



Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

(High Pressure Boiler Plant)

Tiruchirappalli-620014, Tamil Nadu, India

MM/CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

MM / CE / GENL /001 – NO EMD An ISO 9001 Company

GENERAL GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS FOR SUBMITTING OFFER

Vendors are requested to read the following points / guidelines / instructions and ensure that the offer is prepared and submitted strictly as per the requirements. Offers with insufficient details would not be considered for evaluation. The following points / guidelines / instructions are part and parcel of the tender and non-compliance will result in rejection of offer.

1.0	QUOTATIONS
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Considering the nature of procurement which requires a good amount of technical details, brochures, catalogues etc., to be submitted along with the offer as well as the confidentiality required to be maintained during the offer evaluation process, bidders are requested to submit their offers only through sealed bids. As the part II (the price bid) would not be opened before the technical evaluation is completed, bidders are requested not to submit their bids through email / fax etc.

Bidders shall submit the offer in **TWO PARTS** as indicated below which shall be sealed in one outer envelope.

Part I consists of Two inner envelopes and put in a sealed cover and super scribed as PART I - TECHNICAL AND UN-PRICED COMMERCIAL BID.

Envelope - I

This sealed envelope should contain all the copies of technical bid together with un-priced commercial bid. This envelope should be clearly marked "Part I - Technical and Un-priced commercial bid", indicating Enquiry No., Due Date, Address & Reference of the Bidder.

Envelope – II for Part-II

This sealed envelope should contain **price details**. This envelope should be clearly marked "**Part**

II - Price bid", indicating Enquiry No., Due Date, Address & Reference of the Bidder. In case the Enquiry contains more than one-line item, then the price bid shall be submitted in separate sealed envelope for each individual line item.

Both the envelopes (Part I & II) shall be put in one cover, duly sealed, superscribing as **PART I AND PART II** indicating Enquiry No., Due Date, Address & Reference of the Bidder. The above tender (envelope containing Part I & II) should reach this office on or before the due date by **14.00 Hrs (IST)**. Tenders received after 14.00 Hrs (IST) will not be considered for evaluation.

Tender should not be addressed to any Individual's name but only by designation to:

**DGM / CAPITAL EQUIPMENT/ MM
1st Floor – DTG Building,
BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LIMITED
HIGH PRESSURE BOILER PLANT
TIRUCHIRAPALLI – 620 014
TAMIL NADU, INDIA**

Tenders should be free from **CORRECTION AND ERASURES**, Corrections if any, must be attested. All amounts shall be indicated both in words as well as in figures. Where there is difference between amount quoted in words and figures, amount quoted in words shall prevail.

Tenders should be in **ENGLISH** and accompanied by detailed technical literature, catalogue and detailed dimensional drawings in **ENGLISH** or otherwise, the tenders will not be considered for evaluation.

Offers submitted directly by the Manufacturers/Suppliers is preferred. However, if the OEM/Principal insists on engaging the services of an agent, such agent shall not be allowed to represent more than one manufacturer/supplier in the same tender. Offers, if submitted by authorised agents/dealers of OEM/ Supplier should be accompanied by a **VALID AUTHORISATION LETTER ISSUED BY THE OEM**. Moreover, either the agent could bid on behalf of the manufacturer /supplier or the manufacturer/supplier could bid directly but not both. In case bids are received from both the manufacturer/supplier and the agent, the bid received from the agent shall be ignored.

All documents submitted by vendors along with their bids during tendering process shall be authenticated by authorized signatory (with valid power of attorney as applicable) of the company with stamp. Further, documents/clarifications received through e mails should be from registered e-mail id of the bidder/supplier.

If the past performance of a vendor in any of the previous Purchase orders/contracts/in any projects, of BHEL Units, and NON-BHEL, is not satisfactory BHEL then reserves the full right to reject such offers of those vendors straightaway irrespective of their suitability and will not be considered for further processing of the tender.

2.0	PART I (TECHNICAL & UN-PRICED COMMERCIAL BID)
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2.1	Technical
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This part shall include / indicate the following:

2.1	Technical
2.1.1	Tenders should contain complete scope of supply with all technical details, specifications, delivery and other commercial terms and conditions.
2.1.2	Point by point confirmation for the Technical Specification enclosed is to be provided. If there are any deviations, the same should be clearly specified. Tenders received without confirmation to our specification will be rejected.
2.1.3	List of customers to whom same or similar equipment have been supplied along with performance certificates are to be enclosed.
2.1.4	Relevant catalogues to be attached
2.1.5	List of spares parts (with part numbers) for two years operation and maintenance should be attached.
2.1.6	Information on shipping weight and cubage (length, width & height) to be provided.

2.2	Un-Priced Commercial
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This part shall include / indicate the following:

2.2.1	Acceptance of commercial terms and conditions by the bidders (in the compliance form enclosed)
2.2.2	Station of despatch
2.2.3	Terms of payment
2.2.4	F.O.R.BHEL works as required in the compliance form (attached with this Tender)
2.2.5	HSN Number and applicable % of tax under GST
2.2.6	Delivery Schedule from the date of Purchase Order
2.2.7	Offer validity
2.2.8	Country of origin
2.2.9	The evaluation currency for this tender shall be INR.
2.2.10	A copy of the Price Bid without the price details to be enclosed. (UNPRICED BID)

3.0	OPENING OF TENDERS
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PART I

- a) EMD envelope would be opened on the tender opening date and if EMD is not submitted, the offer is liable to be rejected.
- b) Technical & Un-priced commercial bid would be opened on the Tender opening date.

PART II – The Technical Bid received (under Part I) would be evaluated and bidders qualifying after completion of the techno-commercial evaluation alone will be considered for further processing.

4.0	DEFINITIONS & OTHER TERMS
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Fixed price: Prices quoted by the bidder shall be fixed and not subject to any escalation whatsoever during the period of bid validity and execution of the Purchase Order. A bid submitted with an adjustable price will be treated as non-responsive and rejected. Prices shall be written in words and figures. In the event of difference, the price written in words shall be valid and binding.

Bid currency: Indian bidders should submit the prices only in Indian Rupees.

The evaluation currency for this tender shall be INR.

GST: Taxes applicable under GST should be specifically stated in offers along with GST Number and HSN Number failing which BHEL will not be liable for payment of such Taxes.

- ***Response to Tenders for Indigenous supplier will be entertained only if the vendor has a valid GST registration*** no which should clearly indicate in the offer. If any specific exemption is available, a declaration with due supporting documents need to be furnished for considering the offer.
- Supplier shall mention their GSTN registration number in all their invoices and invoices shall be in the format as specified/prescribed under GST laws. Invoices shall necessarily contain Invoice number (in case of multiple numbering system is being followed for billing like SAP invoice no, commercial invoice no etc., then the Invoice No which is linked/uploaded in GSTN network shall be clearly indicated), item description as per Purchase Order (in case of ordering), Quantity, Rate, Value, applicable taxes with nomenclature (like IGST, SGST, CGST & UTGST) separately, HSN/ SAC Code, etc.
- All invoices shall bear the HSN Code for each item separately (Harmonized System of Nomenclature)/ SAC code (Services Accounting Code).
- A declaration to the effect that all invoice particulars are/were uploaded in the GSTN network/ portal & all tax liability as per GST rules and regulations have been and will be discharged, shall be mentioned in the invoice. If not mentioned in the invoice, a separate declaration shall be submitted as per the requirement of BHEL.
- All documents like Mill Test Certificate, LR copy, Guarantee/Warranty certificate, work completion certificate, any other document mentioned in Purchase Order (in case of ordering), shall be sent along with the vehicle/consignment. For all consignments received within the calendar month, input credit will be availed within that month in line with monthly returns filing cycle. In case of any discrepancy in the document or nonsubmission of documents mentioned in the Purchase Order, then BHEL will not be able to accept or account the material, in such case availing of tax credit will be deferred to next month or so.
- In case of discrepancy in the data uploaded by supplier in the GSTN portal or in case of any shortages or rejection in the supply, then BHEL will not be able to avail the tax credit and will notify the supplier of the same. Supplier has to rectify the data discrepancy in the

GSTN portal or issue credit note (details to be uploaded in GSTN portal) for the shortages or rejections in the suppliers, within the calendar month notified by BHEL.

- For any such delay in availing of tax credit for reasons attributable to supplier (as mentioned above), interest (calculated @ SBI Base Rate + 6%) along with penalty if any will be deducted for the delayed period i.e. from the month of receipt till the month tax credit is availed, from the running bills.

BHEL Trichy: GSTN Code :- 33AAACB4146P2ZL

Registered Address with GSTN :- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited HPBP and SSTP, Thiruverumbur, Trichy – 14

Any difference in taxes (on account of reduction in the levies) between what has been paid by BHEL to the vendor (based on what has been indicated in the Purchase Order) and actually paid by vendor should be passed on to BHEL.

Packing: The Supplier shall arrange for packing suitably in all respects considering the peculiarity of the material involved for normal safe transport by sea / air / rail / road and suitably protected against effect of tropical salt laden atmosphere in the event of shipment being delayed at ports.

Salient points of HSE (Health Safety & Environment) that are to be considered while submission of offer are:

- Consumption benchmarks related to output shall be provided wherever applicable for key input resources (energy/fuel/chemicals)
- Competency requirements for operation, maintenance and calibration, if any, shall be communicated
- If any hazardous chemicals as per MSIHC (Manufacturing, Storage and import of such Hazardous Chemicals) Rules 1989/94/2000 are used, the MSDS shall be provided along with On site & Off site emergency plan (as applicable)
- The noise level at operator level shall be within 80 dBA
- OH&S (Occupational Health and Safety) control measures for safe working of machine as applicable shall be specified.
- The machine / equipment shall be fitted with guard for rolling and moving parts and shall comply with applicable OH&S legislations and Factories Act 1948
- The supplier shall submit the layout drawing of operating controls, displays etc. Along with operating instructions to enable ergonomics evaluation and approval.
- The recommended list of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for the equipment shall be furnished.
- Alarm system (both visual and audible) and Automatic switch off of the equipment shall be provided for any intrusion, overloading, short circuiting or any malfunctioning of the equipment.
- Details of all hazardous / harmful substances discharged as by-products / wastes during operations of the machine / equipment, such as fumes, gases, dust particles, aerosols UV/IR (Ultra violet / infra red) radiations etc., shall be furnished along with their concentrations and their TLV, (Threshold Limit Value).

- Appropriate pollution control measures shall be proposed to keep the emissions from the machinery / processes within the prescribed limit as stated in Environment Protection Rules 1986.
- All furnaces, process units, DG sets, paint booths, shot blasting chambers, etc. shall be provided with stack(s) of sufficient height as per guidelines laid down in the Environment Protection Rules 1986.
- Wherever industry specific standards are not available for control of pollutants, general emission standards shall be used.
- Chemicals banned due to their negative impact on the environment shall not be used in the process.
- Fuels with Sulphur content less than 0.05% shall be proposed.
- Details regarding nature of waste generated and appropriate disposal practices available shall be provided, along with the operation procedure of the plant / process. Hazardous chemicals and flammable substances shall be transported only through authorized transporters and all safety practices as laid down in applicable legislative requirements such as Central Motor Vehicle Rules, Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical 1989, etc. shall be followed
- Primary materials used in the equipment shall be specified and they shall be eco– Friendly

Force Majeure clause:

If at any time during the continuance of the contract the performance in whole or in part by either party of any obligations under the contract is prevented or delayed by reason, of any war, hostilities, acts of the public enemy, civil commotion, sabotage, fires, explosions, epidemics, quarantine, restrictions or acts of GOD (hereinafter referred to as events) and notice of happening of any such events is given by either party to other within twenty one days from the date of occurrence thereof then neither party shall by reason of such events be entitled to terminate the contract. If the performance in whole or part of any obligation under this contract is prevented or delayed by reason of occurrence of such events, then claims for extension of time shall be granted for period considered reasonable by the purchaser subject to prompt notification by the seller to the purchaser the particulars of the events, if required with supporting evidence. Any waiver of time in respect of partial instalment shall not be deemed to be a waiver of time in respect of remaining deliveries.

Short shipment / Warrantee replacement:

In case of any short-shipment during initially supply, subsequently dispatched by the supplier or any warrantee replacement dispatched during the warrantee period shall “FOR BHEL Stores” basis.

Inspection & Testing: All goods shall be subject to inspection by BHEL or its authorized representatives at supplier's works or at BHEL Stores. The supplier will not charge for the facilities provided for inspection of goods. In case of machine tools, the machine would be inspected and proved at supplier's works prior to dispatch. However, final inspection and acceptance of the machine will be carried after installation of the machine at BHEL.

5.0	GENERAL
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The offered equipment shall be “New”. Offers for Re-built / Re-conditioned / Used equipment’s will not be accepted. Incomplete offers will not be considered for evaluation. **Evaluation of offers shall be on “Net Cash Outflow to BHEL basis”.**

BHEL reserves its right to reject a tender due to unsatisfactory past performance in the execution of a contract at any of BHEL projects / Units.

BHEL shall be at liberty to reject or accept any tender, part or in full, at their own discretion and any such action is not liable for any question or claim against BHEL.

The correspondence exchanged against the tender between the bidder and BHEL through email are considered as valid document legally though it is not signed. It is treated as valid confirmations made on behalf of the respective company and very much comes under the legal ambit of the business transaction and hence it is binding on both the parties to the business.

Any transaction / communication pertaining to the tender carried out by the bidder and BHEL round the clock irrespective of the office or business hours of the companies, are valid legally and binding on both the parties. This applies to the extent only in such cases where deadline time for transaction is not specifically declared by either or both the parties to the business.

In case Letter of Intent (LoI) is issued through email, the computer generated time and date of mail shall be construed as the official time and date of release of LoI. In as much as this date is within the last date of validity given by the bidder the LoI is said to have been issued within the validity period and shall be binding on both the parties to the business.

Suspension of Business Dealings with defaulters: -

BHEL shall take action against suppliers by way of suspension of business dealings, who either fail to perform or are in default without any reasonable cause, cause loss of business/ money/ reputation, indulge in malpractices, cheating, bribery, fraud or any other misconduct or formation of cartels so as to influence the bidding process or influence the price etc. Such action under Suspension of Business Dealings could be in the form of “Hold” or “Banning” a supplier or a bidder or an applicant for registration as a registered supplier. The detailed guidelines is available at our www.bhel.com.

Also, Bidders participating in the tender should declare in their technical bid that whether they have been black-listed / kept on hold for a specified period / given Business holiday for a specified period by any Public sector undertaking or Government departments. The reasons for such action with details and the current status of such hold shall be clearly furnished to BHEL. If no such details are mentioned in the offer then it will be construed that the subject bidder is not under any such hold. But at a later date if it comes to the notice of BHEL about any such hold under enforcement on the subject bidder, BHEL will have every right to reject the offer of such vendors at any point of time and also under any stage of the finalisation of the subject tender irrespective of the status of the subject bidder in that tender. Such bidders will not be permitted to participate in the further tender proceedings and will be communicated suitably. They will not be also considered for any ongoing enquiries even if participated till the hold is officially lifted and confirmed in writing.

6.0	SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE FOR MSE VENDORS
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In line with the Gazette Notification issued by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on MSE suppliers 20% of the tendered quantity is earmarked for MSE suppliers. Out of the 20%

tendered quantity earmarked for MSE suppliers, 4% shall be earmarked for procurement from MSE owned by SC / ST entrepreneurs.

In case MSE vendor participating in the tender quotes within the price band of L1 + 15%, they will be allowed to supply the portion of the requirement subject to acceptance of L1 price by MSE vendor. In case of more than one such MSE, the supply shall be shared proportionately. MSE suppliers can avail the intended benefits only if they submit along with the offer, attested copy of UAM (Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum) registration/Udyam registration as per MSME Guidelines.

Payment for MSE indigenous Vendors will be as per MSMED Act, 2006.

All existing enterprises registered under EM–Part-II or UAM or any other registration issued by any authority under the Ministry of MSME are required to register again on the Udyam Registration portal (<https://udyamregistration.gov.in>). Such enterprises are required to apply and obtain Udyam Registration on or after 1st July 2020. · The MSE status of existing enterprises registered prior to 30th June 2020 shall be valid only till 31st March 2021. (i.e.) Udyam Registration Certificate is mandatory for all MSME enterprises from 1st April 2021.

Attested date of UAM/ UDYAM shall be after the Tender floating date.

Non submission of such documents will lead to consideration of their bid at par with other bidders and MSE status of such suppliers shall be shifted to NON MSE suppliers till the supplier submit this documents. Documents should be notarized or attested by a Gazetted officer.

Definitions of MSEs owned by SC / ST is under:

- In case of proprietorship firm, proprietor must be SC/ST.
- In case of partnership firm, the SC / ST partners must be holding at least 51% shares in the unit.
- In case of private limited companies, at least 51% share must be held by SC/ST promoters.

Authorized Offices to issue SC/ST certificate:

The caste / Tribe / Community certificate issued by the following authorities in the prescribed form for SCs / STs can be considered.

- District Magistrate / Additional District Magistrate / Collector / Deputy Commissioner / Additional Deputy Commissioner / Deputy Collector / 1st Class stipendiary magistrate / Sub Divisional Magistrate / Taulka Magistrate / Executive Magistrate / Extra Assistant Commissioner.
- Chief Presidency Magistrate / Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate / Presidency Magistrate.
- Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahsildar.
- Sub-Divisional officer of the area where the individual and / or his family normally resides.

To avail the benefits of MSE under SC/ST category, the related documents as stated above should be submitted along with tender documents.

7.0	PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (PREFERENCE TO MAKE IN INDIA) ORDER 2017
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Procurement of the item through this NIT will be as per Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 dated 04.06.2020 by DPIIT (*DPIIT Order No. P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II) dated 04.06.2020*), to encourage 'Make in India' and promote manufacturing and production of goods and services in India.

Extracts of important provisions contained in DPIIT Order No. P-45021/2/2017-PP(BE-II) dated 4th June, 2020

Clause 2. Definitions:

'Local content' means the amount of value added in India which shall, unless otherwise prescribed by the Nodal Ministry, be the total value of the item procured (excluding net domestic indirect taxes) minus the value of imported content in the item (including all customs duties) as a proportion of the total value, in percent.

'Class-I local supplier' means a supplier or service provider, whose goods, services or works offered for procurement, has local content equal to or more than 50%, as defined under said Order.

'Class-II local supplier' means a supplier or service provider, whose goods, services or works offered for procurement, has local content more than 20% but less than 50%, as defined under this Order.

'Non-Local supplier' means a supplier or service provider, whose goods, services or works offered for procurement, has local content less than or equal to 20%, as defined under this Order.

'L1' means the lowest tender or lowest bid or the lowest quotation received in a tender, bidding process or other procurement solicitation as adjudged in the evaluation process as per the tender or other procurement solicitation.

'Margin of purchase preference' means the maximum extent to which the price quoted by a "Class-I local supplier" may be above the L 1 for the purpose of purchase preference.

'Nodal Ministry' means the Ministry or Department identified pursuant to this order in respect of a particular item of goods or services or works.

'Procuring entity' means a Ministry or department or attached or subordinate office of, or autonomous body controlled by, the Government of India and includes Government companies as defined in the Companies Act.

'Works' means all works as per Rule 130 of GFR- 2017, and will also include turnkey works '.

Clause 3. Eligibility of 'Class-I local supplier'/ 'Class-II local supplier'/ 'Non-local Supplier's for different types of procurement.

- (a) In procurement of all goods, services or works in respect of which the Nodal Ministry I Department has communicated that there is sufficient local capacity and local competition, only 'Class-I local supplier', as defined under the Order, shall be eligible to bid irrespective of purchase value.
- (b) In procurement of all goods, services or works, not covered by 3(a) above, and with estimated value of purchases less than Rs.200 Crore, in accordance with Rule 161(iv) of GFR, 2017, Global tender enquiry shall not be issued except with the approval of competent authority as designated by Department of Expenditure. Only 'Class-I local supplier' and 'Class-II local supplier', as defined under the Order, shall be eligible to bid in procurements undertaken by procuring entities, except when Global tender enquiry has been issued. In Global tender enquiries, 'Non-local suppliers' shall also be eligible to bid along with 'Class-I local suppliers' and 'Class-II local suppliers'.
- (c) For the purpose of this Order, works includes Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contracts and services include System Integrator (SI) contracts.

Clause 3A. Purchase Preference

- (a) Subject to the provisions of this Order and to any specific instructions issued by the Nodal Ministry or in pursuance of this Order, purchase preference shall be given to 'Class-I local supplier' in procurements undertaken by procuring entities in the manner specified here under.
- (b) In the procurements of goods or works, which are covered by para 3(b) above and which are divisible in nature, the 'Class-I local supplier' shall get purchase preference over 'Class-II local supplier' as well as 'Non-local supplier', as per following procedure:
- i. Among all qualified bids, the lowest bid will be termed as L1. If L1 is 'Class-I local supplier', the contract for full quantity will be awarded to L1.
 - ii. If L1 bid is not a 'Class-I local supplier', 50% of the order quantity shall be awarded to L1. Thereafter, the lowest bidder among the 'Class-I local supplier' will be invited to match the L1 price for the remaining 50% quantity subject to the Class-I local supplier's quoted price falling within the margin of purchase preference, and contract for that quantity shall be awarded to such 'Class-I local supplier' subject to matching the L 1 price. In case such lowest eligible 'Class-I local supplier' fails to match the L1 price or accepts less than the offered quantity, the next higher 'Class-I local supplier' within the margin of purchase preference shall be invited to match the L1 price for remaining quantity and so on, and contract shall be awarded accordingly. In case some quantity is still left uncovered on Class-I local suppliers, then such balance quantity may also be ordered on the L1 bidder.
- (c) In the procurements of goods or works, which are covered by para 3(b) above and which are not divisible in nature, and in procurement of services where the bid is evaluated on price alone, the 'Class-I local supplier' shall get purchase preference over 'Class-II local supplier' as well as 'Non-local supplier', as per following procedure:

- i. Among all qualified bids, the lowest bid will be termed as L1. If L1 is 'Class-I local supplier', the contract will be awarded to L1.
 - ii. If L1 is not 'Class-I local supplier', the lowest bidder among the 'Class-I local supplier', will be invited to match the L1 price subject to Class-I local supplier's quoted price falling within the margin of purchase preference, and the contract shall be awarded to such 'Class-I local supplier' subject to matching the L1 price.
 - iii. In case such lowest eligible 'Class-I local supplier' fails to match the L1 price, the 'Class-I local supplier' with the next higher bid within the margin of purchase preference shall be invited to match the L1 price and so on and contract shall be awarded accordingly. In case none of the 'Class-I local supplier' within the margin of purchase preference matches the L1 price, the contract may be awarded to the L1 bidder.
- (d) "Class-II local supplier" will not get purchase preference in any procurement, undertaken by procuring entities.

Clause 6. Margin of Purchase Preference: The margin of purchase preference shall be 20%.

“For this procurement, the local content to categorize a supplier as a Class-I local supplier/ Class-II local supplier/ Non-local supplier and purchase preference to Class-I local supplier, is as defined in Public procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 dated 04.06.2020 issued by DPIIT. In case of subsequent Orders issued by the Nodal Ministry, changing the definition of local content for the items of the NIT, the same shall be applicable even if issued after issue of this NIT, but before opening of Part-II BIDS against this NIT”.

8.0	FRAUD PREVENTION POLICY:
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“The Bidder along with its associate/collaborators/sub-contractors/sub-vendors/ consultants/service providers shall strictly adhere to BHEL fraud prevention policy displayed on BHEL website <http://www.bhel.com> and shall immediately bring to the notice of BHEL management about any fraud or suspected fraud as soon as it comes to their notice.”

9.0	ARBITRATION & CONCILIATION :
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Except as provided elsewhere in this Contract, in case amicable settlement is not reached between the Parties, in respect of any dispute or difference; arising out of the formation, breach, termination, validity or execution of the Contract; or, the respective rights and liabilities of the Parties; or, in relation to interpretation of any provision of the Contract; or, in any manner touching upon the Contract, then, either Party may, by a notice in writing to the other Party refer such dispute or difference to the sole arbitration of an arbitrator appointed by Head of the BHEL Unit/Region/Division issuing the Contract.

The Arbitrator shall pass a reasoned award and the award of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Parties.

Subject as aforesaid, the provisions of Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 (India) or statutory modifications or re-enactments thereof and the rules made thereunder and for the time being in force shall apply to the arbitration proceedings under this clause. The seat of arbitration shall be ***Tiruchirappalli , Tamil Nadu.***

The cost of arbitration shall be borne as per the award of the Arbitrator.

Subject to the arbitration in terms of Clause _____ above, the Courts at Tiruchirappalli , ***Tamil Nadu*** shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any matter arising out of or in connection with this Contract.

Notwithstanding the existence or any dispute or differences and/or reference for the arbitration, the Contractor shall proceed with and continue without hindrance the performance of its obligations under this Contract with due diligence and expedition in a professional manner except where the Contract has been terminated by either Party in terms of this Contract. **In case of Contract with Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) or a Government Department, the following shall be applicable:**

In the event of any dispute or difference relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of the Contract, such dispute or difference shall be referred by either Party for arbitration to the sole arbitrator in the Department of Public Enterprises to be nominated by the Secretary to the Government of India in-charge of the Department of Public Enterprises. The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 shall not be applicable to arbitration under this clause. The award of the arbitrator shall be binding upon the Parties to the dispute, provided, however, any Party aggrieved by such award may make further reference for setting aside or revision of the award to the Law Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. Upon such reference the dispute shall be decided by the Law Secretary or the Special Secretary or Additional Secretary when so authorized by the Law Secretary, whose decision shall bind the Parties hereto finally and conclusively. The Parties to the dispute will share equally the cost of arbitration as intimated by the Arbitrator."
