and no certificate shall





create liability for the Employer to pay for alterations, amendments, variations or additional services not ordered, in writing, by Employer or discharge the liability of the Service Provider for the payment of damages whether due, ascertained, or certified or not or any sum against the payment of which he is bound to indemnify the Employer.

## **2.25 LANGUAGE AND MEASURES**

2.25.1 All documents pertaining to the Contract including Specifications, Schedules, Notices, Correspondence, operating and maintenance Instructions or any other writing shall be written in English language. The Metric System of measurement shall be used in the Contract unless otherwise specified.

## **2.26 RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

2.29.1 The Service Provider shall not communicate or use in advertising, publicity, sales releases or in any other medium, photographs, or other reproduction of the Service under this Contract or description of the site dimensions, quantity, quality or other information concerning the Service unless prior written permission has been obtained from the Employer.

## **2.27 COMPLETION PERIOD, CONTRACT PERIOD AND COMPLETION OF CONTRACT**

2.27.1 The Completion Period of Service and Contract Period shall be as mentioned in Special Conditions of Contract.

2.27.2 Unless terminated under the provisions of any other relevant clause, this Contract shall be deemed to have been completed at the expiration of the Defect Liability Period as provided for under the Contract.

## **2.28 INDEPENDENT CAPACITY**

2.28.1 The parties intend that an independent Service Provider relationship will be created by this Contract. The Service Provider and his/her employees or agents performing under this Contract are not employees or agents of the Employer. The Service Provider will neither hold himself/herself out as nor claim to be an officer or employee of the Employer by reasons hereof, nor will the Service Provider make any claim of right, privilege or benefit that would accrue to such employee under law. Conduct and control of work will be solely with the Service Provider.

## **2.29 NOTICE**

2.29.1 TO THE SERVICE PROVIDER: Any notice to be given to the Service Provider or his duly authorised representative at the job Site under the terms of the Contract may be served by the Employer by e-mail or through registered post/Courier at the address/contact





information furnished by the Service Provider. Proof of issue of any such notice could be conclusive of the Service Provider having been duly informed of all contents therein.

2.29.2 TO THE EMPLOYER: Any notice to be given to the EIC of the Employer under the terms of the Contract may be served by the Service Provider, by e-mail or delivering the same through registered post /Courier at the concerned site office.

2.29.3 Either party may change a nominated address to another address in the country where the Services are being provided by prior notice to the other party, with a copy to EIC and the EIC may do so by prior notice to both the parties. The decision of EIC in this regard shall be final and binding on the parties.

## **2.30 CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Service Provider, its Sub-Service Provider and their personnel shall not, either during the term or within two (2) years after the expiration of this Contract, disclose any proprietary or confidential information related to Service/project, this Contract, or Employer's business or operations without the prior written consent of the Employer.

## **2.31 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT**

The Service Provider shall retain the copy right and other intellectual property rights in the Service Provider's document and other design documents made by (or on behalf of) the Service Provider.

Subject to the confidentiality obligations, by signing the Contract, within the Contract Price, the Service Provider shall be deemed to give to the Employer a non-terminable, transferable, non-exclusive and royalty-free right to copy, use and communicate the Service Provider's documents for the operation, maintenance, repair of the Service and Statutory purposes, but not for any other purpose. Such documents of the Service Provider shall not be used, copied or communicated to a third party by or on behalf of the Employer for the purposes other than those permitted, without the Service Provider's Consent.



## **CHAPTER - III**

### **3.0 PERFORMANCE OF SERVICE**

#### **3.1 EXECUTION OF SERVICES**

3.1.1 All Services shall be provided in strict conformity with the provisions of the Contract Documents and with such explanatory detailed specification and instruction as may be furnished from time to time to the Service Provider by EIC. The Service Provider shall undertake to perform all Services under this Contract with all reasonable skill, diligence and care in accordance with sound industry practice or international / national standards, wherever applicable (as the case may be) to the satisfaction of the Employer and accept full responsibility for the satisfactory quality of such services as performed by them.

#### **3.2 CHANGES IN SERVICES**

3.2.1 During the performance of the Services, EIC / Employer may make a change in the Services within the general scope of this Contract including, but not limited to, changes in methodology and minor additions to or deletions from the Services and Service Provider shall render the service as changed. Changes of this nature will be affected by a written order (i.e. Amendment) by the Employer. The time of completion of the said job may be extended for the part of the particular job at the discretion of Engineer-In-Charge, for only such alterations or substitutions of the Services, as he may consider just and reasonable.

3.2.2 If any change result in an increase in compensation payable to Service Provider or in terms of a credit to be passed on to Employer, Service Provider shall submit to EIC an estimate of the amount of such compensation or credit in a form prescribed by Employer. Such estimates shall be based on the rates shown in the Schedule of Rates. Upon review of Service Provider's estimate, Employer shall establish and set forth in the written order the amount of the compensation or credit for the change or a basis for determining a reasonable compensation or credit for the change.

#### **3.3 ACTION AND COMPENSATION IN CASE OF POOR SERVICE**

3.3.1 If it shall appear to the EIC that any service has been rendered with unsound, imperfect or unskilled way, or with materials /manpower of any inferior description, or that any materials / manpower provided by the Service Provider for the execution of the Service are unsound, or of a quality inferior to that Contracted for, or otherwise not in accordance with the Contract, the Service Provider shall on demand in writing from the EIC or his authorized representative specifying the Service, materials or manpower complained of notwithstanding that the same may have been inadvertently passed,



certified and paid for, forthwith rectify the service so specified and at his own cost and in the event of failure to do so within the period specified by the EIC in his demand aforesaid, the Service Provider shall be liable to pay compensation at the rate of 1 % (One percent) of the estimated cost of the whole Service, for every week limited to a maximum of 10% (ten percent) of the value of the whole Service, in event of his failure to do so the EIC may on expiry of notice period rectify/re-execute the Service as the case may be at the risk and expense in all respects of the Service Provider or may terminate the contract due to non-performance. The decision of the EIC as to any question arising under this clause shall be final and conclusive.

### **3.4 SUSPENSION OF SERVICES**

3.4.1 Subject to the provisions of sub-para 3.4.2 of this clause, the Service Provider shall, if ordered in writing by the EIC, temporarily suspend the Services or any part thereof for such written order and not proceed with the Service therein ordered to be suspended until, he shall have received a written order to proceed therewith. The Service Provider shall not be entitled to claim compensation for any loss or damage sustained by him by reason of temporary suspension of the Services aforesaid. An extension of time for completion, corresponding with the delay caused by any such suspension of the Services as aforesaid will be granted to the Service Provider should he apply for the same provided that the suspension was not consequent to any default or failure on the part of the Service Provider.

3.4.2 In case of suspensions of entire Service, ordered in writing by EIC, for a period of more than two months, the Service Provider shall have the option to terminate the Contract.

### **3.5 DEFECTS LIABILITY PERIOD**

3.5.1 The Service Provider unless otherwise specified elsewhere in the tender document shall guarantee the installation/Service for a period of 12 months from the date of completion of Service mentioned in the Completion Certificate issued by the EIC. Any damage or defect that may arise or lie undiscovered at the time of issue of Completion Certificate, connected in any way with the equipment or materials supplied by him or in the workmanship, shall be rectified or replaced by the Service Provider at his own expense as deemed necessary by the EIC. In case of default, the EIC may carry out such services by other service provider(s) and deduct actual cost incurred towards labour, supervision and materials consumables or otherwise plus 15% towards overheads from any sums that may then be or at any time thereafter, become due to the Service Provider or from his Contract Performance Security, or the proceeds of sale thereof or a sufficient part on thereof. The decision of EIC in this regard shall be final and binding.



3.5.2 If the Service Provider feels that any variation in Service or in quality of materials or proportions would be beneficial or necessary to fulfill the guarantees called for, he shall bring this to the notice of the EIC in writing. If during the period of liability any portion of the Service/Equipment, is found defective and is rectified/ replaced, the period of liability of 12 months for such equipment/ portion of Service shall be operative from the date such rectification/ replacement are carried out and Contract Performance Guarantee shall be furnished separately for the extended period of liability for that portion of Service/ Equipment only. However, in no such case extension will exceed 24 months from the date of initial DLP. Notwithstanding the above provisions the supplier's, guarantees/warranties for the replaced/rectified Equipment/Service shall also be passed on to the Employer.

### **3.6 COMPLETION CERTIFICATE**

3.6.1 APPLICATION FOR COMPLETION CERTIFICATE: When the Service Provider fulfills his obligation under the Contract he shall be eligible to apply for Completion Certificate. The EIC shall normally issue to the Service Provider the Completion Certificate within one month after receiving any application thereof from the Service Provider after verifying from the completion documents and satisfying himself that the Service has been rendered in accordance with and as set out in the Contract Documents. The Service Provider, after obtaining the Completion Certificate, is eligible to present the final bill for the Service executed by him under the terms of Contract.

Completion of jobs/services for issuance of completion certificate shall constitute completion of jobs/ services as per provisions of LOA/Contract duly accepted and certified by EIC.

3.6.2 COMPLETION CERTIFICATE: Within one month from receipt of application from Service Provider after the completion of the Service in all respects as specified above at clause no. 3.6.1, the Service Provider shall be furnished with a certificate by the EIC of such completion, but no certificate shall be given nor shall the Service be deemed to have been rendered until all scaffolding, Equipment(s) & machine(s), surplus materials and rubbish brought for/ generated during execution of service is cleared off the Site completely. EIC's certification about completion of service in all aspects shall be binding and conclusive.

3.6.3 COMPLETION CERTIFICATE DOCUMENTS: For the purpose of Completion, the following documents will be deemed to form the completion documents:

- i) The technical documents according to which the Service was carried out.



ii) Material appropriation, Statement for the materials issued by the Employer for the Service and list of surplus materials returned to the Employer's store duly supported by necessary documents



#### **3.6.4 EXECUTION CERTIFICATE:**

Execution Certificate against Rate/ Maintenance contract shall be issued by EIC against written request from Service Provider.

### **3.7 FINAL DECISION & FINAL CERTIFICATE**

3.7.1 Upon expiry of the period of liability and subject to the Engineer-in-Charge being satisfied that the Service Provider has in all respect duly made-up any shortfall and performed all his obligations under the Contract, the Engineer-in- Charge shall (without prejudice to the rights of the Employer to retain the provisions of relevant Clause hereof) otherwise give a certificate herein referred to as the Final Certificate to that effect. The Service Provider shall not be considered to have fulfilled the whole of his obligations under Contract until Final Certificate shall have been given by the Engineer-In- Charge.

### **3.8 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

3.8.1 Notwithstanding anything contrary contained herein, the aggregate total liability of Service Provider to Employer under the Contract shall not exceed the Total Contract Value, except that this clause shall not limit the liability of the Service Provider 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 Service Provider or any person acting on behalf of the Service Provider; or
- (c) In the event of acts or omissions of the Service Provider which are contrary to the most elementary rules of diligence which a conscientious Service Provider 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 Service Provider or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Service Provider in executing the Works/Services.

However, neither party shall be liable to the other Party for any indirect nor 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.



### **3.9 INDEMNITY**

3.9.1 If any action is brought before a Court, Tribunal or any other Authority against the Employer or an officer or agent of the Employer, for the failure, omission or neglect on the part of the Service Provider to perform any acts, matters, covenants or things under the Contract, or damage or injury caused by the alleged omission or negligence on the part of the Service Provider, his agents, representatives or his Sub- Service Provider's, or in connection with any claim based on lawful demands of Sub-Service Provider's servicemen suppliers or employees, the Service Provider, shall in such cases indemnify and keep the Employer and/or their representatives harmless from all losses, damages, expenses or decrees arising out of such action.



## **CHAPTER – IV**

### **4.0 PAYMENT, INSURANCE AND TAXES**

#### **4.1 DEDUCTION FROM THE CONTRACT PRICE**

4.1.1 All costs, damages or expenses which Employer may have paid or incurred, which under the provisions of the Contract, the Service Provider is liable to pay to the Employer. All such claims shall be claimed by the Employer from the Service Provider regularly as and when they fall due. Such claims shall be paid by the Service Provider within 15 (fifteen) days of the receipt of the corresponding bills/ claims and if not paid by the Service Provider within the said period, the Employer may, then, deduct the amount from any immediate moneys due to the Service Provider like R.A Bills, Final Bills, Contract Performance Security or any payment becoming due to the Service Provider under the Contract or may be recovered by actions of law or otherwise, if the Service Provider fails to satisfy the Employer of such claims.

#### **4.2 SCHEDULE OF RATES AND PAYMENTS**

##### **4.2.1 SERVICE PROVIDER'S REMUNERATION**

The price to be paid by the Employer to Service Provider for the whole of the Service to be done and for the performance of all the obligations undertaken by the Service Provider under the Contract Documents shall be ascertained by the application of the respective Schedule of Rates (the inclusive nature of which is more particularly defined by way of application but not of limitation, with the succeeding sub-clause of this clause) and payment to be made accordingly for the Services actually executed and approved by the Engineer-in-Charge. The sum so ascertained shall (except only as and to the extent expressly provided herein) constitute the sole and inclusive remuneration of the Service Provider under the Contract and no further or other payment whatsoever shall be or become due or payable to the Service Provider under the Contract.

##### **4.2.2 SCHEDULE OF RATES TO BE INCLUSIVE**

The prices/rates quoted by the Service Provider shall remain firm till the issue of Final Certificate and shall not be subject to escalation. Schedule of Rates shall be deemed to include and cover all costs, expenses and liabilities of every description and all risks of every kind to be taken in rendering the services to the Employer by the Service Provider. The Service Provider shall be deemed to have known the nature, scope, magnitude and the extent of the service though the Contract Document may not fully and precisely furnish/specify them. The Tenderer shall be deemed to include the requisite services as may be required to complete the Services properly including remedying of any defect therein.





#### 4.2.3 SCHEDULE OF RATES TO COVER CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENTS, MATERIALS, LABOUR ETC.

Without in any way limiting the provisions of the preceding sub-clause the Schedule of Rates shall be deemed to include and cover the cost of all construction equipment, temporary work (except as provided for herein), pumps, materials, labour, insurance, fuel, consumables, stores & appliances and such other items / equipments / materials as required for carrying out the services by the Service Provider and all other matters in connection with each item in the Schedule of Rates and the execution of the Service or any portion thereof finished, complete in every respect and maintained as shown or described in the Contract Documents or as may be ordered in writing during the continuance of the Contract.

#### 4.2.4 SCHEDULE OF RATES TO COVER ROYALTIES, RENTS AND CLAIMS

The Schedule of Rates (i.e., Value of Contract) shall be deemed to include and cover the cost of all royalties and fees for the articles and processes, protected by letters, patent or otherwise incorporated in or used in connection with the Service, also all royalties, rents and other payments in connection with obtaining materials of whatsoever kind for the Service and shall include an indemnity to the Employer which the Service Provider hereby gives against all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs and expenses arising from the incorporation in or use in the Service of any such articles, processes or materials, octroi or other municipal or local Board Charges, if levied on materials, equipment or machineries to be brought to site for use for Services shall be borne by the Service Provider.

#### 4.2.5 SCHEDULE OF RATES TO COVER TAXES AND DUTIES

No exemption or reduction of Customs Duties, GST, Works Contract Tax or any port dues, transport charges, stamp duties or Central or State Government or local Body or Municipal Taxes or duties, taxes or charges (from or of any other body), entry tax, whatsoever, will be granted or obtained, all of which expenses shall be deemed to be included in and covered by the Schedule of Rates, unless mentioned specifically elsewhere in the Tender Document. The Service Provider shall also obtain and pay for all permits/licenses or other privileges necessary to complete the Service.

#### 4.2.6 SCHEDULE OF RATES TO COVER RISKS OF DELAY

The Schedule of Rates shall be deemed to include and cover the risk of all possibilities of delay and interference with the Service Provider's conduct/performance of Services which occurs from any causes including orders of the Employer in the exercise of his power and on account of extension of time granted due to various reasons and for all other possible or probable causes of delay.



#### **4.2.7 SCHEDULE OF RATES CANNOT BE ALTERED**

For Service under unit rate basis, no alteration will be allowed in the Schedule of Rates by reason of services or any part of them being modified, altered, extended, diminished or committed. The Schedule of Rates are fully inclusive of rates which have been fixed by the Service Provider and agreed to by the Employer and cannot be altered. For lumpsum Contracts, the payment will be made according to the Service actually carried out, for which purpose an item wise, or work wise Schedule of Rates shall be furnished, suitable for evaluating the value of Service provided and preparing running account bill. Payment for any additional Service which is not covered in the Schedule of Rates shall only be released on issuance of Amendment to LOA/Contract by the Employer.

### **4.3 PROCEDURE FOR BILLING OF SERVICES**

#### **4.3.1 BILLING PROCEDURE**

The Bill(s) complete in all respect with details and enclosure(s) is to be submitted by Service Provider in line with terms of the Contract. Employer shall make all endeavour to release payments of undisputed amount of the bills submitted within 30 (Thirty) days from the date of certification by the Engineer-in-Charge.

#### **4.3.2 MODE OF MEASUREMENT**

The payment shall be made based on the mode of measurement as specified in the Contract. Otherwise, the mode of measurement shall be adopted as per latest Indian Standard Specifications.

### **4.4 NOTICE OF CLAIMS FOR ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS**

4.4.1 Should the Service Provider consider that he is entitled to any extra payment for any extra/additional Job(s)/Service(s) or material change in original Specifications carried out by him in respect of job, he shall forthwith give notice in writing to the Engineer-in-Charge that he claims extra payment. Such notice shall be given to the Engineer-in-Charge upon which Service Provider bases such claims and such notice shall contain full particulars of the nature of such claim with full details of amount claimed. Irrespective of any provision in the Contract to the contrary, the Service Provider must intimate his intention to lodge claim on the Employer within 10 (ten) days of the commencement of happening of the event and quantify the claim within 30 (thirty) days, failing which the Service Provider will lose his right to claim any compensation/reimbursement/damages etc.. Failure on the part of Service Provider to put forward any claim without the necessary particulars as above within the time above specified shall be an absolute waiver thereof. No omission by Employer to reject any such claim and no delay in dealing therewith shall be waiver by Employer of any of these rights in respect thereof.



4.4.2 Engineer-in-Charge shall review such claims within a reasonable period of time and cause to discharge these in a manner considered appropriate after due deliberations thereon. However, Service Provider shall be obliged to carry on with the Jobs/services during the period in which his claims are under consideration by the Employer, irrespective of the outcome of such claims, where additional payments for Services considered extra are justifiable in accordance with the Contract provisions, Employer shall arrange to release the same in the same manner as for normal job payments. Such of the extra services so admitted by Employer shall be governed by all the terms, conditions, stipulations and specifications as are applicable for the Contract. The rates for extra services shall generally be the unit rates provided for in the Contract. In the event unit rates for extra services so executed are not available as per Contract, payments may either be released on day work basis for which daily/hourly rates for workmen and hourly rates for equipment rental shall apply, or on the unit rate for Services executed shall be derived by interpolation/ extrapolation of unit rates already existing in the Contract. In all the matters pertaining to applicability of rate and admittance of otherwise of an extra service claim(s) of Service Provider, the decision of Engineer-in-Charge shall be final and binding on the Service Provider.

#### **4.5 INSURANCE**

4.5.1 Service Provider shall, at his own expense, arrange appropriate insurance to cover all risks assumed by the Service Provider under this Contract in respect of its personnel deputed under this Contract as well as Service Provider's equipment, tools and any other belongings of the Service Provider or their personnel during the entire period of their engagement in connection with this Contract. Employer will have no liability on this account. The Personnel covered must be covered to meet the liability under Employee Compensation Act.

4.5.2 The provisions of this Clause shall in no way limit the liability of the Service Provider under the Contract.

4.5.3 If the Service Provider neglects, fails, or refuses to obtain or maintain insurances required to be effected, or fails to provide certification etc., the Employer has the right to procure and maintain policies at Service Provider's expense plus administrative cost of 10% of the amount of Insurance premium.

#### **4.5.4 INSURANCE TYPES**

Service Provider shall at all time during the currency of the Contract provide, pay for and maintain the following insurance amongst others:



- a. Employee Compensation and Employer's common law liability insurance covering liability to employees of the Service Provider under the laws of their place or employment or place or injury, arising out of injury sustained in connection with any of the services. This insurance will be extended where submitted by law, to indemnify the Employer against any statutory liability which it may incur towards injured employees of the Service Provider. A proof of the same should be submitted to EIC for liability in line with Employees Compensation Act.
- b. General Public Liability Insurance covering liabilities including contractual liability for bodily injury, including death of persons, and liabilities for damage of property. This insurance must cover all operations of Service Provider required to fulfill the provisions under this Contract.
- c. Service Provider's Equipment/Materials/Goods used for execution of the work hereunder shall have an insurance cover with a suitable limit (as per international standards).
- d. Automobile Public Liability Insurance covering owned, non-owned and hired automobiles used in the performance of the work hereunder, with bodily injury limits and property damage limits as governed by Indian Insurance regulations.
- e. Public Liability Insurance as required under Public Liability Insurance Act 1991.

4.5.5 Service Provider shall obtain additional insurance or revise the limits of existing insurance as per Employer's request in which case additional cost shall be to Service Provider's account.

Further, the Service Provider shall ensure the adequacy of Insurance at all time in accordance with the nature of the Service(s), terms of the Contract and Statutory requirements.

#### 4.5.6 CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Before commencing performance of the services, Service Provider shall on request furnish EIC/Employer with certificates of insurance indicating:

- i) type and amounts of insurance as required herein;
- ii) insurance company or companies carrying the aforesaid coverage;
- iii) effective and expiry dates of policies;
- iv) that the Employer may give advance notice for any material change in the policy. waiver of subrogation endorsement has been attached to all policies; and
- v) the territorial limits of all policies.



- 4.5.7 If any of the above policies expire or are cancelled during the terms of the service, and Service Provider fails for any reason to renew such policies, the Employer may replace same and recover the charges towards premium plus administrative charges from Service Provider. Should there be a lapse in any insurance required to be carried out by the Service Provider hereunder for any reason, losses & penalty, if any resulting there from shall be to the sole account of the Service Provider.
- 4.5.8 Service Provider shall require all its Sub-Service Providers to provide such foregoing insurance cover as the Service Provider is obligated to provide under the Contract.
- 4.5.9 WAIVER OF SUBROGATION: All insurance policies of the Service Provider with respect to the operations conducted hereunder, shall be endorsed by the underwriter in accordance with the following policy wording: “The insurers hereby waive their rights of subrogation against any individual, Employer, affiliates or assignees for whom or with whom the assured may be operating to the extent of the Contractual indemnities undertaken by the Service Provider”.
- 4.5.10 Deductible: That portion of any loss not covered by insurance provided for in this article solely by reason of deductible provision in such insurance policies shall be to the account of the Service Provider.

#### **4.6 TAXES AND DUTIES**

- 4.6.1 The Service Provider, unless specified otherwise elsewhere in the Contract agrees to and does hereby accept full and exclusive liability for the payment of any and all Taxes, Duties, including GST now or hereafter imposed, increased, modified from time to time in respect of Services and materials and all contributions and taxes for unemployment compensation, insurance and old age pensions or annuities now or hereafter imposed by any Central or State Government authorities which are imposed with respect to or covered by the wages, salaries, or other compensations paid to the persons employed by the Service Provider and the Service Provider shall be responsible for the compliance of all Sub-Service Providers, with all applicable Central, State, Municipal and local law and regulation and requirement of any Central, State or local Government agency or authority. Service Provider further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Employer harmless from any liability or penalty which may be imposed by the Central, State or Local authorities by reason or any violation by Service Provider or Sub- Sub-Service Provider of such laws, suits or proceedings that may be brought against the Employer arising under, growing out of, or by reason of the service provided for by this Contract, by third parties, or by Central or State Government authority or any administrative sub-division thereof. Tax deductions will be made as per the rules and regulations in force in accordance with acts prevailing from time to time.



4.6.2 Service Provider shall ensure timely submission of correct invoice(s) with all required supporting document(s) as per Contract within a period specified in Contracts to enable Employer to avail Input Tax Credit.

If Input Tax credit with respect to GST is not available to Employer for any reason which is not attributable to Employer, then Employer shall not be obligated or liable to pay or reimburse GST charged in the invoice(s) and shall be entitled to / deduct/ setoff /recover the such GST together with all penalties and interest if any, against any amounts paid or payable by Employer to Service Provider.

4.6.3 Where Employer has the obligation to discharge tax liability under reverse charge mechanism and Employer has paid or is /liable to pay GST to the Government on which interest or penalties becomes payable as per rules (as amended from time to time) for any reason which is not attributable to Employer or Input Tax credit with respect to such payments is not available to Employer for any reason which is not attributable to Employer, then Employer shall be entitled to deduct/ setoff / recover such amounts against any amounts paid or payable by Employer to Service Provider.

#### **4.7 INCOME TAX**

4.7.1 Income Tax deduction shall be made from all payments of the Service Provider as per rules and regulation in force in accordance with the Income Tax Act prevailing from time to time. As per the provisions of the income Tax Act, 1961, Permanent Account No. (PAN) is compulsorily required to be mentioned in Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) certificate issued to the payee. Therefore, the bidder must submit the details of PAN / the copy of application filed for allotment of PAN (if PAN no. not available) to EIC immediately on receipt of FOA/Contract Document, failing which, TDS will be applied as per applicable law and TDS certificate will not be issued. Therefore, in case the Service Provider does not furnish PAN, EMPLOYER shall deduct at source as provided in the Income Tax Act 1961, or in the relevant Finance Act, or as directed in the orders u/s 195(3) or 197 or 195(2), as the case may be, or at such higher rate as may be required by Section 206AA of Income Tax Act 1961, from time to time.

4.7.2 In case of foreign bidder, the Service Provider must apply through the local embassy / consulate of India for obtaining PAN card. In case, foreign Service Provider don't have the PAN, then amount will be deducted and deposited as per law and TDS certificate will also not be provided. Further, such Service Provider shall comply all other provisions mentioned elsewhere in the Tender Document related to making remittances to non-residents including Permanent Establishment, Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) if non-resident desire to avail benefits available under Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), Withholding Tax etc., as per Income Tax Act, 1961 (as amended from time to time).



#### **4.8 STATUTORY VARIATIONS**

- 4.8.1 All duties, taxes (except where otherwise expressly provided in the Contract) as may be levied / imposed in consequences of execution of the Jobs/Services or in relation thereto or in connection therewith as per the Acts, Laws, Rules, Regulations in force on the due date of submission of Bid for this Contract shall be to Service Provider's account. Any increase / decrease in such duties, taxes after the due date of submission of bid but within the Contractual completion date as stipulated in the Contract will be to the account of Employer subject to submission of documentary proof to the satisfaction of Employer.
- 4.8.2 Any increase in the duties and taxes after the Contractual completion period will be to the Service Provider's account, where delay in completion /mobilization period is attributable to the Service Provider and the taxes & duties are not cenvatable (i.e. Input Tax Credit (ITC) not available). In case of applicability of ITC / cenvatable taxes & duties, payment shall be made as per the prevailing rates during the currency of the Contract. However, any benefit of decrease in duties and taxes after the Contractual completion will be passed on to the Employer.
- 4.8.3 In the event of introduction of any new legislation or any change or amendment or enforcement of any Act or Law, rules or regulations of Government of India or State Government(s) or Public Body which becomes effective after the due date of submission of Bid for this Contract but within the Contractual completion period (including extended period allowed due to reasons attributed to Employer) and which results in increased cost of the jobs/services under the Contract through increased liability of taxes, (other than personnel and Corporate taxes), duties, the Service Provider shall be indemnified for any such increased cost by the Employer subject to the production of documentary proof to the satisfaction of the Employer to the extent which directly is attributable to such introduction of new legislation or change or amendment as mentioned above and adjudication by the competent authority & the courts wherever levy of such taxes / duties are disputed by Employer.
- 4.8.4 Similarly, in the event of introduction of new legislation or any change or amendment or enforcement of any Act or Law, rules or regulations of Government of India or State Government(s) or Public Body which becomes effective after the due date of submission of Bid for this Contract and which results in any decrease in the cost of the services/ jobs through reduced liability of taxes, (other than personnel and Corporate taxes) duties, the Service Provider shall pass on the benefits of such reduced cost, taxes or duties to the Employer, to the extent which is directly attributable to such introduction of new legislation or change or amendment as mentioned above.





#### **4.9 DAMAGES TO PROPERTY, ANY PERSON AND THIRD PARTY**

- i. Service Provider shall be responsible for making good to the satisfaction of the Employer any loss or any damage to structures and properties belonging to the Employer or being executed or procured or being procured by the Employer or of other agencies within in the premises of the Employer, if such loss or damage is due to fault and/or the Negligence or Willful Misconduct or omission of the Service Provider, his employees, agents, representatives or Sub-Service Providers.
- ii. The Service Provider shall take sufficient care in moving his equipments and materials from one place to another so that they do not cause any damage to any person or to the property of the Employer or any third party including overhead and underground cables and in the event of any damage resulting to the property of the Employer or of a third party during the movement of the aforesaid equipment or materials the cost of such damages including eventual loss of production, operation or services in any plant or establishment as estimated by the Employer or ascertained or demanded by the third party shall be borne by the Service Provider.
- iii. The Service Provider shall indemnify and keep the Employer harmless of all claims for damages to property other than Employer's property arising under or by reason of this agreement, if such claims result from the fault and/or Negligence or Willful Misconduct or omission of the Service Provider, his employees, agents, representative of Sub-Service Provider.



## **CHAPTER – V**

### **5.0 LAWS, HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT**

#### **5.1 LABOUR LAWS**

- i. No labour below the age of 18 (eighteen) years shall be employed on the Job.
- ii. The Service Provider shall not pay less than what is provided under law to labourers engaged by him on the Job.
- iii. The Service Provider shall at his expense comply with all labour laws and keep the Employer indemnified in respect thereof.
- iv. The Service Provider shall pay equal wages for men and women in accordance with applicable labour laws.
- v. If the Service Provider is covered under the Contract labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, he shall obtain a license from licensing authority (i.e. office of the labour commissioner) by payment of necessary prescribed fee and the deposit, if any, before starting the Job under the Contract. Such fee/deposit shall be borne by the Service Provider.
- vi. The Service Provider shall employ labour in sufficient numbers either directly or through Sub- Service Provider's to maintain the required rate of progress and of quality to ensure workmanship of the degree specified in the Contract while also ensuring that workman is not stressed due to long hour of working and to the satisfaction of the EIC.
- vii. The Service Provider shall furnish to the EIC the distribution return of the number and description, by trades of the service people employed on the services. The Service Provider shall also submit on the 4th and 19th of every month to the EIC a true statement showing in respect of the second half of the preceding month and the first half of the current month (1) the accidents that occurred during the said fortnight showing the circumstances under which they happened and the extent of damage and injury caused by them and (2) the number of female workers who have been allowed Maternity Benefit as provided in the Maternity Benefit Act 1961 on Rules made there under and the amount paid to them.
- viii. The Service Provider shall comply with the provisions of the payment of Wage Act 1936, Employee Provident Fund Act 1952, Minimum Wages Act 1948. Employers Liability Act 1938. Servicemen's Compensation Act 1923, Industrial Disputes Act 1947, the Maternity Benefit Act 1961 and Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition Act 1970, Employment of Children Act 1938 or any modifications thereof or any other law relating thereto and rules made there under from time to time.



- ix. The EIC shall on a report having been made by an Inspecting Officer as defined in Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act 1970 have the power to deduct from the money due to the Service Provider any sum required or estimated to be required for making good the loss suffered by a worker or workers by reason of non- fulfillment of the Conditions of the Contract for the benefit of workers, non-payment of wages or of deductions made from his or their wages which are not justified by the terms of the Contract or non-observance of the said regulations.
- x. The Service Provider shall indemnify the Employer against any payments to be made under and for the observance of the provisions of the aforesaid Acts without prejudice to his right to obtain indemnity from his Sub-Service Provider's. In the event of the Service Provider committing a default or breach of any of the provisions of the aforesaid Acts as amended from time to time, of furnishing any information or submitting or filling and Form/ Register/ Slip under the provisions of these Acts which is materially incorrect then on the report of the inspecting Officers, the Service Provider shall without prejudice to any other liability pay to the Employer a sum not exceeding Rs.10000.00 as Liquidated Damages for every default, breach or furnishing, making, submitting, filling materially incorrect statement as may be fixed by the EIC and in the event of the Service Provider's default continuing in this respect, the Liquidated Damages may be enhanced to Rs.5000.00 per day for each day of default subject to a maximum of one percent of the estimated cost of the Services put to the Contract. The EIC shall deduct such amount from bills or Contract Performance Security of the Service Provider and credit the same to the Welfare Fund constitute under these acts. The decision of the EIC in this respect shall be final and binding.

## **5.2 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- i. In respect of all labour, directly employed in the Service for the performance of Service Provider's part of this agreement, the Service Provider shall at his own expense arrange for all the safety provisions as per safety codes of A.P.W.D., Indian Standards Institution. The Electricity Act, The Mines Act and such other acts as applicable.
- ii. The Service Provider shall observe and abide by all fire and safety regulations of the Employer. Before starting service, Service Provider shall consult with Employer's safety Engineers or EIC and must make good to the satisfaction of the Employer any loss or damage due to fire to any portion of the service done or to be done under this agreement or to any of the Employer's existing property.



### **5.3 FIRST AID AND INDUSTRIAL INJURIES**

- i. Service Provider shall maintain first aid facilities for its employees and those of its Sub-Service Provider.
- ii. Service Provider shall make outside arrangements for ambulance service and for the treatment of industrial injuries. Names of those providing these services shall be furnished to Employer prior to start and their telephone numbers shall be prominently posted in Service Provider's field office.
- iii. All critical industrial injuries shall be reported promptly to Employer, and a copy of Service Provider's report covering each personal injury requiring the attention of a physician shall be furnished to the Employer.

### **5.4 GENERAL RULES**

5.4.1 Smoking within the battery area, tank farm, dock limits or any such area identified by EIC or mentioned in SCC or any guideline, is strictly prohibited. Violators of the no smoking rules shall be discharged immediately after imposing the applicable penalty(ies). Decision of EIC in the matter shall be final and binding on the Service Provider.

### **5.5 CARE IN HANDLING INFLAMMABLE GAS**

5.5.1 The Service Provider has to ensure all precautionary measures and exercise utmost care in handling the inflammable gas cylinder/inflammable liquids/paints etc. as required under the law and/or as advised by the fire Authorities of the Employer.

### **5.6 PRESERVATION OF PLACE**

5.6.1 The Service Provider shall take requisite precautions and use his best endeavors to prevent any riotous or unlawful behavior by or amongst his worker / personnel employed for the services and for the preservation of peace and protection of the inhabitants and security of property in the neighborhood of the Site. In the event of the Employer requiring the maintenance of a Special Police Force at or in the vicinity of the site during the tenure of services, the expenses thereof shall be borne by the Service Provider and if paid by the Employer shall be recoverable from the Service Provider.

### **5.7 ENVIRONMENT**

5.7.1 Employer acknowledges their commitment to conduct their respective operations in a manner which not only complies with all relevant environmental protection and pollution control legislation but also such operations do not cause environmental damage or pollution and in a manner which acknowledges other cultural and associated



considerations. In recognition of this commitment, the Service Provider shall perform the services in such a way as to avoid or minimize environmental damage or pollution and fully recognize the special aspects of the environment as communicated by Employer or as applicable. Service Provider shall comply with, and the Service Provider shall ensure compliance with all applicable environmental protection and pollution control legislation as it relates to the services.

5.7.2 In the furtherance of any laws, regulations and rules promulgated by the Government of India, Service Provider shall:

- Employ good international oil & gas industry practices, including as required, advanced techniques, practices and methods of operation for the prevention of environmental damage in conducting the job;
- Take necessary and adequate steps to prevent environmental damage and, where some adverse impact on the environment is unavoidable, minimize such damage and the consequential effects thereof of property and people; and
- Adhere to the guidelines, limitations or restrictions, if any, imposed by the environmental clearance as applicable.

5.7.3 If during the Service Provider's performance of the services, the Employer is of the opinion that the Service Provider is either not conducting the services in strict compliance with this Contract or is conducting the services in such a way as to endanger the environment or in such a way as to risk being in breach of any environmental protection or pollution control legislation, then the Employer shall notify the Service Provider in writing of the conduct involved and the Service Provider shall initiate corrective action to the reasonable satisfaction of the Employer within twenty four (24) hours of the conduct so notified or as decided by EIC. Employer may, require Service Provider to discontinue the Service in whole or in part until Service Provider has taken such action.

5.7.4 The Service Provider shall notify the Employer as soon as reasonably practicable of any spillage or potential spillage of petroleum or any act of pollution or potentially polluting event. For each and any such event the Service Provider shall record the relevant information on the incident report form and shall deliver the completed form to the Employer forthwith.

5.7.5 After completion of the entire job as per this Contract and prior to Demobilization, Service Provider shall at its expense satisfactorily dispose off all rubbish, remove all temporary work, equipment and materials belonging to Service Provider and return to Employer warehouse all surplus spares and salvageable Employer supplied materials. Further, the Service Provider can take away the brought out Service Provider supplied surplus Material



(i.e. Materials brought by the Service Provider for work/Services at site under Contract, not used by them for work/Services and leftover at the Site) subject to prior written consent of the EIC. The payment made, if any, towards such surplus Material will be recovered from the payment of Service Provider.

Service Provider shall leave the premises in a neat and safe condition. Service Provider shall be required to leave all, sites and surrounding area as it existed at the commencement of Contract.

**5.7.6 Service Provider shall:**

Ensure that the pertinent completed environmental impact studies including the Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment carried out by Employer are made available to its Personnel and to its Sub-Service Providers to develop adequate and proper awareness of the measures and methods of environmental protection to be used in carrying out the job;

Ensure and maintain at his own cost all lights, guards, fencing, warning signs and watching, when and where necessary or required by the EIC, for the protection of the Services or for the safety and convenience of the public or others.

Ensure that the Contracts entered into between Service Provider and its Sub Service Providers (if allowed) relating to the Services shall include the provisions stipulated herein;

- be responsible for the removal from the Site or for otherwise making safe in accordance with applicable Indian laws and directives any materials generated or released by Service Provider during its activities at the Site which are toxic or similarly hazardous to the health or safety of persons or to the environment;
- be liable for and shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless Employer from and against any and all demands, claims, suits and causes of action and any and all liability, costs, expenses, settlements and judgments incurred in connection therewith (including court costs and attorney's fees incurred by Employer) arising out of such toxic or hazardous materials for which the Service Provider is responsible pursuant to this Clause.



## **CHAPTER – VI**

### **6.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ARBITRATION**

#### **6.1 DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

##### **6.1.1. PRE-LITIGATION GRIEVANCE/DISPUTE REDRESSAL MECHANISM:**

- i. Any issue should be first referred to EIC (for LOA/contracts)/Dealing Materials Executive (for Purchase Orders).
- ii. In case issue is not resolved by above, Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant may submit their issue to “General Manager(Project)”.
- iii. However, in case no mutual settlement is arrived at after exercising all pre-litigation grievance/dispute redressal mechanism as above, the matter shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the provision of arbitration of the Indian Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and the Rules made there under and for the time being in force as stated below:

#### **6.2. ARBITRATION**

- 6.2.1 Unless otherwise specified, in all cases of dispute which cannot be settled by mutual negotiation the matter shall be referred for arbitration and the disputes of differences shall be finally settled and binding on both PARTIES by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 by a sole arbitrator appointed by Assam Petro-chemical Limited.
- 6.2.2 Arbitration will follow the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996 or the rules of the Indian Council of Arbitration, as may be agreed by the two PARTIES.
- 6.2.3 The arbitrator shall give reasoned award. The award aforesaid shall be final and binding on the PARTIES to the CONTRACT.
- 6.2.4 The PARTY invoking arbitration shall specify the dispute or disputes to be referred to be arbitration.
- 6.2.5 Both PARTIES shall continue to fulfill their respective obligation under CONTRACT during the arbitration proceedings.
- 6.2.6 The venue of arbitration shall be Guwahati/Dibrugarh, Assam and the language to be used in the arbitral proceedings shall be English.
- 6.2.7 It is also a term of the CONTRACT that if the CONTRCTOR does not make any demand for arbitration in respect of any claims in writhing within 90 days of



receiving the intimation from the OWNER that the bill is ready for payment, the claim of the CONTRACTOR will be deemed to have been waived and absolutely barred and OWNER shall be discharged and released of all liabilities under the CONTRACT in respect of these claims.

- 6.2.8 The decision of the ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE regarding the quantum of reduction as well as his justification in respect of reduced rates for sub-standard work, which may be decided to be accepted, will be final and would not be open to arbitration.
- 6.2.9 Subject as aforesaid, the provision of Indian Arbitration & Conciliation act, 1996 and any statutory modification or re-enactments thereof and unless made their under and for the time being, in force shall apply to the arbitration proceedings under this clause.
- 6.2.10 The cost of arbitration proceedings shall be shared equally by the parties.
- 6.2.11 Disputes involving claims below Rs 25 Lakhs and above Rs. 25 crores:- Parties mutually agree that dispute(s)/issue(s) involving claims below Rs 25 Lakhs and above Rs 25 crores shall not be subject matter of Arbitration and are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court(s) situated at Guwahati/Dibrugarh.

### **6.3 GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION:**

The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws in force in India. The Parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Competent Courts of Guwahati/Dibrugarh having territorial & pecuniary jurisdiction for adjudication of disputes, injunctive reliefs, actions and proceedings, if any, arising out of this Contract other than those covered under the arbitration clause as stated herein above.