



M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Ltd. (APGDC)

A Joint Venture Company between GAIL Gas Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of GAIL (India) Ltd.), a Central Government Public Sector Enterprise (PSU) and APGIC, an Andhra Pradesh State Government Public Sector Enterprise

BID DOCUMENT FOR

Hiring of Third Party Inspection Agency (TPIA) for Construction Activities of Kakinada - Srikakulam Pipeline (KSPL) Project of APGDC

LIMITED DOMESTIC COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Tender No.: APGDC/C&P/3047/2020-21/03

**DUE DATE & TIME FOR
BID SUBMISSION : 22.02.2021 at 1400 Hrs. (IST)**

DUE DATE & TIME FOR BID OPENING : 22.02.2021 at 1500 Hrs. (IST)

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SECTION-I
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

"INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)"

Ref No: APGDC/C&P/3047/2020-21/03

Date: 04.02.2021

To,

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

SUB: TENDER DOCUMENT FOR HIRING OF THIRD PARTY INSPECTION AGENCY (TPIA) FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES OF KAKINADA - SRIKAKULAM PIPELINE (KSPL) PROJECT OF APGDC.

Dear Sir/Madam,

1.0 APGDC invites bids from bidders for the subject job/works, in complete accordance with the following details and enclosed Tender Documents.

2.0 The brief details of the tender are as under:

[A]	BRIEF SCOPE OF SERVICE/JOB	Hiring of Third Party Inspection Agency (TPIA) for Construction Activities of Kakinada - Srikakulam Pipeline (KSPL) Project of APGDC				
[B]	TENDER NO. & DATE	APGDC/C&P/3047/2020-21/03 Dated : 04.02.2021				
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[E]	MODE OF TENDER	Limited Domestic Tender.(Limited to Pre approved Bidders)				
[F]	CONTRACT PERIOD	15 months as per clause no. 6 of SCC				
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[H]	AVAILABILITY OF TENDER DOCUMENT ON WEBSITE(S)	From 04.02.2021 (17:00 Hrs, IST) to 22.02.2021 (14:00 Hrs, IST) on following websites: (i) APGDC's Tender Website – www.apgdc.in	
[I]	DATE, TIME & VENUE OF PRE BID MEETING	At 15 00 hrs.(IST) on 09.02.2021 Venue: Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation, Street Address: #101 & 102, Ocean Park , Beach Road, Maharani-peta City: Visakhapatnam- 530002, Andhra Pradesh, Country: India	
[J]	DUE DATE & TIME OF BIDSUBMISSION	Up to 1400 hrs. (IST) on 22.02.2021	
[K]	DATE AND TIME OF UNPRICED BID OPENING	Date & time: 22.02.2021/15:00 Hrs	
[L]	CONTACT DETAILS OF TENDER DEALING OFFICER	Name : A. Ramesh Naik Designation: Cheif Manager (C&P) Phone No. & Extn : 7661029777 E-mail : rameshna@gail.co.in	

In case of the days specified above happens to be a holiday in APGDC, the next working day shall be implied.

- 3.0 Bids must be submitted strictly in accordance with Clause No. 11 of ITB depending upon Type of Tender as mentioned at Clause no. 2.0 (D) of IFB. The IFB is an integral and inseparable part of the bidding document.
- 4.0 ~~In case of e-tendering, the following documents in addition to uploading in the bid on APGDC'S e-tendering website shall also be submitted in Original (in physical form) within 7 (seven) days from the bid due date provided the scanned copies of the same have been uploaded in e-tender by the bidder along with e-bid within the due date and time to the address mentioned in Bid Data Sheet(BDS):-~~
- i) ~~EMD/Bid Security~~
 - ii) ~~Power of Attorney~~
 - iii) ~~Integrity Pact~~
- 5.0 In case of Manual Bids, bids complete in all respect should reach at the address specified in Bid Data Sheet on or before the due date & time. Bids received after the due date and time is liable to be rejected.
- 6.0 Bidder(s) are advised to quote strictly as per terms and conditions of the tender documents and not to stipulate any deviations/exceptions.
- 7.0 Any bidder, who meets the Bid Evaluation Criteria (BEC) and wishes to quote against this tender, may download the complete bidding document along with its amendment(s) if any from APGDC's website (<https://tender.apecurement.gov.in> or <http://www.apgdc.in>); and submit their Bid complete in all respect as per terms & conditions of Tender Document on or before the Due date of bid submission.

- 8.0 Bid(s) received from bidders to whom tender/information regarding this Tender Document has been issued as well as offers received from the bidder(s) by downloading Tender Document from above mentioned website(s) shall be taken into consideration for evaluation & award provided that the Bidder is found responsive subject to provisions contained in Clause No. 2 of ITB.

The Tender Document calls for offers on single point “Sole Bidder” responsibility basis (except where JV/Consortium bid is allowed pursuant to clause no. 3.0 of ITB) and in total compliance of Scope of Works as specified in Tender Document.

- 9.0 Any revision, clarification, corrigendum, time extension, etc. to the this Tender Document will be hosted on the above mentioned website(s) only. Bidders are requested to visit the website regularly to keep themselves updated.
- 10.0 All the bidders including those who are not willing to submit their bid are required to submit F-11 (Acknowledgement cum Consent letter) duly filled within 7 days from receipt of tender information.
- 11.0 APGDC reserves the right to reject any or all the bids received at its discretion without assigning any reason whatsoever.

This is not an Order.

For & on behalf of APGDC Limited



(Authorized Signatory)

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Designation: Chief Manager (C&P)

E-mail ID : rameshna@gail.co.in

Contact No. : 7661029777

SECTION-II

BID EVALUATION CRITERIA

NOT APPLICABLE

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The evaluation and comparison of bids shall be done as per provisions mentioned below:

The Contract will be awarded on overall least cost basis among Techno-commercially qualified Bidders. The bidder must quote for complete scope of SOR.

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**(TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH
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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS [ITB]
(TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH BIDDING DATA SHEET (BDS))

[A] GENERAL

1 SCOPE OF BID

- 1.1 The Employer/ Owner/ APGDC as defined in the "General Conditions of Contract [GCC]", wishes to receive Bids as described in the Bidding Document/Tender document issued by Employer/Owner/APGDC.
- 1.2 **SCOPE OF BID:** The scope of work/ Services shall be as defined in the Bidding documents.
- 1.3 The successful bidder will be expected to complete the scope of Bid within the period stated in Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.4 Throughout the Bidding Documents, the terms 'Bid', 'Tender' & 'Offer' and their derivatives [Bidder/Tenderer, Bid/Tender/Offer etc.] are synonymous. Further, 'Day' means 'Calendar Day' and 'Singular' also means 'Plural'.

2 ELIGIBLE BIDDERS

- 2.1 The Bidder shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility by Employer for Corrupt/Fraudulent/Collusive/Coercive practices, as defined in "Instructions to Bidders [ITB], Clause No. 39" (Action in case Corrupt/Fraudulent/Collusive/Coercive Practices).
- 2.2 The Bidder is not put on 'Holiday' by GAIL/APGDC or Public Sector Project Management Consultant (like EIL, Mecon only due to "poor performance" or "corrupt and fraudulent practices") or banned/blacklisted by Government department/ Public Sector on due date of submission of bid. Further, neither bidder nor their allied agency/(ies) (as defined in the Procedure for Action in case of Corrupt/ Fraudulent/ Collusive/ Coercive Practices) are on banning list of APGDC or the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

If the bidding documents were issued inadvertently/ downloaded from website, offers submitted by such bidders shall not be considered for opening/ evaluation/Award and will be returned immediately to such bidders.

In case there is any change in status of the declaration prior to award of contract, the same has to be promptly informed to APGDC by the bidder.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to inform about their status regarding para 1 of clause 2.2 herein above on due date of submission of bid and during the course of finalization of the tender. Concealment of the facts shall tantamount to misrepresentation of facts and shall lead to action against such

Bidders as per clause 39 of ITB.

- 2.3 The Bidder should not be under any liquidation court receivership or similar proceedings on due date of submission of bid.

In case there is any change in status of the declaration prior to award of contract, the same has to be promptly informed to APGDC by the bidder.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to inform APGDC in case the bidder is under any liquidation court receivership or similar proceedings on due date of submission of bid and during the course of finalization of the tender. Concealment of the facts shall tantamount to misrepresentation of facts and shall lead to action against such Bidders as per clause no.39 of ITB.

- 2.4 Bidder shall not be affiliated with a firm or entity:

- (i) that has provided consulting services related to the work to the Employer during the preparatory stages of the work or of the project of which the works/services forms a part of or
- (ii) that has been hired (proposed to be hired) by the Employer as an Engineer/ Consultant for the contract.

- 2.5 Neither the firm/entity appointed as the Project Management Consultant (PMC) for a contract nor its affiliates/ JV'S/ Subsidiaries shall be allowed to participate in the tendering process unless it is the sole Licensor/Licensor nominated agent/ vendor.

- 2.6 Pursuant to qualification criteria set forth in the bidding document, the Bidder shall furnish all necessary supporting documentary evidence to establish Bidder's claim of meeting qualification criteria.

- 2.7 Power of Attorney:

Power of Attorney (POA) to be issued by the bidder in favour of the authorised employee(s), in respect of the particular tender, for purpose of signing the documents including bid, all subsequent communications, agreements, documents etc. pertaining to the tender and act and take any and all decision on behalf of the bidder (including Consortium). Any consequence resulting due to such signing shall be binding on the Bidder (including Consortium).

The Power of Attorney shall be issued as per the constitution of the bidder as below:

- a) **In case of Proprietorship:** by Proprietor
- b) **In case of Partnership:** by all Partners or Managing Partner
- c) **In case of Limited Liability Partnership:** by any bidder's employee authorized in terms of Deed of LLP
- d) **In case of Public / Limited Company:** PoA in favour of authorized employee(s) by Board of Directors through Board Resolution or by the

designated officer authorized by Board to do so. Such Board Resolution should be duly countersigned by Company Secretary / MD / CMD / CEO. The Power of Attorney should be valid till award of contract / order to successful bidder.

3 BIDS FROM "JOINT VENTURE"/"CONSORTIUM" NOT ACCEPTABLE

4 ONE BID PER BIDDER

4.1 A Firm/Bidder shall submit only 'one [01] Bid' in the same Bidding Process. A Bidder who submits or participates in more than 'one [01] Bid' will cause all the proposals in which the Bidder has participated to be disqualified.

4.2 More than one bid means bid(s) by bidder(s) having same Proprietor / Partners / Limited Liability Partner in any other Bidder (s). Further, more than one bids shall also include two or more bidders having common power of attorney holder.

Failure to comply this clause during tendering process will disqualify all such bidders from process of evaluation of bids.

4.3 Alternative Bids shall not be considered.

4.4 The provisions mentioned at sl. no. 4.1 and 4.2 shall not be applicable wherein bidders are quoting for different Items / Sections / Parts / Groups/ SOR items of the same tender which specifies evaluation on Items / Sections / Parts / Groups/ SOR items basis

5 COST OF BIDDING & TENDER FEE

5.1 COST OF BIDDING

The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the Bid including but not limited to Bank charges all courier charges including taxes & duties etc. incurred thereof. Further, APGDC will in no case, be responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the outcome of the bidding process.

5.2 TENDER FEE: NOT APPLICABLE

5 SITE VISIT

6.1 The Bidder is advised to visit and examine the site of works and its surroundings and obtain for itself on its own responsibility all information that may be necessary for preparing the Bid and entering into a Contract for the required job. The costs of visiting the site shall be borne by the Bidder.

6.2 The Bidder or any of its personnel or agents shall be granted permission by the Employer to enter upon its premises and land for the purpose of such visits, but

only upon the express conditions that the Bidder, its personnel and agents will release and indemnify the Employer and its personnel, agents from and against all liabilities in respect thereof, and will be responsible for death or injury, loss or damage to property, and any other loss, damage, costs, and expenses incurred as a result of inspection.

- 6.3 The Bidder shall not be entitled to hold any claim against APGDC for non-compliance due to lack of any kind of pre-requisite information as it is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to obtain all the necessary information with regard to site, surrounding, working conditions, weather etc. on its own before submission of the bid.

[B] BIDDING DOCUMENTS

7 CONTENTS OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

- 7.1 The contents of Bidding Documents / Tender Documents are those stated below, and should be read in conjunction with any 'Addendum / Corrigendum' issued in accordance with "ITB: Clause-9":

- Section-I : Invitation for Bid [IFB]
- Section-II : BID EVALUATION CRITERIA [BEC] & Evaluation methodology
- Section-III : Instructions to Bidders [ITB] Annexure Forms & Format
- Section-IV : General Conditions of Contract [GCC]
- Section-V : Special Conditions of Contract [SCC]
- Section-VI : Specifications, Scope of Work and Drawing
- Section-VII : Schedule of Rates

*Request for Quotation', wherever applicable, shall also form part of the Bidding Document.

- 7.2 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms & conditions in the Bidding Documents. The "Request for Quotation [RFQ] & Invitation for Bid (IFB)" together with all its attachments thereto, shall be considered to be read, understood and accepted by the Bidders. Failure to furnish all information required by the Bidding Documents or submission of a Bid not substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents in every respect will be at Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of his Bid.

8 CLARIFICATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification(s) of the Bidding Documents may notify APGDC in writing or by fax or email at APGDC 's mailing address indicated in the BDS no later than 02 (two) days prior to pre-bid meeting (in cases where pre-bid meeting is scheduled) or 05 (five) days prior to the bid closing date in cases where pre-bid meeting is not held. APGDC reserves the right to ignore the bidders request for clarification if received after the aforesaid

period. APGDC's may respond in writing to the request for clarification. APGDC's response including an explanation of the query, but without identifying the source of the query will be uploaded on APGDC's web site [<https://tender.apecurement.gov.in>; <http://www.apgdc.in>] communicated to prospective bidders by e-mail/ fax.

- 8.2 Any clarification or information required by the Bidder but same not received by the Employer at clause 8.1 (refer BDS for address) above is liable to be considered as "no clarification / information required".

9 AMENDMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

- 9.1 At any time prior to the 'Bid Due Date', Owner may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective Bidder, modify the Bidding Documents by addenda/ corrigendum.
- 9.2 Any addendum/ corrigendum thus issued shall be part of the Bidding Documents and may be hosted on APGDC's tendering website [<https://tender.apecurement.gov.in>; <http://www.apgdc.in>] communicated to prospective bidders by e-mail/ fax. Bidders have to take into account all such addendum/ corrigendum before submitting their bid.
- 9.3 The Employer, if consider necessary, may extend the date of submissions of Bid in order to allow the Bidders a reasonable time to furnish their most competitive bid taking into account the amendment issued thereof.

[C] PREPARATION OF BIDS

10 LANGUAGE OF BID:

The bid prepared by the bidder and all correspondence/drawings and documents relating to the bid exchanged by bidder and APGDC shall be written in English language alone. Any printed literature furnished by the bidder may be written in another language as long as accompanied by an ENGLISH translation duly authenticated by the chamber of commerce of bidder's country, in which case, for the purpose of interpretation of the bid, the ENGLISH translation shall govern.

In the event of submission of any document/certificate by the Bidder in a language other than English, the English translation of the same duly authenticated by Chamber of Commerce of Bidder's country shall be submitted by the Bidder.

11. DOCUMENTS COMPRISING THE BID

- 11.1 In case the Bids are invited under the Manual two Bid system. The Bid prepared by the Bidder shall comprise the following components sealed in 2 different envelopes:
- 11.1.1 **ENVELOPE-I: "TECHNO-COMMERCIAL / UN-PRICED BID"** shall contain the following:

- a) 'Covering Letter' on Bidder's 'Letterhead' clearly specifying the enclosed contents.
- b) Tender fee (in Original), if applicable
- c) EMD/Bid security (in Original)
- d) Copy of „Schedule of Rates (SOR)“ **with prices blanked-out**, mentioning “QUOTED / NOT QUOTED” (as applicable) written against each item (As a confirmation that the prices are quoted in requisite format complying with the requirements)
- e) All documents in support of Technical Criteria and Financial Criteria of BEC, duly authenticated
- f) Complete Tender Document duly signed/ digitally signed by the Authorized Signatory
- g) Copies of documents defining constitution or legal status of firm (Proprietorship / Partnership / Limited Company, etc.), place of registration and principal place of business of the company
- h) All applicable formats F-1 to F-21 duly filled-up in all respects

Note:

- Few formats are to be submitted exclusively on letter head of company (clearly mentioned in respective format).
- Format F-16 is to be issued by Chartered Accountant on their letter-head (not on Letter-head of company of bidder)
- i) Any other documents (like EPF registration, GST registration certificate, PAN card, ESI Code No., etc.)
- j) If bidder falls under MSE category, relevant documents in support of MSE bidder to be submitted (duly attested by Chartered Accountant and Notarized by Notary Public)
- k) Any other document/information/details required as per Bidding Document

Note: All the pages of the Bid must be signed by the "Authorized Signatory" of the Bidder.

11.1.2 ENVELOPE-II: Price Bid

- i) The Prices are to be submitted strictly as per the Schedule of Rate of the bidding documents. APGDC shall not be responsible for any failure on the part of the bidder to follow the instructions.
- ii) Bidders are advised NOT to mention Rebate/Discount separately, either in the SOR format or anywhere else in the offer. In case Bidder(s) intend to offer any Rebate/Discount, they should include the same in the item rate(s) itself under the “Schedule of Rates (SOR)” and indicate the discounted unit rate(s) only.
- iii) If any unconditional rebate has been offered in the quoted rate the same shall be considered in arriving at evaluated price. However no cognizance shall be taken for any conditional discount for the purpose of evaluation of the bids.
- iv) In case, it is observed that any of the bidder(s) has/have offered suo- moto

Discount/Rebate after opening of un-priced bid but before opening of price bids such discount /rebate(s) shall not be considered for evaluation. However, in the event of the bidder emerging as the lowest evaluated bidder without considering the discount/rebate(s), then such discount/rebate(s) offered by the bidder shall be considered for Award of Work and the same will be conclusive and binding on the bidder.

- v) In the event as a result of techno-commercial discussions or pursuant to seeking clarifications / confirmations from bidders, while evaluating the un-priced part of the bid, any of the bidders submits a sealed envelope stating that it contains revised prices; such bidder(s) will be requested to withdraw the revised prices failing which the bid will not be considered for further evaluation.
- vi) In case any bidder does not quote for any item(s) of “Schedule of Rates” and the estimated price impact is more than 10% of the quoted price, then the bid will be rejected. If such price impact of unquoted items is 10% or less of his quoted price, then the unquoted item(s) shall be loaded highest of the price quoted by the other bidders . If such bidder happens to be lowest evaluated bidder, price of unquoted items shall be considered as included in the quoted bid price.
- 11.2 Bidders are requested to refer instructions for participating in E-Tendering enclosed herewith as Annexure-III and the ready reckoner for bidders available in <https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in>. Bids submitted manually shall be rejected, the bids must be submitted on APGDC’s E-tendering website as follows:-
- 11.2.1 **PART-I: “TECHNO-COMMERCIAL/UN-PRICED BID”** comprising all the above documents mentioned at 11.1.1 along with copy of EMD/Bid Bond, Tender fee (wherever applicable), copy of Power of Attorney and copy of integrity pact should be uploaded in the private area earmarked (Tender Document) in the APGDC’s e-tendering portal.

However, bidders must submit the original "Bid Security / EMD& tender fee, Power of Attorney, Integrity Pact and any other documents specified in the bidding documents to address mentioned in IFB, in a sealed envelope, super scribing the Tender details & number within 7 days from the date of un- priced bid opening.

The Original Bid Security/ EMD, copy of which has been uploaded, must be received within 7 days from the date of un-priced bid opening, failing which the bid will be rejected notwithstanding the fact that a copy of EMD/ Bid Security was earlier uploaded by the bidder. In the event bidder fails to upload a copy of the same EMD/ Bid Security in his e-bid and hard copy of same has also not been received as on the date & time of bid submission, the bid shall be summarily rejected. All pages of the Bid must be digitally signed by the "authorized signatory" of the Bidder. Refer Annexure-I for E-tendering. In tenders, bids need to be digitally signed by the person holding power of attorney.

11.2.2 **PART-II: PRICE BID**

The Prices are to be filled strictly in the Schedule of Rate of the bidding documents and provision mentioned at para 11.1.2 hereinabove and To be submitted as in Excel sheet as commercial template attachment. Price bid shall contain only the prices, without any condition whatsoever.

12 **SCHEDULE OF RATES / BID PRICES**

- 12.1 Unless stated otherwise in the Bidding Documents, the Contract shall be for the whole works as described in Bidding Documents, based on the rates and prices submitted by the Bidder and accepted by the Employer. The prices quoted by the Bidders will be inclusive of all taxes except GST ((**CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST**)).
- 12.2 Prices must be filled in format for "Schedule of Rates [SOR]" enclosed as part of Tender document. If quoted in separate typed sheets and any variation in item description, unit or quantity is noticed; the Bid is liable to be rejected.
- 12.3 Bidder shall quote for all the items of "SOR" after careful analysis of cost involved for the performance of the completed item considering all parts of the Bidding Document. In case any activity though specifically not covered in description of item under "SOR" but is required to complete the works as per Specifications, Scope of Work / Service, Standards, General Conditions of Contract ("GCC"), Special Conditions of Contract ("SCC") or any other part of Bidding Document, the prices quoted shall deemed to be inclusive of cost incurred for such activity.
- 12.4 All duties, taxes and other levies [if any] payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause except final **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** shall be included in the rates / prices and the total bid-price submitted by the Bidder. Applicable rate of **GST (CGST & SGST/ UTGST or IGST)** on the contract value shall be indicated in Agreed Terms & Conditions (Format-F10) and SOR
- 12.5 Prices quoted by the Bidder, shall remain firm and fixed and valid until completion of the Contract and will not be subject to variation on any account. Any new taxes & Duties, if imposed by the State/ Govt. of India after due date of bid submission but before the Contractual Delivery Date, shall be reimbursed to the contractor on submission of documentary evidence for proof of payment to State/ Govt. Authorities and after ascertaining it's applicability with respect to the contract.
- 12.6 The Bidder shall quote the prices in 'figures' & words. There should not be any discrepancy between the prices indicated in figures and the price indicated in words. In case of any discrepancy, the same shall be dealt as per clause no. 30 of ITB.
- 12.7 Further, Bidder shall also mention the **Service Accounting Codes (SAC) / Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN)** at the designated place in SOR.

TAXES & DUTIES

13 GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)

13.1 Bidders are required to submit copy of the GST Registration Certificate while submitting the bids wherever **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** is applicable.

13.2 Quoted prices should be inclusive of all taxes and duties, except **GST (CGST & SGST or IGST or UTGST)**. Please note that the responsibility of payment of **GST (CGST & SGST or IGST or UTGST)** lies with the Supplier of Goods / Services only. Supplier of Goods / Services (Service Provider) providing taxable service shall issue an Invoice/ Bill, as the case may be as per rules/ regulation of GST. Further, returns and details required to be filled under GST laws & rules should be timely filed by Supplier of Goods / Services (Service Provider) with requisite details.

Payments to Service Provider for claiming **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** amount will be made provided the above formalities are fulfilled. Further, APGDC may seek copies of challan and certificate from Chartered Accountant for deposit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** collected from Owner.

13.3 In case CBEC (Central Board of Excise and Customs)/ any equivalent Central Government agency/State Government agency brings to the notice of APGDC that the Supplier of Goods / Services (Service Provider) has not remitted the amount towards **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** collected from APGDC to the government exchequer, then, that Supplier of Goods / Services (Service Provider) shall be put under Holiday list of APGDC for period of six months as mentioned in Procedure for Evaluation of Performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants.

13.4 In case of statutory variation in **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, other than due to change in turnover, payable on the contract value during contract period, the Supplier of Goods / Services (Service Provider) shall submit a copy of the 'Government Notification' to evidence the rate as applicable on the Bid due date and on the date of revision.

Beyond the contract period, in case APGDC is not entitled for input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, then any increase in the rate of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** beyond the contractual delivery period shall be to Service Provider's account whereas any decrease in the rate **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** shall be passed on to the Owner.

Beyond the contract period, in case APGDC is entitled for input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, then statutory variation in applicable **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** on supply and on incidental services, shall be to APGDC's account.

Claim for payment of GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)/ Statutory variation, should be raised within two [02] months from the date of issue of

'Government Notification' for payment of differential (in %) **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, otherwise claim in respect of above shall not be entertained for payment of arrears.

The base date for the purpose of applying statutory variation shall be the Bid Due Date.

13.5 Where the APGDC is entitled to avail the input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**:-

13.5.1 *Owner/APGDC will reimburse the **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** to the Supplier of Goods / Services(Service Provider) at actuals against submission of Invoices as per format specified in rules/ regulation of GST to enable Owner/APGDC to claim input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** paid. In case of any variation in the executed quantities, the amount on which the **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** is applicable shall be modified in same proportion. Returns and details required to be filled under GST laws & rules should be timely filed by supplier with requisite details.*

13.5.2 The input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** quoted shall be considered for evaluation of bids, as per evaluation criteria of tender document.

13.6 Where the APGDC is not entitled to avail/take the full input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**:-

13.6.1 *Owner/APGDC will reimburse **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** to the Supplier of Goods / Services (Service Provider) at actuals against submission of Invoices as per format specified in rules/ regulation of GST subject to the ceiling amount of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** as quoted by the bidder, subject to any statutory variations, except variations arising due to change in turnover. In case of any variation in the executed quantities (If directed and/or certified by the Engineer-In-Charge) the ceiling amount on which **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** is applicable will be modified on pro-rata basis.*

13.6.2 The bids will be evaluated based on total price including applicable **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**.

13.7 APGDC will prefer to deal with registered supplier of goods/ services under GST. Therefore, bidders are requested to get themselves registered under GST, if not registered yet.

However, in case any unregistered bidder is submitting their bid, their prices will be loaded with applicable **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** while evaluation of bid. Where APGDC is entitled for input credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, the same will be considered for evaluation of bid as per evaluation methodology of tender document.

13.8 In case APGDC is required to pay entire/certain portion of applicable **GST**

(CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) and remaining portion, if any, is to be deposited by Bidder directly as per **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** laws, entire applicable rate/amount of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** to be indicated by bidder in the SOR.

Where APGDC has the obligation to discharge **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** liability under reverse charge mechanism and APGDC has paid or is /liable to pay **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** to the Government on which interest or penalties becomes payable as per GST laws for any reason which is not attributable to APGDC or ITC with respect to such payments is not available to APGDC for any reason which is not attributable to APGDC, then APGDC shall be entitled to deduct/ setoff / recover such amounts against any amounts paid or payable by APGDC to Contractor / Supplier.

- 13.9 Contractor shall ensure timely submission of invoice(s) as per rules/ regulations of GST with all required supporting document(s) within a period specified in Contracts/ LOA to enable APGDC to avail input tax credit. Further, returns and details required to be filled under GST laws & rules should be timely filed by supplier with requisite details.

If input tax credit with respect to **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** is not available to APGDC for any reason which is not attributable to APGDC, then APGDC shall not be obligated or liable to pay or reimburse **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** charged in the invoice(s) and shall be entitled to / deduct/ setoff /recover the such **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST UTGST)** thereupon together with all penalties and interest if any, against any amounts paid or payable by APGDC to Supplier of Goods / Services.

13.10 Anti-profiteering clause

As per Clause 171 of GST Act it is mandatory to pass on the benefit due to reduction in rate of tax or from input tax credit to the consumer by way of commensurate reduction in prices. The Supplier of Goods / Services may note the above and quote their prices accordingly.

- 13.11 In case the GST rating of vendor on the GST portal / Govt. official website is negative / black listed, then the bids may be rejected by APGDC. Further, in case rating of bidder is negative / black listed after award of work for supply of goods / services, then APGDC shall not be obligated or liable to pay or reimburse GST to such vendor and shall also be entitled to deduct / recover such GST along with all penalties / interest, if any, incurred by APGDC.

- 13.12 The rate of GST as quoted in Price Schedule/SOR shall be considered as the prevailing present applicable rates on the Bid due date and same shall be considered for price comparison as well as for ordering. Any error of judgment on part of the Bidder in identifying the present applicable rates shall not be admitted. The applicable rate of GST as indicated by the bidders in Price Schedule/SOR shall be considered as the maximum payable in the event when no statutory variations take place and any remainder/balance GST, if payable,

beyond that quoted rates shall be borne by the Bidder. However in the event of any statutory variations in the rate of GST, if the quoted rates are found erroneous then the base rates for calculation of statutory variations for the purpose of reimbursement of GST shall take into account either the rates actually prevalent on the due date of submission of bid or the erroneous rates quoted by the Bidders whichever is beneficial to APGDC. Consequently, any difference in GST if it becomes payable to the tax authorities shall be borne by the Bidder.

13.13 Wherever TDS under GST Laws has been deducted from the invoices raised / payments made to the vendors, as per the provisions of the GST law / Rules, Vendors should accept the corresponding GST-TDS amount populated in the relevant screen on GST common portal (www.gst.gov.in). Further, Vendors should also download the GST TDS certificate from GST common portal (reference path: Services > User Services > View/Download Certificates option).

14 **BID CURRENCIES:**

Bidders must submit bid in Indian Rupees only.

15 **BID VALIDITY**

15.1 Bids shall be kept valid for period specified in BDS from the final Due date of submission of bid'. A Bid valid for a shorter period may be rejected by APGDC as 'non-responsive'.

In exceptional circumstances, prior to expiry of the original 'Bid Validity Period', the Employer may request the Bidders to extend the 'Period of Bid Validity' for a specified additional period. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing or by fax/email. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiture of his EMD. A Bidder agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify his Bid, but will be required to extend the validity of its EMD for the period of the extension and in accordance with "ITB: Clause-16" in all respects.

16 **EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT**

16.1 Bids must be accompanied with '**Earnest Money / Bid Security**' in the form of '**Demand Draft**' or '**Banker's Cheque**' [in favor of **Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Ltd.**, payable at the place as defined in **BDS**] or '**Bank Guarantee**' or '**Letter of Credit**' as per the format given in **Form - 4/4A of the bidding documents**. Bidders shall ensure that 'Bid Security', having a validity of at least 'two [02] months' beyond the validity of the bid, must accompany the Bid in the format(s) made available in the Bidding Document. Bid not accompanied with 'Bid Security', or 'Bid Security' not in requisite form shall be liable for rejection. The Bid Security shall be submitted in Indian Rupees only.

DETAILS OF APGDC BANK ACCOUNT

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1. Banker	Bank of Maharashtra
2. Bank Account No.	60249799705
3. Bank Address:	Binayak Complex, Dabagardens, Visakhapatnam-530020
4. IFSC CODE	MAHB0000398
B.	
1. Banker	Andhra Bank
2. Bank Account No.	005711100006357
3. Bank Address:	Techno-crafts Industrial Estate Buildings, Balanagar, Hyderabad - 500 0037
4. IFSC CODE	ANDB0000057

- 16.2 The 'Bid Security' is required to protect APGDC against the risk of Bidder's conduct, which would warrant the 'Bid Security's' forfeiture, pursuant to "ITB: Clause-16.7".
- 16.3 APGDC shall not be liable to pay any Bank charges, commission or interest etc. on the amount of 'Bid Security'. In case 'Bid Security' is in the form of a 'Bank Guarantee', the same shall be 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 and in compliance to instructions given in format F-4/4-A. However, in case of 'Bank Guarantee' from Banks other than the Nationalized Indian Banks, the Bank must be commercial Bank having net worth in excess of Rs. 100 Crores [Rupees One Hundred Crores] and a declaration to this effect should be made by such commercial Bank either in the 'Bank Guarantee' itself or separately on its letterhead. 'Earnest Money / Bid Security' shall be valid for 'two [02] months' beyond the 'Bid Validity Period'.
- 16.4 Any Bid not secured in accordance with "ITB: Clause-16.1 & Clause-16.3" may be rejected by APGDC as non-responsive.
- 16.5 Unsuccessful Bidder's EMD will be discharged/ returned as promptly as possible, but not later than „thirty [30] days“ after finalization of tendering process.
- 16.6 The successful Bidder's EMD will be discharged upon the Bidder's acknowledging the „Award“ and signing the „Agreement“ (if applicable) and furnishing the „Contract Performance Security (CPS) / Security Deposit“ pursuant to clause no. 38 of ITB.
- 16.7 Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the EMD may also be forfeited in any of the following cases:

- (a) If a Bidder withdraws his Bid during the „Period of Bid Validity“
- (b) If a Bidder has indulged in corrupt/fraudulent /collusive/coercive practice
- (c) If the Bidder modifies Bid during the period of bid validity (after Due Date and Time for Bid Submission).
- (d) Violates any other condition, mentioned elsewhere in the Tender Document, which may lead to forfeiture of EMD.
- (e) In the case of a successful Bidder, if the Bidder fails to:
 - (i) to acknowledge receipt of the “Notification of Award” / Fax of Acceptance[FOA]”,
 - (ii) to furnish “Contract Performance Security / Security Deposit”, in accordance with “ITB: Clause-38”
 - (iii) to accept „arithmetical corrections“ as per provision of the clause 30 of ITB.

16.8 In case EMD is in the form of „Bank Guarantee“ or „Letter of Credit“, the same must indicate the Tender Document No. and the name of Tender Document for which the Bidder is quoting. This is essential to have proper correlation at a later date.

16.9 MSEs (Micro & Small Enterprises) are exempted from submission of EMD in accordance with the provisions of PPP-2012 and Clause 40 of ITB. The Government Departments/PSUs are also exempted from the payment of EMD. However, Traders/Dealers/ Distributors /Stockiest /Wholesaler are not entitled for exemption of EMD. Further, Startups are also exempted from the payment of EMD.

16.10 In addition to existing specified form (i.e. Demand Draft (DD)/ Banker’s Cheque/ Bank Guarantee) mentioned in tender documents for submission of EMD/Bid Bond, the bidder can also submit the EMD through online banking transaction i.e. IMPS/NEFT/RTGS etc. While remitting, the bidder must indicate EMD and tender/E-tender no. under remarks. Bidders shall be required to submit/ upload the successful transaction details along-with their bid/e-bid in addition to forwarding the details to dealing officer through email/letter with tender reference number immediately after remittance of EMD.

In absence of submitting/ uploading the remittance details, the bids are likely to be considered as bid not accompanied with EMD. Further, in case of the above online transaction, submission of EMD in original is not applicable.

16.11 In case of forfeiture of EMD/ Bid Security, the forfeited amount will be considered inclusive of tax and tax invoice will be issued by APGDC. The forfeiture amount will be subject to final decision of APGDC based on other terms and conditions of order/ contract.

16.12 EMD/Bid Bond will not be accepted in case the same has reference of ‘remitter’/’financer’ other than bidder on the aforementioned financial instrument of EMD/ Bid Bond submitted by the bidder and bid of such bidder will be summarily rejected.

17 PRE-BID MEETING (IF APPLICABLE)

- 17.1 The Bidder(s) or his designated representatives are invited to attend a "Pre-Bid Meeting" which will be held at address specified in IFB. It is expected that a bidder shall not depute more than 02 representatives for the meeting.
- 17.2 Purpose of the meeting will be to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage and give hands-on e-tendering.
- 17.3 Text of the questions raised and the responses given, together with any responses prepared after the meeting, will be uploaded on APGDC e-tendering website against the Tender. Any modification of the Contents of Bidding Documents listed in "ITB: Clause-7.1", that may become necessary as a result of the Pre-Bid Meeting shall be made by the Employer exclusively through the issue of an Addendum / Corrigendum pursuant to "ITB: Clause-9", and not through the minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting.
- 17.4 Non-attendance of the Pre-Bid Meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of Bidder.

18 FORMAT AND SIGNING OF BID

- 18.1 The original and all copies of the Bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink [in the case of copies, photocopies are also acceptable] and shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder (as per POA). The name and position held by each person signing, must be typed or printed below the signature. All pages of the Bid except for un-amended printed literature where entry(s) or amendment(s) have been made shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.
- 18.2 The Bid shall contain no alterations, omissions, or additions, unless such corrections are initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.
- 18.3 In case of e-tendering, digitally signed documents to be uploaded as detailed in addendum to ITB.

19 ZERO DEVIATION AND REJECTION CRITERIA

- 19.1 ZERO DEVIATION: Deviation to terms and conditions of "Bidding Documents" may lead to rejection of bid. APGDC will accept bids based on terms & conditions of "Bidding Documents" only. Bidder may note APGDC will determine the substantial responsiveness of each bid to the Bidding Documents pursuant to provision contained in clause 29 of ITB. For purpose of this, a substantially responsive bid is one which conforms to all terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents without deviations or reservations. APGDC's determination of a bid's responsiveness is based on the content of the bid itself without recourse to extrinsic evidence. APGDC reserves the right to raise technical and/or commercial query(s), if required, may be raised on the bidder(s). The response(s) to the same shall be in writing, and no change in the price(s) or

substance of the bids shall be sought, offered or permitted. The substance of the bid includes but not limited to prices, completion, scope, technical specifications, etc. Bidders are requested to not to take any deviation/exception to the terms and conditions laid down in this "Tender Documents", and submit all requisite documents as mentioned in this "Tender Documents", failing which their offer will be liable for rejection. If a bidder does not reply to the queries in the permitted time frame then its bid shall be evaluated based on the documents available in the bid.

19.2 **REJECTION CRITERIA:** Notwithstanding the above, deviation to the following clauses of Tender document shall lead to summarily rejection of Bid:

- (a) Firm Price
- (b) Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security
- (c) Specifications & Scope of Work
- (d) Schedule of Rates / Price Schedule / Price Basis
- (e) Duration / Period of Contract/ Completion schedule
- (f) Period of Validity of Bid
- (g) Price Reduction Schedule
- (h) Contract Performance Security
- (i) Guarantee / Defect Liability Period
- (j) Arbitration / Resolution of Dispute/Jurisdiction of Court
- (k) Force Majeure & Applicable Laws
- (l) Integrity Pact, if Applicable
- (m) Any other condition specifically mentioned in the tender document elsewhere that non-compliance of the clause lead to rejection of bid

Note: Further, it is once again reminded not to mention any condition in the Bid which is contradictory to the terms and conditions of Tender document.

20 **E-PAYMENT**

APGDC Ltd has initiated payments to Suppliers and Contractors electronically, and to facilitate the payments electronically through '**e-banking**'. The successful bidder should give the details of his bank account as per the bank mandate form.

[A] **SUBMISSION OF BIDS**

21 **SUBMISSION, SEALING AND MARKING OF BIDS**

21.1 In case of e-tendering, bids shall be submitted through e-tender mode in the manner specified elsewhere in tender document. No Manual/ Hard Copy (Original) offer shall be acceptable.

21.2 In case of manual tendering bid must be submitted in sealed envelope. If the envelope is not sealed & marked as per Clause No. 11 of ITB, the employer will assume no responsibility for misplacement or pre-mature opening of the bid.

21.3 All the bids shall be addressed to the owner at address specified in IFB.

21.4 Bids submitted under the name of AGENT/CONSULTANT/ REPRESENTATIVE/RETAINER/ASSOCIATE etc. on behalf of a bidder/affiliate shall not be accepted.

22 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS

22.1 In case of e-bidding, the bids must be submitted through e-tender mode not later than the date and time specified in the tender documents/BDS.

22.2 In case of manual tendering EMD along with bid must be submitted within the due date & time.

22.3 APGDC may, in exceptional circumstances and at its discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Bids (clause 9 of ITB refers). In which case all rights and obligations of APGDC and the Bidders, previously subject to the original deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended. Notice for extension of due date of submission of bid will be uploaded on APGDC's website/ communicated to the bidders.

23 LATE BIDS

23.1 Any bids received after the notified date and time of closing of tenders will be treated as late bids.

23.2 In case of e-tendering, e-tendering system of APGDC shall close immediately after the due date for submission of bid and no bids can be submitted thereafter.

23.3 Unsolicited Bids or Bids received to address other than one specifically stipulated in the tender document will not be considered for evaluation/opening/award if not received to the specified destination within stipulated date & time.

24 MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

24.1 Modification and withdrawal of bids shall be as follows:-

24.2 IN CASE OF E- TENDERING

The bidder may withdraw or modify its bid after bid submission but before the due date and time for submission as per tender document.

24.1.2 IN CASE OF MANUAL BIDDING

The bidder may withdraw or modify its bid after bid submission but before the due date for submission as per tender document provided that the written notice of the modification/ substitution/ withdrawal in received by APGDC prior to the deadline for submission of bid.

24.2 The modification shall also the prepared, sealed, marked and dispatch in accordance with the provision of the clause 22 of ITB, with the after and inner envelopes additionally marked modification or withdrawal as appropriate. A

withdrawal notice may also be sent by e-mail or fax but followed by a signed confirmation copy post not later than the deadline for submission of bids. No bid shall be modified/ withdrawn after the deadline for submission of bids.

- 24.3 No bid shall be allowed to be withdrawn/ modified/substitute in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the bidder on the Bid Form. Withdrawal/Modification/Substitution of a bid during this interval shall result in the bidder's forfeiture of his bid security pursuant to clause 16 of ITB and rejection of bid.
- 24.4 The latest Bid submitted by the Bidder shall be considered for evaluation and all other Bid(s) shall be considered to be unconditionally withdrawn.
- 24.5 In case after price bid opening the lowest evaluated bidder (L1) is not awarded the job for any mistake committed by him in bidding or withdrawal of bid or modification of bid or varying any term in regard thereof leading to re-tendering, APGDC shall forfeit EMD paid by the bidder and such bidders shall be debarred from participation in re-tendering of the same job(s)/item(s). Further, such bidder will be put on holiday for a period of six months after following the due procedure.

25 EMPLOYER'S RIGHT TO ACCEPT ANY BID AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS

APGDC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the Bidding process and reject all Bids, at any time prior to award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligations to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the ground for APGDC's action. However, Bidder if so desire may seek the reason (in writing) for rejection of their Bid to which APGDC shall respond quickly.

[B] BID OPENING AND EVALUATION

26 BID OPENING

26.1 *Unpriced Bid Opening :*

APGDC will open bids, in the presence of bidders' designated representatives who choose to attend, at date, time and location stipulated in the BDS. The bidders' representatives, who are present shall sign a bid opening register evidencing their attendance.

26.2 *Priced Bid Opening:*

- 26.2.1 APGDC will open the price bids of those bidders who meet the qualification requirement and whose bids is determined to be technically and commercially responsive. Bidders selected for opening of their price bids shall be informed about the date of price bid opening. Bidders may depute their authorized

representative to attend the bid opening. The bidders' representatives, who are present shall sign a register evidencing their attendance and may be required to be present on a short notice.

26.2.2 The price bids of those Bidders who were not found to be techno-commercially responsive shall not be opened in both manual tendering and e-tendering. In case of Manual Tender, the envelope containing Price Bid shall be returned unopened after opening of the price bids of techno-commercially responsive Bidders.

26.2.3 In case of bids invited under the single bid system, bid shall be opened on the specified due date & time.

27 CONFIDENTIALITY

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of Bids, and recommendations for the award of a Contract, shall not be disclosed to Bidder(s) or any other persons not officially concerned with such process.

28 CONTACTING THE EMPLOYER

28.1 From the time of Bid opening to the time of award of Contract, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Employer on any matter related to the Bid, it should do so in writing. Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation & recommendation for award shall not be disclosed.

28.2 Any effort by the Bidder to influence the Employer in the Employer's 'Bid Evaluation', 'Bid Comparison', or 'Contract Award' decisions may result in the rejection of the Bidder's Bid and action shall be initiated as per procedure in this regard.

29 EXAMINATION OF BIDS AND DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIVENESS

29.1 The owner's determination of a bid's responsiveness is based on the content of the bid only. Prior to the detailed evaluation of Bids, the Employer will determine whether each Bid:-

- (a) Meets the "Bid Evaluation Criteria" of the Bidding Documents;
- (b) Has been properly signed;
- (c) Is accompanied by the required 'Earnest Money / Bid Security';
- (d) Is substantially responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Documents; and
- (e) Provides any clarification and/or substantiation that the Employer may require to determine responsiveness pursuant to "ITB: Clause-29.2"

29.2 A substantially responsive Bid is one which conforms to all the terms, conditions and specifications of the Bidding Documents without material deviations or reservations or omissions for this purpose employer defines the foregoing terms below:-

- a) "Deviation" is departure from the requirement specified in the tender documents.
- b) "Reservation" is the setting of limiting conditions or withholding from complete acceptance of the requirement in the tender documents.

- c) "Omission" is the failure to submit part or all of the information or documentation required in the tender document.

29.3 A material deviation, reservation or omission is one that,

- i) If accepted would,
 - ii) Affect in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the job as specified in tender documents.
 - iii) Limit, in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Tender Document, the Employer's rights or the tenderer's obligations under the proposed Contract.
- b) If rectified, would unfairly affect the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.

29.4 The employer shall examine all aspects of the bid to confirm that all requirements have been met without any material deviation, reservation or omission.

29.5 If a Bid is not substantially responsive, it may be rejected by the Employer and may not subsequently be made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the of material deviation, reservation or omission.

30 CORRECTION OF ERRORS

30.1 Bids determined to be substantially responsive will be checked by the Employer for any arithmetic errors. Errors will be corrected by the Employer as follows:

- (i) When there is a difference between the rates in figures and words, the rate which corresponds to the amount worked out by the Bidder (by multiplying the quantity and rate) shall be taken as correct.
- (ii) When the rate quoted by the Bidder in figures and words tallies but the amount is incorrect, the rate quoted by the contractor shall be taken as correct and not the amount and the amount shall be re-calculated/ corrected accordingly.
- (iii) When it is not possible to ascertain the correct rate, in the manner prescribed above, the rate as quoted in words shall be adopted and the amount worked out, for comparison purposes

30.2 The amount stated in the bid will be adjusted by the Employer in accordance with the above procedure for the correction of errors. If the bidder does not accept the corrected amount of bid, its bid will be rejected, and the bid security shall be forfeited.

31 CONVERSION TO SINGLE CURRENCY FOR COMPARISON OF BIDS

Not Applicable. All bids submitted must be in the currency specified at clause 14 of ITB.

32 EVALUATION AND COMPARISON OF BIDS

Bid shall be evaluated as per evaluation criteria mentioned in Section-II of bidding documents (refer clause 7.0 of ITB). The employer shall only use the criteria and methodology indicated in Section-II of bidding documents. No other criteria/ methodology shall be permitted.

In case of a tie at the lowest bid (L1) position between two or more startup/non-startup bidders, the order/LoA will be placed on the bidder who has higher/highest turnover in last audited financial year.

In case there is a tie at the lowest bid (L1) position between only startup bidders and none of them has past turnover, the order/LoA will be placed on the startup who is registered earlier with Department of Industrial Promotion and Policy.

33 **COMPENSATION FOR EXTENDED STAY – Not Applicable**

34 **PURCHASE PREFERENCE**

Purchase preference to Central government public sector Undertaking and Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) shall be allowed as per Government instructions in vogue.

[C] **AWARD OF CONTRACT**

35 **AWARD**

Subject to "ITB: Clause-29", APGDC will award the Contract to the successful Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be substantially responsive and has been determined as the lowest provided that bidder, is determined to be qualified to satisfactorily perform the Contract.

36 **NOTIFICATION OF AWARD / FAX OF ACCEPTANCE**

36.1 Prior to the expiry of 'Period of Bid Validity', APGDC will notify the successful Bidder in writing, in the form of "Notification of Award" / "Fax of Intent [FOI]"/ Fax of Acceptance [FOA]/through fax/e-mail, that his Bid has been accepted. The notification of award / Fax of Intent/Fax of Acceptance will constitute the formation of the Contract.

36.2 Contract period shall commence from the date of "Notification of Award" or as mentioned in the Notification of Award. The "Notification of Award" will constitute the formation of a Contract, until the Contract has been effected pursuant to signing of Contract as per "ITB: Clause-37".

Upon the successful Bidder's / Contractor's furnishing of 'Contract Performance Security / Security Deposit', pursuant to "ITB: Clause-38", APGDC will promptly discharge his 'Earnest Money / Bid Security', pursuant to "ITB: Clause-16"

36.3 The Order/ contract value mentioned above is subject to Price Reduction Schedule clause

37 SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

37.1 APGDC will award the Contract to the successful Bidder, who, within 'fifteen [15] days' of receipt of the same, shall sign and return the acknowledged copy to APGDC.

37.2 The successful Bidder/Contractor shall be required to execute an 'Agreement' in the proforma given in this Bidding Document on a 'non-judicial stamp paper' of appropriate value [cost of the 'stamp-paper' shall be borne by the successful Bidder/Contractor] and of 'state' specified in Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) only, within 'fifteen [15] days' of receipt of the "Fax of Acceptance [FOA]" of the Tender by the successful Bidder/Contractor failure on the part of the successful Bidder/Contractor to sign the 'Agreement' within the above stipulated period, shall constitute sufficient grounds for forfeiture of EMD/Security Deposit.

38 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE SECURITY / SECURITY DEPOSIT

38.1 Within 30 days of the receipt of the notification of award/ Fax of Acceptance from APGDC, the successful bidder shall furnish the Contract Performance Security/Guarantee in accordance with of General Conditions of the Contract. The Contract Performance Security/Guarantee shall be in the form of either Banker's Cheque or Demand Draft or Bank Guarantee or Letter of Credit and shall be in the currency of the Contract. However, CPS shall not be applicable in cases wherein the individual order/contract value as specified in Notification of Award is less than INR 5 Lakh (exclusive of GST).

38.2 The contract performance security shall be for an amount equal to specified in Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) towards faithful performance of the contractual obligations and performance of equipment. For the purpose of Contract Performance Security, Contract/order value shall be exclusive of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** to be reimbursed by the Owner..

Bank Guarantee towards performance security/ security deposit shall be 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 in case of Indian bidder as well as foreign bidder. However, in case of bank guarantees from banks other than the Nationalized Indian banks, the bank must be a commercial bank 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 its letterhead. This bank guarantee shall be valid till three months beyond the Defect Liability Period (DLP) for the total order value including Post Warranty Maintenance charges.

38.3 Failure of the successful bidder to comply with the requirements of this article shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security.

38.4 The CPBG/Security deposit has to cover the entire contract value including extra works/services also. As long as the CPBG/Security deposit submitted at the time

of award take cares the extra works/ services executed and total executed value are within the awarded contract price, there is no need for additional security deposit/ Contract Performance Security. As soon as the total executed value is likely to burst the ceiling of awarded contract price, the contractor should furnish additional security deposit/ CPBG.

- 38.5 Further, the bidder can submit CPBG on line through issuing bank to APGDC directly as per Ministry of Finance (MOF) Department of financial service direction vide letter ref number F.No.7/112/2011-BOA dated 17th July 2012. In such cases confirmation will not be sought from issuing banker by APGDC.
- 38.6 In addition to existing specified form (i.e. Demand Draft (DD)/ Banker's Cheque/ Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit) mentioned in tender documents for submission of Security Deposit/ Contract Performance Guarantee, the successful bidder can also submit the Security Deposit/ Contract Performance Guarantee through online banking transaction i.e. IMPS/NEFT/RTGS etc. For this purpose, the details of APGDC's Bank Account is mentioned in BDS.
While remitting, the bidder must indicate "Security Deposit/ Contract Performance Guarantee against FOA/DLOA/PO no. _____ (contractor/ vendor to specify the FOA/DLOA/PO No.)" under remarks column of respective bank portal. The contractor/vendor shall be required to submit the successful transaction details to the dealing officer immediately through email/letter and necessarily within 30 days from the date of Fax of Acceptance."
- 38.7 In case of forfeiture of Contract Performance Security/ Security Deposit, the forfeited amount will be considered inclusive of tax and tax invoice will be issued by APGDC. The forfeiture amount will be subject to final decision of APGDC based on other terms and conditions of order/ contract.
- 38.8 The Service Provider will also submit covering letter along with CPS as per format at F-9.
- 38.9 CPBG/Security Deposit will not be accepted in case the same has reference of 'remitter'/'financer' other than bidder on the aforementioned financial instrument of CPBG/ Security Deposit submitted by the Service Provider.

39 PROCEDURE FOR ACTION IN CASE CORRUPT/ FRAUDULENT/COLLUSIVE/ COERCIVE PRACTICES

- 39.1 Procedure for action in case Corrupt/ Fraudulent/Collusive/Coercive Practices is enclosed at Annexure-I.
- 39.2 The Fraud Prevention Policy document is available on available on GAIL's website.
- 39.3 NON-APPLICABILITY OF ARBITRATION CLAUSE IN CASE OF BANNING OF VENDORS/ SUPPLIERS / CONTRACTORS/BIDDERS/ CONSULTANTS INDULGED IN FRAUDULENT/ COERCIVE PRACTICES**
Notwithstanding anything contained contrary in GCC and other "CONTRACT DOCUMENTS", in case it is found that the Vendors/ Suppliers / Contractors/Bidders/ Consultants indulged in fraudulent/ coercive practices at the time of bidding, during execution of the contract etc., and/or on other

grounds as mentioned in APGDC's "Procedure for action in case

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Corrupt/Fraudulent/Collusive/Coercive Practices" (Annexure-I), the contractor/bidder shall be banned (in terms of aforesaid procedure) from the date of issuance of such order by APGDC, to such Vendors/ Suppliers / Contractors/Bidders/ Consultants.

The Vendor/ Supplier / Contractor/ Bidder/Consultant understands and agrees that in such cases where Vendor/ Supplier / Contractor/ Bidder/Consultant has been banned (in terms of aforesaid procedure) from the date of issuance of such order by Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Ltd., such decision of Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Ltd. shall be final and binding on such Vendor/ Supplier / Contractor/ Bidder/Consultant and the „Arbitration clause" in the GCC and other "CONTRACT DOCUMENTS" shall not be applicable for any consequential issue /dispute arising in the matter.

40 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES

40.1 Following provision has been incorporated in tender for MSEs, in line with notification of Government of India, vide Gazette of India No. 503 dated 26.03.2012 proclaiming the Public Procurement Policy on procurement of goods, works and services from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)

- i) Issue of tender document to MSEs free of cost.
- ii) Exemption to MSEs from payment of EMD/Bid Security.
- iii) In Tender participating Micro and Small Enterprises quoting price within the price band of L1 + 15% shall also be allowed to supply a portion of requirement by bringing down their prices to L1 price in a situation where L1 price is from someone other than a micro and small enterprise and such micro and small enterprises shall be allowed to supply upto 20% of the tendered value. In case of more than one such Micro and Small Enterprises, the supply shall be shared proportionately (to tendered quantity). Further, out of above 20%, 4% shall be from MSEs owned by SC/ST entrepreneurs. This quota is to be transferred to other MSEs in case of non-availability of MSEs owned by SC/ST entrepreneurs.

The quoted prices against various items shall remain valid in case of splitting of quantities of the items above.

In case tendered item is non-splitable or non- dividable (specified in Bid Data Sheet) , MSE quoting lowest price within price band L1 (other than MSE) + 15% , may be awarded for full/ complete supply of total tendered value subject to matching of L1 price.

40.2 The MSEs owned by SC/ST entrepreneurs shall mean:-

- a) In case of proprietary MSE, Proprietor(s) shall be SC/ST.
- b) In case of partnership MSE, the SC/ST partners shall be holding atleast 51% share in the unit
- c) In case of private Limited Companies, at least 51% share is held by SC/ST. If the MSE is owned by SC/ST entrepreneurs, the bidder shall furnish appropriate documentary evidence in this regard.

40.3 In case bidder is a Micro or Small Enterprise under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006, the bidder shall submit the following :

- a) Documentary evidence that the bidder is a Micro or Small Enterprises registered with District Industries Centers or Khadi and Village Industries National Small Industries Corporation or Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom or any other body specified by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises or Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum.
- b) If the MSE is owned by SC/ST Entrepreneurs, the bidder shall furnish appropriate documentary evidence in this regard.

The above documents submitted by the bidder shall be duly certified by the Chartered Accountant (not being an employee or a Director or not having any interest in the bidder's company/firm) and notary public with legible stamp.

If the bidder does not provide the above confirmation or appropriate document or any evidence, then it will be presumed that they do not qualify for any preference admissible in the Public Procurement Policy (PPP) 2012.

Further, MSEs who are availing the benefits of the Public Procurement Policy (PPP) 2012 get themselves registered with MSME Data Bank being operated by NSIC, under SME Division, M/o MSME, in order to create proper data base of MSEs which are making supplies to CPSUs.

40.4 If against an order placed by APGDC, successful bidder(s) (other than Micro/Small Enterprise) is procuring material/services from their sub-vendor who is a Micro or Small Enterprise registered with District Industries Centers or Khadi and Village Industries Commission or Khadi and Village Industries Board or Coir Board or National Small Industries Corporation or Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom or any other body specified by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises with prior consent in writing of the purchasing authority/Engineer-in-charge, the details like Name, Registration No., Address, Contact No. details of material & value of procurement made, etc. of such Enterprises shall be furnished by the successful bidder at the time of submission of invoice/Bill.

40.5 The benefit of policy are not extended to the traders/dealers/Distributors/Stockiest/Wholesalers.

40.6 NSIC has initiated a scheme of “Consortia and Tender Marketing Scheme” under which they are assisting the Micro & Small enterprises to market their products and services through tender participation on behalf of the individual unit or through consortia.

Accordingly, if the MSEs or the consortia, on whose behalf the bid is submitted by NSIC, is meeting the BEC and other terms and conditions of tender their bid will be considered for further evaluation. Further, in such cases a declaration is to be submitted by MSE/ consortia on their letter head (s) that all the terms and conditions of tender document shall be acceptable to them.

41 AHR ITEMS

In item rate contract where the quoted rates for the items exceed 50% of the estimate rates, such items will be considered as Abnormally High Rates (AHR) items and payment of AHR items beyond the SOR stipulated quantities shall be made at the lowest amongst the following rates:

- I) Rates as per SOR, quoted by the Contractor/Bidder.
- II) Rate of the item, which shall be derived as follows:
 - a. Based on rates of Machine and labour as available from the contract (which includes contractor’s supervision, profit, overheads and other expenses).
 - b. In case rates are not available in the contract, rates will be calculated based on prevailing market rates of machine, material and labour plus 15% to cover contractor’s supervision profit, overhead & other expenses.

42 VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Shall be as stipulated Annexure II to ITB herewith.

(i) Clause no. 3.0 i)

Preparation of Performance Rating Data Sheet

Performance rating data Sheet for each and every Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/Consultant for all orders/Contracts with a value of Rs. 50 Lakhs and above is recommended to be drawn up. Further, Performance rating data Sheet for orders/contracts of Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant who are on watch list/holiday list/ banning list shall be prepared irrespective of order/ contract value. These data sheets are to be separately prepared for orders/ contracts related to Projects and O&M. Format, Parameters, Process, responsibility for preparation of Performance Rating Data Sheet are separately mentioned.

(ii) Clause no. 4.0 **“EXCLUSIONS”**

The following would be excluded from the scope of evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants:

- i) Orders/Contracts below the value of Rs. 50 Lakhs if Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is not on watch list/ holiday list/ banning list.
- ii) Orders for Misc./Administrative items/ Non stock Non valued items (PO with material code ending with 9).

However, concerned Engineer-in-Charge /OICs will continue to monitor such cases so as to minimize the impact on Projects/O&M plants due to non performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in all such cases.

(iii) Clause no. 5.1 v) and 5.3 v)

When no reply is received or reasons indicated are unsatisfactory, the following actions need to be taken:

- A) Where performance rating is “POOR” (as per Performance Rating carried out after execution of Order/ Contract and where no reply/ unsatisfactory reply is received from party against the letter seeking the explanation from Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant along with sharing the performance rating)

Recommend such defaulting Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant for the following action:

- (a) **First such instance: Advisory notice (Yellow Card)** shall be issued and Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall be put on watch list for a period of Three (3) Years. Such vendor will be allowed to participate in all other tenders and to execute other ongoing order/ contract (s) or new contract/ order (s).

The Yellow card will be automatically revoked after a period of three years unless the same is converted into Red Card due to subsequent instances of poor/ non-performance in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant.

- (b) **Second such instance in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant**
- (i) Poor Performance due to reasons other than Quality:
Putting on Holiday for a period of One Year
- (ii) Poor Performance on account of Quality (if any mark obtained against Quality parameter is less than 30):
Putting on Holiday for a period of Two Years
- (c) Subsequent instances (**more than two**) in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: **Putting on Holiday for a period of Three Years**
- B) **Where Poor/Non-Performance leading to termination of contract or Offloading of contract due to poor performance attributable to Vendor/Supplier/ Contractor/Consultant (under second para of Clause no. 2.17.3 of GCC-Services)**
- (a) **First instance: Advisory notice (Yellow Card)** shall be issued and Vendor/Supplier/Contractor /Consultant shall be put on watch list for a period of Three (3) Years.
Further such vendor will not be allowed to participate in the re-tender of the same supply/work/services of that location which has terminated / offloaded. Moreover, it will be ensured that all other action as per provision of contract including forfeiture of Contract Performance Security (CPS) etc. are undertaken.
However, such vendor will be allowed to participate in all other tenders and to execute other ongoing order/ contract (s) or new contract/ order (s).
The Yellow card will be automatically revoked after a period of three years unless the same is converted into Red Card due to subsequent instances of poor/ non-performance in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant.
- (b) **Second instances** in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: **Holiday (Red Card)** for period of One Year and they shall also to be considered for Suspension.
- (c) **Subsequent instances (more than two)** in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: **Holiday (Red Card) for period of Three Years and they shall also to be considered for Suspension.**
- (C) **Where Performance rating is “FAIR”:**
Issuance of warning to such defaulting Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant to improve their performance.

- 43.1 Income tax deduction shall be made from all payments made to the contractor as per the rules and regulations in force and in accordance with the Income Tax Act prevailing from time to time.
- 43.2 Corporate Tax liability, if any, shall be to the contractor's account.
- 43.3 Work Contract tax/ GST as may be applicable shall be deducted as per trade tax.
- 43.4 TDS, wherever applicable, shall be deducted as per applicable act/law/rule.

43.4 MENTIONING OF PAN NO. IN INVOICE/BILL

As per CBDT Notification No. 95/2015 dated 30.12.2015, mentioning of PAN no. is mandatory for procurement of goods / services/works/consultancy services exceeding Rs. 2 Lacs per transaction.

Accordingly, supplier/ contractor/ service provider/ consultant should mention their PAN no. in their invoice/ bill for any transaction exceeding Rs. 2 lakhs. As provided in the notification, in case supplier/ contractor/ service provider/ consultant do not have PAN no., they have to submit declaration in Form 60 along with invoice/ bill for each transaction.

Payment of supplier/ contractor / service provider/ consultant shall be processed only after fulfillment of above requirement

44 DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM

1.0 CONCILIATION

APGDC Limited has framed the Conciliation Rules 2010 in conformity with Part – III of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 as amended from time to time for speedier, cost effective and amicable settlement of disputes through conciliation. All issue(s)/dispute(s) arising under the Contract, which cannot be mutually resolved within a reasonable time, may be referred for conciliation in accordance with APGDC Conciliation Rules 2010 as amended from time to time A copy of the said rules have been made available on APGDC's web site.

Where invitation for Conciliation has been accepted by the other party, the Parties shall attempt to settle such dispute(s) amicably under Part-III of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and APGDC Limited Conciliation Rules, 2010. It would be only after exhausting the option of Conciliation as an Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism that the Parties hereto shall invoke Arbitration Clause. For the purpose of this clause, the option of 'Conciliation' shall be deemed to have been exhausted, even in case of rejection of 'Conciliation' by any of the Parties.

2.0 ARBITRATION

All issue(s)/dispute(s) excluding the matters that have been specified as excepted matters and listed at clause no. 2.6 and which cannot be resolved through Conciliation, such issue(s)/dispute(s) shall be referred to arbitration for adjudication by Sole Arbitrator.

The party invoking the Arbitration shall have the option to either opt for Ad-hoc Arbitration as provided at Clause 2.1 below or Institutionalized Arbitration as

provided at Clause 2.2 below, the remaining clauses from 2.3 to 2.7 shall apply to both Ad-hoc and Institutional Arbitration:-

2.1 On invocation of the Arbitration clause by either party, APGDC shall suggest a panel of three independent and distinguished persons (Retd Supreme Court & High Court Judges only) to the other party from the Panel of Arbitrators maintained by 'Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) to select any one among them to act as the Sole Arbitrator. In the event of failure of the other party to select the Sole Arbitrator within 30 days from the receipt of the communication from APGDC suggesting the panel of arbitrators, the right of selection of the sole arbitrator by the other party shall stand forfeited and APGDC shall appoint the Sole Arbitrator from the suggested panel of three Arbitrators for adjudication of dispute(s). The decision of APGDC on the appointment of the sole arbitrator shall be final and binding on the other party. The fees payable to Sole Arbitrator shall be governed by the fee Schedule of 'Delhi International Arbitration Centre'.

OR

2.2 If a dispute arises out of or in connection with this contract, the party invoking the Arbitration shall submit that dispute to any one of the Arbitral Institutions i.e ICADR/ICA/DIAC/SFCA and that dispute shall be adjudicated in accordance with their respective Arbitration Rules. The matter shall be adjudicated by a Sole Arbitrator who shall necessarily be a Retd Supreme Court/High Court Judge to be appointed/nominated by the respective institution. The cost/expenses pertaining to the said Arbitration shall also be governed in accordance with the Rules of the respective Arbitral Institution. The decision of the party invoking the Arbitration for reference of dispute to a specific Arbitral institution for adjudication of that dispute shall be final and binding on both the parties and shall not be subject to any change thereafter. The institution once selected at the time of invocation of dispute shall remain unchanged.

2.3 The cost of arbitration proceedings shall be shared equally by the parties.

2.4 The Arbitration proceedings shall be in English language and the seat, venue and place of Arbitration shall be New Delhi, India only.

2.5 Subject to the above, the provisions of Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996 and any amendment thereof shall be applicable. All matter relating to this Contract and arising out of invocation of Arbitration clause are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court(s) situated at New Delhi.

2.6 List of Excepted matters:

- a) Dispute(s)/issue(s) involving claims below Rs 25 lakhs and above Rs 25 crores.
- b) Dispute(s)/issue(s) relating to indulgence of Contractor/Vendor/Bidder in corrupt/fraudulent/collusive/coercive practices and/or the same is under investigation by CBI or Vigilance or any other investigating agency or Government.
- c) Dispute(s)/issue(s) wherein the decision of Engineer-In-Charge/owner/APGDC has been made final and binding in terms of the Contract.

2.7. 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 New Delhi.

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 Courts situated at New Delhi for adjudication of disputes, injunctive reliefs, actions and proceedings, if any, arising out of this Contract.

45 **DISPUTES BETWEEN CPSE'S/GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT'S/ ORGANIZATIONS**

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

Any party aggrieved with the decision of the Committee at the First level (tier) may prefer an appeal before the Cabinet Secretary at the Second level (tier) within 15 days from the date of receipt of decision of the Committee at First level, through it's administrative Ministry/Department, whose decision will be final and binding on all concerned.

The above provisions mentioned at clause no.44 & 45 shall supersede provisions relating to Conciliation, Arbitration, Governing Law & Jurisdiction and Disputes between CPSE's/ Government Department's/ Organizations mentioned in General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and elsewhere in tender document.

46 **INAM-PRO (PLATFORM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND MATERIALS PROVIDERS)**

INAM-Pro (Platform for infrastructure and materials providers) is a web based platform for infrastructure provides and materials suppliers and was developed by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H) with a view to reduce project execution delays on account of supply shortages and inspire greater confidence in contractors to procure cement to start with directly from the manufacturers. Presently, numerous cement companies are registered in the portal and offering cement for sale on the portal with a commitment period of 3 years. These companies have bound themselves by ceiling rates for the entire commitment period, wherein they are allowed to reduce or increase their cement rates any number of times within the ceiling rate, but are not permitted to exceed the said ceiling rate.

MoRT&H is expanding the reach of this web-portal by increasing both the product width as well as the product depth. They are working on incorporating 60 plus product categories. The product range will span from large machineries like Earth Movers and Concrete Mixers, to even the smallest items like road studs. MoRT&H intend to turn it into a portal which services every infrastructure development related need of a modern contractor.

APGDC's contractors may use this innovative platform, wherever applicable. The

usage of web – Portal is a completely voluntary exercise. The platform, however, can serve as a benchmark for comparison of offered prices and products.

47 PROMOTION OF PAYMENT THROUGH CARDS AND DIGITAL MEANS

To promote cashless transactions, the onward payments by Contractors to their employees, service providers, sub-contractors and suppliers may be made through Cards and Digital means to the extent possible

48 CONTRACTOR TO ENGAGE CONTRACT MANPOWER BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTES AND WEAKER SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY

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

49 QUARTERLY CLOSURE OF THE CONTRACT [FOR APPLICABILITY OF THIS CLAUSE REFER BDS]:-

During execution of contracts/orders, various issues may arise. In order to timely detect and to address the contractual issue (s) during the execution of contracts, APGDC has introduced a mechanism of quarterly closure of the contract, under which all the issues related to the contract execution will be monitored on quarterly basis for resolution.

Vendors/Contractors are required to co-operate with EIC for proper implementation of this mechanism for smooth execution of the contract.”

50 PROVISIONS FOR STARTUPS (AS DEFINED IN GAZETTE NOTIFICATION NO. D.L-33004/99 DATED 18.02.2016 AND 23.05.2017 OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME) [FOR APPLICABILITY REFER BDS]

As mentioned in Section-II, Prior turnover and prior experience shall not be required for all Startups [whether Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) or otherwise] subject to their meeting the quality and technical specifications specified in tender document.

Further, the Startups are also exempted from submission of EMDs.

For availing the relaxation, bidder is required to submit requisite certificate towards Startup enterprise registration issued by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry and the certificate should be certified by the Chartered Accountant (not being an employee or a Director or not having any interest in the bidder's company/firm) and notary public with legible stamp.

The relaxation of prior experience and prior turnover to Startups [whether Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) or otherwise] is to be given to the specific goods/ job domains wherein they are registered for.

Since certificate of DPIIT towards recognition do not specify the goods/ job domain, startups are required to submit the documents for the same including the application

submitted to DPIIT.

Further, above document should also be certified by the Chartered Accountant (not being an employee or a Director or not having any interest in the bidder's company/firm) and notary public with legible stamp.

If a Startup [whether Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) or otherwise] gets qualified without turnover and experience criteria specified in tender and emerges lowest bidder, the order on such Startup shall be placed for entire tendered quantity/group/item/part wise as stated in tender.

If a Startup emerge lowest bidder, the LoA on such Startup shall be placed for entire tendered quantity/group/item/part (as the case may be). However, during the Kick of Meeting monthly milestones/ check points would be drawn. Further, the performance of such contractor/ service provider will be reviewed more carefully and action to be taken as per provision of contract in case of failure/ poor performance.

51 **PROVISION REGARDING INVOICE FOR REDUCED VALUE OR CREDIT NOTE TOWARDS PRS**

As mentioned in GCC, PRS is the reduction in the consideration / contract value for the goods / services covered under this contract. In case of delay in supply/ execution of contract, supplier/ contractor/ service provider should raise invoice for reduced value as per Price Reduction Schedule Clause (PRS clause). If supplier/ contractor/ service provider has raised the invoice for full value, then supplier/ contractor/ service provider should issue Credit Note towards the applicable PRS amount with applicable taxes.

In such cases if supplier/ contractor/ service provider fails to submit the invoice with reduced value or does not issue credit note as mentioned above, APGDC will release the payment to supplier/ contractor/ service provider after giving effect of the PRS clause with corresponding reduction of taxes charged on vendor's invoice, to avoid delay in delivery/collection of material.”

In case any financial implication arises on APGDC due to issuance of invoice without reduction in price or non-issuance of Credit Note, the same shall be to the account of supplier/ contractor/ service provider. APGDC shall be entitled to deduct / setoff / recover such GST amount (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) together with penalties and interest, if any, against any amounts paid or becomes payable by APGDC in future to the Supplier/Contractor under this contract or under any other contract.

52 **UNIQUE DOCUMENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER BY PRACTICING CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

Practicing Chartered Accountants shall generate Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN) for all certificates issued by them as per provisions of Tender Document.

However, UDIN may not be required for documents being attested by Chartered Accountants in terms of provisions of Tender Document.

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Annexure-I

PROCEDURE FOR ACTION IN CASE CORRUPT/FRAUDULENT/COLLUSIVE/COERCIVE PRACTICES

The Owner requires that Bidders/Contractors observe the highest standard of ethics during the execution of Contract. In pursuance of this policy, the Owner defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

A Definitions:

A.1 “Corrupt Practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to improperly influence the actions in selection process or in contract execution.

“Corrupt Practice” also includes any omission for misrepresentation that may mislead or attempt to mislead so that financial or other benefit may be obtained or an obligation avoided.

A.2 “Fraudulent Practice” means and include any act or omission committed by a agency or with his connivance or by his agent by misrepresenting/ submitting false documents and/ or false information or concealment of facts or to deceive in order to influence a selection process or during execution of contract/ order.

A.3 “Collusive Practice amongst bidders (prior to or after bid submission)” means a scheme or arrangement designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Employer of the benefits of free and open competition.

A.4 “Coercive practice” means impairing or harming or threatening to impair or harm directly or indirectly, any agency or its property to influence the improperly actions of an agency, obstruction of any investigation or auditing of a procurement process.

A.5 “Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant/Bidder” is herein after referred as “Agency”

A.6 “Appellate Authority” shall mean Committee of Directors consisting of Director (Finance) and Director (BD) for works centers under Director (Projects). For all other cases committee of Directors shall consist of Director (Finance) & Director (Projects).

A.7 “Competent Authority” shall mean the authority, who is competent to take final decision for Suspension of business dealing with an Agency/ (ies) and Banning of business dealings with Agency/ (ies) and shall be the “Director” concerned.

A.8 “Allied Agency” shall mean all the concerns within the sphere of effective influence of banned/ suspended agencies. In determining this, the following factors may be taken into consideration:

- (a) Whether the management is common;
- (b) Majority interest in the management is held by the partners or directors of banned/ suspended firm.

(c) substantial or majority shares are owned by banned/ suspended agency and by virtue of this it has a controlling voice.

A.9 “Investigating Agency” shall mean any department or unit of APGDC investigating into the conduct of Agency/ party and shall include the Vigilance Department of the APGDC, Central Bureau of Investigation, State Police or any other agency set up by the Central or state government having power to investigate.

B Actions against bidder(s) indulging in corrupt /fraudulent/ collusive/ coercive practice

B.1 Irregularities noticed during the evaluation of the bids :

If it is observed during bidding process/ bids evaluation stage that a bidder has indulged in corrupt/fraudulent /collusive/coercive practice, the bid of such Bidder (s) shall be rejected and its Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be forfeited.

Further, such agency shall be banned for future business with APGDC for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

B.2 Irregularities noticed after award of contract

(i) During execution of contract:

If an agency, is found to have indulged in corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practices, during execution of contract, the agency shall be banned for future business with APGDC for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

The concerned order (s)/ contract(s) where corrupt/fraudulent/collusive practices is observed, shall be suspended with immediate effect by Engineer-in-Charge (EIC)/ Employer whereby the supply/ work/ service and payment etc. will be suspended. The action shall be initiated for putting the agency on banning.

After conclusion of process, the order (s)/ contract (s) where it is concluded that such irregularities have been committed shall be terminated and Contract cum Performance Bank Guarantee (CPBG)/ Contract Performance Security(CPS) submitted by agency against such order (s)/ contract (s) shall also be forfeited. The amount that may have become due to the contractor on account of work already executed by him shall be payable to the contractor and this amount shall be subject to adjustment against any amounts due from the contractor under the terms of the contract.

No risk and cost provision will be enforced in such cases.

(ii) After execution of contract and during Defect liability period (DLP)/ Warranty/Guarantee Period:

If an agency is found to have indulged in corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practices, after execution of contract and during DLP/Warranty/Guarantee Period, the agency shall be banned for future business with APGDC for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

Further, the Contract cum Performance Bank Guarantee (CPBG)/Contract Performance Security (CPS) submitted by agency against such order (s)/ contract (s) shall be forfeited.

(iii) After expiry of Defect liability period (DLP)/ Warranty/Guarantee Period

If an agency is found to have indulged in corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practices, after expiry of Defect liability period (DLP)/ Warranty/Guarantee Period, the agency shall be banned for future business with APGDC for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

B.2.2 Period of Banning

Banning period shall be reckoned from the date of banning order and shall be 3 years.

In exceptional cases where the act of vendor/ contractor is a threat to the National Security, the banning shall be for indefinite period.

C Effect of banning on other ongoing contracts/ tenders

C.1 If an agency is put on Banning, such agency should not be considered in ongoing tenders/future tenders.

C.2 However, if such an agency is already executing other order (s)/ contract (s) where no corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practice is found, the agency should be allowed to continue till its completion without any further increase in scope except those incidental to original scope mentioned in the contract.

C.3 If an agency is put on the Banning List during tendering and no irregularity is found in the case under process:

C.3.1 after issue of the enquiry /bid/tender but before opening of Technical bid, the bid submitted by the agency shall be ignored.

C.3.2 after opening Technical bid but before opening the Price bid, the Price bid of the agency shall not be opened and BG/EMD submitted by the agency shall be returned to the agency.

C.3.3 after opening of price, BG/EMD made by the agency shall be returned; the offer of the agency shall be ignored & will not be further evaluated. If the agency is put on banning list for fraud/ mis-appropriation of facts committed in the same tender/other tender where errant agency emerges as the lowest (L1), then such tender shall also be cancelled and re-invited.

D. Procedure for Suspension of Bidder

D.1 Initiation of Suspension

Action for suspension business dealing with any agency/(ies) shall be initiated by Corporate C&P Department when

- (i) Corporate Vigilance Department based on the fact of the case gathered during investigation by them recommend for specific immediate action against the agency.
- (ii) Corporate Vigilance Department based on the input from Investigating agency, forward for specific immediate action against the agency.
- (iii) Non performance of Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant leading to termination of Contract/ Order.

D.2 Suspension Procedure:

D.2.1 The order of suspension would operate initially for a period not more than six months and is to be communicated to the agency and also to Corporate Vigilance Department. Period of suspension can be extended with the approval of the Competent Authority by one month at a time with a ceiling of six months pending a conclusive decision to put the agency on banning list.

D.2.2 During the period of suspension, no new business dealing may be held with the agency.

D.2.3 Period of suspension shall be accounted for in the final order passed for banning of business with the agency.

D.2.4 The decision regarding suspension of business dealings should also be communicated to the agency.

D.2.5 If a prima-facie, case is made out that the agency is guilty on the grounds which can result in banning of business dealings, proposal for issuance of suspension order and show cause notice shall be put up to the Competent Authority. The suspension order and show cause notice must include that

- (i) the agency is put on suspension list and (ii) why action should not be taken for banning the agency for future business from APGDC.

The competent authority to approve the suspension will be same as that for according approval for banning.

D 3 Effect of Suspension of business:

Effect of suspension on other on-going/future tenders will be as under:

D.3.1 No enquiry/bid/tender shall be entertained from an agency as long as the name of agency appears in the Suspension List.

D.3.2 If an agency is put on the Suspension List during tendering:

- D.3.2.1 after issue of the enquiry /bid/tender but before opening of Technical bid, the bid submitted by the agency shall be ignored.
- D.3.2.2 after opening Technical bid but before opening the Price bid, the Price bid of the agency shall not be opened and BG/EMD submitted by the agency shall be returned to the agency.
- D.3.2.3 after opening of price, BG/EMD made by the agency shall be returned; the offer of the agency shall be ignored & will not be further evaluated. If the agency is put on Suspension list for fraud/ mis-appropriation of facts conducted in the same tender/other tender where errant agency emerges as the lowest (L1), then such tender shall also be cancelled and re-invited.
- D.3.3 The existing contract (s)/ order (s) under execution shall continue.
- D.3.4 Tenders invited for procurement of goods, works and services shall have provision that the bidder shall submit a undertaking to the effect that (i) neither the bidder themselves nor their allied agency/(ies) are on banning list of APGDC or the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and (ii) bidder is not banned by any Government department/ Public Sector.

F. Appeal against the Decision of the Competent Authority:

- F.1 The agency may file an appeal against the order of the Competent Authority for putting the agency on banning list. The appeal shall be filed to Appellate Authority. Such an appeal shall be preferred within one month from the of receipt of banning order.
- F.2 Appellate Authority would consider the appeal and pass appropriate order which shall be communicated to the party as well as the Competent Authority.
- F.3 Appeal process may be completed within 45 days of filing of appeal with the Appellate Authority.

- G.** Wherever there is contradiction with respect to terms of „Integrity pact“ , GCC and „Procedure for action in case of Corrupt/Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practice“, the provisions of „Procedure for action in case of Corrupt/Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practice“ shall prevail.

Annexure-II**PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF
VENDORS/SUPPLIERS/ CONTRACTORS/ CONSULTANTS****1.0 GENERAL**

A system for evaluation of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants and their performance is a key process and important to support an effective purchasing & contracting function of an organization.

Performance of all participating Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants need to be closely monitored to ensure timely receipt of supplies from a Vendor, completion of an assignment by a Consultant or complete execution of order by a contractor within scheduled completion period. For timely execution of projects and meeting the operation & maintenance requirement of operating plants, it is necessary to monitor the execution of order or contracts right from the award stage to completion stage and take corrective measures in time.

2.0 OBJECTIVE

The objective of Evaluation of Performance aims to recognize, and develop reliable Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants so that they consistently meet or exceed expectations and requirements.

The purpose of this procedure is to put in place a system to monitor performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants associated with APGDC in Projects and in O&M so as to ensure timely completion of various projects, timely receipt of supplies including completion of works & services for operation and maintenance of operating plants and quality standards in all respects.

2.0 METHODOLOGY**i) Preparation of Performance Rating Data Sheet**

Performance rating data Sheet for each and every Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant for all orders/Contracts with a value of Rs. 7 Lakhs and above is recommended to be drawn up. These data sheets are to be separately prepared for orders/ contracts related to Projects and O&M. Format, Parameters, Process, responsibility for preparation of Performance Rating Data Sheet are separately mentioned.

ii) Measurement of Performance

Based on the parameters defined in Data Sheet, Performance of concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant would be computed and graded accordingly. The measurement of the performance of the Party would be its ability to achieve the minimum scoring of 60% points in the given parameters.

iii) Initiation of Measures:

Depending upon the Grading of Performance, corrective measures would be initiated by taking up the matter with concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant.

Response of Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant would be considered before deciding further course of action.

iv) Implementation of Corrective Measures:

Based on the response of Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant, concerned Engineer-in-Charge for the Projects and/or OIC in case of O&M would recommend for continuation or discontinuation of such party from the business of APGDC.

v) Orders/contracts placed on Proprietary/OEM basis for O&M will be evaluated and, if required, corrective action will be taken for improvement in future.

3.0 PROCESS OF EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF VENDORS/ SUPPLIERS/ CONTRACTORS/ CONSULTANTS

3.1 FOR PROJECTS

i) Evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in case of PROJECTS shall be done immediately with commissioning of any Project.

ii) On commissioning of any Project, EIC (Engineer-in-charge)/ Project-in- charge shall prepare a Performance Rating Data Sheet (Format at Annexure-1) for all Orders and Contracts.

iii) Depending upon the Performance Rating, following action need to be initiated by Engineer-in-charge/Project-in-charge:

Sl.No.	Performance Rating	Action
1	POOR	Seek explanation for Poor performance
2	FAIR	Seek explanation for Fair performance
3	GOOD	Letter to the concerned for improving performance in future
4	VERY GOOD	No further action

iv) Reply from concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall be examined. In case of satisfactory reply, Performance Rating data Sheet to be closed with a letter to the concerned for improving performance in future.

v) When no reply is received or reasons indicated are unsatisfactory, the following actions need to be taken:

A) Where Performance rating is “POOR”:

Recommend such defaulting Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant for putting on Holiday for a period from one to three years as given below:

- (i) Poor Performance due to reasons other than Quality : **One Year**
- (ii) Poor Performance on account of Quality (if any mark obtained against Quality parameter is less than 30): **Two Years**
- (iii) Poor Performance leading to termination of contract or Offloading of contract due to poor performance solely attributable to Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant or Repeated Offence: **Three Years**

Non performance of a Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant leading to termination of Contract/ Order, such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/Consultant are also to be considered for Suspension.

In all such cases, concerned site will put up recommendation for issuance of SCN and putting the party on suspension list as per process defined for suspension in “Procedure for Action in case of Corrupt/ Fraudulent/ Collusive/ Coercive Practices”

(B) Where Performance rating is “FAIR”:

Recommend for issuance of warning to such defaulting Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant to improve their performance.

3.2 FOR CONSULTANCY JOBS

Monitoring and Evaluation of consultancy jobs will be carried out in the same way as described in para 3.1 for Projects.

3.3 FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

- i) Evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in case of Operation and Maintenance shall be done immediately after execution of order/ contract.
- ii) After execution of orders a Performance Rating Data Sheet (Format at Annexure-2) shall be prepared for Orders by Site C&P and for Contracts/Services by respective Engineer-In-Charge.
- iii) Depending upon Performance Rating, following action need to be initiated by Site C&P:

Sl. No.	Performance Rating	Action
1	POOR	Seek explanation for Poor performance
2.	FAIR	Seek explanation for Fair performance
3	GOOD	Letter to the concerned for improving performance in future.
4	VERY GOOD	No further action

iv) Reply from concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall be examined. In case of satisfactory reply, Performance Rating data Sheet to be closed with a letter to the concerned for improving performance in future.

v) When no reply is received or reasons indicated are unsatisfactory, the following actions need to be taken:

A) Where performance rating is “POOR”

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- (iv) Poor Performance leading to termination of contract or Offloading of contract due to poor performance solely attributable to Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant or Repeated Offence: **Three Years**

Non-performance of a Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant leading to termination of Contract/ Order such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/Consultant are also to be considered for Suspension.

In all such cases, concerned site will put up recommendation for issuance of SCN and putting the party on suspension list as per process defined for suspension in “Procedure for Action in case of Corrupt/ Fraudulent/ Collusive/ Coercive Practices”

(B) Where Performance rating is “FAIR”

Recommend for issuance of warning to such defaulting Vendors/Contractors/Consultants to improve their performance.

4.0 **EXCLUSIONS:**

The following would be excluded from the scope of evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants:

- i) Orders/Contracts below the value of Rs. 7 Lakhs.

- ii) One time Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant.
- iii) Orders for Misc./Administrative items/ Non stock Non valued items.

However, concerned Engineer-in-Charge /OICs will continue to monitor such cases so as to minimize the impact on Projects/O&M plants due to non performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in all such cases.

5.0 REVIEW & RESTORATION OF PARITES PUT ON HOLIDAY

- 5.1** An order for Holiday passed for a certain specified period shall deemed to have been automatically revoked on the expiry of that specified period and it will not be necessary to issue a specific formal order of revocation.

Further, in case Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is put on holiday due to quality, and new order is placed on bidder after restoration of Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant, such order will be properly monitored during execution stage by the concerned site.

6.0 EFFECT OF HOLIDAY

- 6.1** If a Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is put on Holiday, such Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant should not be considered in ongoing tenders/future tenders.
- 6.2** However, if such Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is already executing any other order/ contract and their performance is satisfactory in terms of the relevant contract, should be allowed to continue till its completion without any further increase in scope except those incidental to original scope mentioned in the contract. In such a case CPBG will not be forfeited and payment will be made as per provisions of concerned contract. However, this would be without prejudice to other terms and conditions of the contract.
- 6.3.** Effect on other ongoing tendering:
- 6.3.1** After issue of the enquiry /bid/tender but before opening of Technical bid, the bid submitted by the party shall be ignored.
- 6.3.2** after opening Technical bid but before opening the Price bid, the Price bid of the party shall not be opened and BG/EMD submitted by the party shall be returned to the party.
- 6.3.3** after opening of price, BG/EMD made by the party shall be returned; the offer of the party shall be ignored & will not be further evaluated. If errant party emerges as the lowest (L1), then such tender shall also be cancelled and re- invited.

- 7.0** While putting the Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant on holiday as per

the procedure, the holding company, subsidiary, joint venture, sister concerns, group division of the errant Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall not be considered for putting on holiday list.

Any bidder, put on holiday, will not be allowed to bid through consortium route also in new tender during the period of holiday.

- 8.0 If an unsuccessful bidder makes any vexatious, frivolous or malicious complaint against the tender process with the intention of delaying or defeating any procurement or causing loss to APGDC or any other bidder, such bidder will be put on holiday for a period of six months, if such complaint is proved to be vexatious, frivolous or malicious, after following the due procedure.

9. APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY:

- (a) The party may file an appeal against the order of the Competent Authority for putting the party on Holiday list. The appeal shall be filed to Appellate Authority. Such an appeal shall be preferred within one month from the of receipt of Holiday order.
- (b) Appellate Authority would consider the appeal and pass appropriate order which shall be communicated to the party as well as the Competent Authority.
- (c) Appeal process may be completed within 45 days of filing of appeal with the Appellate Authority.
- (d) “Appellate Authority” shall mean Committee of Directors consisting of Director (Finance) and Director (BD) for works centers under Director (Projects). For all other cases committee of Directors shall consist of Director (Finance) & Director (Projects).

10. ERRANT BIDDER

In case after price bid opening the lowest evaluated bidder (L1) is not awarded the job for any mistake committed by him in bidding or withdrawal of bid or modification of bid or varying any term in regard thereof leading to re-tendering, APGDC shall forfeit EMD paid by the bidder and such bidders shall be debarred from participation in re-tendering of the same job(s)/item(s).

Further, such bidder will be put on holiday for a period of six months after following the due procedure.

11. In case GST department brings to the notice of APGDC that a Party has not paid to the credit of the Government the GST collected from APGDC, then party will be put on holiday for a period of six months after following the due procedure.

Annexure-1

APGDC
**PERFORMANCE RATING DATA SHEET (FOR PROJECTS/
 CONSULTANCY JOBS)**

- i) Project/Work Centre :
- ii) Order/ Contract No. & date :
- iii) Brief description of Items :
Works/Assignment
- iv) Order/Contract value (Rs.) :
- v) Name of Vendor/Supplier/
Contractor/ Consultant :
- vi) Contracted delivery/
Completion Schedule :
- vii) Actual delivery/ : Completion date

Performance Parameter	Delivery/ Completion Performance	Quality Performance	Reliability Performance#	Total
Maximum Marks	40	40	20	100
Marks Allocated				

Note:

Remarks (if any)

PERFORMANCE RATING (**)

Note :

(#) Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant who seek repeated financial assistance or deviation beyond contract payment term or seeking direct payment to the sub-vendor/sub-contractor due to financial constraints, then „0“ marks should be allotted against Reliability Performance.

(*) Allocation of marks should be as per enclosed instructions (**) Performance rating shall be classified as under :

Sl. No.	Range (Marks)	Rating
1	60 & below	POOR
2	61-75	FAIR
3	76-90	GOOD
4	More than 90	VERY GOOD

Signature of
 Authorised
 Signatory:

Name:
 Designation:

Instructions for allocation of marks

1. Marks are to be allocated as under :

1.1 DELIVERY/ COMPLETION PERFORMANCE 40

Marks

Delivery Period/

Delay in Weeks

Marks Completion Schedule

a) Upto 3 months	Before CDD	40	
Delay upto 4 weeks			35
" 8 weeks		30	
" 10 weeks		25	
" 12 weeks		20	
" 16 weeks		15	
More than 16 weeks			0
b) Above 3 months	Before CDD		40
Delay upto 4 weeks			35
" 8 weeks		30	
" 10 weeks		25	
" 16 weeks		20	
" 20 weeks		15	
" 24 weeks		10	
More than 24 weeks			0

1.2 QUALITY PERFORMANCE 40

Marks

For Normal Cases : No Defects/ No Deviation/ No failure:

0 marks

4

i) Rejection/Defects Marks to be allocated on 10 marks

Pro-rata basis for acceptable Quantity as compared to total Quantity for normal cases

ii) When quality Failure of severe nature 0 marks failure endanger -

Moderate nature 5 marks

system integration - low severe nature 10-25

marks and safety of the

system

iii) Number of 1. No deviation 5 marks

deviations 2. No. of deviations ≤ 2 2

marks

3. No. of deviations > 2 0

marks

1.3 RELIABILITY PERFORMANCE
Marks
20

A.	FOR WORKS/CONTRACTS	
	i) Submission of order acceptance, agreement, PBG, Drawings and other documents within time	4 marks
	ii) Mobilization of resources as per Contract and in time	4 marks
	iii) Liquidation of Check-list points	4 marks
	iv) Compliance to statutory and HS&E requirements or Reliability of Estimates/Design/Drawing etc. in case of Consultancy jobs	4 marks
	v) Timely submission of estimates and other documents for Extra, Substituted & AHR items	4 marks
B.	FOR SUPPLIES	
	i) Submission of order acceptance, PBG, Drawings and other documents within time	5 marks
	ii) Attending complaints and requests for after sales service/ warranty repairs and/ or query/ advice (upto the evaluation period).	5 marks
	iii) Response to various correspondence and conformance to standards like ISO	5 marks
	iv) Submission of all required documents including Test Certificates at the time of supply	5 marks

Annexure-2

APGDC
PERFORMANCE RATING DATA SHEET (FOR O&M)

- i) Location :
- ii) Order/ Contract No. & date :
- iii) Brief description of Items :
Works/Assignment
- iv) Order / Contract value (Rs.) :
- v) Name of Vendor/Supplier/ :
Contractor/ Consultant
- vi) Contract delivery/ :
Completion Schedule
- vii) Actual delivery/ : Completion date

Performance Parameter	Delivery Performance	Quality Performance	Reliability Performance#	Total
Maximum Marks	40	40	20	100
Marks Allocated (*)				

Remarks (if any)

PERFORMANCE RATING (**)

Note :

- (#) Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant who seek repeated financial assistance or deviation beyond contract payment term or seeking direct payment to the sub-vendor/sub-contractor due to financial constraints, then „0“ marks should be allotted against Reliability Performance
- (*) Allocation of marks should be as per enclosed instructions (**) Performance rating shall be classified as under :

Sl. No.	Range (Marks)	Rating
1	60 & below	POOR
2	61-75	FAIR
3	76-90	GOOD
4	More than 90	VERY GOOD

 Signature of
 Authorised
 Signatory:

Name: Designation:

Instructions for allocation of marks (For O&M)

1. Marks are to be allocated as under :

1.1 DELIVERY/ COMPLETION PERFORMANCE 40 Marks

Delivery Period/	Delay in Weeks	Marks	Completion Schedule
a) Upto 3 months	Before CDD	40	
Delay upto 4 weeks			35
" 8 weeks	30		
" 10 weeks	25		
" 12 weeks	20		
" 16 weeks	15		
More than 16 weeks			0
b) Above 3 months	Before CDD	40	
Delay upto 4 weeks			35
" 8 weeks	30		
" 10 weeks	25		
" 16 weeks	20		
" 20 weeks	15		
" 24 weeks	10		
More than 24 weeks			0

1.2 QUALITY PERFORMANCE 40 Marks

For Normal Cases : No Defects/ No Deviation/ No failure:

0 marks

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i) Rejection/Defects Marks to be allocated on 10 marks
prorata basis for acceptable quantity as compared to total quantity for normal cases

ii) When quality Failure of severe nature 0 marks failure endanger
- Moderate nature 5 marks

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A.	FOR WORKS/CONTRACTS	
	i) Submission of order acceptance, agreement, PBG, Drawings and other documents within time	4 marks
	ii) Mobilization of resources as per Contract and in time	4 marks
	iii) Liquidation of Check-list points	4 marks
	iv) Compliance to statutory and HS&E requirements or Reliability of Estimates/Design/Drawing etc. in case of Consultancy jobs	4 marks
	v) Timely submission of estimates and other documents for Extra, Substituted & AHR items	4 marks
B.	FOR SUPPLIES	
	i) Submission of order acceptance, PBG, Drawings and other documents within time	5 marks
	ii) Attending complaints and requests for after sales service/ warranty repairs and/ or query/ advice (upto the evaluation period).	5 marks
	iii) Response to various correspondence and conformance to standards like ISO	5 marks
	iv) Submission of all required documents including Test Certificates at the time of supply	5 marks

BIDDING DATA SHEET (BDS)**ITB TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

A. GENERAL	
ITB clause	Description
1.2	The Invitation for Bids/ Tender no is : <u>APGDC/C&P/3047/2020-21/03</u>
1.1	The Employer/Owner is: Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
2.1	The name of the Works/Services to be performed is: Hiring of Third Party Inspection Agency (TPIA) for Construction Activities of Kakinada - Srikakulam Pipeline (KSPL) Project of APGDC
3	BIDS FROM CONSORTIUM/JOINT VENTURE : NOT APPLICABLE
5.2.1	Demand Draft/ Banker's Cheque towards Tender fee (if applicable) shall be in favour of Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Limited payable at Visakhapatnam , Andhra Pradesh
B. BIDDING DOCUMENT	
ITB clause	Description
8.1	For clarification purposes only, the communication address is: Attention: A. Ramesh Naik CM (C&P) Street Address: # 101 & 102, 1 st Floor, Ocean Park, Beach Road, Maharanipeta City: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. ZIP Code: 530002 Country: India Email: rameshna@gail.co.in ;
C. PREPARATION OF BIDS	
ITB clause	Description
11.1.1 (u)	The Bidder shall submit with its Techno-commercial/ Un priced bid the following additional documents (SCC Refers): Integrity Pact, Power of Attorney
12	Additional Provision for Schedule of Rate/ Bid Price are as under: NIL

12. & 13	Whether APGDC will be able to avail input tax credit in the instant tender: <table border="1" data-bbox="432 331 1118 495"> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 331 794 412">YES</td> <td data-bbox="794 331 1118 412"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 412 794 495">NO</td> <td data-bbox="794 412 1118 495"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
14	The currency of the Bid shall be INR				
15	The bid validity period shall be 3 Months from final 'Bid Due Date'.				
16.1	In case ' Earnest Money / Bid Security ' is in the form of ' Demand Draft ' or ' Banker's Cheque ', the same should be favor of Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Details of APGDC's Bank is Bank of Maharashtra.				
D. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BIDS					
ITB clause	Description				
18	In addition to the original of the Bid, the number of copies required is one. Not applicable in case of e-tendering.				
22	The E-Tender No. of this bidding process is: <u>Not applicable</u>				
22.3 and 4.0 of IFB	For <u>bid submission purposes</u> only (Manual) or the submission of physical document as per clause no. 4.0 of IFB, the Owner's address is : Attention: A. Ramesh Naik CM (C&P) Street Address: # 101 & 102, 1 st Floor, Ocean Park, Beach Road, Maharanipeta City: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. ZIP Code: 530002 Country: India Email: rameshna@gail.co.in ;				
26	The bid opening shall take place at: Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Attention: A. Ramesh Naik CM (C&P) Street Address: # 101 & 102, 1 st Floor, Ocean Park, Beach Road, Maharanipeta City: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. ZIP Code: 530002 Country: India Email: rameshna@gail.co.in Date: 22.02.2021 / Time: 15:00 Hrs				

E. EVALUATION, AND COMPARISON OF BIDS

ITB clause	Description
32	Evaluation Methodology is mentioned in Section-II.
33	Compensation for Extended Stay: NOT APPLICABLE

F. AWARD OF CONTRACT

ITB clause	Description				
37	State of which stamp paper is required for Contract Agreement: Andhra Pradesh				
38	Contract Performance Security/ Security Deposit <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">APPLICABLE</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NOT APPLICABLE</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> <p>The value/ amount of Contract Performance Security/ Security Deposit SD / CPBG @ 3% of Total Order / Contract value in case contract period is less than one year or 3% of Annualized Order / Contract value in case contract period is more than one year.</p>	APPLICABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
APPLICABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
NOT APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>				
40	Whether tendered item is non-splitable or not-divisible : YES				
41	Provision of AHR Item : Applicable				
Clause no. 27.3 of GCC	Bonus for Early Completion: Not Applicable				
50	Applicability of provisions relating to Startups: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">APPLICABLE</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NOT APPLICABLE</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NOT APPLICABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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NOT APPLICABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

SECTION : IV

FORMS & FORMAT

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F-1**BIDDER'S GENERAL INFORMATION**

To,
 M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Ltd.
 Kakinada

TENDER NO:

1	Bidder Name	
2	Status of Firm	Proprietorship Firm/Partnership firm/ Limited/Others If Others Specify: _____ [Enclose certificate of Registration]
3	Name of Proprietor /Partners/ Directors of the firm/company	
4	Number of Years in Operation	
5	Address of Registered Office: *In case of Partnership firm, enclose letter mentioning current address of the firm and the full names and current addresses of all the partners of the firm.	City: District: State: PIN/ZIP:
6	Operation Address (if different from above)	City: District: State: PIN/ZIP:
8	Telephone Number	_____ (Country Code) (Area Code) (Telephone No.)
9	E-mail address	
10	Website	
11	Fax Number:	_____ (Country Code) (Area Code) (Telephone No.)
12	ISO Certification, if any	{If yes, please furnish details}
13	Bid Currency	
14	Banker's Name	

15	Branch	
17	Bank account number	
18	PAN No.	[Enclose copy of PAN Card]
19	GST no.	[Enclose copy of GST Registration Certificate]
20	EPF Registration No.	[Enclose copy of EPF Registration Certificate]
21	ESI code No.	[Enclose copy of relevant document]
22	We (Bidder) are cover under the definition of section 2 (n) of the MSMED Act	Yes / No <i>(If the response to the above is 'Yes', Bidder to provide Purchaser a copy of the Entrepreneurs Memorandum (EM) filled with the authority specified by the respective State Government.)</i>
23	Whether Micro/Small/Medium Enterprise	(Bidder to submit documents as specified it ITB)
24	Type of Entity	Corporate/ Non-Corporate (As per Service tax Act). (In case of Non-Corporate Entity, bidder will submit documentary evidence for same).

Place:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

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BID FORM

To,

M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Ltd.
Kakinada

SUB:

TENDER NO:

Dear Sir,

After examining / reviewing the Bidding Documents for the tender of
“ _____ including
"Specifications & Scope of Work", "General Conditions of Contract [GCC]", "Special
Conditions of Contract [SCC]" and "Schedule of Rates [SOR]", etc. the receipt of which is
hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, are pleased to offer to execute the whole
part of the job and in conformity with the said Bid Documents, including Addenda /
Corrigenda Nos. _____.

We confirm that this Bid is valid for a period as specified in BDS from the date of opening of
"Techno-Commercial / Un-priced Bid", and it shall remain binding upon us and may be
accepted by any time before the expiry of that period.

If our Bid is accepted, we will provide the "Contract Performance Security / Security
Deposit" equal to " _____ of the Contract Price" or as mentioned in Tender Document
for the due performance within "thirty [30] days" of such Award.

Until a final Agreement/Letter of Award is prepared and executed, the tender document
(including addenda/ corrigenda) together with the "Notification of Award" shall constitute a
binding Agreement between us.

We understand that Bidding Document is not exhaustive and any action and activity not
mentioned in Bidding Documents but may be inferred to be included to meet the intend of the
Bidding Documents shall be deemed to be mentioned in Bidding Documents unless otherwise
specifically excluded and we confirm to perform for fulfillment of Agreement and
completeness of the Work in all respects within the time frame and agreed price.

We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest priced or any Bid that you may
receive.

Place:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

F-3
LIST OF ENCLOSURES

To,

M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Ltd
Kakinada

SUB:

TENDER NO:

Dear Sir,

We are enclosing the following documents as part of the bid:

1. Power of Attorney of the signatory to the Bidding Document.
2. Document showing annual turnover for the last three years such as annual reports, profit and loss account, net worth etc. along with information as sought in enclosed format F-16
3. Document showing Financial Situation Information as sought in enclosed format F-16
4. Copy of Bidding Documents along with addendum/corrigendum duly signed and sealed on each page, in token of confirmation that Bid Documents are considered in full while preparing the bid and in case of award, work will be executed in accordance with the provisions detailed in Bid Documents.
5. Documentary Evidences showing the Bidder's claim of meeting Technical Criteria as mentioned in Clause 4 of ITB.
6. Bid Security/EMD*
7. Tender Fee*
8. Integrity Pact*
9. Power of Attorney*
10. Duly certified document from chartered engineer and or chartered accountant.

Note:

* In case of e-bidding the bidder has the option to submit specified documents in physical form on/before the bid due date or within seven days from the bid opening date. However, scanned copy of these (same) documents must be submitted on-line as part of e-bid before the bid due date/time.

Place:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

FORMAT F-4

DECLARATION FOR BID SECURITY

Ref.....

Bank Guarantee No.....

Date.....

To,

M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Ltd
Kakinada

SUB:

TENDER NO:

Dear Sir

After examining / reviewing provisions of above referred tender documents (including all corrigendum/ Addenda), we M/s_____ (*Name of Bidder*) have submitted our offer/ bid no.

We, M/s_____ (*Name of Bidder*) hereby understand that, according to your conditions, we are submitting this Declaration for Bid Security.

We understand that we will be put on watch list/holiday/ banning list (as per polices of GGPL. in this regard), if we are in breach of our obligation(s) as per following:

- (a) have withdrawn/modified/amended, impairs or derogates from the tender, my/our Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the form of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the GGPL during the period of bid validity:
 - (i) fail or refuse to execute the Contract, if required, or
 - (ii) fail or refuse to furnish the Contract Performance Security, in accordance provisions of tender document.
 - (iii) fail or refuse to accept 'arithmetical corrections' as per provision of tender document.
- (c) having indulged in corrupt/fraudulent /collusive/coercive practice as per procedure.

Place:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

F-5
LETTER OF AUTHORITY

[Pro forma for Letter of Authority for Attending Subsequent 'Negotiations' / 'Pre-Bid Meetings' / 'Un-priced Bid Opening' / 'Price Bid Opening']

Ref:
To,
M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
Kakinada

Date:

SUB:
TENDER NO:

Dear Sir,

I/We, _____ hereby authorize the following representative(s) for attending any 'Negotiations' / 'Meetings [Pre-Bid Meeting]', 'Un-priced Bid Opening', 'Price Bid Opening' and for any subsequent correspondence / communication against the above Bidding Documents:

[1] Name & Designation _____ Signature _____
Phone/Cell:
Fax:
E-mail: @

[2] Name & Designation _____ Signature _____
Phone/Cell:
Fax:
E-mail: @

We confirm that we shall be bound by all commitments made by aforementioned authorised representative(s).

Place: [Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]
Date: Name:
Designation:
Seal:

Note: This "Letter of Authority" should be on the "**letterhead**" of the Firm / Bidder and should be signed by a person competent and having the 'Power of Attorney' to bind the Bidder. Not more than 'two [02] persons per Bidder' are permitted to attend "Techno-commercial / Un-priced" & "Price Bid" Openings. Bidders authorized representative is required to carry a copy of this authority letter while attending the un-priced and priced bid opening, the same shall be submitted to **Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation**.

F-6
"NO DEVIATION" CONFIRMATION

To,

M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
Kakinada

SUB:

TENDER NO:

Dear Sir,

We understand that any 'deviation / exception' in any form may result in rejection of Bid. We, therefore, certify that we have not taken any 'exception / deviation' anywhere in the Bid and we agree that if any 'deviation / exception' is mentioned or noticed, our Bid may be rejected.

Place:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

F-7
DECLARATION REGARDING HOLIDAY/BANNING AND LIQUIDATION,
COURT RECEIVERSHIP

To,

M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
Kakinada

SUB:

TENDER NO:

Dear Sir,

We hereby confirm that we are noton 'Holiday' by GAIL or Public Sector Project Management Consultant (like EIL, Mecon only due to "poor performance" or "corrupt and fraudulent practices") or banned by Government department/ Public Sector on due date of submission of bid.

Further, we confirm that neither we nor our allied agency/(ies) (as defined in the Procedure for Action in case of Corrupt/ Fraudulent/ Collusive/ Coercive Practices) are on banning list of GAIL or the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

We also confirm that we are not under any liquidation, court receivership or similar proceedings or 'bankruptcy'.

In case it comes to the notice of APGDC that the bidder has given wrong declaration in this regard, the same shall be dealt as 'fraudulent practices' and action shall be initiated as per the Procedure for action in case of Corrupt/Fraudulent/Collusive/Coercive Practices.

Further, we also confirm that in case there is any change in status of the declaration prior to award of contract, the same will be promptly informed to APGDC by us.

Place:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

F-8

CERTIFICATE FOR NON-INVOLVMENT OF GOVT. OF INDIA

To,
M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
Kakinada

SUB:
TENDER NO:

Dear Sir,

If we become a successful Bidder and pursuant to the provisions of the Bidding Documents, award is given to us for the tender for“ _____”,the following Certificate shall be automatically enforceable:

"We agree and acknowledge that the Employer is entering into the Agreement solely on its own behalf and not on behalf of any other person or entity. In particular, it is expressly understood & agreed that the Government of India is not a party to the Agreement and has no liabilities, obligations or rights thereunder. It is expressly understood and agreed that the Employer is authorized to enter into Agreement, solely on its own behalf under the applicable laws of India. We expressly agree, acknowledge and understand that the Employer is not an agent, representative or delegate of the Government of India. It is further understood and agreed that the Government of India is not and shall not be liable for any acts, omissions, commissions, breaches or other wrongs arising out of the Agreement. Accordingly, we hereby expressly waive, release and forego any and all actions or claims, including cross claims, VIP claims or counter claims against the Government of India arising out of the Agreement and covenants not to sue to Government of India as to any manner, claim, cause of action or things whatsoever arising of or under the Agreement."

Place: [Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]
Date: Name:
Designation:
Seal:

F-9
PROFORMA OF "BANK GUARANTEE" FOR "CONTRACT
PERFORMANCE SECURITY / SECURITY DEPOSIT"
(ON NON-JUDICIAL STAMP PAPER OF APPROPRIATE VALUE)

To,
 M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
 Kakinada

Dear Sir(s),

M/s. _____ having registered office at _____ (herein after called the "contractor/supplier" which expression shall wherever the context so require include its successors and assignees) have been placed/ awarded the job/work of _____ vide PO/LOA /FOA No. _____ dated _____ for **Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation** having registered office at(herein after called the "APGDC" which expression shall wherever the context so require include its successors and assignees).

The Contract conditions provide that the SUPPLIER/CONTRACTOR shall pay a sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) as full Contract Performance Guarantee in the form therein mentioned. The form of payment of Contract Performance Guarantee includes guarantee executed by Nationalized Bank/Scheduled Commercial Bank, undertaking full responsibility to indemnify **Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation**, in case of default.

The said M/s. _____ has approached us and at their request and in consideration of the premises we having our office at _____ have agreed to give such guarantee as hereinafter mentioned.

1. We _____ hereby undertake to give the irrevocable & unconditional guarantee to you that if default shall be made by M/s. _____ in performing any of the terms and conditions of the tender/order/contract or in payment of any money payable to **Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation** we shall on first demand pay without demur, contest, protest and/ or without any recourse to the contractor to APGDC in such manner as APGDC may direct the said amount of Rupees _____ only or such portion thereof not exceeding the said sum as you may require from time to time.
2. You will have the full liberty without reference to us and without affecting this guarantee, postpone for any time or from time to time the exercise of any of the powers and rights conferred on you under the order/contract with the said M/s. _____ and to enforce or to forbear from endorsing any powers or rights or by reason of time being given to the said M/s. _____ and such postponement forbearance would

not have the effect of releasing the bank from its obligation under this debt.

3. Your right to recover the said sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) from us in manner aforesaid is absolute & unequivocal and will not be affected or suspended by reason of the fact that any dispute or disputes have been raised by the said M/s. _____ and/or that any dispute or disputes are pending before any officer, tribunal or court or arbitrator or any other authority/forum and any demand made by you in the bank shall be conclusive and binding. The bank shall not be released of its obligations under these presents by any exercise by you of its liberty with reference to matter aforesaid or any of their or by reason or any other act of omission or commission on your part or any other indulgence shown by you or by any other matter or changed what so ever which under law would, but for this provision, have the effect of releasing the bank.
4. The guarantee herein contained shall not be determined or affected by the liquidation or winding up dissolution or changes of constitution or insolvency of the said supplier/contractor but shall in all respects and for all purposes be binding and operative until payment of all money due to you in respect of such liabilities is paid.
5. This guarantee shall be irrevocable and shall remain valid upto _____ (this date should be 90 days after the expiry of defect liability period/ Guarantee period) _____. The bank undertakes not to revoke this guarantee during its currency without your previous consent and further agrees that the guarantee shall continue to be enforceable until it is discharged by APGDC in writing. However, if for any reason, the supplier/contractor is unable to complete the supply/work within the period stipulated in the order/contract and in case of extension of the date of delivery/completion resulting extension of defect liability period/guarantee period of the supplier/contractor fails to perform the supply/work fully, the bank hereby agrees to further extend this guarantee at the instance of the supplier/contractor till such time as may be determined by APGDC. If any further extension of this guarantee is required, the same shall be extended to such required period on receiving instruction from M/s. _____ (contractor) on whose behalf this guarantee is issued.
6. Bank also agrees that APGDC at its option shall be entitled to enforce this Guarantee against the bank (as principal debtor) in the first instant, without proceeding against the supplier/contractor and notwithstanding any security or other guarantee that APGDC may have in relation to the supplier's/contractor's liabilities.
7. The amount under the Bank Guarantee is payable forthwith without any delay by Bank upon the written demand raised by APGDC. Any dispute arising out of or in relation to the said Bank Guarantee shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts at Kakinada.

7. Therefore, we hereby affirm that we are guarantors and responsible to you on behalf of the Supplier/Contractor up to a total amount of _____ (amount of guarantees in words and figures) and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand declaring the Supplier/Contractor to be in default under the order/contract and without caveat or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of (amounts of guarantee) as aforesaid, without your needing to prove or show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein.
8. We have power to issue this guarantee in your favor under Memorandum and Articles of Association and the undersigned has full power to do under the Power of Attorney, dated _____ granted to him by the Bank.

Yours faithfully,

Bank by its Constituted Attorney

Signature of a person duly
Authorized to sign on behalf of
the Bank

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURNISHING
"CONTRACT PERFORMANCE SECURITY / SECURITY DEPOSIT" BY "BANK
GUARANTEE"

1. The Bank Guarantee by successful Bidder(s) will be given on non-judicial stamp paper as per 'stamp duty' applicable. The non-judicial stamp paper should be in name of the issuing bank. In case of foreign bank, the said Bank Guarantee to be issued by its correspondent bank in India on requisite non-judicial stamp paper and place of Bid to be considered as Kakinada.
2. The Bank Guarantee by Bidders will be given from bank as specified in Tender.
3. A letter from the issuing bank of the requisite Bank Guarantee confirming that said Bank Guarantee and all future communication relating to the Bank Guarantee shall be forwarded to Employer.
4. If a Bank Guarantee is issued by a commercial bank, then a letter to Employer and copy to Consultant (if applicable) confirming its net worth is more than Rs. 100,00,00,000.00 [Rupees One Hundred Crores] or its equivalent in foreign currency alongwith documentary evidence.

F-10
AGREED TERMS & CONDITIONS

To
 M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
 Kakinada

Sl.	DESCRIPTION	BIDDER'S CONFIRMATION
1	Bidder's name and address	
2.	Please confirm the currency of quoted prices is in Indian Rupees.	
3.	Confirm quoted prices will remain firm and fixed till complete execution of the order.	
4	Rate of applicable GST	CGST:.....% SGST:.....% IGST:.....% Total :%
4.1	Whether in the instant tender GST is covered in reverse charge rule of Goods and service tax	Yes/ No In case of Yes, please specify GST) payable by: APGDC:.....% Bidder:.....%
5.	i) Confirm acceptance of relevant Terms of Payment specified in the Bid Document. ii) In case of delay, the bills shall be submitted after deducting the price reduction due to delay.	
6.	Confirm that Contract Performance Security will be furnished as per Bid Document.	
7.	Confirm that Contract Performance Security shall be 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, in case of bank guarantees from banks other than the Nationalised Indian banks, the bank must be a commercial bank having net worth in excess of Rs 100 crores and a declaration to this effect shall be made by such commercial bank either in the Bank Guarantee itself or separately on its letterhead.	
8.	Confirm compliance to Completion Schedule as specified in Bid document. Confirm contract period shall be reckoned from the date of Fax of Acceptance.	
9.	Confirm acceptance of Price Reduction Schedule for delay in completion schedule specified in Bid document.	
10.	a) Confirm acceptance of all terms and conditions of Bid Document (all sections). b) Confirm that printed terms and conditions of bidder are not applicable.	

11.	Confirm your offer is valid for period specified in BDS from Final/Extended due date of opening of Techno-commercial Bids.	
12.	Please furnish EMD/Bid Security details : a) EMD/ Bid Security No. & date b) Value c) Validity	
13.	Confirm acceptance to all provisions of ITB read in conjunction with Bid Data Sheet (BDS).	
14.	Confirm that Annual Reports for the last three financial years are furnished along with the Un-priced Bid.	
15.	Confirm that, in case of contradiction between the confirmations provided in this format and terms & conditions mentioned elsewhere in the offer, the confirmations given in this format shall prevail.	
16.	Confirm the none of Directors of bidder is a relative of any Director of Owner or the bidder is a firm in which any Director of Owner/ APGDC or his relative is a partner.	
17.	All correspondence must be in ENGLISH language only.	
18.	Owner reserves the right to make any change in the terms & conditions of the TENDER/BIDDING DOCUMENT and to reject any or all bids.	
19.	Confirm that all Bank charges associated with Bidder's Bank shall be borne by Bidder.	

SUB:

TENDER NO:

This Questionnaire duly filled in, signed & stamped must form part of Bidder's Bid and should be returned along with Un-priced Bid. Clauses confirmed hereunder need not be repeated in the Bid.

Place:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

F-11
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CUM CONSENT LETTER

(On receipt of tender document/information regarding the tender, Bidder shall acknowledge the receipt and confirm his intention to bid or reason for non-participation against the enquiry /tender through e-mail/fax to concerned executive in APGDC issued the tender, by filling up the Format)

To,

M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation

Kakinada

SUB:

TENDER NO:

Dear Sir,

We hereby acknowledge receipt of a complete set of bidding document along with enclosures for subject item/job and/or the information regarding the subject tender.

- We intend to bid as requested for the subject item/job and furnish following details with respect to our quoting office:

Postal Address with Pin Code :

Telephone Number :

Fax Number :

Contact Person :

E-mail Address :

Mobile No. :

Date :

Seal/Stamp :

- We are unable to bid for the reason given below:

Reasons for non-submission of bid:

Agency's Name :

Signature :

Name :

Designation :

Date :

Seal/Stamp :

F-12
UNDERTAKING ON LETTERHEAD

To,

M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
Kakinada

SUB:

TENDER NO:

Dear Sir

We hereby confirm that “The contents of this Tender Document No. _____ have not been modified or altered by M/s.(Name of the bidder with complete address). In case, it is found that the tender document has been modified / altered by the bidder, the bid submitted by M/s.....(Name of the bidder) shall be liable for rejection”.

Place:

Date:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

F-13
BIDDER'S EXPERIENCE

To,

M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation

Kakinada

SUB:

TENDER NO:

Sl. No	Description of the Services	LOA /WO No. and date	Full Address & phone nos. of Client. <i>Name, designation and address of Engineer/ Officer-in-Charge (for cases other than purchase)</i>	Postal & phone nos.	Value of Contract /Order (Specify Currency Amount)	Date of Commencement of Services	Scheduled Completion Time (Months)	Date of Actual Completion	Reasons for delay in execution, if any
(1)	(2)	(3)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	

Place:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

F-14
CHECK LIST

Bidders are requested to duly fill in the checklist. This checklist gives only certain important items to facilitate the bidder to make sure that the necessary data/information as called for in the bid document has been submitted by them along with their offer. This, however, does not relieve the bidder of his responsibilities to make sure that his offer is otherwise complete in all respects.

Please ensure compliance and tick (√) against following points:

S. No.	DESCRIPTION	CHECK BOX	REFERENCE PAGE NO. OF THE BID SUBMITTED
1.0	Digitally Signing (in case of e-bidding)/ Signing and Stamping (in case of manual bidding) on each sheet of offer, original bidding document including SCC, ITB, GCC ,SOR drawings, addendum (if any)		
2.0	Confirm that the following details have been submitted in the Un-priced part of the bid		XXXXXXXXXX
I	Covering Letter, Letter of Submission		
Ii	Bid Security		
Iii	Signed and stamped original copy of bidding document along with drawings and addendum (if any)		
Iv	Power of Attorney in the name of person signing the bid.		
V	Copies of documents defining constitution or legal status, place of registration and principal place of business of the company		
Vi	Bidders declaration that regarding, Holiday/ Banning, liquidation court receivership or similar proceedings		
Vii	Details and documentary proof required against qualification criteria along with complete documents establishing ownership of equipment as per SCC are enclosed		
Viii	Confirm submission of document along with unpriced bid as per bid requirement.		XXXXXXXXXX
3.0	Confirm that all forms duly filled in are		

	enclosed with the bid duly signed by authorised person(s)		
4.0	Confirm that the price part as per Price Schedule format submitted with Bidding Document/ uploaded in case of e-bid.		X
7.0	Confirm that annual reports for last three financial years & duly filled in Form 16 are enclosed in the offer for financial assessment (where financial criteria of BEC is applicable).		

Place:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder]

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Seal:

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FORMAT FOR CERTIFICATE FROM BANK
IF BIDDER'S WORKING CAPITAL IS INADEQUATE/NEGATIVE
(To be provided on Bank's letter head)

Date:

To,
M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
Kakinada

Dear Sir,

This is to certify that M/s (name of the bidder with address) (hereinafter referred to as Customer) is an existing customer of our Bank.

The Customer has informed that they wish to bid for APGDC's RFQ/Tender no. dated for(Name of the supply/work/services/consultancy) and as per the terms of the said RFQ/Tender they have to furnish a certificate from their Bank confirming the availability of line of credit.

Accordingly M/s (name of the Bank with address) confirms availability of line of credit to M/s (name of the bidder) for at least an amount of Rs. _____

It is also confirmed that the net worth of the Bank is more than Rs. 100 Crores (or Equivalent USD) and the undersigned is authorized to issue this certificate.

Yours truly

for (Name & address of Bank)

(Authorized signatory)

Name of the signatory :

Designation :

Stamp

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FORMAT FOR CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT CERTIFICATE/ CERTIFIED
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (CPA) FOR FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF THE
BIDDER

We have verified the Audited Financial Statements and other relevant records of M/s..... (Name of the bidder) and certify the following:

A. AUDITED ANNUAL TURNOVER* OF LAST 3 YEARS:

Year	Amount (Currency)
Year 1:	
Year 2:	
Year 3:	

B. NETWORTH* AS PER LAST AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Description	Year _____
	Amount (Currency)
1. Net Worth	

C. WORKING CAPITAL* AS PER LAST AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Description	Year _____
	Amount (Currency)
1. Current Assets	
2. Current Liabilities	
3. Working Capital (Current Assets-Current liabilities)	

****Refer Instructions***

Note: It is further certified that the above mentioned applicable figures are matching with the returns filed with Registrar of Companies (ROC) [Applicable only in case of Indian Companies]

Name of Audit Firm:
 Chartered Accountant/CPA
 Date:

[Signature of Authorized Signatory]
 Name:
 Designation:
 Seal:

Membership No.:

Instructions:

1. The Separate Pro-forma shall be used for each member in case of JV/ Consortium.
2. The financial year would be the same as one normally followed by the bidder for its Annual Report.
3. The bidder shall provide the audited annual financial statements as required for this Tender document. Failure to do so would result in the Proposal being considered as non- responsive.
4. For the purpose of this Tender document:
 - (i) **Annual Turnover** shall be “Sale Value/ Operating Income”
 - (ii) **Working Capital** shall be “Current Assets less Current liabilities” and
 - (iii) **Net Worth** shall be Paid up share capital plus Free Reserves & Surplus less accumulated losses, deferred expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure not written off, if any.
5. **Above figures shall be calculated after considering the qualification, if any, made by the statutory auditor on the audited financial statements of the bidder including quantified financial implication.**
6. This certificate is to be submitted on the letter head of Chartered Accountant/CPA.

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~~(TO BE INCLUDED ONLY WHERE CONSORTIUM/JV ARE
ALLOWED)~~

~~FORMAT FOR CONSORTIUM/JV AGREEMENT
(ON NON-JUDICIAL STAMP PAPER OF APPROPRIATE VALUE)~~

CONSORTIUM/JV AGREEMENT

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BIDDER'S QUERIES FOR PRE BID MEETING

To,
 M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation
 Kakinada

Sub :
 Tender No :

SL. NO.	REFERENCE OF BIDDING DOCUMENT				BIDDER'S QUERY	APGDC'S REPLY
	SEC. NO.	Page No.	Clause No.	Subject		

NOTE: The Pre-Bid Queries may be sent by fax and also by e-mail before due date for receipt of Bidder's queries.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER: _____

NAME OF BIDDER : _____

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E-Banking Mandate Form

(To be issued on vendors letter head)

1. Vendor/customer Name :
2. Vendor/customer Code:
3. Vendor /customer Address:
4. Vendor/customer e-mail id:
5. Particulars of bank account
 - a) Name of Bank
 - b) Name of branch
 - c) Branch code:
 - d) Address:
 - e) Telephone number:
 - f) Type of account (current/saving etc.)
 - g) Account Number:
 - h) RTGS IFSC code of the bank branch
 - i) NEFT IFSC code of the bank branch
 - j) 9 digit MICR code

I/We hereby authorize ***Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation*** to release any amount due to me/us in the bank account as mentioned above. I/We hereby declare that the particulars given above are correct and complete. If the transaction is delayed or lost because of incomplete or incorrect information, we would not hold the ***Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation*** responsible.

(Signature of vendor/customer)

BANK CERTIFICATE

We certify that ----- has an Account no. -----
with us and we confirm that the details given above are correct as per our records.
Bank stamp

Date
bank)

(Signature of authorized officer of

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INTEGRITY PACT**

NOT APPLICABLE

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INDEMNITY BOND

WHERE AS *Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation*. (hereinafter referred to as “**APGDC**”) which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context include its successors and assigns, having its registered office at Door No. 70-14-5/1, Floor/Room number: Siddarth Nagar, Near RTO office, City: Kakinada- 533001, East Godavari Dist., Andhra Pradesh has entered into a contract with M/s*..... (hereinafter referred to as the “**Contractor**”) which expression shall unless repugnant to the context include its representatives, successors and assigns, having its registered office at *..... and on the terms and conditions as set out, inter-alia in the [*mention the work order/LOA/Tender No.*]and various documents forming part thereof, hereinafter collectively referred to as the ‘**CONTRACT**’ which expression shall include all amendments, modifications and / or variations thereto.

APGDC has also advised the Contractor to execute an Indemnity Bond in general in favour of APGDC indemnifying APGDC and its employees and Directors including Independent Directors from all consequences which may arise out of any prospective litigation or proceedings filed or may be initiated by any third party, including any Banker / financial institution / worker(s) / vendor(s)/ subcontractor(s) etc. who may have been associated or engaged by the Contractor directly or indirectly with or without consent of APGDC for above works.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises aforesaid, the Contractor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to indemnify and keep indemnified APGDC and all its employees, Directors, including Independent Directors, from and against all/any claim(s), damages, loss, which may arise out of any litigations/ liabilities that may be raised by the Contractor or any third party against APGDC under or in relation to this contract. The Contractor undertakes to compensate and pay to APGDC and/or any of its employees, Directors including Independent Directors, forth with on demand without any protest the amount claimed by APGDC for itself and for and on behalf of its employees, Directors including Independent Directors together with direct/indirect expenses including all legal expenses incurred by them or any of them on account of such litigation or proceedings.

AND THE CONTRACTOR hereby further agrees with APGDC that:

- (i) This Indemnity shall remain valid and irrevocable for all claims of APGDCL and/or any of its employees and Directors including Independent Directors arising out of said contract with respect to any such litigation / court case for which APGDC and/or its employees and Directors including Independent Directors has been made party until now or here-in-after.
- (ii) This Indemnity shall not be discharged/revoked by any change/ modification/amendment/assignment of the contract or any merger of the Contractor with other entity or any change in the constitution/structure of the

Contractor's firm/Company or any conditions thereof including insolvency etc. of the Contractor, but shall be in all respects and for all purposes binding and operative until any/all claims for payment of APGDC are settled by the Contractor and/or APGDC discharges the Contractor in writing from this Indemnity.

The undersigned has full power to execute this Indemnity Bond for and on behalf of the Contractor and the same stands valid.

SIGNED BY :

For [Contractor]

Authorised Representative

Place:

Dated:

Witnesses:

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- 2.

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SECTION – I DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATIONS

1.1 Definition of Terms:

In this Contract (as defined here-in-after), save where the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them:

"Approved" means approval in writing including subsequent written confirmation of previous verbal approval(s).

The "Bid /Tender/Offer" means the proposal along with required supporting documents submitted by the Bidder/Service Provider for consideration by the Employer.

The 'Bidder/Tenderer" means the person(s) / Firm / company /Corporation /Organization/entity, who participated in the Tender.

"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.

"Completion Date" means the date of actual completion of the services by the Service Provider as certified by the Employer.

"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.

"Contract Documents" means collectively the Tender Documents, Designs, Drawings, Scope of Services, Specifications, Schedule of Rates (SOR), Letter of Acceptance and agreed variations if any, and such other documents constituting the tender and acceptance thereof.

"Day" means a calendar day of 24 hours from midnight to midnight irrespective of the number of hours serviced in that day.

"Demobilization" means removal of all equipment, machinery, manpower from the site after completion of the services with the due permission of EIC.

"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.

The "Employer/Service Receiver/ Company/Owner" means Andhra Pradesh Gas



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Distribution Corporation Limited (APGDC), a public limited company, incorporated under the Company's Act 1956 and having its Registered office at D. No. 70-14-5/1, Siddarth Nagar, Near RTO Office, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh and includes its successors, assigns and Site(s)/work center(s).

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.

"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.

"Fax of Acceptance" means intimation regarding notification of award by the Employer to the successful Bidder/Service Provider through a Fax/ Letter conveying that the Tender/Bid/Offer has been accepted in accordance with the provisions contained therein.

"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.

"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.

"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.

"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.

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.

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).

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“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.

“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.

“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.

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.

"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.

"Week" means a period of any consecutive seven Days.

“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.

“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:

- i) The Contract Agreement
- ii) Detailed Letter of Acceptance along with its enclosures
- iii) Fax of Acceptance
- iv) Scope of Works/ Job Specifications (specific to particular job only, wherever provided)
- v) Drawings
- vi) Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)

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- vii) Technical Specifications (wherever applicable)
- viii) Instructions to Bidders (ITB)
- ix) General Conditions of Contract (GCC)
- x) 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.

- 1.34 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.
- 1.35 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.

SECTION – 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 Fax of Acceptance (FOA).
- 2.1.3 The Contract shall come into force on the date of FOA 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 FOA 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 LIABILITY OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA:

- 2.4.1 It is expressly understood and agreed by and between Bidder /Service Provider and Employer that Employer is entering into this agreement solely on its own behalf and not on behalf of any other person or entity. In particular, it is expressly understood and agreed that the Government of India is not a party to this agreement and has no liabilities, obligations or rights hereunder. It is expressly understood and agreed that Employer is an independent legal entity with power and authority to enter into Contracts solely on its own behalf under the applicable Laws of India and general principles of Contract Law. The Bidder/Service Provider expressly agrees, acknowledges and understands that Employer is not an agent, representative or delegate of the Government of India. It is further understood and agreed that the Government of India is not and shall not be liable

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for any acts, omissions, commissions, breaches or other wrongs arising out of the Contract. Accordingly, Bidder/Service Provider hereby expressly waives, releases and foregoes any and all actions or claims, including cross claims, impleader claims or counter claims against the Government of India arising out of this Contract and covenants

not to sue to Government of India as to any manner, claim, cause of action or thing whatsoever arising of or under this agreement/Contract.

2.5 SITE VISIT:

- 25.1 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.

2.6 ACTION IN CASE OF CORRUPT/ FRAUDULENT/ COLLUSIVE/ COERCIVE PRACTICES AND POOR PERFORMANCE:

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

- (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.

The Procedure is enclosed as Appendix 1 to this GCC.

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

- (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).

The Procedure is enclosed as Appendix 2 to this GCC.

2.7 RETIRED GOVERNMENT OR EMPLOYER'S OFFICERS:

- 27.1 No Employee/Officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the States/ Central Government or of the Employer is allowed to service as a Service Provider for a period of one year after his retirement /resignation /severance from Government Service or from the employment of the Employer without the previous permission of the Employer. The Contract, if awarded, is liable to be terminated if either the Service Provider or any of his employees is found at any time to

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be such a person, who has not obtained the permission of the State/Central Government or of the Employer as aforesaid before submission of tender, or engagement in the Service Provider's service as the case may be.

2.8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

281 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.

2.9 ABNORMAL RATES:

291 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).

292 In case of Abnormally High Rated (AHR) item(s), the same shall be dealt as per AHR clause in the SCC (as applicable).

2.10 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDER:

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

2.101 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.

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

2.103 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.

2.104 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.

- 2105 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.
- 2106 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.

2.11 SERVICE PROVIDER's REPRESENTATIVE & PERSONNEL:

- 2111 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.
- 2112 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.
- 2113 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.
- 2114 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.

2115 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.

- 2116 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.
- 2117 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.

2.12 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.

2.13 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE SECURITY (CPS):

- 2131 The Service Provider shall provide Contract Performance Security (CPS) to the Employer, within 30 days from the date of notification of award (i.e. FOA/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.
- 2132 The Service Provider shall furnish the CPS in the form of a Demand Draft or a Bank Guarantee or an irrevocable Letter of Credit 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 or

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the Letter of Credit shall be submitted in the prescribed format.

- 2.133 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.

2.134 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/LC (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.

2.135 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/LC to effect the enhancement of CPS.

2.136 Failure of the successful bidder to comply with the requirements of Clause 2.13 shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, the forfeiture of CPS and any other actions or remedies available to the Employer.

2.14 FAILURE BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT:

2.14.1 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

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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.

2.142 In such events of Clause 2.14.1(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.

2.143 Before taking any action as per Clause 2.14.1(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.

2.144 The Employer shall also have the right to proceed or take action as per 2.14.1(a) or (b) above, in the event that the Service Provider becomes bankrupt, insolvent, compounds

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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.

2.145 Termination of the Contract as provided for in sub- clause 2.14.1(a) above shall not prejudice or affect their rights of the Employer which may have accrued upto the date of such termination.

2.15 SERVICE PROVIDER REMAINS LIABLE TO PAY COMPENSATION IF ACTION NOT TAKEN UNDER CLAUSE 2.14

2.15.1 If in any case in which any of the powers conferred upon the Employer by clause 2.14 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 2.14 (a) or 2.14 (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.

2.16 CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION:

2.16.1 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 2.23 hereof.

2.17 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

2171 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.

2172 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.

2173 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 APGDC. The detailed procedure for banning including suspension in this regard may be referred as enclosed as Appendix 1.

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 may be referred as enclosed as Appendix 2.

2.17.4 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.

2.18 AMOUNT PAYABLE IN CASE OF TERMINATION:

2.18.1 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.

2.19 MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYER NOT INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE:

2.19.1 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.

2.20 EMPLOYER NOT BOUND BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS:

220.1 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.

2.21 FORCE MAJEURE:

221.1 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.

221.2 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.

2213 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.

2214 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.

2215 Time for performance of the relative obligation suspended by the Force Majeure shall then stand extended by the period for which such cause lasts.

2216 Outbreak of War:

If during the currency of the Contract there shall be an out break 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 endeavour to complete the execution of the Work/Services, provided always that the Employer shall be entitled, at any time after such out break 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.

2.22 PRICE REDUCTION SCHEDULE:

2221 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 2.21 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.

2222 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.

2223 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.

2224 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, APGDC will release the payment to Service Provider after effecting the Price Reduction Schedule clause.

In the event any financial implication arises on APGDC 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.

2.23 ASSIGNMENT/SUBLET:

223.1 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.

2232 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.

2233 Sub-letting of whole Contract is prohibited. An undertaking to this effect will be given by Service Provider along with each invoice/ bill.

2.24 LIENS:

2241 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.

2242 The Employer shall have lien on all materials, equipments including those brought by the Service Provider for the purpose of providing service.

2243 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.

2244 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.

2.25 DELAYS BY EMPLOYER OR HIS AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE:

225.1 In case the Service Provider's performance is delayed due to any act or omission on the part of the Employer or his authorized Representative, then the Service Provider shall be given due extension of time for the completion of the Service, to the extent such omission on the part of the Employer has caused delay in the Service Provider's performance of his Services.

225.2 No adjustment in Contract Price shall be allowed for reasons of such delays and extensions granted except as provided in Tender Document, where the Employer reserves the right to seek indulgence of Service Provider to maintain the agreed Time Schedule of

Completion. In such an event the Service Provider shall be obliged to provide Service for additional time beyond stipulated time including Off-days / Holidays or by enhancing resources to achieve the completion date/interim targets.

2.26 NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS:

226.1 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.

2.27 CERTIFICATE NOT TO AFFECT RIGHT OF EMPLOYER AND LIABILITY OF SERVICE PROVIDER:

227.1 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.

2.28 LANGUAGE AND MEASURES:

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

2.29 RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

229.1 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.

2.30 COMPLETION PERIOD, CONTRACT PERIOD AND COMPLETION OF CONTRACT:

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

230.2 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.

2.31 INDEPENDENT CAPACITY

231.1 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.

2.32 NOTICE

232.1 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 facsimile / 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.

232.2 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 facsimile / e-mail or delivering the same through registered post /Courier at the concerned site office.

- 2323 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.

2.33 CONFIDENTIALITY:

The Service Provider, it's 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.

2.34 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.

SECTION - 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:

- 321 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.
- 322 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:

- 331 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:

- 34.1 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.
- 34.2 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:

- 35.1 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.
- 35.2 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/warrantees for the replaced/rectified Equipment/Service shall also be passed on to the Employer.

3.6 COMPLETION CERTIFICATE:

3.61 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.

3.62 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.

3.63 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

3.64 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:

- 37.1 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

- 38.1 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:

- 39.1 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.

SECTION – 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.

423 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.

424 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.

425 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.

426 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.

4.27 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:

Following procedures shall be adopted for billing of services executed by the Service Provider.

4.3.1.1 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 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of certification by the Engineer-in-Charge.

4.3.1.2 **COMPUTERISED BILLING SYSTEM:** APGDC Limited has introduced Computerised Billing System whereby whenever the Bill(s) are submitted in APGDC by a Service Provider, a receipt number is usually generated. The Service Provider may also know the status of the Bill through APGDC's website.

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.

454 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.

- 455 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.

456 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.

45.7 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.

45.8 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.

45.9 **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”.

45.10 **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.

- 4.62 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.

- 4.63 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.

472 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:

481 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.

482 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.

483 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.

4.84 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. Third party liability risk shall be Rupees One lakh for single accident and limited to Rupees Ten lakhs.
- 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.

SECTION – 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 thereunder 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 thereunder 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- fulfilment 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 C.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.

SECTION – VI

6.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ARBITRATION:

6.1 DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

- 6.1.1 APGDC Limited has framed the Conciliation Rules 2010 in conformity with supplementary to Part – III of the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 for speedier, cost effective and amicable settlement of disputes through conciliation. A copy of the said rules made available on APGDC's web site www.apgdc.in for reference. Unless otherwise specified, the matters where decision of the Engineer-in-Charge is deemed to be final and binding as provided in the Contract and the issues/disputes which cannot be mutually resolved within a reasonable time, all disputes shall be settled in accordance with the Conciliation Rules 2010.
- 6.1.2 Any dispute(s)/difference(s)/issue(s) of any kind whatsoever between/amongst the Parties arising under/out of/in connection with this Contract shall be settled in accordance with the aforesaid rules.
- 6.1.3 In case of any dispute(s)/difference(s)/issue(s), a Party shall notify the other Party (ies) in writing about such a dispute(s) / difference(s) / issue(s) between / amongst the Parties and that such a Party wishes to refer the dispute(s)/ difference(s)/issue(s) to Conciliation. Such Invitation for Conciliation shall contain sufficient information as to the dispute(s)/difference(s)/issue(s) to enable the other Party (ies) to be fully informed as to the nature of the dispute(s)/ difference(s) /issue(s), the amount of monetary claim, if any, and apparent cause(s) of action.
- 6.1.4 Conciliation proceedings commence when the other Party(ies) accept(s) the invitation to conciliate and confirmed in writing. If the other Party (ies) reject(s) the invitation, there will be no conciliation proceedings.
- 6.1.5 If the Party initiating conciliation does not receive a reply within thirty days from the date on which he/she sends the invitation, or within such other period of time as specified in the invitation, he/she may elect to treat this as a rejection of the invitation to conciliate. If he/she so elects, he/she shall inform the other Party(ies) accordingly.
- 6.1.6 Where Invitation for Conciliation has been furnished, the Parties shall attempt to settle such dispute(s) amicably under Part-III of the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and APGDC Limited Conciliation Rules, 2010. It would be only after exhausting the option of Conciliation as an Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism that the Parties hereto shall go for Arbitration in terms of clause no. 6.2. For the purpose of this clause, the option of 'Conciliation' shall be deemed to have been exhausted, even in case of

rejection of 'Conciliation' by any of the Parties.

- 6.1.7 The cost of Conciliation proceedings including but not limited to fees for Conciliator(s), Airfare, Local Transport, Accommodation, cost towards conference facility etc. shall be borne by the Parties in equal share.
- 6.1.8 The Parties shall freeze claim(s) of interest, if any, and shall not claim the same during the pendency of Conciliation proceedings. The Settlement Agreement, as and when reached/agreed upon, shall be signed between the Parties and Conciliation proceedings shall stand terminated on the date of the Settlement Agreement.

6.2 ARBITRATION:

- 6.2.1 If the issues/disputes which cannot be resolved through dispute resolution mechanism pursuant to clause no. 6.1, all disputes such shall be referred to arbitration by Sole Arbitrator. The Employer shall suggest a panel of three independent and distinguished persons to the /Service Provider to select any one among them to act as the Sole Arbitrator. In the event of failure of the other parties to select the Sole Arbitrator within 30 days from the receipt of the communication suggesting the panel of arbitrators, the right of selection of the sole arbitrator by the other party shall stand forfeited and the Employer shall have discretion to proceed with the appointment of the Sole Arbitrator. The decision of Employer on the appointment of the sole arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties. The award of sole arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties and unless directed/awarded otherwise by the sole arbitrator, the cost of arbitration proceedings shall be shared equally by the parties. The Arbitration proceedings shall be in English language and seat/venue shall be New Delhi, India. Subject to the above, the provisions of Indian Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996 and the Rules and amendment thereof shall be applicable. All matter relating to this Contract are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the court situated in the state of Delhi.

Contractor may please note that the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996 was enacted by the Indian Parliament and is based on United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL model law), which were prepared after extensive consultation with Arbitral Institutions and centers of International Commercial Arbitration. The United Nations General Assembly vide resolution 31/98 adopted the UNCITRAL Arbitration rules on 15 December 1976.

Notwithstanding anything contained contrary in GCC and other Contract Documents, in case it is found that the Bidder/Service Provider indulged in fraudulent/ coercive practices at the time of bidding or during execution of the contract as mentioned in "Procedure for action in case of Corrupt/ Fradulent/ Collusive /Coersive Practices", the Service Provider / Bidder shall be banned (in terms of aforesaid procedure) from the date of issuance of such order for banning.

The Bidder/Service Provider understands and agrees that in such cases of banning, the decision of Employer shall be final and binding on such Bidder/Service Provider and the

Arbitration Clause mentioned in the GCC and other Contract Documents shall not be applicable for any issue /dispute arising in the matter.

6.2.2 SETTLEMENT OF COMMERCIAL DISPUTES BETWEEN PUBLIC SECTOR ENTERPRISE(S) INTER SE AND PUBLIC SECTOR ENTERPRISE(S) AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT (S) THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISM FOR RESOLUTION OF CPSEs DISPUTES (AMRCD) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES:

In the event of any dispute or difference relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of commercial contract(s) between Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) inter se and also between CPSEs and Government Departments / Organizations (excluding disputes concerning Railways, Income Tax, Customs & Excise Departments), such dispute or difference shall be taken up by either party for resolution through AMRCD as mentioned in DPE OM No. 4(1)/2013-DPE (GM) / FTS-1835 dated 22.05.2018.

6.3 JURISDICTION:

6.3.1 The Contract shall be governed by and constructed according to the laws in force in India. The Service Provider hereby submits to the jurisdiction of the Courts situated at New Delhi/Delhi only for the purposes of disputes, actions and proceedings arising out of the Contract and it is agreed that the Courts at New Delhi/Delhi only will have the exclusive jurisdiction to hear and decide such disputes, actions and proceedings.

6.4 CONTINUANCE OF THE CONTRACT:

Notwithstanding the fact that settlement of dispute(s) (if any) may be pending, the parties hereto shall continue to be governed by and perform the Services in accordance with the provisions under this Contract.

Appendix -1

**PROCEDURE FOR ACTION IN CASE OF CORRUPT
/FRAUDULENT/COLLUSIVE/COERCIVE PRACTICES**

A Definitions:

A.1 “Corrupt Practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to improperly influence the actions in selection process or in contract execution.

“Corrupt Practice” also includes any omission for misrepresentation that may mislead or attempt to mislead so that financial or other benefit may be obtained or an obligation avoided.

A2 “Fraudulent Practice” means and include any act or omission committed by a agency or with his connivance or by his agent by misrepresenting/ submitting false documents and/ or false information or concealment of facts or to deceive in order to influence a selection process or during execution of Contract/ order.

A3 “Collusive Practice amongst bidders (prior to or after bid submission)” means a scheme or arrangement designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Employer of the benefits of free and open competition.

A.4 “Coercive practice” means impairing or harming or threatening to impair or harm directly or indirectly, any agency or its property to influence the improperly actions of an agency, obstruction of any investigation or auditing of a procurement process.

A.5 “Bidder/Service Provider” is herein after referred as “Agency”

A.6 ”Appellate Authority” shall mean Employer’s committee of Directors consisting of Director (Finance) and Director (BD) for works centers under Director (Projects). For all other cases committee of Directors shall consist of Director (Finance) & Director (Projects).

A.7 “Competent Authority” shall mean the authority, who is competent to take final decision for Suspension of business dealing with an Agency/ ies and Banning of business dealings with Agency/ iesand shall be the “Director” concerned.

A.8 “Allied Agency” shall mean all the concerns within the sphere of effective influence of banned/ suspended agencies. In determining this, the following factors may be taken into consideration:

(a) Whether the management is common;

- (b) Majority interest in the management is held by the partners or directors of banned/ suspended firm.
- (c) substantial or majority shares are owned by banned/ suspended agency and by virtue of this it has a controlling voice.

A.9 “Investigating Agency” shall mean any department or unit of APGDC investigating into the conduct of Agency/ party and shall include the Vigilance Department of the APGDC, Central Bureau of Investigation, State Police or any other agency set up by the Central or state government having power to investigate.

B Actions against bidder(s) indulging in corrupt /fraudulent/ collusive/ coercive practice

B.1 Irregularities noticed during the evaluation of the bids:

If it is observed during bidding process/ bids evaluation stage that a bidder has indulged in corrupt/fraudulent /collusive/coercive practice, the bid of such Bidder (s) shall be rejected and its Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be forfeited.

Further, such agency shall be banned for future business with APGDC for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

B.2 Irregularities noticed after award of Contract

(i) During execution of contract:

If an agency, is found to have indulged in corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practices, during execution of Contract, the Agency shall be banned for future business with APGDC for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

The concerned order (s)/ contract(s) where corrupt/fraudulent/collusive practices is observed, shall be suspended with immediate effect by EIC/ Employer whereby the supply/ work/ service and payment etc. will be suspended. The action shall be initiated for putting the Agency on banning.

After conclusion of process, the order (s)/ contract (s) where it is concluded that such irregularities have been committed shall be terminated and Contract cum Performance Bank Guarantee (CPBG) /CPS submitted by Agency against such order (s)/ contract (s) shall also be forfeited. The amount that may have become due to the contractor on account of work already executed by him shall be payable to the contractor and this amount shall be subject to adjustment against any amounts due from the Service Provider under the terms of the Contract.

No risk and cost provision will be enforced in such cases.

(ii) After execution of Contract and during Defect Liability Period (DLP)/ Warranty/Guarantee Period:

If an Agency is found to have indulged in corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practices, after execution of contract and during DLP/ Warranty/Guarantee

Period, the Agency shall be banned for future business with APGDC for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

Further, the Contract cum Performance Bank Guarantee (CPBG)/CPS submitted by Agency against such order (s)/ contract (s) shall be forfeited.

(iii) After expiry of Defect liability period (DLP)/ Warranty/Guarantee Period

If an Agency is found to have indulged in corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practices, after expiry of Defect liability period (DLP)/ Warranty/Guarantee Period, the Agency shall be banned for future business with APGDC for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

B.2.2 Period of Banning

The period of banning of agencies indulged in Corrupt/Fraudulent/Collusive/Coercive Practices shall be as under and to be reckoned from the date of banning order:

Sl. No.	Description	Period of banning from the date of issuance of Banning Order
1	<p>Misrepresentation/False information other than pertaining to BEC of tender but having impact on the selection process.</p> <p>For example, if an agency confirms not being in holiday/ banning list of PSUs/ Govt. Dept., liquidation, bankruptcy & etc. and subsequently it is found otherwise, such acts shall be considered in this category.</p>	02 years

2	Corrupt/Fraudulent (pertaining to BEC of tender) /Collusive/Coercive Practices	03 years
2.1	<p>If an agency again commits Corrupt/Fraudulent (pertaining to BEC of tender) /Collusive/ Coercive Practices in subsequent cases after their banning, such situation of repeated offense to be dealt with more severity and following shall be the period of banning:</p> <p>(i) Repeated once</p> <p>(vi) Repeated twice or more</p>	<p>7 years (in addition to the period already served)</p> <p>15 years (in addition to the period already served)</p>
3	Indulged in unauthorized disposal of materials provided by APGDC	7 years
4	If act of vendor/ contractor is a threat to the National Security	15 years

C Effect of banning on other ongoing contracts/ tenders

- C.1 If an Agency is put on Banning, such Agency should not be considered in ongoing tenders/future tenders.
- C.2 However, if such an Agency is already executing other order (s)/ contract (s) where no corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practice is found, the Agency should be allowed to continue till its completion without any further increase in scope except those incidental to original scope mentioned in the contract.
- C.3 If an Agency is put on the Banning List during tendering and no irregularity is found in the case under process:
- C.3.1 after issue of the enquiry /bid/tender but before opening of Technical bid, the bid submitted by the Agency shall be ignored.
- C.3.2 after opening Technical bid but before opening the Price bid, the Price bid of the Agency shall not be opened and BG/EMD submitted by the Agency shall be returned to the Agency.
- C.3.3 after opening of price, BG/EMD made by the Agency shall be returned; the offer of the Agency shall be ignored & will not be further evaluated. If the Agency is put on banning list for fraud/ mis-appropriation of facts committed in the same tender/other tender where errant Agency emerges as the lowest (L1), then such tender shall also be cancelled and re-invited.

D. Procedure for Suspension of Bidder

D.1 Initiation of Suspension

Action for suspension business dealing with any agency/(ies) shall be initiated when

- (i) Corporate Vigilance Department, APGDC based on the fact of the case gathered during investigation by them recommend for specific immediate action against the Agency.
- (ii) Corporate Vigilance Department, APGDC based on the input from Investigating agency, forward for specific immediate action against the Agency.
- (iii) Non performance of Bidder/Service Provider leading to termination of Contract/ Order.

D.2 Suspension Procedure:

- D2.1 The order of suspension would operate initially for a period not more than six months and shall be communicated to the Agency and also to Corporate Vigilance Department. Period of suspension can be extended with the approval of the Competent Authority by one month at a time with a ceiling of six months pending a conclusive decision to put the Agency on banning list.
- D2.2 During the period of suspension, no new business dealing shall be held with the Agency.
- D2.3 Period of suspension shall be accounted for in the final order passed for banning of business with the Agency.
- D2.4 The decision regarding suspension of business dealings shall also be communicated to the Agency.

D 3 Effect of Suspension of business:

Effect of suspension on other on-going/future tenders will be as under:

- D3.1 No enquiry/bid/tender shall be entertained from an Agency as long as the name of Agency appears in the Suspension List.
- D3.2 If an Agency is put on the Suspension List during tendering:
 - D3.2.1 after issue of the enquiry /bid/tender but before opening of Technical bid, the bid submitted by the Agency shall be ignored.
 - D3.2.2 after opening Technical bid but before opening the Price bid, the Price bid of the Agency shall not be opened and BG/EMD submitted by the Agency shall be returned to the Agency.
 - D3.2.3 after opening of price, BG/EMD made by the Agency shall be returned; the offer of the Agency shall be ignored & will not be further evaluated. If the Agency is put on Suspension list for fraud/ mis-appropriation of facts conducted in the same

tender/other tender where errant Agency emerges as the lowest (L1), then such tender shall also be cancelled and re-invited.

D33 The existing contract (s)/ order (s) under execution shall continue.

D34 Tenders invited for procurement of goods, works, services and consultancy services shall have provision that the bidder shall submit a undertaking to the effect that (i) neither the bidder themselves nor their allied Agency/(ies) are on banning list of APGDC or the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and (ii) bidder is not banned by any Government department/ Public Sector.

F. Appeal against the Decision of the Competent Authority:

F1 The Agency may file an appeal against the order of the Competent Authority for putting the Agency on banning list. The appeal shall be filed to Appellate Authority. Such an appeal shall be preferred within one month from the of receipt of banning order.

F2 Appellate Authority would consider the appeal and pass appropriate order which shall be communicated to the party as well as the Competent Authority.

F3 Appeal process may be completed within 45 days of filing of appeal with the Appellate Authority.

G. Wherever there is contradiction with respect to terms of ‘Integrity pact’ , GCC and ‘Procedure for action in case of Corrupt/Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practice’, the provisions of ‘Procedure for action in case of Corrupt/Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practice’ shall prevail.

Appendix 2

PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF VENDORS/ SUPPLIERS/ CONTRACTORS/ CONSULTANTS

1.0 GENERAL

A system for evaluation of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants (*referred elsewhere as “Service Provider”*) and their performance is a key process and important to support an effective purchasing & contracting function of an organization.

Performance of all participating Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants need to be closely monitored to ensure timely receipt of supplies from a Vendor, completion of an assignment by a Consultant or complete execution of order by a contractor within scheduled completion period. For timely execution of projects and meeting the operation & maintenance requirement of operating plants, it is necessary to monitor the execution of order or contracts right from the award stage to completion stage and take corrective measures in time.

2.0 **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of Evaluation of Performance aims to recognize, and develop reliable Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants so that they consistently meet or exceed expectations and requirements.

The purpose of this procedure is to put in place a system to monitor performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants associated with APGDC so as to ensure timely completion of various projects, timely receipt of supplies including completion of works & services for operation and maintenance of operating plants and quality standards in all respects.

3.0 **METHODOLOGY**

i) Preparation of Performance Rating Data Sheet

Performance rating data Sheet for each and every Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant for all orders/Contracts with a value of Rs. 7 Lakhs and above is recommended to be drawn up. These data sheets are to be separately prepared for orders/ contracts related to Projects and O&M. Format, Parameters, Process, responsibility for preparation of Performance Rating Data Sheet are separately mentioned.

ii) Measurement of Performance

Based on the parameters defined in Data Sheet, Performance of concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant would be computed and graded

accordingly. The measurement of the performance of the Party would be its ability to achieve the minimum scoring of 60% points in the given parameters.

iii) Initiation of Measures:

Depending upon the Grading of Performance, corrective measures would be initiated by taking up the matter with concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant. Response of Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant would be considered before deciding further course of action.

iv) Implementation of Corrective Measures:

Based on the response of Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant, concerned Engineer-in-Charge for the Projects and/or OIC in case of O&M would

recommend for continuation or discontinuation of such party from the business of APGDC.

- v) Orders/contracts placed on Proprietary/OEM basis for O&M will be evaluated and, if required, corrective action will be taken for improvement in future.

4.0 EXCLUSIONS:

The following would be excluded from the scope of evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants:

- i) Orders/ Contracts below the value of Rs. 7 Lakhs.
- ii) One time Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant.
- iii) Orders for Misc./Administrative items/ Non stock Non valued items.

However, concerned Engineer-in-Charge /OICs will continue to monitor such cases so as to minimize the impact on Projects/O&M plants due to non performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in all such cases.

5.0 PROCESS OF EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF VENDORS/ SUPPLIERS/ CONTRACTORS/ CONSULTANTS

5.1 FOR PROJECTS

- i) Evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in case of PROJECTS shall be done immediately with commissioning of any Project.
- ii) On commissioning of any Project, EIC (Engineer-in-charge)/ Project-in-charge shall prepare a Performance Rating Data Sheet (Format at Annexure-1) for all Orders and Contracts.
- iii) Depending upon the Performance Rating, following action shall be initiated by Engineer-in-charge/Project-in-charge:

Sl.No.	Performance Rating	Action
1	POOR	Seek explanation for Poor performance
2	FAIR	Seek explanation for Fair performance
3	GOOD	Letter to the concerned for improving performance in future
4	VERY GOOD	No further action

- iv) Reply from concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall be

examined. In case of satisfactory reply, Performance Rating data Sheet to be closed with a letter to the concerned for improving performance in future.

- v) When no reply is received or reasons indicated are unsatisfactory, the following actions need to be taken:

A) Where Performance rating is “POOR”:

Recommend such defaulting Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant for putting on Holiday for a period from one to three years as given below:

- (i) Poor Performance due to reasons other than Quality : **One Year**
- (ii) Poor Performance on account of Quality (if any mark obtained against Quality parameter is less than 30): **Two Years**
- (iii) Poor Performance leading to termination of contract or Offloading of contract due to poor performance solely attributable to Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant or Repeated Offence: **Three Years**

Non performance of a Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant leading to termination of Contract/ Order, such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant are also to be considered for Suspension.

(B) Where Performance rating is “FAIR”:

Issuance of warning to such defaulting Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant to improve their performance.

5.2 FOR CONSULTANCY JOBS

Monitoring and Evaluation of consultancy jobs will be carried out in the same way as described in para 5.1 for Projects.

5.3 FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

- i) Evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in case of Operation and Maintenance shall be done immediately after execution of order/ contract.
- ii) After execution of orders a Performance Rating Data Sheet (Format at Annexure-2) shall be prepared for Orders by Site C&P and for Contracts/Services by respective Engineer-In-Charge.

- iii) Depending upon Performance Rating, following action shall be initiated:

Sl. No.	Performance Rating	Action
1	POOR	Seek explanation for Poor performance
2.	FAIR	Seek explanation for Fair performance
3	GOOD	Letter to the concerned for improving performance in future.
4	VERY GOOD	No further action

- iv) Reply from concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall be examined. In case of satisfactory reply, Performance Rating data Sheet to be closed with a letter to the concerned for improving performance in future.
- v) When no reply is received or reasons indicated are unsatisfactory, the following actions need to be taken:

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Non-performance of a Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant leading to termination of Contract/ Order such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/Consultant are also to be considered for Suspension.

(B) Where Performance rating is “FAIR”

Issuance of warning to such defaulting Vendors/ Contractors/ Consultants to improve their performance.

6.0 **REVIEW & RESTORATION OF PARITES PUT ON HOLIDAY**

- 6.1 An order for Holiday passed for a certain specified period shall deemed to have been

automatically revoked on the expiry of that specified period and it will not be necessary to issue a specific formal order of revocation.

Further, in case Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is put on holiday due to quality, and new order is placed on bidder after restoration of Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant, such order will be properly monitored during execution stage by the concerned site.

7.0 EFFECT OF HOLIDAY

7.1 If a Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is put on Holiday, such Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall not be considered in ongoing tenders/future tenders.

7.2 However, if such Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is already executing any other order/ contract and their performance is satisfactory in terms of the relevant contract, should be allowed to continue till its completion without any further increase in scope except those incidental to original scope mentioned in the contract. In such a case CPBG will not be forfeited and payment will be made as per provisions of concerned contract. However, this would be without prejudice to other terms and conditions of the contract.

7.3. Effect on other ongoing tendering:

7.3.1 after issue of the enquiry /bid/tender but before opening of Technical bid, the bid submitted by the party shall be ignored.

7.3.2 after opening Technical bid but before opening the Price bid, the Price bid of the party shall not be opened and BG/EMD submitted by the party shall be returned to the party.

7.3.3 after opening of price, BG/EMD made by the party shall be returned; the offer of the party shall be ignored & will not be further evaluated. If errant party emerges as the lowest (L1), then such tender shall also be cancelled and re-invited.

8.0 While putting the Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant on holiday as per the procedure, the holding company, subsidiary, joint venture, sister concerns, group division of the errant Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall not be considered for putting on holiday list.

Any bidder, put on holiday, will not be allowed to bid through consortium route also in new tender during the period of holiday.

9.0 If an unsuccessful bidder makes any vexatious, frivolous or malicious complaint against the tender process with the intention of delaying or defeating any procurement or causing loss to APGDC or any other bidder, such bidder will be put on holiday for a period of six months, if such complaint is proved to be vexatious, frivolous or malicious, after following the due procedure.

10. APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY:

- (a) The party may file an appeal against the order of the Competent Authority for putting the party on Holiday list. The appeal shall be filed to Appellate Authority. Such an appeal shall be preferred within one month from the receipt of Holiday order.
- (b) Appellate Authority would consider the appeal and pass appropriate order which shall be communicated to the party as well as the Competent Authority.
- (c) Appeal process may be completed within 45 days of filing of appeal with the Appellate Authority.
- (d) “Appellate Authority” shall mean Committee of Directors consisting of Director (Finance) and Director (BD) for works centers under Director (Projects). For all other cases committee of Directors shall consist of Director (Finance) & Director (Projects).

11. ERRANT BIDDER

In case after price bid opening the lowest evaluated bidder (L1) is not awarded the job for any mistake committed by him in bidding or withdrawal of bid or modification of bid or varying any term in regard thereof leading to re-tendering, APGDC shall forfeit EMD paid by the bidder and such bidders shall be debarred from participation in re-tendering of the same job(s)/item(s).

Further, such bidder will be put on holiday for a period of six months after following the due procedure.

12. In case Govt. department brings to the notice of APGDC that a Party has not paid to the credit of the Government the GST service collected from APGDC, then party will be put on holiday for a period of six months after following the due procedure.

Annexure-

APGDC Limited
PERFORMANCE RATING DATA SHEET
(FOR PROJECTS/ CONSULTANCY JOBS)

- i) Project/Work Centre :
- ii) Order/ Contract No. & date :
- iii) Brief description of Items Works/Assignment :
- iv) Order/Contract value (Rs.) :
- v) Name of Vendor/Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant :
- vi) Contracted delivery/ Completion Schedule :
- vii) Actual delivery/ Completion date :

Performance Parameter	Delivery/ Completion Performance	Quality Performance	Reliability Performance#	Total
Maximum Marks	40	40	20	100
Marks Allocated				

Note:

Remarks (if any)

PERFORMANCE RATING (**)

Note :

(#) Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant who seek repeated financial assistance or deviation beyond contract payment term or seeking direct payment to the sub-vendor/sub-contractor due to financial constraints, then '0' marks should be allotted against Reliability Performance.

(*) Allocation of marks should be as per enclosed instructions

(**) Performance rating shall be classified as under :

Sl. No.	Range (Marks)	Rating
1	60 & below	POOR
2	61-75	FAIR

Signature of
 Authorised Signatory:

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3	76-90	GOOD
4	More than 90	VERY GOOD

Name:

Designation:

Instructions for allocation of marks

1. Marks are to be allocated as under :

1.1 DELIVERY/ COMPLETION PERFORMANCE 40 Marks

Delivery Period/ Completion Schedule	Delay in Weeks	Marks
a) Upto 3 months	Before CDD	40
	Delay upto 4 weeks	35
	” 8 weeks	30
	” 10 weeks	25
	” 12 weeks	20
	” 16 weeks	15
	More than 16 weeks	0
b) Above 3 months	Before CDD	40
	Delay upto 4 weeks	35
	” 8 weeks	30
	” 10 weeks	25
	” 16 weeks	20
	” 20 weeks	15
	” 24 weeks	10
More than 24 weeks	0	

1.2 QUALITY PERFORMANCE 40 Marks

For Normal Cases : No Defects/ No Deviation/ No failure:		40 marks
i) Rejection/Defects	Marks to be allocated on prorata basis for acceptable quantity as compared to total quantity for normal cases	10 marks
ii) When quality failure endanger system integration - low and safety of the system	Failure of severe nature	0 marks
	- Moderate nature	5 marks
	- low severe nature	10-25 marks
iii) Number of deviations	1. No deviation	5 marks
	2. No. of deviations ≤ 2	2 marks
	3. No. of deviations > 2	0 marks

1.3 RELIABILITY PERFORMANCE**20 Marks**

A.	FOR WORKS/CONTRACTS	
i)	Submission of order acceptance, agreement, PBG, Drawings and other documents within time	4 marks
ii)	Mobilization of resources as per Contract and in time	4 marks
iii)	Liquidation of Check-list points	4 marks
iv)	Compliance to statutory and HS&E requirements or Reliability of Estimates/Design/Drawing etc. in case of Consultancy jobs	4 marks
v)	Timely submission of estimates and other documents for Extra, Substituted & AHR items	4 marks
B.	FOR SUPPLIES	
i)	Submission of order acceptance, PBG, Drawings and other documents within time	5 marks
ii)	Attending complaints and requests for after sales service/ warranty repairs and/ or query/ advice (upto the evaluation period).	5 marks
iii)	Response to various correspondence and conformance to standards like ISO	5 marks
iv)	Submission of all required documents including Test Certificates at the time of supply	5 marks

Annexure-

APGDC Limited
PERFORMANCE RATING DATA SHEET
(FOR O&M)

- i) Location :
- ii) Order/ Contract No. & date :
- iii) Brief description of Items Works/Assignment :
- iv) Order/Contract value (Rs.) :
- v) Name of Vendor/Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant :
- vi) Contracted delivery/ Completion Schedule :
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Remarks (if any)

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PROFORMA FOR CONTRACT AGREEMENT

FOA/LOA No. APGDC/

Dated

Contract Agreement for the work of _____ of Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Limited (APGDC) made on between (Name and Address) _____ hereinafter called the "CONTRACTOR" (which term shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context include its successors and permitted assignees) of the one part and APGDC hereinafter called the "EMPLOYER" (which term shall, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context include its successors and assignees) of the other part.

WHEREAS

- A. The EMPLOYER being desirous of having provided and executed certain work mentioned, enumerated or referred to in the Tender Documents including Letter Inviting Tender, General Tender Notice, General Conditions of Contract, Special Conditions of Contract, Specifications, Drawings, Plans, Time Schedule of completion of jobs, Schedule of Rates, Agreed Variations, other documents has called for Tender.
- B. The CONTRACTOR has inspected the SITE and surroundings of WORK specified in the Tender Documents and has satisfied himself by careful examination before submitting his tender as to the nature of the surface, strata, soil, sub-soil and ground, the form and nature of site and local conditions, the quantities, nature and magnitude of the work, the availability of labour and materials necessary for the execution of work, the means of access to SITE, the supply of power and water thereto and the accommodation he may require and has made local and independent enquiries and obtained complete information as to the matters and thing referred to, or implied in the tender documents or having any connection therewith and has considered the nature and extent of all probable and possible situations, delays, hindrances or interferences to or with the execution and completion of the work to be carried out under the CONTRACT, and has examined and considered all other matters, conditions and things and probable and possible contingencies, and generally all matters incidental thereto and ancillary thereof affecting the execution and completion of the WORK and which might have influenced him in making his tender.
- C. The Tender Documents including the Notice Letter Inviting Tender, General Conditions of Contract, Special Conditions of Contract, Schedule of Rates, General Obligations, SPECIFICATIONS, DRAWINGS, PLANS, Time Schedule for completion of Jobs, Letter of Acceptance of Tender and any statement of agreed variations with its enclosures copies of which are hereto annexed form part of this CONTRACT though separately set out herein and are included in the expression "CONTRACT" wherever herein used.

AND WHEREAS

The EMPLOYER accepted the Tender of the CONTRACTOR for the provision and the execution of the said WORK at the rates stated in the schedule of quantities of the work and finally approved by EMPLOYER (hereinafter called the "Schedule of Rates") upon the terms and subject to the conditions of CONTRACT.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED AS FOLLOWS:-

1. In consideration of the payment to be made to the CONTRACTOR for the WORK to be executed by him, the CONTRACTOR hereby covenants with EMPLOYER that the CONTRACTOR shall and will duly provide, execute and complete the said work and shall do and perform all other acts and things in the

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CONTRACT mentioned or described or which are to be implied there from or may be reasonably necessary for the completion of the said WORK and at the said times and in the manner and subject to the terms and conditions or stipulations mentioned in the contract.

2. In consideration of the due provision execution and completion of the said WORK, EMPLOYER does hereby agree with the CONTRACTOR that the EMPLOYER will pay to the CONTRACTOR the respective amounts for the WORK actually done by him and approved by the EMPLOYER at the Schedule of Rates and such other sum payable to the CONTRACTOR under provision of CONTRACT, such payment to be made at such time in such manner as provided for in the CONTRACT.

AND

3. In consideration of the due provision, execution and completion of the said WORK the CONTRACTOR does hereby agree to pay such sums as may be due to the EMPLOYER for the services rendered by the EMPLOYER to the CONTRACTOR, such as power supply, water supply and others as set for in the said CONTRACT and such other sums as may become payable to the EMPLOYER towards the controlled items of consumable materials or towards loss, damage to the EMPLOYER'S equipment, materials construction plant and machinery, such payments to be made at such time and in such manner as is provided in the CONTRACT.

It is specifically and distinctly understood and agreed between the EMPLOYER and the CONTRACTOR that the CONTRACTOR shall have no right, title or interest in the SITE made available by the EMPLOYER for execution of the works or in the building, structures or work executed on the said SITE by the CONTRACTOR or in the goods, articles, materials etc., brought on the said SITE (unless the same specifically belongs to the CONTRACTOR) and the CONTRACTOR shall not have or deemed to have any lien whatsoever charge for unpaid bills will not be entitled to assume or retain possession or control of the SITE or structures and the EMPLOYER shall have an absolute and unfettered right to take full possession of SITE and to remove the CONTRACTOR, their servants, agents and materials belonging to the CONTRACTOR and lying on the SITE.

The CONTRACTOR shall be allowed to enter upon the SITE for execution of the WORK only as a licensee simpliciter and shall not have any claim, right, title or interest in the SITE or the structures erected thereon and the EMPLOYER shall be entitled to terminate such license at any time without assigning any reason.

The materials including sand, gravel, stone, loose, earth, rock etc., dug up or excavated from the said SITE shall, unless otherwise expressly agreed under this CONTRACT, exclusively belong to the EMPLOYER and the CONTRACTOR shall have no right to claim over the same and such excavation and materials should be disposed off on account of the EMPLOYER according to the instruction in writing issued from time to time by the ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE.

In Witness whereof the parties have executed these presents in the day and the year first above written.

Signed and Delivered for and on
EMPLOYER.

Signed and Delivered for and on behalf of
on behalf of the CONTRACTOR.

APGDC

(NAME OF THE CONTRACTOR)

Date :
Place:

Date :
Place:

IN PRESENCE OF TWO WITNESSES

1. 1.

2. 2.

Section VI

SCOPE OF SERVICES

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1.0 INTRODUCTION:

1.1 Third Party Surveillance /Inspection Agency (TPIA) shall provide services of Third Party Inspector for Quality Surveillance of APGDC's Kakinada - Srikakulam Pipeline(KSPL) Project in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Under Phase-1 of KSPL, Pipeline is being laid from Kakinada to Visakhapatnam consisting of 24"/18"/12"/8"/4" dia. – 169 Kms long underground Steel Pipeline and under Phase-2 Pipeline is being laid from Visakhapatnam to Srikakulam consisting of 18" dia -102 Kms. The works are also includes the consumer connectivity for supplying natural gas to Industrial customers. M/s Mecon Ltd. is providing the Engineering PMC Services for KSPL Phase-1. Entire KSPL is divided in four sections/spread, accordingly, four Inspection Engineers are envisaged. Completion schedule for Phase-1 is June 2021 and Phase-2 is June 2022. Currently, construction activities are in progress in KSPL Phase-1 and Phase-2 activities shall likely to commence from March 2021. Location of stay shall be at Kakinada, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam based on the project implementation requirements.

1.2 Third Party inspection agency for Quality Surveillance:

The above includes pipeline laying, and not limited to the following:

Pipeline Laying (All Activities related to Pipeline Construction Group under Front-end and Back- end) and all Station Construction Works:

- Right of way clearing & grading.
- Stringing.
- Trenching.
- Pre-padding.
- Welding.
- Welding Procedure Specifications.
- Procedure Qualification Tests related to Pipeline construction in line with the contract document for pipeline laying.
- Welder Performance Qualification /Evaluation.
- NDT, X-Ray, UT, Auto UT.
- Field Joint Coating.
- Concrete Coating.
- Lowering, Post-padding & Backfilling.
- OFC laying, Blowing, Splicing & Testing.
- Hydro-testing, Drying, Purging.
- All types of Crossings Cased / Uncased like rail, road, river, canal, etc.
- HDD/Open-cut/Boring.
- Restoration.
- Inspection of bought-out items by contractor & free-issue material like valves, line materials, electrical/ instrumentation items, etc. at site as per requirement.
- Installation of markers and final cleanup.

- All Pipeline station construction work at Compressor station, SV's, IP's, TOP's, Receipt / Dispatch Stations, etc. or related to various engineering disciplines namely Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Instrumentation.
- Third Party Inspector shall carryout check of the measurement of executed work on the direction of EIC time to time.
- Cathodic Protection (Both Temporary and Permanent):
- Inspection of all bought-out items & free-issue materials for CP.
- Interference & mitigation.
- Project Pre-commissioning, including Cleaning & Pigging of Pipeline System & Commissioning.
- Pre-commissioning Safety Audits.
- Safety aspects on the above

2.0 DEPLOYMENT OF INSPECTORS

2.1 The construction works are being carried out in four spreads (each spread 50 to 90 Kms) concurrently, accordingly, two to four Third Party Inspectors(TPIs) are envisaged for KSPL Phase-1 and Phase-2. TPIA is required to provide the lodging and boarding for the TPIs deployed at site. Vehicle for site movement from camp shall be provided by APGDC. TPIA Coordinator with Level-3 at Head Office shall provide the necessary assistance to the TPI deployed at site without any extra cost to APGDC.

3.0 OBJECTIVE OF THIRD PARTY QUALITY SURVEILLANCE:

3.1 The objective of a TPIA is to assure high quality management standards during the manufacturing, construction & commissioning of the pipeline system confirmation to design standards in line with the APGDC's Quality Policy.

3.2 In order to achieve this objective, APGDC intends to depute a reputed, experienced and independent Third Party Surveillance /Inspection Agency (TPIA) for carrying out regular Quality Surveillance / Technical Audits encompassing all the activities during manufacturing, construction & commissioning of the pipeline system. The Inspection Agency will ensure total conformity of the specifications, requirement of applicable standards & compliance of safe engineering practice.

3.3 The TPIA will be working independently under the guidance of EIC. The TPIA will be responsible to clearly highlight the inadequacies and non-conformities and ensure compliance with applicable standards and norms for removal of non-conformities.

4.0 METHODOLOGY FOR THIRD PARTY QUALITY SURVEILLANCE:

4.1 The quality surveillance methodology will incorporate a feed forward and feedback control mechanism monitored with the help of Field Inspectors posted at Project Site. These Inspectors will work in tandem with APGDC Officials to ensure and assure quality standards laid down through the Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) for each category of activity/ job. The periodic observations will be communicated through different categories of reports.

5.0 QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

The TPIA shall work in accordance with the standard quality requirement of tender and relevant codes & practices. The Quality Management System in corporate Procedure & Work Instructions for the following, but not limited to:

5.1 Reports: The success of the system depends primarily on the efficiency of the reporting system wherein the reports are generated and communicated in time both in soft form followed by hard copies. The different categories of reports covering the entire scope of work indicating Alertness, Imperfections, Nonconformities, etc. depicted through photographs and statistics are to be generated by TPIA are:

- Daily Reports.
- Weekly Reports.
- Monthly Reports.
- Inspection Reports for free-issue materials, bought-out items at contractor's premises.
- Project Completion Report for each Project.

5.2 Distribution of Reports: The distribution pattern for these reports will be as under:

Sl.	Report	Distribution to(#)	Time of Issue
1.	Daily [Generated at TPIA Site]	Site: APGDC Spread In-charge, Construction In- charge, Project Office: EIC, Respective Project Managers	Daily
2.	Inspection Reports [Generated at TPIA Site]	Site: APGDC Spread In-charge, Construction In- charge, Project Office: EIC, Respective Project Managers	Within 2 days after the inspection
3.	Alertness Reports [Generated at TPIA Site]	Site: APGDC Spread In-charge, Construction In- charge, Project Office: EIC, Respective Project Managers	Same day of inspection
4.	Non Conformity Reports Generated at TPIA Site]	Site: APGDC Spread In-charge, Construction In- charge, Project Office: EIC, Respective Project Managers	Same day of inspection

The distribution list of each of the reports shall be updated if required. All the reports shall carry a Unique Identification Number with a predefined numbering philosophy and table of contents. To enhance authenticity, all the hard copies shall be signed and stamped by the originator/coordinator. Softcopies of the reports in editable format will be forwarded to APGDC whenever required.

5.3 Documentation & Data Management:

5.3.1 All the data bank of all the reports shall be maintained in proper format. The same shall be required to be handed over in soft copy along with the Project Completion Report to

APGDC.

- 5.3.2 All the reports shall be backed up with colored photographs. The photographs need also to be attached with e-mail reports.
- 5.3.3 APGDC site will provide all the relevant documents for the Projects. However, TPIA will have access to all the specifications & approved procedures for the Project.

5.4 Non conformity Management: Non conformity Management shall incorporate the following:

- 5.4.1 Philosophy of raising, handling and closing of nonconformities.
- 5.4.2 Categorization of non-conformities and basis of categorization. Analysis:
- Co-relation to the specific process and activity.
 - Co-relation to the specific normative document.
 - Action taken at the time of closure viz. deviations, corrective action, preventive actions to avoid repetitions.
- 5.4.3 The procedure for resolution of complaints, appeals and disputes received from contractors/vendors, etc.

5.5 Quality Index: The TPIA shall develop a Quality Index based on scientific /mathematical formula incorporating Alertness, Imperfections and Nonconformities for each activity namely Pipeline welding, Pipe Coating, Laying & Station Works, Cathodic Protection, Commissioning, etc. for each participating vendor/contractor on a continual basis. The Index shall be reported on monthly basis and also during the completion of each activity and Project as a whole. Further the Quality Index for each Project shall also be derived and reported after the completion of the Project. The Quality Index shall be based on at least the following parameters:

- Key Performance Areas and Key Performance Indicators
- Their Components and Weightages
- The Number of Alertness, Imperfections and Nonconformity
- Response Time for Rectification

5.6 Personnel Competency Management: The effectiveness of Quality Surveillance and Inspection will depend upon the capabilities of the personnel who are responsible to perform the job. Followings need to be ensured:

- The CV's of inspectors shall be submitted in prescribed format as per Annexure-1 of the section along with relevant documents and experience certificate by employer duly attested by authorized signatory of the agency for approval by EIC/EIC representative. The inspector shall be deputed only after approval of EIC/EIC representative.
- The agency shall have sufficient number of certified inspectors for all activities.
- The predefined /documented responsibility of each level of certified inspectors for determining the acceptability of materials or components in accordance with the applicable codes, standards, specifications, and procedures.
- The written practice in compliance to ASNT Recommended Practice-SNT- TC- 1A.
- The predefined/documentd Performance Monitoring System of personnel.
- The agency shall submit CV's of minimum number of inspector as defined below as per format Annexure-1.

- The inspector to be deployed for the work should be regular employee of TPIA & in no case contract employee shall be deployed for this work.

5.7 Panel of Inspectors : The agency shall have an approved panel of inspectors as per the following attributes. The number of inspectors asked are firm and actual deployment will vary depending on requirement. During the execution of the contract, the agency shall always keep inspectors in each category as standby. The agency can change any inspector only after the approval of the CV's and relevant documents by EIC:

5.7.1 Line Pipe Laying, Station Works upto Pre-commissioning and Commissioning:

- (a) The bidder shall have at least four (04) inspectors under this category.
- (b) All inspectors shall be Graduate engineers.
- (c) TPI inspector should be Graduate Engineer with at least five (05) years of post-qualification experience with at least two (02) years of experience in inspection.
- (d) Each inspector shall be ASNT/ISNT-Level-II /III(UT/RT) with valid certificates at the time of deployment. At least one (01) inspector shall be Level III(RT / UT) whose services will be required as an expert on-need basis TPIA Coordinator with Level-3 at Head Office shall provide the necessary assistance to the TPI deployed at site without any extra cost to APGDC."
- (e) Each inspector should have an experience of inspection/quality surveillance of construction of pipelines in the Hydrocarbon Industry having:
 - i. Diameter not less than 10 inches, and
 - ii. Not less than the total length of 50kms. length

ASNT/ISNT-Level-II/III are not required for Civil Engineers mobilized for civil activities in laying.

5.8 Deployment Philosophy: The deployment philosophy will be as under:

- 5.8.1 In normal conditions, only one (01) inspector shall be deployed for each activity at each of the spread at any time. The deployment of inspectors will be as per actual requirement on need basis.
- 5.8.2 Payment shall be made in units defined in the SOR.
- 5.8.3 The inspectors deployed at the sites shall have provision of leave substitute where the deployment requirement is on continuous basis with the approval of Construction In-charge. APGDC shall not pay anything extra amount for this rotation.
- 5.8.4 Only the inspectors from the approved panel of inspectors shall be deployed. The agency shall maintain the inspectors as required in the Panel of Inspectors.
- 5.8.5 The TPIA shall seek prior approval of EIC/EIC representative for deployment/demobilization of the Field Inspectors /demobilization for Pipeline Construction, Cathodic Protection and Commissioning.
- 5.8.6 TPIA Coordinator with Level-3 at Head Office shall provide the necessary assistance to

the TPI deployed at site without any extra cost to APGDC

5.8.9 Notice Period:

5.8.9.1 Notice Period for Deployment/Mobilization: Notice Period is 03 calendar days at Construction works Site.

5.8.9.2 Notice Period for De-mobilization: Two (02) calendar days.

5.8.9.3 The TPIA Inspectors at site shall maintain a Daily Logbook (Format enclosed at Annexure-2) for recording the time-sheets, day-to-day activities, jobs undertaken during the day & distance traveled. These Daily Logbooks shall be signed by APGDC Spread In-charge for Pipeline Laying / CP / Commissioning work.

6.0 TPIA'S QUALITY ASSURANCE:

6.1 Inspection Report (System and Types of Inadequacies are to be Reported Periodically through Reports): Any observation made by the inspector shall be reported in three categories as detailed under:

1. **Imperfection:** Any observation that is a defector a shortcoming, however, not so serious but is required to be corrected has to be reported as an imperfection. The imperfection may or may not require conforming to the specified clauses given in the specification.

2. **Alertness:** An alertness is required to be issued under the following conditions:

- (a) When the abnormality is yet to be observed or occurred in the system irrespective of whether pointed out by the contractor.
- (b) Depending upon the situation, any disclosure of important information shall make manufacturer or contractor liable to have the alertness.

3. **Nonconformity (NCR):** It is to be issued only when the abnormality has already been observed or occurred in the system and it has not been pointed out by the contractor, there by the activity continues. Then on conformity issued can have three (03) categories, as shown here under:

(a) **Category-1** NCR is to be issued when

(i) It is mandatory that it does not comply with written down clause in applicable bid specification or standard or code.

(ii) Lapse is non-isolative & serious for which immediate corrective / preventive action is required to be taken.

(iii) No action or seriousness has been observed from client/contractor for Category-2 issued NCR.

(iv) There is consistent same type of lapses in the procurement / production / quality system.

(v) Occurrence number shall always start with 1 and shall increase as 2, 3, so on depending upon the number of the same type of NCR that was issued in the past also.

(b) **Category-2** NCR is to be issued when

- (i) It is mandatory that it does not comply with written down clause in applicable bid specification or standard or code.
- (ii) Lapse is isolated and immediate corrective action is to be taken.
- (iii) No action or seriousness has been observed for Category-3 issued NCR.
- (iv) Any other information that has not been given by the contractor in spite of verbal / Written reminders like their pair rate, type of repair, etc.
- (v) Occurrence number shall always start with 1 and shall increase as 2, 3, so on depending upon the number of the same type of NCR that was issued in the past also.

(c) Category-3 NCR is to be issued when

- (i) It is not mandatory to have a written down clause in applicable bid specification or standard or code.
- (ii) Any other information that has not been given by the contractor in spite of verbal / Written reminders like their pair-rate, type of repair, etc
- (iii) Surveyors to mention in the applicable clause column as "As per Good Engineering Practice" in the NCR format if the clause is not given in the specification.
- (iv) Occurrence number shall always start with 1 and shall increase as 2, 3, so on depending upon the number of the same type of NCR that was issued in the past also.

For the timely resolution of the outstanding observations, the closure of the observations is to be continuously tracked by TPIA for corrective/preventive action to be taken by the PMC/Contractor which has been categorized on the basis of the time taken to resolve the point as mentioned here under:

- 0–5 working days time
- 6–10 working day's time
- More than 10 working day's time

6.1.1 For Laying, CP, Commissioning, etc.:

(a) Daily Reports for Each Process: The daily reports will be generated by the inspector at each site and compiled by the TPIA Site Coordinator for each Spread and sent to TPIA Project Coordinator at Corporate Office for distribution.

- The entire specification, international standards and good & safe engineering practices.
- The entire the process activity wise including the lab test results.
- The formats should cover the calibration and traceability check of the entire instrument used.
- The minimum activity wise sample size per day that is to be observed.
- The observations should be objective in nature as far as possible, except for critical observations.
- The photographs showing quality/progress of work.
- The acceptable limits and units of each of the parameters should be mentioned in the format itself.
- The specification / standard reference and relevant clause number to be mentioned against each activity/observation/parameters.

- Exhaustive list of documents that need to be reviewed must to be mentioned in the format.
- The gist status of the pending non conformities needs to be addressed.
- There pair, recycling & rejection rate of an activity or process in respect of present trend and cumulative percentages.
- The availability of the machinery, unit or plant in respect of its health and reasons of fall backs in availability.
- The name of the inspector.
- Each report should have a unique serial number based on the process, location, etc.
- Specific location, chainage, joint number, pipe number, welder details, etc. have to be specified against each observation.
- An auto generated quality index of the site on the day based on the observations recorded.
- The hardcopy of the report shall be signed and stamped by the originator.

6.2 Non conformity Report (Incidental): The report will be generated by the inspector at site.

- The format should specify the category of observation.
- The report shall correlate to the specific process and activity number in respect of the serial number of the activity in daily report format of the process.
- The serial number of the corresponding day's daily report.
- The report shall refer the specification/document along with clause number.
- The report shall refer the contractor's document reference which confirms / backs up the observation.
- The report shall mention the type of action taken at the time of closure of the report viz. deviation was obtained, corrective/preventive action was taken, etc.
- The name of the inspector who initiated.
- The name of the inspector who closed the report.
- Each report should bear a unique serial number based on the process, location, category, etc.
- Quantity & Identity of the work in question.
- Details of action taken.
- The report should be backed-up with photograph(s) wherever possible.
- An auto generated quality quotient based on factors derived from the format components.
- The report shall be reviewed by a higher level of inspector.
- An e-mail to be flashed immediately.
- The report shall be submitted duly signed and stamped.

6.3 Alertness Report (Incidental): The report will be generated by the inspector at site.

- The format should specify the category of observation.
- The report shall co-relate to the specific process and activity number in respect of the serial number of the activity in daily report format of the process.
- The serial number of the corresponding day's daily report.
- The report shall refer the specification/document along with clause number.
- The report shall refer the contractor's document reference which confirms / backs-up the observation.
- The report shall mention the type of action taken at the time of closure of the report viz.

deviation was obtained, corrective/preventive action was taken, etc.

- The name of the inspector who initiated.
- The name of the inspector who closed the report.
- Each report should bear a unique serial number based on the process, location, category, etc.
- Quantity & Identity of the work in question.
- Details of action taken.
- The report should be backed-up with photograph(s), wherever possible.
- An auto generated quality quotient based on factors derived from the format components.
- The report shall be reviewed by a higher level of inspector.
- An e-mail to be flashed immediately.
- The report shall be submitted duly signed and stamped.

6.4 Corporate Reports:

6.4.1 **Weekly Corporate Report:** The Weekly report will be generated by TPIA and distributed for each ongoing Project. Formats will be dynamic and subject to continual change as and when required.

- This shall comprise the list of outstanding Alertness, Imperfections and Nonconformities generated during the week, their cumulative statistics.
- Photographs indicating Nonconformities.
- Site-wise repair-rate, rejection-rate, recycling-rate, plant availability, laying-rate, etc.
- Status of the inspection of the bought-out items.
- Details on each of the areas of concern, with suggestions.
- Foreseen areas of concern.

6.4.2 **Monthly Corporate Report :** The TPIA Co-ordinator shall present the quality status of all the ongoing projects to APGDC management on monthly basis. The Monthly Report will be generated by TPIA Co-ordinator incorporating all ongoing Projects and activities completed during the month and distributed by 7th of every month. Formats will be dynamic and subject to continual change as and when required.

- The report shall state the quality highlights for the month.
- The Report shall state the areas of concern in brief.
- The availability of the machinery, unit or plant and reasons for fall back in availability.
- Site-wise trends for repair-rate, rejection-rate, recycling-rate, plant availability, laying-rate, etc.
- Trend-graphs of key observations along with their comparisons at different sites.
- Status of inspection of the bought-out items.
- Highlight bottle necks of the Project.
- Quality Index for each specific process and the project as a whole.
- Monthly and Cumulative Statistics of the Alertness, Imperfection, Nonconformity both issued & closed.
- Relevant photographs of shortcomings, Imperfection, Nonconformity, etc.
- Infrastructure being provided by Quality Surveillance Agency to its inspectors.
- Consolidated list of the scheduled /tentative man-days for quality surveillance and actually consumed by TPIA.

- The status of invoicing and payments.
- The Report shall be submitted duly signed and stamped

6.5 Project Completion Report: The Report shall be generated on the completion of the assigned Project by TPIA incorporating and shall cover:

6.5.1 The Report shall state the lessons learnt during the execution of the Project.

6.5.2 The Report shall make elaborate suggestions in respect of the improvisation in the processes to enhance quality.

6.5.3 The Report shall make elaborate suggestions in respect of necessity of clarity in the specific specifications.

6.5.4 Details of deviations taken during the Project and suggestive actions

6.5.5 Details of type of non-conformities which repeated frequently and suggestions to block their re occurrence.

6.5.6 Details of nonconformities which were not closed till the end of the Project and suggestions.

6.5.7 Quality Index of the Project with brief on concern areas.

6.5.8 Quality Index of each of the supplier/works contractor.

6.5.9 The Report shall be submitted duly signed and stamped.

6.6 Audit Report/Report on Failure Analysis: TPIA shall be required to submit audit report/failure analysis report as and when required on-need basis as per the Client's requirement.

6.7 Contract Closure Report: If the contract expires (for any reason) before completion of any Project, it will be responsibility of TPIA to issue Project / Contract Closure Report. The man-days used to prepare the same beyond the contractual man-days shall not be paid.

7.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The roles and responsibilities of TPIA for Quality Surveillance at APGDC's areas under:

7.1 TPIA: He will be responsible for the following:

- TPI shall carry out inspection job at site as signed from time to time.
- Coordination with APGDC Spread/Construction In-charge for closure of NCR's.
- Timely Deployment of sufficient number of Field Inspectors synchronizing with the schedule for approval of relevant procedures during the start of work.
- Timely preparation and submission of bills with relevant documents to APGDC Construction- In- charge for certification.
- Making the documents available to Field TPIA / APGDC. Proper up keep of the documents, photographs and periodic reports both in hard and soft forms.
- Handing over all the documents, photographs in hard and soft form to APGDC at the time of completion of the job.
- Any other document control related to job assigned by APGDC Construction In-charge.
- Records for Daily Logbook, Usage of vehicle to be provided by APGDC.
- Timely preparation and submission of all weekly reports. The reports shall necessarily

highlight quality issue highlighted by inspectors at pipe laying sites, pipe coating mills & vendor works.

- Document up-keeping & report generation.
- Preparation of standard generic documents, as and when required.

7.2 TPIA Coordinator/Expeditor at their Head Office : He will be responsible for the following:

- Coordinating all activities with APGDC without any extra cost. TPIA Coordinator with Level-3 at Head Office shall provide the necessary assistance to the TPI deployed at site without any extra cost to APGDC.
- Timely Deployment of sufficient number of Field Inspectors synchronizing with the schedule for approval of relevant procedures during the start of work.
- Timely preparation and submission of all Weekly/Monthly Reports. The reports shall necessarily highlight quality issue highlighted by inspectors at pipe laying sites, pipe coating mills & vendor works.
- Coordination with APGDC Spread/Construction In-charge for closure of NC's.
- Participation in Corporate Review Meetings and making a presentation on the QA/QC issues for ongoing Projects.
- Any other job that may be assigned from time to time.
- Document up-keeping & report generation
- Analysis of data/ suggesting areas of improvement.
- Preparation of standard generic documents, as and when required.

7.3 During the Corporate review meetings / site review meetings or even otherwise the TPIA representative heading the QA/QC Department will be mandatory required to attend the meetings along with the presentation highlighting the QA/ QC aspects for all ongoing Pipeline Projects with corrective preventive actions. TPIA will also provide their independent views whenever required.

8.0 PROFESSIONAL FACILITIES:

8.1 For efficient functioning and reporting, the agency shall provide the following (minimum but not limited to) electronic gadgets to facilitate its inspectors/expeditors and coordinators in timely delivering the deliverables to APGDC :

- (a) Mobile phone
- (b) Computer/ laptop with printer & internet connectivity
- (c) Digital Camera for taking photographs
- (d) Other electronic gadget with necessary software supporting the above
- (e) Any other resources as required.

9.0 CHECKLIST FOR BILLS ALONG WITH FORMATS FOR INVOICE AND MEMORANDUM OF PAYMENT, ETC.:

- (a) Format for Invoice.
- (b) Format for Memorandum of Payment.
- (c) Format for Timesheet of Payment(Annexure-3).

Third Party Surveillance /Inspection Agency (TPIA) shall provide services of Third Party inspection agency for Quality Surveillance as per PNGRB Guidelines/ Regulation of APGDC or PMC.

PART-2

HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

It is APGDC's objective policy to ensure that potential health and safety factors and environmental effects are assessed for all products, projects and activities and acquisitions. For projects this is implemented by staged audits of health, safety and environmental aspects from concept stage to post commissioning in order to determine any shortcomings or noncompliance. All TPIA Inspectors must ensure safety during inspection and mandatory use their own Personal Protective Equipments (PPE's) while carrying out inspection. The HSE requirements incorporated in the pipeline laying tender being followed by the laying contractor will be used as guidelines. HSE plan for vendor/ supplier/ contractor will be applicable at their works/ sites. APGDC in no way shall be responsible for any miss-happenings. For safety purpose, the insurance of Inspectors / coordinators deployed at all places including sites will be in bidder's scope as per applicable laws for which bidder shall be solely responsible. A copy of the said insurance policy shall be furnished to APGDC before starting work.

TPIA DELIVERABLES

PART-3

A. The TPIA for Quality Surveillance is required to submit all deliverables within the schedule inline with the requirement mentioned in various sections of this Bid Document. The deliverables include reports, presentations, etc. The deliverables are summarized as under, but not limited to:

- All Periodic Reports
- Customized Reports
- Presentations, Best practices/ international practices required for assuring better quality in areas related to pipeline construction, pipe manufacturing, pipe coating etc.
- Any other deliverable not mentioned here but required elsewhere in tender.
- As far as possible both hard and editable softcopies to be provided.
- For reach of the activity TPIA shall provide a comparison between the QAP practices followed for APGDC Projects vis-à-vis best practice recommended for future.
- The TPIA shall submit all documents to APGDC after the completion of the contract.
- Any other document required for release of payment to TPIA.

QUESTIONNAIRE

PART-4

[All Details as per this Questionnaire are Mandatory to be Submitted by the Bidder along with the Bid]

ARTICLE-I: NOTES

1.0 All questions in the following "Questionnaire" are to be answered in a format consistent with the appropriate Section and numbering format used in this "Questionnaire". Responses shall be divided into the appropriate Sections with dividers numbered in accordance with the index and the respective responses numbered as per this "Questionnaire".

2.0 Supplementary information may be inserted if required at the end of the submission. If included this information shall be indexed as "Additional Information – (Topic)" in the Table of Contents of the "Questionnaire" response.

3.0 Each page of the submission shall be numbered in the following format, 'Page X of Y'; to ease identification as responses may be divided for review by different Departments. In the event of a Manual, Policy or Procedure being attached, please ensure that the Document Number, Revision and number of pages is referenced on the Section-divider.

ARTICLE-II

SECTION-1: INFORMATION

[Please complete the following and return as part of the Questionnaire response]

Please find details of the nominated focal point for communication between APGDC and the Company during this "Questionnaire" exercise as follows:

Name of Company :

Name of Contact Person(s) :

Position :

Address of Company :

Tel. Number of Contact Person(s) :

Fax Number of Contact Person(s) :

E-mail Address of Contact Person(s) :

I / We hereby declare that, to the best of our knowledge the responses given within this "Questionnaire" response and accompanying documents and/or attachments, represent a true reflection of the experience and capabilities of the Company

Signature :

Name :

Position :

For and on behalf of :

SECTION-2: GENERAL INFORMATION

The bidder is required to provide the following General Information as requested in items below:

1. For the Company, provide the following:

- (a) Company Name.
- (b) Address (Street Address and Mailing Address).
- (c) Contact Person(s).
- (d) Contact Person(s) Telephone/Fax Numbers (including country codes).
- (e) E-mail address of Contact Person(s).

2. For the Company, briefly describe the primary nature of its business.

SECTION-3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Provide name(s) and address(es) of the Company's Bankers.
2. APGDC releases the payments to its vendors/ contractors/ TPIA's through e-banking.

SECTION-4: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Corporate Structure:

1. For the Company provide Corporate Organizational Chart(s) and QA/QC Structure(s) including:
 - (a) Authority and accountability levels.
 - (b) Corporate geographical spread of locations relative to project locations.
 - (c) Responsibilities of sub-contractors.
2. Confirm corporate experience in providing TPIA Services including Inspection of Pipeline Systems and Components for multi-discipline Gas Pipeline Projects. Provide a list with Project Title, Scope, Executed Value, and Client Name for Pipeline Projects for which consultancy services have been provided in the last seven years.
3. Confirm the ability to comply with the subsequent contractual requirement that all official documentation and verbal communication in connection with the Project will be conducted in the English Language.

Staff Levels:

1. Provide current staff levels for each of the following areas.
 - (a) Corporate Management
 - (b) Document Control
 - (c) Field Inspectors for
 - (d) Project Planning & Scheduling
 - (e) Quality Management Systems (QA/QC) related to gas pipeline systems and field inspectors for Construction, Pipe Manufacturing, Coating, CP, Commissioning etc.

SECTION-5: EXECUTION CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE

Past Project Execution Experience:

1. Has your Company inspected/ provided TPIA services for any Hydrocarbon pipeline projects in the past 7years? If yes, please list the following for each project:

- (a) Contract Title
- (b) Client Name
- (c) Date of Start and Finish
- (d) Pipeline Project Description

Ongoing Project Workload:

1. Does your company have any ongoing projects in the area of TPIA services for gas pipeline projects?

2. Provide listing of all ongoing Projects including for each project:

- (a) Name of the client, contact person and contact details.
- (b) Contract title.
- (c) A brief description of the scope (not more than 5 sentences)addressing, as applicable, details of compression stations, power generation and distribution systems, control and instrumentation systems, gas plants, pipelines, civil works and man-hour content.
- (d) Date of award (mm/yyyy).
- (e) Total Contract Value (US\$million).
- (f) Project duration (months).
- (g) Description of the staff levels for the:
- (h) Quality Management Systems (QA/QC) related to gas/LPG pipeline systems.

Industry Standards:

1. Provide listing of licensed copies of Industry Standards related to gas pipeline projects maintained by the organization including for each standard:

- (a) Issuing Organization.
- (b) Document Title.
- (c) Current revision on record.
- (d) If applicable, copy of corporate policy to continued commitment of updating standards as necessary to keep a best of industry developments.

SECTION-6: QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

In response to questions within the Quality Management Systems section. If a Quality Management Procedure is attached, references to sections of the manual can be provided as responses to questions in the following section:

Quality Management System Certification:

1. Provide a copy of your corporate ISO9000-2000 Certificate or any equivalent certificate.
2. How long has the company been operating a Certified Quality Management System?
3. If a Quality Management Policy/Procedure is attached please indicate the current revision, the date of the previous revision and the number of years that the procedure has been utilized by the organization.

Annexures for Third Party inspection agency for Quality Surveillance:

ANNEXURE-1

FORMAT FOR BIODATA

Paste Photograph Here

1.	Name								
2.	Date of Birth								
3.	Nationality								
4.	Contact Details								
	Address :								
	Phone :								
	E-mail ID :								
5.	Languages Known (Read, Write, Speak)								
6.	Educational Qualifications for all Degrees [indicating Year of Completion, Name of College / University]								
	Year of Completion :								
	Name of College / University :								
	Full-Time / Part-Time :								
7.	Professional Qualifications								
8.	Affiliation to Professional Bodies								
9.	Certification ASNT / ISNT, etc.								
10.	Present Employment status								
11.	Professional Experience:		Experience related to Pipe Coating / Pipe manufacturing / Pipeline Construction to be indicated under each head inline with the job requirement.						
	Organization	Company's Roll / Contractual Basis	From	To	Years	Position	Project Name	Responsibilities/ Dia (Size) & Length of Pipeline	
12.	Computer & Software Proficiency								
13.	Any Other Information								

ANNEXURE-2**FORMAT FOR DAILY LOG-SHEET****DAILY LOG FOR QUALITY SURVEILLANCE JOB BY M/S. _____**

Project Name		Dated	
Spread No.		Inspector In Time	
Name of APGDC I/c		Inspector Out Time	
Name of Inspector			

A.	Details of Job Assigned by APGDC I/c:
B.	Has APGDC Provided Vehicle to Inspector as per Contract? YES / NO
C	if NO, then Total Distance (Kms.) Traveled by Inspector (Clause 4 of Price Schedule / Schedule of Rates)
D	Details of Job Performed by Inspector:

ANNEXURE - 3**FORMAT FOR TIME-SHEET**

Serial No. of Deputation Form:

Month:

Date of Mobilisation:

Fortnight:

Date of De-Mobilisation: Not Applicable

(First/Second)

Client: APGDC Ltd.

Project : KSPL Phase-1

Activity*: Laying/ Station/ CP –

Activities Name of the Contractor:

Location of the Contractor:

Name of the

Surveyor:

Designation of the

Surveyor:

Note - * Strike whichever is not applicable

Date	Reporting Time at Site ((excluding travelling time)	Leaving from site (excluding traveling time)	Total hours	Vehicle Provided (Yes/No)	Daily activity performed	List of attachments
Total Man days						
Man month						

Price Reduction Schedule (PRS), if any as per Clause No. 5 of Schedule of Rates (Detailed Sheet to be attached)

QSA Representatives

APGDC Representatives

SECTION VII

SPECIAL CONDITION OF CONTRACT (SCC)

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1. GENERAL:

In addition to meaning ascribed to certain capitalized terms in "General Conditions of Contract (GCC)", following initial capitalized terms shall have the meaning as ascribed to such term hereunder. In case any term defined here under is also defined in GCC, the meaning ascribed to such term hereunder shall prevail.

2. Definitions:

"Contractor/Consultant" if referred in Bid Document may be read as "Third Party Inspection Agency for Pipeline laying activities as per PNGRB Guidelines" of Gas Pipeline project.

3. Interpretations/Amendments from GCC:

- i. Where any portion of the GCC is repugnant to or at variance with any provisions of the SCC then, unless a different intention appears, the provisions of the SCC shall be deemed to govern the provisions of the GCC, and SCC shall prevail to the extent of such repugnancy, or variations exist.
- ii. In the Contract documents, unless otherwise stated specifically, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa wherever the context so requires.
- iii. Notwithstanding the sub-division of the Contract documents into separate sections and volumes every part of each shall be deemed to be supplementary to and complementary of every other part and shall be read with and into the Agreement so far as it may be practicable to do so.
- iv. All headings, subtitles and marginal notes to the clauses of the GCC, SCC or to the specifications or to any other part of Bid 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 there of or be used in the interpretation or construction thereof.
- v. Article-3.11.5 of GCC is here by deleted as only travel expenses as per provisions of the Bid Document will be reimbursed to the TPIA by the Owner for demobilization/remobilization of TPIA personnel.

4. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:

In case of any reconcilable conflict amongst "General Conditions of Contract", "Special Conditions of Contract", "Scope of Work" or "Price Schedule/Schedule of Rates(SOR)", the following shall prevail to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict in order of precedence:

- i. Letter of Acceptance/ Contract Agreement.
- ii. Fax/Letter of Intent/Fax of Acceptance.
- iii. Instructions to Bidders.
- iv. *Special Conditions of Contract.*
- v. Scope of Work.
- vi. General Conditions of Contract.

5. QUANTITIES:

The quantities mentioned in the "Price Schedule /Schedule of Rates (SOR)" are

indicative only. They may increase or decrease based on actual execution.

6. PERIOD OF CONTRACT: The Contract shall be valid for a period of Fifteen (15) months from the date of "Fax of Acceptance(FOA)", which can be extended for further upto six (06) months on the same rates, terms and conditions at the sole discretion of APGDC.

7. PAYMENT TERMS AND MODE OF PAYMENT:

- i. All the relevant clauses of "General Conditions of Contract", "Instructions to Bidders" and "Special Conditions of Contract" shall be applicable.
- ii. Payment shall start only after signing of Contact Agreement and receipt of Contract-cum- Performance Bank Guarantee (CPBG) as per Bid Document. Payment shall be made to the bank account bearing the name of the TPIA to whom "Letter of Acceptance" /"Work Order" has been released by APGDC.
- iii. Payments will be made on the man-month basis. 26 days of attendance in a calendar month shall be considered as one man-month for payment purpose. In- case the attendance is less than 26 days in a calendar month, the payment shall be on proportionate basis. One day shall be defined as 8 hours working at site excluding journey hours.
- iv. 95% of the man-day rate shall be payable against the man-months spent during inspection / surveillance. Remaining 5% of the man-day rate shall be paid against the acceptance of 'Project Completion Report' as detailed in the "Scope of Work".
- v. The expenditure for boarding and lodging is included in the scope of work. The Vehicle shall be provided by APGDC for going and coming back from camp to site of TPIA. The actual quantity of man-days spent during inspection / surveillance/ will be as certified by concerned APGDC personnel/ Engineer-in- Charge/EIC representative and accepted for payment.
- vi. The TPIA shall be responsible to submit the invoices to a designated person in APGDC .Owner shall endeavor to release the payments within Thirty (30) days for RA bills & time limits as prescribed in the tender for final bill.
- vii. **Invoicing:** The TPIA shall submit their Taxable Invoices to APGDC, as stated hereunder:

Invoice Covering	Submitted To	Paying Authority	Remarks
Pipe Laying & Station Works, TCP, Pre-commissioning, Commissioning and all other activities	EIC	Director (Finance) / CFO, APGDC	Time-Sheet to be certified by Spread-In- charge / Site-In-Charge of APGDC for respective Spread

8. Man-Month Rate:

One man-month shall be considered as 26 days of attendance in a calendar month In-case the attendance is less than 26 days in a calendar month, the payment shall be on proportionate basis considering 26 days as man-month. One day shall be taken as eight (08) working hours at Construction Site excluding travel-time to reach work place i.e. Construction Site.

- a) The man-month rate includes lodging & boarding and other facilities to the TPI posted at site. As the construction works are concurrently planned in spreads, TPIA is required to arrange lodging & boarding facility in all spreads based on the site requirements. Therefore, any additional cost, whatsoever (towards backup management, professional, IT facilities, electronic gadgets, communication, transmittal, etc.), shall not be payable.
- b) The one day rate will be same for all the days of the week (including Holidays & Sundays).

9. Mobilisation /Demobilization:

A period of 3 calendar days notice for Construction works shall be given for mobilization and 2 calendar days notice shall be given for demobilization.

10. Deduction at Source:

- a. Owner will release the payment to the TPIA after effecting deductions as per applicable law in force.
- b. Owner will release payments to the TPIA after offsetting all dues to the Owner payable by the TPIA under the Contract.

11. PAYMENT TO INSPECTORS / SUBVENDORS

- a. Timely payment to inspectors and sub-vendors is important parameter on which performance of agency will be monitored. Agency should ensure timely payment to its inspectors and sub-vendors. Any complaint towards this issue will be taken up seriously by APGDC and appropriate action will be taken against agency as per terms of the contract.
- b. Deployment of inspector with in mobilization time and their commitment to quality of jobs undertaken shall be assured by the agency. Agency shall deploy qualified and experienced inspectors as detailed in Scope of Work for inspection jobs and if any inspector is not found suitable for work, he will be replaced with suitable replacement as per instruction of EIC/EIC representative.
- c. Replacement of the inspectors at site cannot be done without prior approval of EIC / EIC representative.

12. Price Reduction Schedule (PRS):

Clause no.3.12 of GCC has been modified to the extent and following is added as a new sub clause:-

Incase consultant /contractor fails to perform any or all of services and/or deliver the service within the time period (s) specified in the Order/ Contract, APGDC shall without prejudice to any other remedy(ies) under the order/contract, reduce a sum calculated on the under mentioned basis:

13. Discrepancy in Inspection/Measurement of executed work:

- a) If any discrepancy is found during inspection of free issue inspected items received

at site and it is established that the discrepancy is on account of TPIA, penal amount equivalent to two (02) days shall be imposed. One day considered shall be for the SOR Item under which the subject inspection was conducted.

- b) Due care is needed while checking of measurement of executed work; in case of excess measurement from actual measurement, excess amount shall be deductible from TPIA bill.

14. Deployment Delays/Absence:

- a) A monetary compensation of one(01) day rate per day (proportionately worked out from man-month) of delay in deployment/absence from work of an inspector/Auditor/shall be imposed. The man-day considered shall be for the SOR-Item under which the subject inspection was conducted.
- b) All the above compensations shall be settled from the running bills and the balance shall be adjusted against subsequent bills (if due).

15. ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE (EIC): The EIC for all the Projects shall be as mentioned in FOI. However, invoicing address shall be informed to the TPIA inspector to respective sites.

16. OTHER CONDITIONS:

- a) The TPIA shall perform the work under this Contract with diligence and conforming to the best practices.
- b) TPIA shall perform their obligations conforming to rules, regulations and procedures prescribed by law and prevailing local rules.
- c) The TPIA shall take approval/concurrence from APGDC on major and critical issues, e.g. Design Basis, P&ID's, etc.
- d) There may be minor changes in scopes during the implementation of the Project. The TPIA shall not be entitled for extra payment for the same.
- e) *The TPIA shall suggest measures to improve quality of work required in implementing the Project.*
- f) The bidder is required to submit all the documents as required in the "Questionnaire (Part-4 of Section-IV Scope of Work)" made available in this Bid Document.

17. Employer's Rights and Remedies: Without prejudice to Employer's rights and remedies under Agreement, if the TPIA fails to perform the duties, the Employer may terminate the Agreement in full or in part at TPIA's default and may get services from other sources at TPIA's risk and cost.

18. No dues certificate in the prescribed format shall be submitted by the TPIA at the time of submission of final bill.

19. All the payments to inspectors, Vendors, Subcontractors to be made before release of final bill payment by APGDC. No complaint /outstanding from the same should be there & the same should be settled by the TPIA to enable APGDC to make final bill payment.

20. All Inspectors deployed for this job shall be regular employees of the TPIA, proof of the same to be submitted along with CV of the Inspectors at the time of seeking approval of deployment of particular inspectors. For regular employee, documents required in terms of regular employment as required by prevailing law (appointment letter, pay slip etc.) is required to be submitted while submitting the CV.

21. CPBG submitted by the TPIA should be valid for a period of 7 months beyond contractual period and the CPBG shall be released after the completion of 7 months of the contractual period.

22. It is required that PNGRB approval (T4S) is mandatory for a bidder/contractor during entire duration of the contract. Bidder/contractor shall take timely action in the above aspect.

If a bidder/contractor has taken timely action and approval is under process then based on factual details at that time, APGDC will take decision on whether to continue the contractor not.

However if PNGRB approval is not sought by the bidder/contractor before the expiry of validity or the same is not granted to bidder/contractor by PNGRB, APGDC reserve the rights to terminate the contract.

23. EMPLOYEE PROVIDENT FUND:

The TPIA/ is to fulfill statutory obligations regarding Employees Provident Fund. The TPIA/ TPCA are required to submit copies of Electronic Challan cum Return (ECR) / Electronic Challan along with online uploaded list of engaged officials/ inspectors /members for the proof of remittance of Provident Fund (PF) and Employee State Insurance (ESI) contributions with respective authorities for the officials/ inspectors engaged by him in APGDC while submitting monthly bills.

24. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

The performance of Agency to whom the award is placed shall be evaluated right from submission of bid till the final completion, as specified in the bid document.

25. PERFORMANCE MONITORING:

The performance of the TPIA shall be done by the EIC/EIC representative based on feedback from APGDC Construction in-charge and other concerned personnel.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SCC: PART II

Compliances under various Labour Laws

The Contractor has to fully comply with all applicable Labour Laws and Regulations passed, modified and notified from time to time by the Central, State and Local Government agencies/authorities. Specific attention of the Contractor is drawn to the following obligations amongst others:

1. The Minimum Wages Act, 1948, Payment of Wages Act, 1936 and Payment of Bonus Act 1965 or The Code on Wages, 2019 (after it comes into force)

1.1. Minimum Wages:

- a. During the tenure of the contract, the Contractor must ensure the payment of minimum wages, as notified by the Central Government or State Government whichever is higher, as per the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 / Code on Wages, 2019 (after it comes into force).
- b. **Wage period and monthly wages:** Wage period shall be monthly and wages for a month shall be calculated by multiplying daily rate of Minimum Wages by 26. The monthly wages include the wages of the weekly days of rest as applicable to the office/establishment of GAIL. Deduction in case of any days of absence other than weekly days of rest shall be calculated using the following formula:

Deduction for absence = days of absence x (monthly wages / number of days in the relevant month)

However, in case the resource has worked for less than 7 working days in a particular month, the payment of wages is to be made as per the actual number of days worked based on notified wage rate per day.

Illustration I (05 days per week working pattern):

Sl. No.	Month	Nos. of days in the month	Nos. of weekly off	Nos. of days absence	Nos. of days present	Daily wage as notified	Monthly wage	Deduction	Wage to paid
1	Feb.	28	8	2	18	603	15678	1119.86	14558.14
2	March	31	10	5	16	603	15678	2528.71	13149.29
3	April	30	8	10	12	603	15678	5226	10452.00
4	May	31	10	-	4	603	2412	0	2412.00

Illustration II (06 days per week working pattern):

Sl. No.	Month	Nos. of days in the month	Nos. of weekly off	Nos. of days absence	Nos. of days present	Daily wage as notified	Monthly wage	Deduction	Wage to paid
1	Feb.	28	4	2	22	603	15678	1119.86	14558.14
2	March	31	5	5	21	603	15678	2528.71	13149.29
3	April	30	4	10	16	603	15678	5226	10452.00
4	May	31	5	-	4	603	2412	0	2412.00

1.2. Payment of Wages:

The Contractor shall disburse monthly wages **through e-banking / digital mode through cashless transaction only**, and avoid illegitimate deductions and maintain records /returns as prescribed. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the payment of wages and other dues to the resources, if any, deployed by him latest by 7th day of the subsequent month as per the provisions of the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 / as applicable under Code on Wages, 2019 (after it comes into force) in the presence of Engineer In-charge (EIC) or authorized representative of APGDC. After disbursement of wages, the representative of the Contractor and EIC/ authorised representative of APGDC have to certify the payment of wages to the resources and sign the Wage Register - Form B (under The Ease of Compliance to Maintain Registers under various Labour Laws Rules, 2017) / FORM-I of Code on Wages, 2019 (after it comes into force) with specific seal detailing name/designation/Company.

1.3. Payment of Bonus:

Contractor shall ensure payment of bonus as per the provisions of the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 / Code on Wages, 2019 (after it comes into force). Present minimum rate of payment of Bonus as per the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 is 8.33% of minimum wages per month or 8.33% of Rs.7,000/- per month whichever is higher. The rate shall be subject to amendments made from time to time to the legislation.

Payment of Bonus / ex-gratia (if Bonus is not applicable) shall be made preferably before Deepawali festival falling after the end of relevant financial year(s) and the balance payment at the time of closure of contract.

The amount towards the payment of bonus/ex-gratia shall be released / reimbursed to the contractor, after submission of proof of payment.

2. Leaves/ Leave with wages/ Holiday:

The Contractor shall comply with all the applicable leave Rules including leave with wages in terms of applicable labour legislations i.e. Factories Act, 1948 / Shops & Establishment Act/ *Industrial Establishment (national & festival holidays, casual & sick leave) Act, 1965.*

The Contractor shall extend the leave with wages and maintain the Register of Leave pertaining to the resource deployed. The payment towards un-availed leave, as per the Factories Act, 1948 / Shops & Establishment Act, shall be settled with the resource at the time of closure of the contract or separation of resource from the contract by the contractor.

- i. As per the **Factories Act, 1948 (if applicable)**:-Annual Leave with Wages @ 01 day for every 20 days of work performed by him in the previous calendar year becomes due.
- ii. As per the **Shops & Establishment Act (if applicable)** : Privilege Leave not less than 15 days and Sickness/Casual Leave not less than 12 days (this provision may vary from state to state).
- iii. **As per the Industrial Establishment (national & festival holidays, casual & sick leave) Act, 1965 (if applicable)**: (a) three national holidays of one whole day each on the 26th January, 15th August and 2nd October (b) five other holidays on any of the festivals specified in the - Schedule appended to this Act.

(c) Every worker shall in each calendar year, be allowed by the employer 07 casual leave and 14 sick leave in such manner and on such conditions as may be prescribed (This provision may vary from state to state).

3. The Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952

- a) The Contractor shall have independent PF code no. with the RPFC as required under the Employees' PF & Misc. Provisions Act, 1952.
- b) The Contractor has to ensure compliance (as per prevailing rates) and extend benefits under the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme 1952, the Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 & the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 to the resources deployed by him.
- c) The Contractor is required to submit copies of *separate e-Challans / ECR alongwith proof of payment/receipt* in respect of resources engaged through this contract only, on monthly basis. **Common challans would not be acceptable in GAIL/APGDC.** The Contractor should submit copies of previous months EPF e-Challans / ECR alongwith current month's bill. The TRRN. No. of the ECR would be verified online from EPFO portal by the Engineer-in-charge to confirm the status of payment and names of the resources deployed.
- d) **PF is mandatory irrespective of the number of resources deployed** by the Contractor under this contract. PF membership and deposit of PF contribution is also mandatory even if the wage payment to the resource is exceeding the prescribed monthly wage ceiling (i.e. Rs. 15,000/-) under the Employees' PF & Misc. Provisions Act, 1952 and in such case the liability of the Contractor towards PF contribution shall be limited to the prescribed monthly wage ceiling notified from time to time (i.e. Rs. 15,000/- currently).
- e) In case, the Contractor deploys any "**International Worker**", the Contractor should also make compliance under para 83 of EPF Scheme, 1952 i.r.o the "International Workers" and must register on the *International Worker Portal of EPFO*.

4. The Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 (If applicable and as per prevailing rates)

- a) The Contractor shall have his own ESI code No. allotted by Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) as required under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.
- b) The Contractor has to arrange **Smart Cards (i.e. ESI Identity Card) /e-Pehchan Card** for the resource(s) engaged by him from the Corporation.

5. The Employees' Compensation Act 1923 (wherever applicable)

In case, the work place is out of the notified coverage area under ESIC i.e. ESIC is not implemented in the area **or** in case of excluded employees under ESIC, the Contractor is required to take Employee Compensation / Workmen Compensation Policy from IRDAI approved Insurance Company taking into consideration the **maximum compensation liability** as per provisions of Employees' Compensation Act, 1923. It must be ensured that the contractor/contracting firm should extend coverage to the contract workers through Employee Compensation Policy, to meet the **Compensation Liability** under **Employee's Compensation Act, 1923** along with **Medi-claim Policy** within the overall premium @ 3.25 % of Minimum wages (i.e. employer contribution towards ESI).

6. Group Personal Accident Insurance Policy

The Contractor is required to take a Group Personal Accident Insurance Policy with coverage of **Rs. 3 Lakhs** per resource for the entire period of contract covering all resources deployed under the contract.

7. The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972

In case of Death or permanent disablement of a resource during execution of work under the contract, the Contractor has to pay the Gratuity as per the provision under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 to the nominee(s) of the resource as per the details maintained in the duly signed Nomination Form maintained by the Contractor. The proof of disbursement may be submitted to the EIC for claiming reimbursement of amount paid towards death Gratuity from GAIL.

8. The Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970

- a) The Contractor is required to obtain Labour license under the provisions of the Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970 from the office of Licensing Officer, Central Labour Authority, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India having jurisdiction of the Region.
- b) The Contractor shall discharge obligations as provided under the Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970 rules and regulations framed under the same and enforced from time to time.
- c) The Contractor shall ensure regular and effective supervision and control over the resources deployed for which a supervisor / representative of the Contractor should be available at all the times for giving suitable direction for undertaking the Contractual Obligations.
- d) The Contractor is solely responsible for payment of wages to each resource deployed by him and such wages shall be paid before the expiry of such period as may be prescribed.
- e) It shall be the duty of the Contractor to ensure the disbursement of wages to resource(s) through e-banking/digital mode. In case the resource does not have a bank account, the disbursement of wages may be made in cash in the presence of the Engineer-in-charge / authorized representative of GAIL initially and Contractor shall simultaneously arrange for opening the bank account of each contract labour deployed by him.
- f) In case, the Contractor fails to make payment of wages and deposit of PF contribution within the prescribed period or makes short payment of wages / short deposit of PF contribution, then GAIL, as Principal Employer, will make payment of wages in full or the unpaid balance due, as the case may be, to the resource(s) deployed by the Contractor and deposit the PF contribution with PF authorities. Such amounts will be recovered from the Contractor either by deduction from any amount payable to the Contractor under any contract or as a debt payable by the Contractor.

9. The contractor is required to comply with all applicable labour laws and regulations including, but not limited to the following:

- a) The Factories Act, 1948 / The Shops & Establishment Act, 1948 (which ever applicable)
- b) The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961
- c) The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act 1979 & Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996
- d) The Inter State Migrant Workmen (RECS) Act 1979 (if applicable)
- e) Contract Labour (R&A) Act-1970
- f) Employees' Provident Fund & Misc. Provisions Act- 1952
- g) Employees' State Insurance Act-1948
- h) Employees' Compensation Act, 1923
- i) Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972
- j) Minimum of Wages Act,1948
- k) The Payment of Wages Act,1936

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- 1) The Payment of Bonus Act,1965

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SCC: PART III

Responsibilities of the Contractor

Annexure- III

1. The Contractor shall be solely responsible and indemnify APGDC against all charges, dues, claim etc. arising out of the disputes relating to the dues and employment of resources, if any, deployed by him.
2. The Contractor shall indemnify APGDC against all losses or damages, if any, caused to it on account of acts of the resource(s) deployed by him.
3. The Contractor shall indemnify APGDC from all claims, demands, actions, cost and charges etc. brought by any court, competent authority / statutory authorities against APGDC.
4. The Contractor shall also indemnify APGDC for any action brought against him for violation, non-compliance of any act, rules & regulation of center / state / local statutory authorities.
5. All resources deployed by the Contractor are deemed to be on the rolls of the Contractor.
6. **Age:** No resource below the age of **18 years** and above age of **58 years** shall be deployed by the contractor for the execution of the contract.
7. **Appointment/Nomination of supervisor:**
As a part of the contract, the Contractor is required to appoint/nominate a supervisor (s) who will supervise, control and give directions to the resource(s) for discharging the contractual obligations. Accordingly, the Contractor has to give in writing the name and contact details of the supervisor (s) to the EIC. A copy of the same is also to be sent to HR In-charge and Security In-charge for records.
8. A copy of the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) should be submitted to the Security Department by the Contractor / his representative or supervisor for facilitating the movement of resource(s) including machine & materials involved in the contract.
9. The resources to be deputed/ deployed by the Contractor shall observe all security, fire and safety rules of APGDC while at the site/work. All existing and amended safety / fire rules of APGDC are to be followed at the work site by the Contractor and his deployed resource(s).
10. **Personal Protective Equipment / Safety Kit and Liveries:** Contractor shall ensure adequate supply of personal protective equipment / Safety Kit and Liveries as mentioned in the Scope of Work to all such resources deployed.
11. In case of accident, injury or death caused to the resource(s) while executing the Work under the contract, the Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of adequate compensation, insurance money etc. to the next kith & kin of injured / diseased. Contractor shall indemnify GAIL from such liabilities.
12. The Contractor shall not deploy any resource suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. The Contractor shall get the deployed resource(s) examined from a civil Govt. Doctor.
13. No resource(s) or representatives of Contractor (including Contractor) are allowed to consume alcoholic drinks or any narcotics within the premises of APGDC (including Plant, Office and Residential etc.). If found under the influence of above, the Contractor shall immediately replace that resource(s) with intimation to the EIC.
14. While engaging / deploying the resources, the Contractor is required to make efforts to provide opportunity of employment to resources belonging to **Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribe and Other Backward Class** in order to have a fair representation of these sections of the society.

15. The Contractor is required to maintain all Registers and other records in an **office** within the premises of APGDC or at a place **within a radius of three kilometers**.
16. Contractor shall provide proper **Employment cards (FORM XII)** for the resource to be deployed by him, duly signed by the Contractor or authorized person on behalf of Contractor.
17. **Gate/ Entry Pass or Authorization:**
Entry to the premises of APGDC is restricted and is subject to appropriate entry authorization in the prescribed format of a Gate Pass or any other entry authorization w.r.t police verification as per instruction of Security department from time to time. Similarly, entry for material/ equipment's/ tools/ tackles etc. is restricted & subject to entry authorization by security department.
18. The Contractor shall issue **Identity cards** in his firm's name to the resource deployed.
19. Discipline of the resource(s) during discharge of duties must be regulated by the Contractor himself or by his representative.
20. **Police verification**
 - a) The Contractor (including his sub-Contractors/Petty Contractors etc, if allowed) will undertake police verification in respect of the resource(s) engaged by him in APGDC's premises. Such verification will have to be carried out from concerned police station of their permanent place of residence/present place of residence.
 - b) Further, the Contractor is advised not to deploy any resource having past criminal record in the establishment/premises of APGDC under this contract awarded to him.
 - c) In the event of violation of above clauses at (a) and (b), the Contractor will be solely responsible for the same.
 - d) If any such resource(s) having criminal record is deployed by the Contractor in the premises of APGDC and has come to the notice of APGDC at any point of time, the Contractor shall immediately replace that resource(s), failing which that particular resource(s) of the Contractor will not be allowed to enter into the premises of APGDC.
21. While confirming to any of these conditions, the Contractor must ensure that all applicable Laws of State regarding labour, their welfare, conduct etc. are complied.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SCC: PART IV

Annexure- IV

Compliance of Government of India Directives

1. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojna (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna (PMJJBY)

Contractor shall, ensure that all its resources deployed under this contract have obtained additional insurance coverage under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) through the participating banks and submit the proof of such insurance coverage to the satisfaction of APGDC. The cost has been included in the estimate mentioned in SOR and the Contractor shall submit evidence / proof to APGDC in this respect. Both the schemes are to be regulated continuously on yearly basis and the same should be renewed on each successive relevant date in subsequent years during the period of the contract.

2. Labour Identification Number (i.e. LIN) Registration (Mandatory)

The Unified Shram Suvidha Portal, developed by Government of India, facilitates reporting of Inspections & submission of Returns and has also been envisaged as a single point of contact between employer, resources and enforcement agencies bringing in transparency in their day-to-day interactions. For integration of data among various enforcement Agencies, the Contractor, as an inspectable unit, is required to register and obtain Labour Identification Number (i.e. LIN) from Shram Suvidha Portal and submit the same in APGDC.

3. Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojna (PMRPY) – if applicable

In order to support the Govt. of India's Initiative on Employment Generation, the Contractor must register for Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojna (PMRPY) Scheme. The Contractor shall inform APGDC/Engineer in Charge about the benefit availed, if any, against the scheme for adjustment against the invoice(s) / bill(s).

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SCC: PART V
Records and Registers

Annexure-V

1. Maintenance of records and registers

The Contractor is required to maintain statutory records and registers for applicable labour laws as prescribed under the following rules:

- a) Ease of Compliance to Maintain Registers under the various Labour Laws, 2017
- b) Rationalization of Forms and Reports under Certain Labour Laws Rules, 2017
- c) Labour Codes (after they are made effective by Government of India)

2. The Contractor has to maintain the following (but not limited to) Registers/ Forms/ Reports / Returns at all times:

- a) Employee Register in FORM A (to be replaced by FORM – IV of Code on Wages-2019 after it comes into force)
- b) Wage Register in FORM B (to be replaced by Register of Wages, Overtime, Fine, Deduction for damage and Loss in FORM – I of Code on Wages-2019 after it comes into force)
- c) Register of Loan / Recoveries in FORM C
- d) Attendance Register in FORM D
- e) Register of rest/leave/leave wages in FORM E
- f) Copies of Wage Slips in FORM XIX (to be replaced by FORM – V of Code on Wages-2019, after it comes into force)
- g) Copies of Employment Card in FORM XII

3. Documents to be submitted by the Contractor to EIC at various stages during the currency of the contract**a) Immediately after issuance/receiving of Letter of Acceptance (LOA)**

- i. Details as required for issuance of **FORM - VII (Notice of Commencement of Work)**
- ii. Application for issuance of **FORM –III (Form of Certificate by Principal Employer)** for obtaining Labour License from Licensing Authority for engaging 20 or more resources.
- iii. Copy of **FORM - VI (License)** before commencement of work if 20 or more resources are engaged.
- iv. Copy of **Provident Fund Registration Certificate** issued by concerned Regional Provident Fund Commissioner.
- v. Copy of **ESI Registration Certificate** issued by concerned ESIC.
- vi. Copies **Insurance Policy(ies)** as mentioned at **Annexure-iv**
- vii. Copy of **Labour Identification Number (i.e. LIN)** Registration done in **Shram Suvidha Portal** of Govt. of India.

b) At the time of submission of monthly bills

- i. Copy of **Employee Register in FORM – A** under The Ease of Compliance to Maintain Registers under various Labour Laws Rules, 2017 (to be replaced by FORM – IV (of Code on Wages-2019, after it comes into force).
- ii. Copy of **Wage Register in FORM – B** under The Ease of Compliance to Maintain Registers under various Labour Laws Rules, 2017 (to be replaced by Register of Wages, Overtime, Fine, Deduction for damage and Loss in FORM – I of Code on Wages-2019, after it comes into force) duly certified by **authorized representative** of the Contractor and **authorised person** in APGDC certifying as “*Certified that the amount shown in the column No. ---- has been paid to the workman concerned in my presence on----- (date) at ----- (place)*” along with copy of bank statement duly certified by bank as proof of **Cashless Transaction / Payment of wages through e-banking/digital mode.**

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- iii. As a part of compliance and proof of depositing Provident Fund, EDLI and ESI contributions the Contractor shall submit copies of the Separate eChallans / ECR, bank receipts/bank statement in respect of resources deployed in APGDC in the previous month in this contract. The documents should also contain details of resources, PF account No., ESI No., contributions of resources and employer etc.
- iv. Dully filled in details as per **Annexure- i**.
- v. Copy of Wage Slips in FORM XIX

c) **At the time of closure of contract**

- i. **Indemnity Bond** of Rs. 100/- duly notarized from Notary indemnifying APGDC from all liabilities w.r.t. the resource engaged by the Contractor regarding payment of wages, Provident Fund/ESI contributions, Insurance and other statutory payments. Format for Indemnity Bond is enclosed at **Annexure- ii**.
- ii. Copy of the **Wage Register** in **FORM – B** (to be replaced by FORM-I of Code on Wages-2019 after it comes into force) for the last month.
- iii. Copies of **Service Certificates** issue to resource in **FORM VIII**
- iv. Copy of the ECR related to EPF and ESIC Compliance in respect of Resource.
- v. Details as required for issuance of **FORM - VII (Notice of Completion of Work)**
- vi. Copies of FORM-C & FORM –D under the Payment of Bonus Act 1965 as proof of payment towards Bonus.
- vii. Copy of proof towards release of Leave Encashment
- viii. Copies of No Dues Certificate from contract workers stating they have received all statutory payments and social benefits.

4. **Verifications of bills and documents submitted by the Contractor**

Before certifying/verifying the running/ final bill/invoice of the Contractor, the designated EIC of the respective contract of APGDC, shall verify from the ECRs of PF/ESI, through respective web portals, the detail/status of the payment made by the Contractor. In case the information furnished by the Contractor is found to be incorrect, APGDC shall take appropriate action against the Contractor under relevant conditions as available in the tender document.

Details in support of RA Bill for the Month of _____, 20__

- (1) Name of the Firm/Agency/Contractor _____
- (2) Nature of Contract: Job/ Service _____
- (3) Period of Contract: From _____ to _____
 (a) Extension Period of Contract, if any from _____ to _____
 (b) Place where contract workmen are working _____
- (4) Postal address of the Contractor: _____
- (5) Phone No. of the Contractor: _____
- (6) Fax No. and Email of the Contractor: _____
- (7) Name and Address of PF office from where EPF Code No. has been allotted:

- (8) EPF Code No. allotted by PF office: _____
- (9) Name and Address of ESIC office from where ESI Code No. has been allotted:

- (10) ESI Code No. allotted by ESIC office: _____
- (11) Labour License No. _____ dated _____
- (12) Validity period of Labour License from _____ to _____
- (13) Detail of Resource engaged by the Contractor:

Category	No. of Resources		Prevailing Minimum Wages
	Male	Female	
Unskilled			
Semi-skilled			
Skilled			
Highly skilled			
Total			

- (14) Copy of Wage Register in FORM – B (to be replaced by FORM-I as per Code on Wages-2019, after it comes into force)
- (15) Details of deposit of contribution towards EPF:
 a) EPF Challan No. _____ Amount _____ Date _____
- (16) Details of Deposition of contribution towards ESI
 a) ESI Challan No. _____ Amount _____ Date _____
- (17) Whether any arrangement / agreement has been entered with any resource for extending benefits under Inter-state Migrant Workmen (RE&CS) Act, 1979: ____ (Yes / No)
 If Yes, No. of such Inter-state Migrant Workers: _____

SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Place:

Date:

INDEMNITY BOND

WHEREAS Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as APGDC) which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context include their legal representatives, successors and assigns, having their Registered Office at Door No. 70-14-5/1, Floor/Room number: Siddarth Nagar, Near RTO office, City: Kakinada- 533001, East Godavari Dist., Andhra Pradesh has entered into a CONTRACT with *<name of the Contractor>* Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the ('CONTRACTOR') which expression shall unless repugnant to the context include their legal representatives, successors and assigns, having their Registered Office ----- for Rs. -----for *<NAME OF THE CONTRACT> ---- for a period of-----*” and on the terms and conditions as set out, inter-alia in the Letter of Acceptance No. -----and various documents forming part thereof hereinafter collectively referred to as the ‘CONTRACT’ which expression shall include all amendments, modifications and / or variations thereto.

APGDC has also requested the CONTRACTOR to execute an Indemnity Bond in favour of APGDC indemnifying it from all consequences which may arise out of any Case filed by any Resources/ vendors/ sub-Contractors /partner etc. who may have been engaged by the CONTRACTOR directly or indirectly with or without consent of APGDC for above works , which may be pending before any court of Law including Quasi-Judicial Authority , Competent Authority, Labour Court , Arbitrator , Tribunal etc. and the Contractor has readily agreed for the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises aforesaid; the CONTRACTOR hereby irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to indemnify and keep indemnified APGDC from any loss, which may arise out of any such contract/Case. The CONTRACTOR undertakes to compensate to APGDC forthwith, on demand, without protest the loss suffered by APGDC together direct / indirect expenses.

AND THE CONTRACTOR hereby agrees with APGDC that:

- (i) This Indemnity Bond shall remain valid and irrevocable for all claims of APGDC arising from any such contract/case for which GAIL has been made party until now or here-in- after.
- (ii) This Indemnity Bond shall not be discharged / revoked by any change / modification / amendment / deletion in the constitution of the firm / Contractor or any conditions thereof including insolvency etc. of the CONTRACTOR but shall be in all respects and for all purposes binding and operative until any claims for payment are settled by the Contractor.

The undersigned has full power to execute this Indemnity Bond on behalf of the CONTRACTOR and the same stands valid.

SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Place:

Date:

UNDERTAKING

(To be submitted along with un-priced bid)

I/We hereby undertake that I/We have completely understood the terms & conditions of the Tender including minimum resources required to be deployed and the cost involved thereof in deployment of resources.

I/We further undertake to ensure all compliances of the tender conditions. Any non-compliance may be construed as deficiency in the performance of the contract. If such non-compliance is noticed APGDC/owner is at liberty to take action in line with the tender conditions including termination of the contract.

Signature of Bidder.....

Name of Bidder.....

Summary of Insurance Policies

Contractor is required to cover all resources deployed by him with the following insurances / schemes:

Sl. No.	SCHEME	APPLICABILITY	PREMIUM/ CONTRIBUTION	SUM ASSURED/ BENEFITS	REMARKS
1	The Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948	Applicable to all resources of the Contractor (within ESI wage limit) working in notified area.	3.25% of wages by employer 0.75% of wages by employees	Benefits under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.	
2	The Employees' Compensation Act, 1923 (in lieu of ESI – mentioned at Sl. 1)	Applicable to excluded employees under ESI and those who are working in non-notified area to extend similar benefits as available under ESI Act, 1948	Premium to be calculated considering wage limit under EC Act, 1923 (i.e. Rs. 15,000/- p.m currently)	Maximum Compensation Liability under Employee's Compensation Act, 1923 along with a Mediclaim policy within overall premium @ 3.25 % of Minimum wages (i.e. employer contribution towards ESI)	Provides compensation and medical facility to resources.
3	Group personal Accident Insurance	Applicable to all resources of the Contractor	Based on the coverage	Insured value: Rs. 3 Lakh to cover expenses associated with any accident.	Death, permanent disablement, temporary total disability or any other medical expenses related to accident.
4	Pradhan Matri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)	Eligibility – age group 18 to 70 years	Rs. 12/- per annum	Accidental death and permanent disability: (i) Permanent total disability – Rs. 2 lakhs. (ii) Permanent partial disability – Rs. 1 Lakh.	
5	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana(PMJJB)	Eligibility – age group 18 to 50 years. (can continue upto 55 years)	Rs. 330/- per annum.	Risk coverage – Rs. 2 Lakhs- in case of death due to any reason	

SECTION VIII

SCHEDULE OF RATES (SOR)

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SOR No.	Item Description	UOM	Quantity	Unit Rate Inclusive of all excl. GST (Rs.)	Total Amount (Rs.) excluding GST
			(i)	(ii)	(iii) = (i) x (ii)
1	Inspection at spreads during Pipeline laying, Station Construction works and commissioning, etc. for Kakinada – Srikakulam Pipeline Project, Phase-1 (from Kakinada to Vizag consisting of 179 Kms consists of 2 Spreads & one TPI shall be deployed for each Spread) and Phase-2 (from Vizag to Srikakulam consisting of 102 Kms consists of 2 Spreads & one TPI shall be deployed for each Spread)	Man-month	30		
				GST @ ____%	
				Total Amount incl. GST @ ____%	

Grand Total in Words: _____

Note:

1. Rates quoted are including Boarding & Lodging of TPI in all Spreads
2. Vehicle for site movement of TPI shall be provided by APGDC

Name, Signature & Seal of the TPIA