



Bid Number/बोली क्रमांक (बिड संख्या):
GEM/2023/B/4226519
Dated/दिनांक : 18-11-2023

Bid Document/ बिड दस्तावेज़

Bid Details/बिड विवरण	
Bid End Date/Time/बिड बंद होने की तारीख/समय	16-12-2023 15:00:00
Bid Opening Date/Time/बिड खुलने की तारीख/समय	16-12-2023 15:30:00
Bid Offer Validity (From End Date)/बिड पेशकश वैधता (बंद होने की तारीख से)	120 (Days)
Ministry/State Name/मंत्रालय/राज्य का नाम	Ministry Of Heavy Industries And Public Enterprises
Department Name/विभाग का नाम	Department Of Heavy Industry
Organisation Name/संगठन का नाम	Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (bhel)
Office Name/कार्यालय का नाम	10110009-heep, Haridwar
Total Quantity/कुल मात्रा	106328
Item Category/मद केटेगरी	W97716001620 WSS TUBE GR 304 FOR CONDENSER SPEC AA10753 REV 09 SIZE 27.0X0.7112X14730MM MAHAN1 , W97716001612 WSS TUBE GR 304 FOR CONDENSER SPEC AA10753 REV 09 SIZE 27.0X0.889X14730MM MAHAN1 , W97716001620 WSS TUBE GR 304 FOR CONDENSER SPEC AA10753 REV 09 SIZE 27.0X0.7112X14730MM MAHAN2 , W97716001612 WSS TUBE GR 304 FOR CONDENSER SPEC AA10753 REV 09 SIZE 27.0X0.889X14730MM MAHAN2 , Lifting Beam
BOQ Title/बीओक्यू शीर्षक	WSS TUBE GR 304 FOR CONDENSER SPEC AA10753 REV 09
MSE Exemption for Years of Experience and Turnover/ अनुभव के वर्षों से एमएसई छूट	No
Startup Exemption for Years of Experience and Turnover/ अनुभव के वर्षों से स्टार्टअप छूट	No
Document required from seller/विक्रेता से मांगे गए दस्तावेज़	Certificate (Requested in ATC) *In case any bidder is seeking exemption from Experience / Turnover Criteria, the supporting documents to prove his eligibility for exemption must be uploaded for evaluation by the buyer
Bid to RA enabled/बिड से रिवर्स नीलामी सक्रिय किया	Yes
RA Qualification Rule	H1-Highest Priced Bid Elimination
Type of Bid/बिड का प्रकार	Two Packet Bid
Primary product category	W97716001620 WSS TUBE GR 304 FOR CONDENSER SPEC AA10753 REV 09 SIZE 27.0X0.7112X14730MM MAHAN1

Bid Details/बिड विवरण

Time allowed for Technical Clarifications during technical evaluation/तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के दौरान तकनीकी स्पष्टीकरण हेतु अनुमत समय	3 Days
Inspection Required (By Empanelled Inspection Authority / Agencies pre-registered with GeM)	No
Payment Timelines	Payments shall be made to the Seller within 90 days of issue of consignee receipt-cum-acceptance certificate (CRAC) and on-line submission of bills (This is in supersession of 10 days time as provided in clause 12 of GeM GTC)
Evaluation Method/मूल्यांकन पद्धति	Total value wise evaluation

EMD Detail/ईएमडी विवरण

Advisory Bank/एडवाइजरी बैंक	State Bank of India
EMD Amount/ईएमडी राशि	4000000

ePBG Detail/ईपीबीजी विवरण

Advisory Bank/एडवाइजरी बैंक	State Bank of India
ePBG Percentage(%) / ईपीबीजी प्रतिशत (%)	10.00
Duration of ePBG required (Months) / ईपीबीजी की अपेक्षित अवधि (महीने).	28

(a). EMD EXEMPTION: The bidder seeking EMD exemption, must submit the valid supporting document for the relevant category as per GeM GTC with the bid. Under MSE category, only manufacturers for goods and Service Providers for Services are eligible for exemption from EMD. Traders are excluded from the purview of this Policy./जेम की शर्तों के अनुसार ईएमडी छूट के इच्छुक बिडर को संबंधित केटेगरी के लिए बिड के साथ वैध समर्थित दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत करने है। एमएसई केटेगरी के अंतर्गत केवल वस्तुओं के लिए विनिर्माता तथा सेवाओं के लिए सेवा प्रदाता ईएमडी से छूट के पात्र हैं। व्यापारियों को इस नीति के दायरे से बाहर रखा गया है।

(b). EMD & Performance security should be in favour of Beneficiary, wherever it is applicable./ईएमडी और संपादन जमानत राशि, जहां यह लागू होती है, लाभार्थी के पक्ष में होनी चाहिए।

Beneficiary/लाभार्थी :

BHEL, HEEP HARIDWAR
10110009-HEEP, Haridwar, Department of Heavy Industry, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
(Bhel Heep Haridwar)

Splitting/विभाजन

Bid splitting not applied/बोली विभाजन लागू नहीं किया गया.

MII Purchase Preference/एमआईआई खरीद वरीयता

MII Purchase Preference/एमआईआई खरीद वरीयता	Yes
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MSE Purchase Preference/एमएसई खरीद वरीयता

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1. Preference to Make In India products (For bids < 200 Crore): Preference shall be given to Class 1 local supplier as defined in public procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 as amended from time to time and its subsequent Orders/Notifications issued by concerned Nodal Ministry for specific Goods/Products. The minimum local content to qualify as a Class 1 local supplier is denoted in the bid document. If the bidder wants to avail the Purchase preference, the bidder must upload a certificate from the OEM regarding the percentage of the local content and the details of locations at which the local value addition is made along with their bid, failing which no purchase preference shall be granted. In case the bid value is more than Rs 10 Crore, the declaration relating to percentage of local content shall be certified by the statutory auditor or cost auditor, if the OEM is a company and by a practicing cost accountant or a chartered accountant for OEMs other than companies as per the Public Procurement (preference to Make-in -India) order 2017 dated 04.06.2020. Only Class-I and Class-II Local suppliers as per MII order dated 4.6.2020 will be eligible to bid. Non - Local suppliers as per MII order dated 04.06.2020 are not eligible to participate. However, eligible micro and small enterprises will be allowed to participate .The buyers are advised to refer the OM No.F.1/4/2021-PPD dated 18.05.2023.

[OM No.1 4 2021 PPD dated 18.05.2023](#) for compliance of Concurrent application of Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises Order, 2012 and Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017.

2. Purchase preference to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs): Purchase preference will be given to MSEs as defined in Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order, 2012 dated 23.03.2012 issued by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and its subsequent Orders/Notifications issued by concerned Ministry. If the bidder wants to avail the Purchase preference, the bidder must be the manufacturer of the offered product in case of bid for supply of goods. Traders are excluded from the purview of Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises. In respect of bid for Services, the bidder must be the Service provider of the offered Service. Relevant documentary evidence in this regard shall be uploaded along with the bid in respect of the offered product or service. If L-1 is not an MSE and MSE Seller (s) has/have quoted price within L-1+ 15% (Selected by Buyer) of margin of purchase preference /price band defined in relevant policy, such Seller shall be given opportunity to match L-1 price and contract will be awarded for 25%(selected by Buyer) percentage of total QUANTITY. The buyers are advised to refer the OM No.F.1/4/2021-PPD dated 18.05.2023

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3. Estimated Bid Value indicated above is being declared solely for the purpose of guidance on EMD amount and for determining the Eligibility Criteria related to Turn Over, Past Performance and Project / Past Experience etc. This has no relevance or bearing on the price to be quoted by the bidders and is also not going to have any impact on bid participation. Also this is not going to be used as a criteria in determining reasonableness of quoted prices which would be determined by the buyer based on its own assessment of reasonableness and based on competitive prices received in Bid / RA process.

4. Reverse Auction would be conducted amongst all the technically qualified bidders except the Highest quoting bidder. The technically qualified Highest Quoting bidder will not be allowed to participate in RA. However, H-1 will also be allowed to participate in RA in following cases:

- i. If number of technically qualified bidders are only 2 or 3.
- ii. If Buyer has chosen to split the bid amongst N sellers, and H1 bid is coming within N.
- iii. In case Primary product of only one OEM is left in contention for participation in RA on elimination of H-1.
- iv. If L-1 is non-MSE and H-1 is eligible MSE and H-1 price is coming within price band of 15% of Non-MSE L-1
- v. If L-1 is non-MII and H-1 is eligible MII and H-1 price is coming within price band of 20% of Non-MII L-1

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Technical Specifications/तकनीकी विशिष्टियाँ

Specification Document	View File
BOQ Detail Document	View File

Advisory-Please refer attached BOQ document for detailed consignee list and delivery period.

Consignees/Reporting Officer/परेषिती/रिपोर्टिंग अधिकारी and/ तथा Quantity/मात्रा

S.No./क्र. सं.	Consignee Reporting/Officer/ परेषिती/रिपोर्टिंग अधिकारी	Address/पता	Quantity/मात्रा	Delivery Days/डिलीवरी के दिन
1	Paras Kumar Ludu	486886,Mahan Energen Limited 2x800 MW (Phase-II) Thermal Power Project Village: Bandhaura, Karsualal Tehsil: Waidhan, District - Singrauli, Pin - 486886, Madhya Pradesh.	52535	385

W97716001612 WSS TUBE GR 304 FOR CONDENSER SPEC AA10753 REV 09 SIZE 27.0X0.889X14730MM MAHAN1

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Buyer Added Bid Specific Terms and Conditions/क्रेता द्वारा जोड़ी गई बिड की विशेष शर्तें

1. Generic

OPTION CLAUSE: The Purchaser reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be ordered up to 25 percent of bid quantity at the time of placement of contract. The purchaser also reserves the right to increase the ordered quantity by up to 25% of the contracted quantity during the currency of the contract at the contracted rates. Bidders are bound to accept the orders accordingly.

2. Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC

Buyer Added text based ATC clauses

BHEL Ref. No. B/4222/2023/2527

Buyers Specific Additional Terms & Conditions

Item Name: Welded Austenitic SS Tubes Gr. 304 (for Condenser)

Projects: 2X800 MW BANDHUARA STPP.

Compliance to GeM GTC: Please submit your signed & stamped copy of General Terms and Conditions of GeM.

Make in India Clause: "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 Ref. No. P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II) dtd. 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 this NIT, but before opening of Part-II bids against this NIT.

As per Make in India Order, only Class-I and Class-II local supplies are eligible to bid in this tender enquiry. For this eligibility criteria, bidders are required to submit certificate of Minimum local content as specified in the Annexure-B of the tender. The Certificate shall be from the Cost Auditor / CA of the Company.

Compliance of Rule 144 (xi) of GFR 2017: Compliance of Restrictions under Rule 144 (xi) of GFR 2017 shall be as per GeM.

Bid validity/ Validity of offer: Please note that validity of the offer shall be 120 days from the date opening of Techno-Commercial bid (Part-I bid) on GeM portal. Offer of bidder's having validity less than 120 days shall liable to reject. The required validity

ty is considering that offer is complete & clear w.r.t. PQR and all techno-commercial conditions. Vendors need to extend their offer validity for the time taken by them in responding BHEL's comments/ clarification sought during techno-commercial scrutiny of the offer. In case regret by any bidder for such validity extension, their offer shall liable to be reject.

Prices/Basis of Quotation Prices: The offered prices of the items shall remain firm and fixed at any point of time and shall be indicated in INR for each accounting unit. Ensure to quote your price inclusive of Freight & GST for Total quantity on GeM portal . Transit Insurance would be arranged by BHEL. Please quote your prices accordingly.

The prices are to be quoted on Ex-Works with freight Pre-paid up to project destination on basis. The goods must be dispatched through any Bank approved transporters having their branch at Haridwar. The names and addresses of transporters approved by IBA as well as BHEL are posted at our website www.bhelhwr.co.in. Please note that, if you dispatch the material by any BHEL un-approved transporter then you will necessarily be required to furnish the MRC (Material Receipt Certificate) from respective Project Site for processing of your invoice. No demurrage charges would be borne by BHEL.

Evaluation criteria: Evaluation will be done on the basis of total landed cost to BHEL, with total cost involved for delivery up to BHEL project site (considering material cost, taxes & duties and Freight charges up to Project site).

Evaluation currency: The evaluation currency for this tender shall be INR.

Customer approval Condition: Please note that procurement shall be done only from the vendors approved by end customer. Bidders are required to submit following documents along with their offer. BHEL will propose name of PQR qualified bidder (Along with the documents submitted by the bidders) to end customer for their approval.

- a. Complete Supply Experience Including Experience with BHEL (if available)
- b. Details of Manufacturing and testing facilities.
- c. ISO Certificate like ISO 9001:2015 etc. if available.
- d. Company Profile
- e. Audited Balance Sheet for last three Financial Years
- f. Any other supporting document to Bidder's presentation against customer.

BHEL will propose name of PQR qualified vendors along with credentials to end customer for their approval, however, approval of vendors is sole discretion of end customer.

Offer of only those bidders shall be considered for opening of price bid (part-II) whose customer approval will be available at the time of price bid opening.

Payment terms: The payment term shall be done after issue of consignee receipt-cum acceptance certificate (CRAC) as Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs)-45 days, Medium Enterprises-60 days and Non MSME-90 days Subject to submission of non-discrepant documents.

GeM charges: GeM charges if any shall be either side only i.e. buyer's GeM charges shall be in buyer's account and seller's GeM charges shall be on seller's account. Ple

ase confirm.

Contract execution: Bidder's are advised to read GeM related query & clarification carefully on GeM portal. Order shall be executed through GeM.

Reverse Auction: RA shall be done on GeM portal as per the guidelines & logics enabled on GeM portal.

Delivery Period: Please quote your lot wise delivery completion period in line with BHEL project site requirement as mentioned in para "1" of ATC in number of weeks/months from the date of Purchase Order. Engineering Document/ Drawing approval conditions Drawings/Data sheets/documents/QAP as called for in the specifications (if any) shall be submitted for approval to BHEL for BHEL/customer approval within 30 days of purchase order. Any delay in delivery on account of late submission of drawings shall be to vendors account. BHEL will arrange the approval of the drawings/data sheets/ documents within 30 days of their receipt. In case of delay on account of BHEL only, delivery shall be re-scheduled. However, vendor to dispatch material as per PO conditions.

Liquidated Damages (LD) for late delivery: Liquidated Damages (LD) for Late Deliveries shall be applicable @0.5% per week or part thereof subject to maximum of 10% of the total value of each lot (Lot wise/Project wise/Unit wise). Purchase Order value for this purpose shall be the Total Gross Value payable to the vendor (Before LD) excluding taxes and duties for (Lot wise/Project wise/Unit wise). The date of LR/RR/GR would be treated as the date of delivery for penalty purposes.

MDCC clause: Please note that, material shall be dispatched only after issue of Material dispatch clearance certificate (MDCC) end customer. For issue of MDCC, vendors are required to submit all test certificates (TC) and inspection report of third party (IR) to BHEL. After review & acceptance of the quality document, BHEL will forward the same to end customer for issuance of MDCC. After receipt of complete quality documents / TCs, minimum 7 days would be required by BHEL for issuance of MDCC. Material shall be dispatched within 7 days from the the date of issuance of MDCC.

Integrity Pact: (a) IP is a tool to ensure that activities and transactions between the Company and its Bidders/ Contractors are handled in a fair, transparent and corruption free manner. Following Independent External Monitors (IEMs) on the present panel have been appointed by BHEL with the approval of CVC to oversee implementation of IP in BHEL.

Sl	IEM	Email
1.	Shri Otem Dai, IAS (Retd.)	iem1@bhel.in
2.	Shri Bishwamitra Pandey, IRAS (Retd.)	iem2@bhel.in
3.	Shri Mukesh Mittal, IRS (Retd.)	iem3@bhel.in

(b) The IP as enclosed with the tender is to be submitted (duly signed by authorized signatory) along with techno-commercial bid (Part-I, in case of two/ three-part bid). Only those bidders who have entered into such an IP with BHEL would be competent to participate in the bidding. In other words, entering into this Pact would be a preliminary qualification.

(c) Please refer Section-8 of IP for Role and Responsibilities of IEMs. In case of any complaint arising out of the tendering process, the matter may be referred to any of the above IEM(s). All correspondence with the IEMs shall be done through email only.

Note:

No routine correspondence shall be addressed to the IEM (phone/ post/ email) regarding the clarifications, time extensions or any other administrative queries, etc. on the tender issued. All such clarification/ issues shall be addressed directly to the tender issuing (procurement) department's officials whose contact details are provided below:

Mr. Govind Singh Rawat

Designation: Engineer (PPX-BOI)

4th Floor, Main Administrative Building, HEEP, BHEL, Hardwar- 249403

Uttarakhand, India

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Mr. Manoj Kumar

Designation: Sr. Manager (PPX-BOI)

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Uttarakhand, India

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Breach of contract: In case bidder fails to fulfill the contractual obligations as per contract, Performance Security/Performance Bank Guarantee available with BHEL against the contract value, the same shall be encashed by BHEL. Further, legal remedies shall be pursued, levy of liquidated damages, debarment, termination, de-scoping, short-closure, etc., shall be applied as per provisions/existent guidelines of BHEL.

Performance Security/ Performance Bank Guarantee: Successful bidder to submit Performance Security/ Performance Bank Guarantee of 10% of the contract Value (Excluding Taxes). The Performance Security/PBG shall be submitted within 30 days of notification of the award of Contract and it should remain valid for a period of 60 (sixty) days beyond the date of completion of all contractual obligations of the supplier, including Guarantee/warranty obligations. PS/PBG shall be returned to the contractor without interest, after the contractor duly performs and completes the contract in all respects but not later than 60 (sixty) days of completion of all such obligations including the Guarantee/ Warranty under the contract. The Performance Security/PBG shall not carry any interest.

Action against Bidders/vendor/supplier/contractor in case of default: In order to protect the commercial interests of BHEL, BHEL shall take action against suppliers / contractors 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. Suspension of Business Dealings could be in the form of "Hold" or "Banning" a supplier/ contractor or a bidder and shall be as per "Guidelines for Suspension of Business Dealings".

gs with Suppliers/ Contractors” available at BHEL’s website “<https://www.bhel.com/guidelines-suspension-business-dealings-supplierscontractors>”

Arbitration/settlement of disputes clause: In case of any dispute arising out of a s in connection with this contract, the same shall be referred to arbitration under Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996 of a sole arbitrator who shall be appointed by mutual consent of the parties. The seat & venue of arbitration shall be Haridwar. The proceedings shall be conducted in English. The Governing law of contract shall be the substantive law of India.

Packing & Marking: Packing and Package Marking shall be as per specification no. AA10753 (Rev.09) & Packing & Marking Specification No. AA0490002 (Rev. 02). Please confirm.

Guarantee period: Guarantee/ Warranty Period: 18 months from the date of commissioning or 24 months from dispatch, whichever is earlier. Guarantee certificate is to be provided along with shipping / dispatch documents. Supplier shall be responsible for free replacement of the defective tubes (material defect / manufacturing defect / defect due to any other causes pertain to manufacturing / material) on our site without any extra cost to BHEL. In case of damage in transit due to inadequacy in packing / loading on truck/trailer w.r.t. our packing specifications as enclosed (AA0490002), it will be vendor’s responsibility to replace defective / damaged material on F.O.R. site basis, without any additional charges to BHEL. Please

In case of damage due to reasons other than inadequacy in packing/loading, you are required to depute your representative at site / place of damage at the time of insurance survey to ascertain and confirm the extent of damage.

Quality Requirements: Please confirm acceptance for QAP No. QA/BI/QP/306 (Rev. 01) and submit endorsed copy of this QAP along with offer. Inspection shall be done by BHEL TPI Intertek and end customer as per finally end customer approved MQP.

All applicable testing procedures of successful vendor shall be approved by end customer/BHEL. Bidders to confirm to submit all applicable test procedures along with QAP within 30 days of placement of PO. BHEL shall arrange approval of the same from end customer within 30 days from the date of receipt of the same. In case of Delay in approval of QAP, delivery shall be extended accordingly. Bidders to quote their delivery in Weeks / Months from the date of placement of PO, considering this time in to consideration. Delay in submission / approval of test procedures shall be respective account.

Technical Requirements: 02 No. of Lifting Beams is required. Please confirm to supply the same and quote prices of Lifting Beam accordingly.

Against clause 7.4 of specification AA10753 (Rev. 09), only bright annealed tubes (Heat Treatment done in reducing atmosphere) shall be acceptable.

Tubes shall be manufactured as per BHEL specification AA10753 (Rev. 09). Chemical composition and Mechanical properties of 304 Grade Tubes shall be as per ASTM A249-TP304 (latest edition).

Tubes should be manufactured on an Online Tube Mill only. Online Tube Mill means processes like Forming, Welding, Bright Annealing, Eddy Current Testing etc. should be conducted as an automatic continuous process without any manual intervention.

Tube shall be formed from the strip having nominal thickness of 0.7112mm (22 BWG) and 0.889 mm (20 BWG) respectively. In support of this, bidder to furnish PO/ Test

Certificate for strips (before starting manufacturing) procured same as nominal thickness of the finished tubes.

Either of the documents must clearly indicate the thickness ordered. Please confirm.

RAW-MATERIAL SHOULD BE PROCURED FROM REPUTED SOURCES WITH ORIGINAL MATERIAL TEST CERTIFICATE.

Dispatch documents

Dispatch documents requirements:

Following dispatch documents to be provided immediately after directly dispatch to BHEL Project site for billing purpose:

- Test/Inspection certificates as per QAP clause wise and asked in technical specifications
- Guarantee/Warranty Certificates
- E- Invoice and commercial inv
- GeM invoice
- Original consignee copy of GR/LR/RR (Material shall be dispatched on door delivery basis without consignee copy)
- Packing list
- Original GST compliance certificate
- MRC/POD/Received LR/RR/GR copy (as per proof of delivery of material at BHEL Project site)

SPECIAL NOTE FOR BIDDERS:

Following documents are an integral part of this Tender Enquiry and endorsed copies of these documents (duly signed and stamped on each page, as a token of acceptance) are to be submitted/uploaded along with offer on GeM portal against this bid.

1. Please submit replica of Price schedule (without prices) showing "quoted" in place of price along with techno-commercial bid (Part-I).
2. Please submit signed & Stamped copy (each page) of duly filled of confirmation column of "Buyers Specific Additional Terms & Conditions (ATC)" and its clause wise supporting documents where required.
3. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of General Terms and Conditions of GeM.
4. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of PQR documents with properly filled information and related supporting documents as mentioned in PQR.
5. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of Specification SPEC: AA10753 (Rev. 09) and & Packing & Marking Specification No. AA0490002 (Rev. 02).
6. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of QAP No. QA/BI/QP/306 (Rev. 01).
7. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of Integrity Pact "AASSPIPRO 3 dtd 01/04/2022.

8. Please submit certificate of Minimum local content as specified in the Annexure-B of the tender. The Certificate shall be from the Cost Auditor / CA of the Company.

Disclaimer/अस्वीकरण

The additional terms and conditions have been incorporated by the Buyer after approval of the Competent Authority in Buyer Organization, whereby Buyer organization is solely responsible for the impact of these clauses on the bidding process, its outcome, and consequences thereof including any eccentricity / restriction arising in the bidding process due to these ATCs and due to modification of technical specifications and / or terms and conditions governing the bid. Any clause(s) incorporated by the Buyer regarding following shall be treated as null and void and would not be considered as part of bid:-

1. Definition of Class I and Class II suppliers in the bid not in line with the extant Order / Office Memorandum issued by DPIIT in this regard.
2. Seeking EMD submission from bidder(s), including via Additional Terms & Conditions, in contravention to exemption provided to such sellers under GeM GTC.
3. Publishing Custom / BOQ bids for items for which regular GeM categories are available without any Category item bunched with it.
4. Creating BoQ bid for single item.
5. Mentioning specific Brand or Make or Model or Manufacturer or Dealer name.
6. Mandating submission of documents in physical form as a pre-requisite to qualify bidders.
7. Floating / creation of work contracts as Custom Bids in Services.
8. Seeking sample with bid or approval of samples during bid evaluation process.
9. Mandating foreign / international certifications even in case of existence of Indian Standards without specifying equivalent Indian Certification / standards.
10. Seeking experience from specific organization / department / institute only or from foreign / export experience.
11. Creating bid for items from irrelevant categories.
12. Incorporating any clause against the MSME policy and Preference to Make in India Policy.
13. Reference of conditions published on any external site or reference to external documents/clauses.
14. Asking for any Tender fee / Bid Participation fee / Auction fee in case of Bids / Forward Auction, as the case may be.

Further, if any seller has any objection/grievance against these additional clauses or otherwise on any aspect of this bid, they can raise their representation against the same by using the Representation window provided in the bid details field in Seller dashboard after logging in as a seller within 4 days of bid publication on GeM. Buyer is duty bound to reply to all such representations and would not be allowed to open bids if he fails to reply to such representations.

[This Bid is also governed by the General Terms and Conditions/ यह बिड सामान्य शर्तों के अंतर्गत भी शासित है](#)

In terms of GeM GTC clause 26 regarding Restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India, any bidder from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to bid in this tender only if the bidder is registered with the Competent Authority. While participating in bid, Bidder has to undertake compliance of this and any false declaration and non-compliance of this would be a ground for immediate termination of the contract and further legal action in accordance with the laws./जेम की सामान्य शर्तों के खंड 26 के संदर्भ में भारत के साथ भूमि सीमा साझा करने वाले देश के बिडर से खरीद पर प्रतिबंध के संबंध में भारत के साथ भूमि सीमा साझा करने वाले देश का कोई भी बिडर इस निविदा में बिड देने के लिए तभी पात्र होगा जब वह बिड देने वाला सक्षम प्राधिकारी के पास पंजीकृत हो।बिड में भाग लेते समय बिडर को इसका अनुपालन करना होगा और कोई भी गलत घोषणा किए जाने व इसका अनुपालन न करने पर अनुबंध को तत्काल समाप्त करने और कानून के अनुसार आगे की कानूनी कार्यवाई

का आधार होगा।

---Thank You/धन्यवाद---

Buyers Specific Additional Terms & Conditions
Item Name: Welded Austenitic SS Tubes Gr. 304 (for Condenser)
Projects: 2X800 MW BANDHUARA STPP.

1. SCOPE OF ENQUIRY:

E-bids on GeM portal are invited from bidders for the supply of Welded Austenitic SS Tubes for 2X800 MW BANDHUARA STPP, as per requirement mentioned below:

Project		Material Code & Item Description	Total Quantity	LOT Quantity	Date for Supply Completion
2X800 MW BANDHUARA STPP	1.	Mat. Code: W97716001620: WELDED SS TUBE GR. 304 (FOR CONDENSER), SPEC: AA10753 REV: 09 SIZE: 27.0X0.7112, L=14730MM DIM.: ODXTK, L, ItemId: BH001	105070 Nos.	52535 Nos. (Lot-1)	05/04/2025
				52535 Nos (Lot-2)	05/08/2025
	2.	Mat. Code: W97716001612: WELDED SS TUBE GR.304 (FOR CONDENSER), SPEC: AA10753 REV: 09, SIZE: 27.0X0.889, L=14730MM DIM.: ODXTK, L, ItemId: BH001	1256 Nos.	628 Nos. (Lot-1)	05/04/2025
				628 Nos. (Lot-2)	05/08/2025
	3.	Lifting Beam	02 No.	To be supplied with first dispatch	

2. Project Detail:

Project Name	ITEMS TO BE DISPATCHED DIRECTLY TO 2X800 MW USCTPP MAHAN (PH-II), SINGRAULI, MP
Consignee Address	Mahan Energen Limited. 2x800 MW (Phase-II) Thermal Power Project Village: Bandhaura, Karsulal Tehsil: Waidhan, District. Singrauli-486886 (Madhya Pradesh)

3. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD):

All interested vendors must submit their e-bid along with the proof of submission of following Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) details in GeM portal along with offer EMD is applicable to all the bidders irrespective of PMD bidders/GeM provisions.

Details	Amount In INR	Type
EMD	INR 40,00000/- (Forty lakhs only)	Refundable

3.1: Modes of deposit: The EMD may be accepted only in the following forms:

- (i) Electronic Fund Transfer credited in BHEL account (before tender opening).
- (ii) Banker's cheque/ Pay order/ Demand draft, in favour of BHEL (along with offer).
- (iii) Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR).
- (iv) Bank Guarantee from any of the Scheduled Banks.
- (v) Insurance Surety Bonds.
- (vi) The EMD shall remain valid for a period of 45 (forty-five) days beyond the final bid validity period as asked in NIT.

For E-Payment, the RTGS details are as mentioned below:

Bank Details	SWIFT Details of bank	Contact Details of Banker
STATE BANK OF INDIA RANIPUR BRANCH, OPP: BHEL MAIN GATE, SECTOR-5, RANIPUR, HARIDWAR, UTTRAKHAND, INDIA PIN CODE: 249403	SWIFT NO : SBININBB225 CC ACCOUNT NO : 10667995458 IFSC CODE : SBIN0000586	Contact No. +91 1334 224201 +91 1334 226125 Fax: +91 1334 226512

3.2: Forfeiture of EMD:

- a. A bidder's EMD will be forfeited if the bidder withdraws or amends its/his tender or impairs or derogates from the tender in any respect within the period of validity of the tender or if the successful bidder fails to furnish the required performance security within the specified period mentioned in the Tender.
- b. EMD by the tenderer to be withheld in case any action on the bidder is envisaged under the provisions of extant "Guidelines on Suspension of business dealings with suppliers/ contractors" and forfeited/ released based on the action as determined under these guidelines.
- c. Bid securities of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them after expiry of the final bid validity period / latest by the 30th day after the award of the contract. Since it is a two-part bidding, bid securities of unsuccessful bidders during first stage i.e. technical evaluation shall be returned within 30 days of declaration of result of first stage i.e. technical evaluation.
- d. Bid security/EMD of the successful bidder shall be returned only on conclusion of the order and receipt of a Performance Security/Performance Bank Guarantee of 10% of contract value (excluding taxes) from contractor / Supplier.
- e. EMD/PBG/PS shall not carry any interest.

4. PERFORMANCE SECURITY/PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE:

Successful bidder to submit Performance Security/Performance Bank Guarantee of 10% of the contract Value (Excluding Taxes). The Performance Security/PBG shall be submitted within 30 days of notification of the award of Contract and it should remain valid for a period of 60 (sixty) days beyond the date of completion of all contractual obligations of the supplier, including warranty obligations.

PS/PBG shall be returned to the contractor without interest, after the contractor duly performs and completes the contract in all respects but not later than 60 (sixty) days of completion of all such obligations including the warranty under the contract. The Performance Security/PBG shall not carry any interest.

4.1 Modes of deposit of PS/ PBG: Performance Security/Performance Bank Guarantee shall be furnished in the following forms:

- I. Local cheques of Scheduled Banks (subject to realization)/ Pay Order/Demand Draft/ Electronic Fund Transfer in favour of BHEL.
- II. Bank Guarantee from Scheduled Banks / Public Financial Institutions as defined in the Companies Act. The Bank Guarantee format should have the approval of BHEL.
- III. Fixed Deposit Receipt issued by Scheduled Banks / Public Financial Institutions as defined in the Companies Act (FDR should be in the name of the Contractor, a/c BHEL).
- IV. Securities available from Indian Post offices such as National Savings Certificates, Kisan Vikas Patras etc. (held in the name of Contractor furnishing the security and duly endorsed/ hypothecated/ pledged, as applicable, in favour of BHEL).
- V. Insurance Surety Bond.

(Note: BHEL will not be liable or responsible in any manner for the collection of interest or renewal of the documents or in any other matter connected therewith)

4.2: Forfeiture of Performance Security/Performance Bank Guarantee:

The Performance Security/ Performance Bank Guarantee will be forfeited and credited to BHEL's account in the event of a breach of contract by the supplier.

A. Buyers Specific Additional Terms & Conditions in addition to GTC

Sl. No.	Terms	Description	Supplier confirmation
1.	Compliance to GeM GTC	Please submit your signed & stamped copy of General Terms and Conditions of GeM.	
2.	Make in India Clause	<p>“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 Ref. No. P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II) dtd. 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 this NIT, but before opening of Part-II bids against this NIT</p> <p>As per Make in India Order, only Class-I and Class-II local supplies are eligible to bid in this tender enquiry.</p> <p>For this eligibility criteria, bidders are required to submit certificate of Minimum local content as specified in the Annexure-B of the tender</p> <p>The Certificate shall be from the Cost Auditor / CA of the Company.</p>	
3.	Compliance of Rule 144 (xi) of GFR 2017	Compliance of Restrictions under Rule 144 (xi) of GFR 2017 shall be as per GeM.	
4.	Bid validity/ Validity of offer	<p>Please note that validity of the offer shall be 120 days from the date opening of Techno-Commercial bid (Part-I bid) on GeM portal.</p> <p>Offer of bidder’s having validity less than 120 days shall liable to reject. Please confirm.</p> <p>The required validity is considering that offer is complete & clear w.r.t. PQR and all techno-commercial conditions. Vendors need to extend their offer validity for the time taken by them in responding BHEL’s comments/clarification sought during techno-commercial scrutiny of the offer. In case regret by any bidder for such validity extension, their offer shall liable to be reject. Please confirm.</p>	
5.	Prices/Basis of Quotation	<p>Prices: The offered prices of the items shall remain firm and fixed at any point of time and shall be indicated in INR for each accounting unit.</p> <p>Ensure to quote your price inclusive of Freight & GST for Total quantity on GeM portal.</p> <p>Transit Insurance would be arranged by BHEL. Please quote your prices accordingly.</p> <p>The prices are to be quoted on Ex-Works with freight Pre-paid up to project destination basis. The goods must be dispatched through any Bank approved transporters having their branch at Haridwar. The names and addresses of transporters approved by IBA as well as BHEL are posted at our website www.bhelhwr.co.in. Please note that, if you dispatch the material by any BHEL un-approved transporter then you will necessarily be required to furnish the MRC (Material Receipt Certificate) from respective Project Site for processing of your invoice. No demurrage charges would be borne by BHEL.</p>	
6.	Evaluation criteria	Evaluation will be done on the basis of total landed cost to BHEL, with total cost involved for delivery up to BHEL project site (considering material cost, taxes & duties and Freight charges up to Project site).	
7.	Evaluation currency	The evaluation currency for this tender shall be INR.	
8.	Customer approval Condition	Please note that procurement shall be done only from the vendors approved by end customer. Bidders are required to submit following documents along with their offer. BHEL will propose name of PQR qualified bidder (Along with the	

		<p>documents submitted by the bidders) to end customer for their approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Supply Experience Including Experience with BHEL (if available) Details of Manufacturing and testing facilities. ISO Certificate like ISO 9001:2015 etc. if available. Company Profile Audited Balance Sheet for last three Financial Years Any other supporting document to Bidder's presentation against customer. <p>BHEL will propose name of PQR qualified vendors along with credentials to end customer for their approval, however, approval of vendors is sole discretion of end customer.</p> <p>Offer of only those bidders shall be considered for opening of price bid (part-II) whose customer approval will be available at the time of price bid opening.</p>									
9.	Payment terms:	<p>The payment term shall be done after issue of consignee receipt-cum acceptance certificate (CRAC) as per the below details:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of Bidder</th> <th>Payment Terms (Number of Days)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs)</td> <td>45 days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medium Enterprises</td> <td>60 days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non MSME</td> <td>90 days</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Subject to submission of non-discrepant documents.</p>	Type of Bidder	Payment Terms (Number of Days)	Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs)	45 days	Medium Enterprises	60 days	Non MSME	90 days	
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11.	Contract execution	Bidder's are advised to read GeM related query & clarification carefully on GeM portal. Order shall be executed through GeM.									
12.	Reverse Auction	RA shall be done on GeM portal as per the guidelines & logics enabled on GeM portal.									
13.	Delivery Period	Please quote your lot wise delivery completion period in line with BHEL project site requirement as mentioned in para "1" of this ATC in number of weeks/months from the date of Purchase Order.									
14.	Engineering Document/ Drawing approval conditions	Drawings/Data sheets/documents/QAP as called for in the specifications (if any) shall be submitted for approval to BHEL for BHEL/customer approval within 30 days of purchase order. Any delay in delivery on account of late submission of drawings shall be to vendors account. BHEL will arrange the approval of the drawings/data sheets/ documents within 30 days of their receipt. In case of delay on account of BHEL only, delivery shall be re-scheduled. However, vendor to dispatch material as per PO conditions. Please confirm.									
15.	Liquidated Damages (LD) for late delivery	<p>liquidated Damages (LD) for Late Deliveries shall be applicable @0.5% per week or part thereof subject to maximum of 10% of the total value of each lot (Lot wise/Project wise/Unit wise). Purchase Order value for this purpose shall be the Total Gross Value payable to the vendor (Before LD) excluding taxes and duties for (Lot wise/Project wise/Unit wise).</p> <p>The date of LR/RR/GR would be treated as the date of delivery for penalty purposes.</p>									
16.	MDCC clause	<p>Please note that, material shall be dispatched only after issue of Material dispatch clearance certificate (MDCC) end customer. For issue of MDCC, vendors are required to submit all test certificates (TC) and inspection report of third party (IR) to BHEL. After review & acceptance of the quality document, BHEL will forward the same to end customer for issuance of MDCC.</p> <p>After receipt of complete quality documents / TCs, minimum 7 days would be</p>									

		required by BHEL for issuance of MDCC. Material shall be dispatched within 7 days from the the date of issuance of MDCC.															
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18.	Breach of contract	<p>In case bidder to fail to full-fil the contractual obligations as per contract, Performance Security/Performance Bank Guarantee available with BHEL against the contract value, the same be encashed by BHEL.</p> <p>Further, legal remedies be pursued, levy of liquidated damages, debarment, termination, de-scoping, short-closure, etc., shall be applied as per provisions/extant guidelines of BHEL. Please confirm.</p>															
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20.	Action against Bidders / vendor / supplier /	<p>In order to protect the commercial interests of BHEL, BHEL shall take action against supplies / contractors 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</p>															

	contractor in case of default:	misconduct or formation of cartels so as to influence the bidding process or influence the price etc. Suspension of Business Dealings could be in the form of “Hold” or “Banning” a supplier/ contractor or a bidder and shall be as per “Guidelines for Suspension of Business Dealings with Suppliers/ Contractors” available at BHEL’s website “https://www.bhel.com/guidelines-suspension-business-dealings-supplierscontractors”	
21.	Arbitration/settlement of disputes clause	In case of any dispute arising out of as in connection with this contract, the same shall be referred to arbitration under Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996 of a sole arbitrator who shall be appointed by mutual consent of the parties. The seat & venue of arbitration shall be Haridwar. The proceedings shall be conducted in English. The Governing law of contract shall be the substitutive law of India.	
22.	Packing & Marking	Packing and Package Marking shall be as per specification no. AA10753 (Rev.09) & Packing & Marking Specification No. AA0490002 (Rev. 02). Please confirm.	
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24.	Quality Requirements	Please confirm acceptance for QAP No. QA/BI/QP/306 (Rev. 01) and submit endorsed copy of this QAP along with offer.	
		Inspection shall be done by BHEL TPI Intertek and end customer as per finally end customer approved MQP. Please confirm.	
		All applicable testing procedures of successful vendor shall be approved by end customer/BHEL. Bidders to confirm to submit all applicable test procedures along with QAP within 30 days of placement of PO. BHEL shall arrange approval of the same from end customer within 30 days from the date of receipt of the same. In case of Delay in approval of QAP, delivery shall be extended accordingly. Bidders to quote their delivery in Weeks / Months from the date of placement of PO, considering this time in to consideration. Delay in submission / approval of test procedures shall be respective account.	
25.	Technical Requirements	02 No. of Lifting Beams is required. Please confirm to supply the same and quote prices of Lifting Beam accordingly.	
		Against clause 7.4 of specification AA10753 (Rev. 09), only bright annealed tubes (Heat -Treatment done in reducing atmosphere) shall be acceptable.	
		Tubes shall be manufactured as per BHEL specification AA10753 (Rev. 09). Chemical composition and Mechanical properties of 304 Grade Tubes shall be as per ASTM A249-TP304 (latest edition).	
		Tubes should be manufactured on an Online Tube Mill only. Online Tube Mill means processes like Forming, Welding, Bright Annealing, Eddy Current Testing etc. should be conducted as an automatic continuous process without any manual intervention.	
		Tube shall be formed from the strip having nominal thickness of 0.7112mm (22 BWG) and 0.889 mm (20 BWG) respectively. In support of this, bidder to furnish	

		PO/ Test Certificate for strips (before starting manufacturing) procured same as nominal thickness of the finished tubes. Either of the documents must clearly indicate the thickness ordered. Please confirm.	
		RAW-MATERIAL SHOULD BE PROCURED FROM REPUTED SOURCES WITH ORIGINAL MATERIAL TEST CERTIFICATE.	
26.	Dispatch documents	<p>Following dispatch documents to be provided immediately after directly dispatch to BHEL Project site for billing purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test/Inspection certificates as per QAP clause wise and asked in technical specifications • Guarantee/Warrantee Certificates • E- Invoice and commercial inv • GeM invoice • Original consignee copy of GR/LR/RR (Material shall be dispatched on door delivery basis without consignee copy) • Packing list • Original GST compliance certificate • MRC/POD/Receipted LR/RR/GR copy (as per proof of delivery of material at BHEL Project site) 	


SPECIAL NOTE FOR BIDDERS:

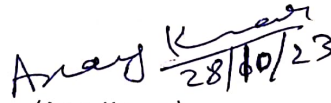
Following documents are an integral part of this Tender Enquiry and endorsed copies of these documents (duly signed and stamped on each page, as a token of acceptance) are to be submitted/uploaded along with offer on GeM portal against this bid.

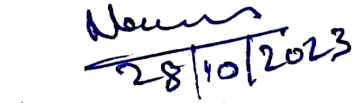
1. Please submit replica of Price schedule (without prices) showing “quoted” in place of price along with techno-commercial bid (Part-I).
2. Please submit signed & Stamped copy (each page) of duly filled of confirmation column of “Buyers Specific Additional Terms & Conditions (ATC)” and its clause wise supporting documents where required.
3. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of General Terms and Conditions of GeM.
4. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of PQR documents with proper filled information and related supporting documents as mentioned in PQR.
5. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of Specification SPEC: AA10753 (Rev. 09) and & Packing & Marking Specification No. AA0490002 (Rev. 02).
6. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of QAP No. QA/BI/QP/306 (Rev. 01).
7. Please submit signed & stamped copy (each page) of Integrity Pact “AASSPIPR03 dtd 01/04/2022.
8. Please submit certificate of Minimum local content as specified in the Annexure-B of the tender. The Certificate shall be from the Cost Auditor / CA of the Company.

PRE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF WELDED STAINLESS STEEL TUBES

1. (a) Bidder/ Vendor i.e. Qualified Equipment Manufacturer (QEM) should have successfully manufactured and supplied tubes (as per ASTM A249/ASME SA249/ASTM A688/ASME SA688) of Outer Diameter 50.8 mm or below, thickness 1.2446 mm (18 BWG) or below and length 6.3 meters or above, for order fulfilling the following conditions:
 - i) Minimum 40 tons in not more than two orders in one financial year
 - ii) Purchase Order (PO) date for each order should be within 7 years from the date of enquiry.
- (b) In support of the above Clause 1(a), QEM to submit following documents:
 - i) Un-priced copy of Purchase Order.
 - ii) Certificate from the Purchaser/ End User as per Annexure-1 for successful installation/ operation of tubes.
2. QEM shall have minimum following in-house manufacturing/testing facilities:
Online Tube manufacturing mill(s) having processes like forming, welding, Heat Treatment (Bright Annealing), Eddy current testing etc. as an automatic continuous process without any manual intervention. In support of this, Bidder/ Vendor (Qualified Equipment Manufacturer) to submit signed and stamped Annexure 2.
3. Tubes in Purchase Orders based on which QEM/Principal/Collaborator is qualifying clause 1(a) should have been manufactured on in-house online tube mills. In support of this, QEM needs to furnish quality plan/internal reports/self-declaration etc. corresponding to the above particular POs, clearly indicating the manufacturing of tube on deployed online tube mills.


(Rahul Kr Chandra)
Dy. Mgr/ HXE


(Axay Kumar)
Mgr/ HXE


(Naveen Prakash)
AGM/ HXE

Date:

CONDENSER/HEAT EXCHANGER TUBE PURCHASER/ END USER CERTIFICATE

(to be furnished by Purchaser/ End User)

This is to certify that M/s have manufactured and supplied Welded Stainless Steel tubes as per having details as given below.

- (i) Purchase Order No. :
- (ii) Date of Purchase Order :
- (iii) Tube Outer Diameter : mm
- (iv) Tube Thickness : mm
- (v) Tube Length :mm
- (vi) Total Weight of Tubes : Tons
- (vii) Project Name :
- (viii) Location :
- (ix) Date of installation of tubes :
- (x) Date of hydro test of condenser/heat exchanger :

This is to be certified that condenser/ heat exchanger is successfully erected and hydro tested.

Name of the Organisation :
Address :

Signature :

Name of the Signatory :

Designation :

Phone No :
Email :

Date of issue :

Seal & Stamp of the
Organisation :

Note: If Purchaser's/End User's letter head is in language other than English then translation in English shall be written below header.

Date:

DETAILS OF ON-LINE TUBE MILL(S)

This is to certify that M/s.....has following in-house On-line Tube Mill(s) for manufacturing of condenser/ heat exchanger Tubes having following facilities:

- 1) Online Tube Mill Brand :
- 2) Date of Installation :
- 3) Strip Cleaning :
- 4) Forming :
- 5) Heat treatment (Bright Annealing) :
- 6) Eddy Current Testing :
- 7) Ultrasonic Testing :
- 8) Dimensional Checking :
- 9) Pneumatic Testing :
- 10) Cutting :
- 11) Any other facility (on On-line Tube Mill):
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Name of the Manufacturing Facility :

Address :

Signature :

Name of the Signatory :

Designation :

Phone No :

Email :

Seal & Stamp of the Organisation :

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Comparable Standards:

1. AMERICAN : ASTM A 249 - 2011 TP 304

Suggested/Probable suppliers and grades:

Refer Plant vendors list.

User Plant References:

1. HARDWAR : HE 57033
2. HYDERABAD : --

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1.0 GENERAL:

This specification governs the quality requirements of welded/welded and drawn, austenitic stainless steel tubes from 10mm to 40mm outside diameter.

2.0 APPLICATION:

For use in Condensers and Heat Exchangers.

3.0 CONDITION OF DELIVERY:

The material shall be furnished in the heat treated condition as per clause 7.4 of this specification.

4.0 COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL STANDARDS:

There is no national standards for covering this material. However, this specification is based on ASTM A 249-2011, TP 304: "Welded Austenitic Steel, Boiler, Superheater, Heat exchanger and Condenser Tubes" and ASTM A 1016: "Specification for General requirements for Ferritic alloy steel, Austenitic alloy steel and stainless steel tubes".

5.0 DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES:

5.1 Sizes:

The tubes shall be supplied to the dimensions specified in BHEL order

5.2 Tolerances:

The tolerances on outside diameter, wall thickness and length shall comply with the following:

5.2.1 Tolerance on outside diameter:

Specified outside diameter, mm	Tolerance, mm
Upto 25.4	± 0.10
Over 25.4 to 40	± 0.15

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5.2.2 Tolerance on wall thickness:

Wall thickness tolerances shall be $\pm 10\%$ of nominal wall thickness.

5.2.3 Tolerances on specified length of tubes:

Specified length of tube, metre	Tolerance, + mm
Upto 7	3.0
Over 7 upto 10	6.0
Over 10 upto 13	9.0
Over 13	12.0

5.2.4 Seam height:

The projection of weld seam inside the tube shall be ≤ 0.05 mm.

5.2.5 Straightness:

Straightness of finished tube shall not deviate by more than 0.75mm in any 900mm length.

6.0 PROCESS FOR RAW MATERIAL:

The steel shall be made by any process.

The primary melting is permitted to incorporate degassing or refining and is permitted to be followed by secondary melting, such as electroslag remelting or vacuum-arc remelting.

When steel of different grades is sequentially strand cast, the resultant transition material shall be removed using an established procedure that positively separates the grades.

7.0 MANUFACTURE:

7.1 Tubes shall be made from flat-rolled steel by an automatic welding process with no addition of filler metal.

7.2 Subsequent to welding and prior to final heat treatment, the tubes shall be cold worked either in both weld and base metal or in weld metal only. When cold drawn minimum reduction in cross-section area shall be 20%.

7.3 All lubricants used in the manufacture of tubes shall be removed from all surfaces prior to heat treatment. If any lubricant has been applied to the inside surface, tubes shall have the cleanliness of their inside surface confirmed by blowing close fitting acetone soaked felt plugs through at least 10% of the tubes. Dry (oil free) air or inert gas shall be used to blow the plugs through the tubes. If the plugs blown through the tubes show discolouration, all the tubes that have lubricant applied to the inside surface during manufacture shall be recleaned. After recleaning, check on 10% of the tubes shall be made as stated above, chloride content in the lubricant shall not exceed 50 ppm.

7.4 Material shall be heat treated by heating it to temperature range of 1040 to 1065^o C and quenching in water or rapidly cooling by other means to sufficiently low temperature to avoid carbide precipitation.

The tubes, after final heat treatment, shall be chemically descaled/pickled free from scale and passivated. When heat treatment is done in reducing atmosphere, pickling is not necessary.

7.5 The chlorine content in DM water during final ringing shall be limited to 10 ppm.

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8.0 FREEDOM FROM DEFECTS:

8.1 Finished tubes shall have smooth ends free from burrs. They shall be free from cracks, seams, scale, deleterious films in the bore and other harmful defects.

8.2 Surface roughness:

For the inner surface with the exception of weld seam, the roughness in longitudinal direction shall be allowable with in $R_a = 2$ microns or $R_z = 10$ microns.

9.0 CHEMICAL COMPOSITION:

The analysis of material shall be as follows:

Element	Weight percent	
	min.	max.
Carbon	-	0.08
Manganese	-	2.00
Phosphorus	-	0.045
Sulphur	-	0.030
Silicon	-	1.00
Nickel	8.0	11.00
Chromium	18.0	20.00

10.0 MECHANICAL PROPERTIES:

10.1 Tensile test:

Material of tube, when tested in accordance with ASTM A 370, shall show the following properties:

Ultimate tensile strength : 515 MPa, min.

Yield strength : 205 MPa, min.

Elongation on 50 mm gauge length : 35 percent, min.

10.2 Hardness:

The tubes shall have a hardness number not exceeding Rockwell No. B 90.

11.0 TEST SAMPLES:

11.1 Heat analysis:

An analysis of each heat of steel shall be made by the steel manufacturer to determine the percentage of elements specified in clause 9.0.

If the secondary melting processes of clause 6.0 employed, the heat analysis shall be obtained from one remelted ingot or product of one remelted ingot of each primary melt. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to the requirements specified in clause 9.0.

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11.2 Product analysis:

An analysis of one tube shall be made for each heat. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to the requirements specified in clause 9.0.

11.2.1 If the original test for product analysis fails, retests of two additional tubes shall be made. Both the results for the element in question shall meet the requirements of this specification. Otherwise, all remaining material in the heat or lot shall be rejected or at the option of the manufacturer, each tube may be individually tested for acceptance. Tubes which do not meet there requirements of specification shall be rejected.

11.2.2 Lot Size:

For **flattening, flange and residual stress** requirements, the term lot applies to all tubes prior to cutting of the same nominal size and wall thickness which are produced from the same heat of steel. When final heat treatment in batch type furnace, a lot shall include only those tubes of same size and from the same heat which are heated in the same furnace charge. When the final heat treatment is in a continuous furnace, the number of the tubes of the same size and from the same heat in a lot shall be determined from the size of the tubes as prescribed in Table -I given below:

For **tension and hardness** requirements, the term lot applies to all tubes prior to cutting of the same nominal diameter and wall thickness which are produced from the same heat of steel. When final heat treatment is in batch type furnace, a lot shall include only those tubes of the same size and the same heats which are heat treated in the same furnace charge. When the final heat treatment is in a continuous furnace a lot shall include all tubes of the same size and heat, annealed in the same furnace at the same temperature, time of heat and furnace speed.

TABLE-I

Number of tubes in a lot heat treated by the continuous process shall be as below:

Size of tube	Size of lot
50.8 mm and below but over 25.4mm in outside diameter and under 5.1mm in wall thickness	Not more than 75 tubes
25.4 mm or less in outside diameter	Not more than 125 tubes

Note:

The lot shall be made from the finished tubes of ordered length with cutting margin for eddy current testing.

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12.0 MECHANICAL TESTS ON FINISHED TUBES:

12.1 Tension Test:

Tension test shall be made on two specimens from each lot as per ASTM A 370 and shall meet the requirements as given in clause 10.1.

12.2 Hardness Test:

Material of tube when tested shall not show hardness more than as specified in clause 10.2. Specimens shall be taken from two tubes from each lot.

12.3 Reverse Bend Test:

When tested in accordance with ASTM A 249, there shall be no evidence of cracks or of overlaps resulting from the reduction in thickness of weld areas by cold working. One test shall be made on specimen from each 450 m of finished tubing.

12.4 Flattening Test:

One flattening test shall be made on each end of one finished tube per lot, not the one used for flange test. The test shall be conducted as per ASTM A 1016.

12.5 Flange Test:

One flange test shall be made on each end of one finished tube per lot, not the one used for flattening test. The test shall be conducted as per ASTM A 1016.

13.0 INTERGRANULAR SUSCEPTIBILITY TEST:

One inter granular test shall be made on one specimen per heat of the finished tube covering the weldment and the parent metal as per ASTM A 262 practice E. The specimen bent according to practice E shall not show any sign of fissures either on the weldment or on the parent metal.

14.0 RESIDUAL STRESSES:

The residual circumferential stresses after tube straightening shall be kept as low as possible. In any case these shall be limited to 4 kg/mm^2 (compressive or tensile). One specimen shall be tested per lot. Procedure for residual stress measurement shall be approved by BHEL.

15.0 EDDY CURRENT TEST:

Each tube shall be subjected to eddy current tested as per ASTM E 426 and any tube failing to pass the standard shall be rejected.

16.0 PRESSURE TEST:

Unless otherwise specified, any one of the following tests shall be conducted on each tube:

- a) Hydraulic test or Air under water pressure test as per ASTM A 1016. Demineralised water shall be used for testing having chloride content not exceeding 10 ppm.
- b) Helium leak test or Air-air differential pressure test, after getting approval for test method by BHEL.

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17.0 QUALITY REQUIREMENT:

Manufacturer shall furnish quality plan on BHEL format along with their quotation. Quality plan shall be approved by BHEL, identifying the check points for witnessing the inter stage / final inspection testing by BHEL/its customer/third party, for compliance before start of manufacture.

18.0 RETESTS:

Should any one of the test specimens first selected by BHEL representative fails to pass the mechanical tests, the tube from which the specimen was taken shall be rejected and further tubes from the same batch shall be selected for testing. Should any of the test specimen from this additional samples fail, the batch represented by them shall be liable for rejection.

19.0 INSPECTION AT SUPPLIER'S WORKS:

BHEL's representative shall have a free access at all times until work on contract of BHEL is being performed shall offer BHEL'S representatives all reasonable facilities without charge to satisfy the latter that the material is being furnished in accordance with this specification.

20.0 TEST CERTIFICATES:

Three copies of the test certificate shall be supplied, unless otherwise stated on the order. The test certificate shall bear the following information:

In addition, supplier shall ensure to enclose one copy of each test certificate along with the despatch documents to facilitate quick clearance of material.

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BHEL Order No.

Suppliers' s Name.

Test certificate No.

Size, and quantity

Identification marks

Process of manufacture

Heat treatment batch No.

Percentage reduction in cross section area if applicable (for welded & drawn tubes).

21.0 TEST RESULTS:

Results of chemical analysis, mechanical properties and all other tests shall be given as mentioned at clause numbers 12.0, 13.0, 14.0, 15.0, 16.0, 17.0 & 18.0 for each lot and heat, whichever is applicable.



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22.0 DOCUMENTS TO BE FURNISHED:

Following documents shall be furnished along with the offer:

1. A process chart clearly indicating the sequence of manufacturing.
2. Purchase specification for strips.
3. Heat treatment details.
4. Welding procedure and weld details.
5. Packing box drawing
6. Quality plan.

23.0 CHECKLIST:

Each supplier shall fill the enclosed check list as per **Annexure-A** and submit the same along with each batch.

24.0 PACKING AND MARKING:

Shall be as per BHEL standard AA 049 00 02: Preservation packing and marking of heat exchanger tubes.

25.0 REFERRED STANDARDS (Latest Publications Including Amendments):

- | | | |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1) AA 0490002 | 2) ASTM A 249 | 3) ASTM A 262 |
| 4) ASTM A 370 | 5) ASTM E 426 | 6) ASTM A 1016 |

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ANNEXURE - A (Clause 23.0)

CHECK LIST FOR AA 107 53: WELDED AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL TUBES FOR CONDENSERS AND HEAT EXCHANGERS

(To be filled by Supplier)

- A. Name of Principal Supplier :**
- B. Name of Indian Agent :**
- 1.0 Grade of material as per specification : Yes/No
- 2.0 Mechanical properties as per specification : Yes/No
- 3.0 Bright annealing : Yes/No
- 4.0 Maximum residual stress ($< 4 \text{ kg/mm}^2$) : Yes/No
- 5.0 Method of measurement of residual stress-X-ray diffraction (if any other method, specify the same) : Yes/No
- 6.0 Seam height : Yes/No
- 7.0 **Pressure test offered:**
- i) Hydraulic test : Yes/No
- ii) Pneumatic test : Yes/No
- iii) Helium leak test : Yes/No
- iv) Air-air differential pressure test : Yes/No
- 8.0 **NDT tests offered:**
- Eddy current test ; Yes/No
- 9.0 **Other tests:**
- i) Inter angular : Yes/No
- ii) Residual stress test : Yes/No
- iii) Reverse bend test : Yes/No
- iv) Flattening test : Yes/No
- v) Flange test : Yes/No
- 10.0 Chloride content in water during final rinsing, 10 ppm, max : Yes/No

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11.0 Chloride content in water during Hydro / Air under water testing, 10 ppm, max. : Yes/No

12.0 Finish of tubes:

- i) Outside surface : $R_a = 2$ micron : Yes/No
ii) Inside surface : $R_z = 10$ micron : Yes/No

13.0 Brief write-up on manufacturing process enclosed : Yes/No

14.0 Quality plan on BHEL format enclosed ; Yes/No

15.0 Details of previous experience enclosed (For new suppliers only) : Yes/No

16.0 Lifting beam offered : Yes/No

17.0 Packing box drawing enclosed : Yes/No

18.0 End guides included (Both ends) ; Yes/No

19.0 Percentage reduction in cross-section area as per specification (For welded and drawn tubes only) : Yes/No

C. Deviations taken (Please specify clearly, if any) : Yes/No.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Date:

Signature &

Place:

Seal of manufacturer

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On the letterhead of statutory auditor or cost auditor of the company (in the case of companies) or a practicing cost accountant or practicing chartered accountant (in respect of suppliers other than companies

Certificate

Subject: Certificate for Minimum Local Content under PPP-MII Order No. P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II) Dated 04/06/2020 of Government of India.

In line with Government Public Procurement Order No. **P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II) Dated 04/06/2020**, we hereby certify that we hereby certify that we M/s _____ - _____ (supplier name) are local supplier. The percentage of local content in the items _____ offered by us against Enquiry No. _____ is _____% (percentage).

Details of location at which local value addition will be made is as follows:

Sl. No.	Location Detail	% age of Local content (i.e. Local Value addition made at the location)

We also understand, false declarations will be in breach of the Code of Integrity under Rule 175(1)(i)(h) of the General Financial Rules for which a bidder or its successors can be debarred for up to two years as per Rule 151 (iii) of the General Financial Rules along with such other actions as may be permissible under law.

Seal and Signature

of statutory auditor or cost auditor of the company (in the case of companies) or a practicing cost accountant or practicing chartered accountant (in respect of suppliers other than companies)

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dt 16th August 2023

1. Introduction

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- a. **“APPLICABLE LAWS”** shall mean any statute, law, ordinance, notification, rule, regulation, judgment, order, decree, bye-law, approval, directive, guideline, policy or other governmental restriction as may be in effect.
- b. **“GOODS”** shall mean an Article / product or an intangible product like software, technology transfer, licenses, patents or other intellectual properties being offered for sale on the GeM portal by Seller(s) on GeM. The term ‘Goods’ shall also include works and services which are incidental or consequential to the supply of such goods, such as, transportation, insurance, installation, commissioning, training and guarantee / warrantee obligations as defined in the scope of supply given in the contract.

Note: If nothing contrary is specified in the contract and in the detailed specification of products given in contract, the scope of contract shall be supply of Goods on free delivery to consignee basis.

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- c. **“SERVICES”** shall mean the services offered or provided by the Seller such as IT Professional Services, Manpower Services, Security Services, Transport Services, etc. listed as Services on GeM. The term ‘Service’ shall also include supply of goods / articles which are incidental or consequential to the provisioning of such Services as defined in the scope of supply given in the contract
- d. **“SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)”** shall mean the Contractual Commitment that prevails between the Buyer and the Service Provider with regard to type of service to be provided, deliverables, desired performance level, reliability and responsiveness, monitoring process and service level reporting, response and issue resolution time-frame, repercussions / penalties / remedies for service provider not meeting its commitment. The SLA of a particular contract may carry the matrix regarding the delivery of the goods and/or services and the corresponding penalties or remedies and liquidated damages as applicable.
- e. **“CATEGORY SPECIFICATION”** shall mean the framework of technical features, functional capabilities, technical properties, certifications of the items etc. in a particular category. The Specifications shall identify the key parameters defining the products with all necessary validations related to configuration, type of data, restrictions, range / allowed values, allowed units etc. Sellers as well as Buyers while offering / buying the Goods / services shall have to comply with the validation rules / restrictions provided for in the Category Specification. Buyers / Sellers cannot add parameters and / or drop down values not provided for in category Specification. If any Buyer / Seller desire to add new parameter, value, validation etc. against any category specification, they have to raise request for the same to GeM for incorporation in Category Specification.
- f. **“BUYER”** is the Contract placing authority, which includes Central/State Government Ministries/Departments including its attached/subordinate offices, Central/State Public Sector Units (PSUs) and Autonomous Bodies acting through its authorized officer(s) for and on behalf of President of India/Governor of the State/PSU/Autonomous Bodies, as the case may be, for purchase of Goods/Services offered by Sellers on GeM.
- g. **“SELLER / SERVICE PROVIDER”** on GeM shall mean any legal entity such as firm(s) of Proprietorship / Partnership Firm / Limited Liability Partnership / Private Limited / Limited company / Society registered under Society’s Act / Statutory Bodies etc., registered on GeM to sell its Good(s) / Service(s) to the Buyers registered on GeM.

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The “Seller on GeM” will be either OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer*) or Seller having authorization to sell products manufactured by the OEM in open market or Licensed manufacturer under Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940.

* OEM is the owner of the Brand / Trademark of the product being offered or in case of un-registered brand's products / products with own brand, the actual manufacturer of the final product. To be recognized as an OEM on GeM, seller has to get Vendor Assessment Report from designated agency (unless exempted as per GeM VA policy) as per due process of vendor assessment notified on GeM portal (which would include production of documentary evidences and demonstration of manufacturing facilities and / or capabilities as required).

In case of Services related to Goods, Service Provider on GeM will be either OEM or Service Provider having authorization to Service products manufactured by that OEM in open market. In respect of other Services, Service Provider on GeM will be any legal entity offering its services.

By registering on GeM portal , Seller / Service Provider hereby agrees to be bound by these General Terms and Conditions for Sale / Purchase of Goods and / or Services (GTC); Product / Service Specific Special Terms and Conditions (STC) and Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for various Services; and Additional (Bid Specific) Terms and Conditions (ATC) as applicable. For the purpose of this document and transactions on GeM, Seller as well as Service Provider will be referred to as “Seller”

- h. **“USER ID and PASSWORD”** All users including Buyers and Sellers (primary as well as secondary) will get User ID and Password created on GeM following due registration process defined on GeM. It is the responsibility of the user to keep their User ID and Password secure and confidential. Individual user shall be solely and completely responsible for all transactions taking place on GeM portal using his / her User Id and Password and GeM shall not be responsible in any manner.
- i. **“LICENSE”** shall mean by registering the Seller and by offering Product / Service details on GeM and by participating in Bids floated on GeM, the Seller grants GeM a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual and fully sub-licensable right to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, distribute, and/or display publicly the content / materials / documents which has been submitted to GeM and / or GeM Buyer(s) during registration / bid participation excluding Aadhaar Number. In case of registration of Primary user and creation of secondary user(s) by the Buyer/Seller, their Aadhaar (UID)

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details collected by GeM are solely for user verification and to apply e- signing on the documents. The e-sign is at par with digital signatures as per Information Technology Act Amendment 2008 and it works based on details available in Aadhaar database of UIDAI and there is no interference / intrusion in their personal details.

- j. **“CONTRACT”** shall mean the purchase order created / issued by the Buyer on GeM for supply of Goods / Services in electronic form which includes scope of supply, delivery instructions and specifications etc. as ordered by Buyer against such Contract besides the subject GTC, STC/ATC as the case may be.
- k. **“BID SECURITY”** (also known as Earnest Money Deposit) shall mean Insurance Surety Bond, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker’s Cheque or Bank Guarantee (**including e-Bank Guarantee**) from any of the Commercial Banks or payment online in an acceptable form as defined in the bid document, safeguarding the purchaser’s interest in all respects.
- l. **“PERFORMANCE SECURITY”** shall mean Insurance Surety Bonds, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt from a Commercial bank, Bank Guarantee (**including e-Bank Guarantee**) from a Commercial Bank or online payment in an acceptable form as defined in the bid document safeguarding the purchaser’s interest in all respects.

3. Role, Responsibilities and Obligations of Seller/ Buyer:

A. Role and Responsibilities of Sellers on GeM are as under:

- i. Only Director (s) / Partner (s) / Proprietor (as applicable) are authorized to become Primary User and register any legal entity on GeM as Seller.
- ii. Once Seller/Service Provider is registered and account is created on GeM, the Primary user of the Seller/Service Provider can create Secondary User Accounts within Seller/Service Provider Organization with different Roles and Responsibilities. However, the Primary User creating Secondary User accounts shall continue to be fully responsible and accountable for all actions / transactions done by Secondary Users on GeM Portal.
- iii. Since GeM is a trust based Portal, the complete accuracy and integrity of data submitted in respect of the Seller and also in respect of the Goods / Services offered on GeM will be the sole responsibility of the Seller/Service Provider. Seller will be liable for administrative action as per GeM terms and conditions in case of any discrepancy / infirmity in any data / information submitted on GeM.

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- iv. The Primary / Secondary Users of Sellers, offering Goods/Services and/or participating in e-Bidding / Reverse Auction on GeM, must ensure that they have the requisite authorization to enter into contract with Buyer(s) in GeM for and on behalf of the Seller, failing which such Seller as well as the individual(s) shall be vicariously liable for its actions and also for any liability arising out of such actions.
- v. Seller can offer any number of products. However, it will be the sole responsibility of the seller to satisfy themselves regarding possessing the requisites for doing business for the offered product(s). The Sellers are solely responsible for ensuring that there is no violation of any Intellectual Property Rights in their offer for sell / providing service on GeM.
- vi. The Seller should not exercise any corrupt influence on any aspect of contract and commit to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption maintaining complete transparency, integrity and fairness in all activities related to GeM.
- vii. The seller would represent its business on the GeM portal and is mandated to comply with all the terms and conditions of the platform. Sellers would be solely and absolutely responsible for the information provided about their organization, business, products and services on the portal and would be required to produce proof of such information, if requested at any point in time by the Buyer and / or GeM.
- viii. GeM would not allow creation of any fresh data related to Seller identity on GeM portal. All details provided by the Seller at the time of registration would be counter checked / verified through other data bases of Government such as PAN, MCA 21, Udyam Registration, etc. For Financial details, PAN / Income tax Database shall be primary validating database and will override any conflicting data in any other database. If the data / details entered by the seller while registering on GeM is not verified with validating databases, registration will not be allowed. Further, in case of any conflict in details after registration, Seller's registration would be automatically suspended. It is the Seller's responsibility to keep all their information on GeM updated with the latest change(s). Non-updating of details on GeM within 7 days of such occurrence would make Seller liable for administrative actions.
- ix. Eligibility of Sellers in terms of Turn Over / Past Performance / Profitability etc. and also their eligibility for availing various benefits / advantages in terms of various Govt. Policies / Guidelines / Acts / Laws etc. shall be determined solely on the basis of data fetched / validated or verified through external agency / owner of that set of database such as Income Tax / PAN Data Base, MCA 21, Udyam

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Registration, GSTN, Certifying Agencies such as BIS, BEE etc. In case of any discrepancy in data available in these databases, Seller has to get the same updated in the corresponding validating database before updating the same on GeM. Till such time only the existing validated information shall be used to decide seller's eligibility on GeM. Any default in sellers updating their data on partner sites / validating databases and any fall out of the same impacting adversely any transaction on GeM, shall entirely and exclusively be Seller's responsibility. GeM shall not be responsible for any consequential impact on any GeM transaction due to data discrepancy and / or suspension of seller account due to data discrepancy. Seller will be solely responsible for the same.

- x. The Seller shall be solely responsible for the Goods / Services including, without limitation, the applicable guarantee / warranty, shelf-life, quantity, quality and the title and for giving the correct and accurate details of the offer their Goods and / or /Services indicating product specifications, quantity which can be supplied over the specified time period, etc. as per catalogue or catalogue based template prescribed in GeM. Seller would ensure that the Goods or /Services offered are latest, new and complete in all respects. Where Seller is selling any Goods which needs spare parts, Seller should ensure and make available such spare parts for a minimum period of three years from the date of expiry of warranty period (unless otherwise specified). The individual Sellers shall ensure that the products offered in e-Bidding and/or ordered shall remain available on GeM during the bid / contract validity period.
- xi. Sellers shall offer minimum discount of 10% on the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) mandatorily (unless otherwise specified for offering their products on GeM). Sellers are free to offer higher discounts. The Seller must offer its best possible lowest price on GeM and undertake that it would not sell or offer to sell the same product outside GeM in comparable quantity on similar terms and conditions at a price lower than Offer Price on GeM. In case any such infringement by Seller is noticed, the Seller shall be liable to be removed / debarred from the GeM.
- xii. By offering their product on GeM, the Seller agrees for sharing price details of the offered Goods / Service by GeM authorities with other Government agencies including Department of Excise & Customs, Income tax, GST etc.
- xiii. Sellers shall ensure uploading of their product / service in the correct category in all respects. Any offering of wrong and misleading product(s) or service(s) in any of the category will be removed by GeM from the portal when noticed without making any reference to the seller(s). The seller(s) will also be liable for any other

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Administrative action as deemed fit by GeM for uploading wrong product(s) or service(s) in any category.

If any such infringement made by Seller leads to placement of a contract by any Buyer for such inappropriately offered product(s) / service(s) by the Seller, such contract shall be treated as null and void.

No claim whatsoever against such contract shall be admissible and entertained.

- xiv. The Seller(s) shall pass on all the benefits associated with any scheme / offer / freebies provided by the OEM on any product from time to time on an "as-is basis" to the Buyer. This obligation will also apply to OEM's directly supplying the goods. Holding back any such offer or accounting such freebies in quantity supplied shall make such consignments liable to be rejected by the consignee and shall also be considered as inappropriate and against the GeM policies for which GeM reserves all rights to take necessary action against such Seller/OEM as deemed fit.

By registering on GeM and by participating in any bid on GeM, Seller undertakes that presently it is not "Debarred from Bidding" on the grounds mentioned in Rule 151 of GFR 2017.

- xv. In case of drug manufacturer licensed under Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940, drug manufacturers have to submit a notarized undertaking that the license for the product submitted by them has been issued under Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and is authentic and that the data of the same has been uploaded by the manufacturer on the SUGAM Portal under rule 84AB of Drugs Rules, 1945.

Only such manufacturers who have given the said undertaking as above will be considered as authentic for registration on GeM.

The said undertaking / affidavit to be submitted by the Drug Manufacturer, in prescribed form, would enable / empower Buyer / Ministry / Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) to initiate criminal proceedings in case of false declarations.

- xvi. By offering their product and fulfilling the basic need of regular updating of the stock on GeM as stipulated on the portal, the Seller agrees for the acceptance of the order placed through the Direct purchase and L1 purchase without any need for any acceptance or confirmation. The seller commits to hold the price and offer as valid till the date seller itself removes the product offer from GeM or changes the price in compliance with online price change guidelines / rule engines applicable in that category. The action as deemed fit may be initiated for

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the declining of the such orders as incident policy of the GeM.

B. **Role and Responsibilities of Buyer on GeM:**

Buyer Registration on GeM is divided in two categories:

a. Primary User: In GeM, the Primary User is as under:

- i. Any officer of Central / State Government / PSU / Autonomous Bodies / Local Bodies / Constitutional Bodies / Statuary Bodies at the level of Deputy Secretary of the Government of India or equivalent
- ii. Head of the Office at Sub Centre / Unit / Branch, can Register his / her organization / unit on GeM portal as Primary User.

Primary User shall be responsible for registering the organization on GeM, for creating User accounts for Secondary Users, assigning them roles and responsibilities on GeM and for supervision of all transactions performed by Secondary Users under him / her.

Primary User shall also be vicariously responsible for ensuring compliance of General Financial Rules and / or Rules Governing Public Procurement in respect of their organization, all GeM terms and conditions and other Procurement Policies / Guidelines notified by the government from time to time, by all the secondary users including timely payments and for dispute resolutions as per GeM terms and conditions.

Primary user cannot perform any Procurement related transactions on GeM portal.

- b. Secondary Users:** Secondary Users are officials responsible for procurement transactions on GeM including Placement of Contracts, Receipt of Stores, and Payments to the Sellers etc. The access rights permissible to registered Secondary users would be decided by the Primary User of the Department. Secondary Users may be given the roles of Buyer / Consignee / Drawing and Disbursement Office (DDO) / Paying Authority / Indentor / Technical Evaluator, etc. For transaction on GeM portal, Buyer is the official who is responsible for processing procurement transaction up to Order Placement stage. Consignee is the Secondary User in Buyer Organization responsible for certifying receipt and acceptance of the goods procured.

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Buyer's responsibilities on GeM portal are as under:

- i. The Buyers are responsible to ensure that the procurement done by them are in compliance of General Financial Rules and / or Rules Governing Public Procurement in respect of their organization, all GeM terms and conditions and other procurement Policies / Guidelines notified by the government from time to time, including timely payments as per GeM terms and conditions.
- ii. The Buyers (in all capacities i.e. as Buyer, Consignee, DDO, Paying Authority etc.) are responsible to ensure that the procurement done by them are in compliance with GeM Terms and Conditions / Guidelines and all contract related transactions are completed within time lines prescribed in GeM Contract.
- iii. The Buyers must ensure that they have the requisite authorization to enter into contract with Seller(s) on GeM for and on behalf of the organization, failing which such individual(s) shall be individually liable for its actions and also for any liability arising out of such actions.
- iv. While making procurement on GeM, the Buyers shall judiciously search and shortlist items using filters such as quantity, technical parameters, delivery period, warranty period, consignee location(s), Seller's eligibility etc. as per their approved requirements. Placement of contract for a product / service uploaded by the Seller in any wrong/inappropriate product category is strictly prohibited and such contracts shall be treated as null and void and such Buying shall adversely affect Buyer Rating on GeM.
- v. The Buyers shall satisfy themselves that the price of the selected offer is reasonable. Buyer is at liberty to utilize all the data / information and Business Analytics made available in GeM including e-bidding and reverse auction.
- vi. The Buyers, before placing the order on GeM, should have the required mandatory approval with prior sanction and approval of the competent authorities and shall be in compliance with and as per procedures outlined in GFR and other procurement guidelines issued by the Government from time to time.
- vii. On award of the Contract(s), it would be construed that the Buyer has obtained all necessary Administrative & Financial sanctions of the competent authority and adequate funds are available indicating the relevant Head of accounts in the awarded Contract(s).

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- viii. The Buyers should not exercise any corrupt influence on any aspect of contract and commit to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption maintaining complete transparency and fairness in all activities related to GeM.
- ix. Buyers are not allowed to place any order at GeM prices outside GeM. The prices on GeM are only applicable if the procurement is made through GeM portal. Using GeM prices for procurement outside GeM portal is strictly prohibited. Further, Buyers are not allowed to place any off-line contract to the Seller directly based on the outcome of e-Bidding / RA conducted on GeM. All such contracts shall be treated as null and void and GeM reserves the right to delete all data related to such transactions from GeM database besides taking suitable actions against such Buyers including suspension from GeM and / or reduction of Buyer rating etc.

4. Enabling provisions of Rule 149 of General Financial Rules- 2017

Enabling provisions of Rule 149 of General Financial Rules- 2017 as amended vide Ministry of Finance OM dated 02.04.2019 regarding procurement through GeM and necessary guidelines and terms and conditions thereon:

GeM portal may be utilized by the Government buyers for on-line purchases as under:-

- i. Up to INR 25,000/- through any of the available suppliers on the GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period.
- ii. Above INR 25,000/- and up to INR 5,00,000/- through the GeM Seller having lowest price amongst the available sellers (excluding Automobiles where there is no ceiling limit), of at least three different manufacturers, on GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period. The tools for online bidding and online reverse auction available on GeM can be used by the Buyer if decided by the competent authority.
- iii. Above INR 5,00,000/- through the supplier having lowest price meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period after mandatorily obtaining bids, using online bidding or reverse auction tool provided on GeM (excluding Automobiles where there is no ceiling limit).
- iv. The Government Buyers may ascertain the reasonableness of prices before placement of order using the Business Analytics (BA) tools

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available on GeM including the Last Purchase Price on GeM, Department's own Last Purchase Price etc.

- v. GFR rule 149 allows direct on-line purchases on GeM up to INR 25,000/- through any of the available suppliers on the GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period. However, this is subject to procuring authorities certifying the reasonability of rates. While making such direct on-line purchase below INR 25,000/-, the buyer should have approval of competent authority and should also record reasons for selecting the specific product in case lowest priced products are not being accepted / ordered.
- vi. Tools have been deployed on GeM portal to show the price of compared products on other e-commerce sites (wherever available) and also the rates at which orders have been placed on GeM for such items in recent past. While taking decision on reasonableness of price, the buyers may also take into account the discount over MRP; Last Purchase Price (LPP) on GeM, Department's own Last Purchase Price; rates on other e-commerce websites etc. The prices on e-commerce site give a broad idea and its terms and conditions may be different. If it is found that the price available on GeM marketplace is not reasonable or is substantially higher than e-commerce sites or LPP, the GeM Portal provides tools for online bidding or reverse auction which can be used by the Buyers to get better competitive rates and then satisfy themselves about reasonableness of the price as per GFR -2017 before placement of contract. Bidding should be considered as the preferred mode of procurement above INR 25,000/-.
- vii. In case of Direct Purchase, during carting period, rates for carted quantity, for that buyer, are frozen for carting period as notified from time to time on GeM against any upward revision by seller. However, advantage of any downward revision in the offer price of carted item shall be automatically provided to the buyer.
- viii. According to the provisions of Rule 149 (ii) of GFR, 2017, GeM shall be utilized by Government buyers for direct on-line purchases above INR 25,000/- and up to INR 5,00,000/- however such purchase has to be through the Seller having the lowest price (L-1) amongst the available Sellers on the GeM. In order to ensure that buyers select only L-1 available offer, the GeM portal enables buyer to first compare all the product options available on GeM to ensure that it meets its requirements/ specifications. While comparing, care should be taken by the Buyer that comparison has to be done between products of at least three different

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Manufacturers / OEMs. For L-1 buying, comparison has to be made between products of at least three different OEMs, as per GFR. If Buyer wants to buy any specific OEM's product then he has to go for Proprietary Article Certificate (PAC) buying after obtaining necessary approvals of competent authorities for PAC buying as per GFR-2017, as amended from time to time or the Procurement Guidelines of the respective Organisation as the case may be.

ix. **Proprietary Article Certificate (PAC) Buying:** While making procurement under PAC Buying on GeM, it is the responsibility of the Buyer to ensure that compliances with the conditions / rules as laid down under GFR, 2017, as amended from time to time or the Procurement Guidelines of the respective Organisation, as the case may be, is met before initiating procurement under PAC:

(a) In case a Govt. Buyer on GeM wants to make procurement on proprietary basis on the GeM Portal after obtaining the requisite approvals / PAC certificate from their competent authority as per Rule 166 of GFR-2017 or the Procurement Guidelines of the respective Organisation, as the case may be, the Buyer can use PAC filter provided on GeM for selecting a specific model/ make available from a particular GeM Seller. The Buyer should ensure before procuring the goods under PAC Buying that the Proprietary Article Certificate as per the conditions laid down in GFR or the Procurement Guidelines of the respective Organisation, as the case may be, is available with the Buyer. It is the responsibility of the Buyer to ensure compliance with GFR or the Procurement Guidelines of the respective Organisation while procuring goods on proprietary basis through the GeM Portal including ensuring the certificate to be in proper format as per GFR or the Procurement Guidelines of the respective Organisation, as the case may be.

(b) The Buyer should note that the Seller's price on the Portal is just their offer prices and the proper discovery of price generally happens through bidding/RA. Moreover, in PAC procurement irrespective of multiple listing by authorized sellers, the important issue of price control remaining with the OEM should not be overlooked. Therefore, in case of all the PAC procurements, the Buyers are advised to carry out extra due diligence in establishing the reasonableness of prices

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before placement of contract as per Para (vii) of Rule -149 of GFR-2017 or the Procurement Guidelines of the respective Organisation, as the case may be.

(c) Except for direct buying up to INR 25,000/- subject to establishing the reasonableness of price, the bidding is mandatory for procurements above INR 25,000/- as per GFR. As result of bidding, the response could be as under:

- i. Only OEM is available or only single authorised seller is available.
- ii. OEM as well as multiple authorised Sellers are available.
- iii. Multiple authorised Sellers of the OEM are available.

(d) After bidding, under PAC buying, the Buyer may take decision with the approval of the competent authority to process the procurement subject to establishing the reasonableness of prices before placement of contract as per Para (vii) of Rule - 149 of GFR-2017 or the Procurement Guidelines of the respective Organisation, as the case may be.

- x. In order to give flexibility to the buyers in sourcing their requirements through GeM, provision has been made in e-bid and RA modules for indicating delivery period in terms of “number of days from date of placement of contract”. While stipulating delivery period in their bid documents, Buyers are advised to be careful since un-realistic delivery period stipulations may result in elimination of some genuine sellers, lack of competition and may ultimately have impact on cost of procurement. While fixing delivery period in e-bid/ RA bid, buyers should not only take into consideration the quantity required and the essentiality of requirement of that quantity within stipulated time period but also the possible impact of shorter delivery period on competition in e-bidding / RA.
- xi. Splitting of demands by creating multiple Bids / RAs of same goods / services or making repeated procurements of same Goods / Services through L-1 buying as per rule 149(i) and 149(ii) of GFR-2017 are strictly prohibited on GeM. Splitting of demand deprives the organizations from achieving the best competitive prices leveraging economies of scale. It also implies avoiding the necessity of obtaining the sanction of higher authority required with reference to the estimated value of the total demand. It is a violation of Para Rule 149 (viii) of GFR -2017 and terms and conditions of GeM Portal and Buyer including the Primary Buyer shall be entirely responsible for the same. If any such splitting of demand is noticed, GeM shall have the right to take necessary

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action such as blocking of such Bids/RAs and / or cancelling such contracts.

- xii. GeM is a dynamic online marketplace. The product/service listings across the existing categories are dynamic. Moreover, new categories of products/services are continuously being added on GeM. In situations where there is only one offer available in a product/ service category and/or there is offer from only one Seller after filter based search, the buyer should not select such offer for buying. Efforts should be made by Buyer to get their past suppliers and prospective Sellers on-boarded on GeM so as to ensure availability of sufficient Sellers on GeM. This however will not apply for PAC procurement.

xiii. e-Bidding and Reverse Auction (RA) on GeM

- (a) The e-Bidding / RA module of GeM is a tool provided to the Buyer(s) for organizing bidding / RA from GeM Sellers of the particular product category for a pre-defined requirement i.e. quantity, technical parameters for Goods/ Services of the particular product category required for one or more Buyers / Consignees.
- (b) Prior to initiating e-Bidding / RA, the Buyer shall judiciously search and shortlist item among the items offered on GeM using filters such as quantity, technical parameters, warranty period, consignee location(s) etc.as per the requirement. In case the search made using actual quantity required, fails to identify sufficient offers, the Buyer may use an indicative quantity for initial search and selection of product and quantity may be amended to match the actual requirement at the time of finalizing e-Bidding / RA.
- (c) The technical parameters and warranty of the item identified by the Buyer shall be base parameters of the item for conducting e- Bidding / RA for the required Goods/Services.
- (d) The e-Bidding / RA document will be finalized by the Buyer(s) by stipulating requirements such as Quantity, Consignee Details, Terms of Delivery, Delivery Period, Bid Security, Performance Security, Time & Date for Start and End of Bid Submission and for Opening of Bids and required Bid Validity period etc. GeM system shall decide Start / Reference Price and Step Value of Decrement in case of RA based on product selection and / or outcome of bidding process.
- (e) The e-Bidding / RA invitation / Notice shall be published on GEM, stipulating the last date for bid submission / opening of bids giving at least clear 10 days time after the publication. Any change in last date forbid

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submission will be intimated to eligible bidders through e-mail / GeM. The e-Bidding invitation shall be extended to all the registered Sellers on GeM who have Goods / Services for that particular category listed on GeM, at least 2 hours prior to closing time of e-Bidding / RA. The GeM normally requires 48 hrs for approval / rejection of the product / service offered by Sellers before it is listed on the portal. Considering these time lines, the Sellers are required to offer their Goods / Services on GeM well in advance before bid closure. The decision of the Buyer / GeM regarding technical/commercial eligibility of the individual Seller to be invited for e-Bidding / RA shall be final.

(f) The Seller participating in the e-bidding / RA may offer any one of their product(s) already listed on GeM. The bid submitted under:

i) e-Bidding shall remain valid for 15 days (or as stipulated by the Buyer in the bid document) from the Bid Opening Date (till 24.00 Hrs IST).

ii) RA in Bid to RA case, where the bid offer validity is less than 30 days, will be extended to 30 days including the RA initiation date.

Bid Validity can be further extended with mutual consent between Buyer and Seller. The products offered in e-Bidding / RA cannot be withdrawn by the Sellers from GeM during the bid validity period. The Buyer reserves the right to postpone/cancel the e-bidding and intimation thereof will be sent by e-mail / GeM to the Bidders. Any amendment / corrigendum to the e-bid invitation issued by the Buyer will be made online and shall be uploaded on the GeM. The participation by the Seller in e-bidding shall be construed as his / her acceptance for all the Terms and Conditions as outlined in the e-bidding including GTC, STC and ATC. However, the Buyer shall have right to decide the technical and commercial acceptability of the individual bids based on eligibility criteria and compliances as stipulated in the bid document. The technical parameters shown in the bid are from a particular catalogue as selected by the buyer while applying initial filters in selection of the product. The sellers are free to bid for same, equivalent or superior specifications catalogue / products. In the public interest, buyers will evaluate such bids based on their requirements / end use and bid parameters and will accordingly technically accept or reject the bids on merits.

(g) In bid documents, Buyers can incorporate suitable eligibility criteria and additional terms and conditions only using various filters and ATC module available in e-bidding / RA modules of GeM. Buyers are not allowed to

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incorporate eligibility criteria and / or additional / special terms and conditions exterior to the GeM portal by making reference to any other website / documents etc.

- (h) In case, two or more acceptable bidders are found to have quoted identical lowest bid price, Buyer has to conduct Reverse Auction for the required Goods among all technically qualified bidders in case of bids for Goods. In case of Services bids, if the multiple L-1 bidders have quoted the lowest allowed price for that service, Buyer shall place the Contract by selection of a bidder amongst the L-1 bidders through a Random Algorithm executed by GeM system.
- (i) The Buyer reserves the right to accept/reject any bid including the lowest bid received through e-bid and/or annul the e- bidding process.
- (j) The participating bidders shall not disclose details of their bids or other details of their e-bids to other bidders or indulge in any anti-competitive behaviour including price manipulation in violation of Competition Act, 2002, as amended from time to time.
- (k) The Buyer/GeM will not be held responsible for consequential damages such as no internet connection, no power supply, system problems, loss of electronic information, power interruption etc.
- (l) Against any bidding or RA conducted on GeM, if a bidder quotes Nil Charges/consideration, the bid shall be treated as non- responsive and will not be considered.
- (m) There shall be no Bid Security for Bids / RA having estimated value less than INR 5 lakh. For bids / RA having estimated value more than INR 5 Lakh, while finalizing e-Bid / RA, Buyer shall indicate the exact amount of Bid Security required to be submitted by bidders. Scanned copy of the same shall be uploaded by Seller in the online bid and hard copy of the same will have to be submitted directly to the Buyer within 5 working days of bid opening, failing which the bid may be treated as incomplete & may lead to rejection of the bid by buyer without making any reference to the seller.

GeM recommends quantum of Bid Security @ 1% of estimated value of procurement. The Buyer also has the option to select Bid Security between 0.5% to 5%. The same should be valid for 45 days beyond the bid validity. No interest shall be payable upon the Bid Security / EMD or any other amounts payable by the Seller to the Buyer under the Contract. Following categories of Sellers shall however, be exempted from furnishing Bid

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Security:

- i. Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) who are holding valid Udyam Registration and are manufacturer of the offered Product or Service (Primary Product / Service - in case of bunch bid with total value wise evaluation) and give specific confirmation to this effect at the time of bid submission and claim EMD exemption and whose credentials are validated online through Udyam Registration website of Ministry of MSME and also through supporting document uploaded during bidding process and validated by the Buyer. State Government Buyers may, however, choose to exempt only MSEs from the State of Bid Inviting Authority by specifying the same in ATC of the Bid. In case no such ATC is included, eligible MSEs of all states are exempted.
- ii. Start-ups as recognized by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), holding valid Startup Recognition Certificate which is to be uploaded while bidding and claiming EMD exemption and to be validated by the Buyer. Bidder to ensure that turnover for any of the financial years has not exceeded beyond limits prescribed in the certificate / Start Up scheme of DPIIT.
- iii. KVIC, ACASH, WDO, Coir Board, TRIFED and Kendriya Bhandar.
- iv. Sellers who have got their credentials verified through the process of Vendor Assessment by Vendor Assessment Agencies for the Primary Product / Primary Service for which Bid / RA has been invited and holding valid Vendor Assessment or Vendor Assessment Exemption Report / confirmation (Seller to upload VA report / VAE confirmation to be validated by the Buyer).
- v. Sellers / Service Provider having annual turnover of INR 500 Crore or more, at least in one of the past three completed financial year(s)
- vi. Sellers / Service Providers holding valid BIS License for the Primary Product Category whose credentials are validated through BIS database and through uploaded supporting documents to be validated by the buyer.
- vii. Central / State PSUs.
- viii. Seller / Service Provider registered with designated Agency / Authority as specified in the bid document by the Buyer – such

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bidder shall have to upload scanned copy of relevant valid registration document in place of Bid Security document while bidding.

Note: No EMD to be taken from exempt category of sellers even by way of specific clauses mentioned in ATC / STC by the Buyers. Such clauses which are against the GeM GTC, will be treated as null and void.

- (n) Bid Security submitted by the bidder shall be forfeited, if the bidder:
 - i. Withdraws or modify or impairs or derogates from the bid in any respect within the period of validity of its bid; or
 - ii. If it comes to notice that the information / documents furnished in its bid is false, misleading or forged; or
 - iii. Fails to furnish requisite performance security within stipulated time required as per e-bid / RA conditions.
- (o) Notwithstanding above, GeM SPV / GeM Admin also reserve the right to debar such seller from GeM portal. Such debarment shall be for minimum 3 months initially on first such offence and on repeat offence, the debarment period can be increased suitably by GeM SPV / GeM Admin. By submitting a bid on GeM, the Bidder explicitly undertakes to abide by the above clause.
- (p) Earnest money of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned within 15 days after the award of contract or expiry of bid validity, whichever is earlier. However, in case of two packet or two stage bidding, Bid securities of unsuccessful bidders during first stage i.e. technical evaluation should be returned within 15 days of declaration of result of first stage itself i.e. technical evaluation. Earnest money of successful bidder shall be returned within 15 days after receipt of Performance Security / e-PBG.
- (q) In case of RA, Start / Reference Price and Step Value of Decrement shall be indicated to the Bidders at the start of the auction. Any participating bidder can bid one or multiple Step Decrement lower than the prevailing Lowest Bid at that time.
- (r) The Bidder shall be able to view Bid Start Price, Bid Decrement Value, Prevailing Lowest Bid value and last Bid Placed by him. Whenever a lower price bid is received in the closing moment i.e. within 15 minutes of existing end time of Reverse Auction, the end time of reverse auction shall be extended automatically by another 15 minutes. All participant sellers of that RA shall be allowed to submit revised bid under the RA. The same process shall be repeated, if there is another lower bid received

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in the RA during last 15 minutes of RA.

(s) GeM / Buyer shall not have any liability to bidders for any interruption or delay in access to the GeM site / Reverse Auction link etc, irrespective of the cause.

(t) By creating a bid on GeM, the Buyer undertakes as under:

"I confirm that this tender document complies with the "Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017, as amended from time to time" issued by DIPP and "Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order, 2012, as amended from time to time " issued by MoSME".

(u) Bid to RA:

While creating bid on GeM, Buyer shall have the provision to select Bid to RA option. If this option is selected by the Buyer at the time of bid creation, Sellers would be required to submit their Technical and Commercial bids before bid closure. After completion of technical evaluation by the Buyer, Reverse Auction would be conducted as per Bid to RA qualification rule selected by the buyer, which have been stated below:

1) Bid to RA with 50% elimination rule:

Reverse Auction would be conducted amongst first 50% of the technically qualified bidders arranged in the order of prices from lowest to highest. Number of sellers eligible for participating in RA would be rounded off to next higher integer value if number of technically qualified bidders is odd (e.g. if 7 bids are technically qualified, then RA will be conducted amongst L-1 to L-4). In case number of technically qualified bidders are 2 or 3, RA will be between all without any elimination. If Buyer has chosen to split the bid amongst N sellers, then minimum N sellers would be taken to RA round. In case Primary products of only one OEM are left in contention for participation in RA based on lowest 50% bidders qualifying for RA, the number of sellers qualifying for RA would be increased to get at least products of one more OEM (directly participated or through its reseller) if available. Further, if bid(s) of any seller(s) eligible for MSE preference is / are coming within price band of 15% of Non MSE L-1 or if bid of any seller(s) eligible for Make in India preference is / are coming within price band of 20% of non MII L-1, then such MSE / Make in India seller shall also be allowed to participate in the RA process.

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2) Bid to RA with H-1 elimination rule:

Reverse Auction would be conducted amongst all the technically qualified bidders except the Highest quoting bidder. The technically qualified Highest Quoting bidder will not be allowed to participate in RA. However, H-1 will be allowed to participate in RA in following cases:

- (a) If number of technically qualified bidders are only 2 or 3.
- (b) If Buyer has chosen to split the bid amongst N sellers, and H1 bid is coming within N.
- (c) In case Primary product of only one OEM is left in contention for participation in RA on elimination of H-1.
- (d) If L-1 is non-MSE and H-1 is eligible MSE and H-1 price is coming within price band of 15% of Non-MSE L-1.
- (e) If L-1 is non-MII and H-1 is eligible MII and H-1 price is coming within price band of 20% of Non-MII L-1

After the RA process, the award of contract(s) shall be made by the buyer keeping in view the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order, 2012 and Public Procurement (Preference to Make-in-India) Order, 2017 as amended from time to time.

- (v) In case any Seller / Service provider has been debarred in any particular Department / Organization, Buyers of that particular Department / Organization only shall have the right to disqualify such Sellers / Service providers at the time of technical evaluation of Bids during the period of debarment, subject to the condition that orders of such debarment has been taken with approval of Competent Authority of that Department / Organization and has been communicated to the concerned Seller / Service Provider before bid opening date.
- (w) GeM is an end to end on-line procurement portal and not a tender publishing portal. GeM has detailed GTC, product / service specific STC and a rich ATC library in-built in the portal which can be used to create a comprehensive bid document. Based on the available terms and conditions, there is hardly any need to add any additional conditions to be attached with any GeM bid. However, for inclusion of some clause which is considered absolutely necessary for that particular bid for reasons to be

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explained in detail, a provision for inclusion of additional conditions in the bid through corrigendum is available in Request Management System. Only indispensable conditions that are not covered in and are not in conflict with GeM GTC, Product / Service STC and the standard ATC library, and which are in compliance with the Govt. orders on Public Procurement and are not restrictive and not against the core principals of transparency, fairness and efficiency enshrined in GeM, can be requested through RMS ATC request for making part of GeM bid through corrigendum. Each such request has to be made only after due approval of the Competent Authority in Buyer Organization confirming that the request has been made with the approval of the Competent Authority. Buyer organization shall be solely responsible for the impact of the requested clauses on the bidding process and its outcome. The clauses which are already covered in standard ATC library available on GeM Portal, will not be allowed through RMS.

- (x) Determination of eligibility in case of products requiring BIS License: In case the bid requires availability of BIS License, bidder has to upload currently valid and operative BIS License copy (Valid on the date of bid opening) to be considered eligible. Submitted BIS License may be in the name of Bidder / OEM or in the name of the Manufacturer to whom the OEM has outsourced manufacturing of his brand of product. The name of the Brand of the offered product should be mentioned in the BIS License. BIS certificate issued under Compulsory registration Scheme for electronic products to OEM/Brand owners for the products marketed under their brand name wherein their products are manufactured at third-party manufacturing unit is valid and is allowed for participation in the bids floated on GeM. The Manufacturer's Authorization in all such cases wherein the manufacturing is done by a third party shall be issued by the Brand owner / OEM and not by the third-party manufacturing unit mentioned in the BIS certificate.
- (y) Bid Splitting: In case of critical / vital / safety / security nature of the item, and / or large quantity under procurement and / or urgent delivery requirements and / or inadequate vendor capacity, Buyer may decide to have more than one source of supply. In such cases Buyer may opt for Bid Splitting while creating the bid on GeM, clearly indicating the Bid Splitting ratio in which order will be split among L-1, L-2, L-3, etc. as per ratio of splitting pre- disclosed in the bid. After technical and financial evaluation, before splitting the quantity, it should be ensured by the Buyer that the L1 price is reasonable. After deciding the acceptable reasonable price, L1 would be awarded contract for at least the first / highest

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percentage indicated in the bid splitting ratio. For the rest of the bid quantity, the L-1 rates / lowest accepted rate will be counter offered to the next higher quoting bidder(s) for price matching. On acceptance of the counter offer, the order will be placed on next higher quoting bidder(s) for the respective percentage. In case of non- acceptance of the counter offer by the next higher quoting bidder(s), a similar offer shall be made to L3 and L4, and so on. In case counter offered rates are not accepted for ratio of splitting quantity as per bid document by any of the subsequent bidders, the left over quantity will be divided between bidders who have accepted the rates in the ratio of their originally allocated quantities subject to their confirmation and after getting consent on mutually agreed delivery schedule for the additional quantity.

5. Contract(s):

Following documents shall be construed to be part of the contract generated through GeM:

- i. Scope of supply including price as enumerated in the Contract Document.
- ii. General Terms and Conditions (GTC).
- iii. Product / Service specific Special Terms and Conditions (STC).
- iv. Product / Track / Domain Specific STC of Particular Service including its SLA (Service Level Agreement)
- v. Bid / RA specific Additional Terms and Conditions (ATC).

The Terms and Conditions stipulated in STC & SLA will supersede those in GTC and Terms and Conditions stipulated in ATC will supersede those in GTC and STC in case of any conflicting provisions.

6. Prices:

- i. **Offer price on GeM portal:** The prices of the offered Goods or Services shall be firm and fixed at any point of time and shall be indicated in INR for each accounting unit. The Seller can choose to offer Goods or Services with uniform all inclusive unit price for deliveries at locations across India on All India basis or for specified locations selected at the time of product listing. As such, for supply of Goods contract, no additional charges such as local levies / transportation / loading unloading charges etc., shall be payable over and above the contract price. For selected freight intensive products, as notified on GeM, the Seller may quote unit price

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inclusive of GST with delivery charge(s) (including transportation, loading unloading and local levies) payable extra as defined in the relevant categories. In respect of items requiring installation and / or commissioning and other services (as indicated in technical details of the item), the charges for the same shall also be included in the offered price on GeM.

Once a Buyer carts a particular quantity of offered Goods / Service, during carting period as notified from time to time on GeM, rates for carted quantity, for that buyer, are frozen for the period as specified on the portal against any upward revision by seller. However, advantage of any downward revision in the offer price of carted item shall be automatically provided to the buyer.

By offering their product and fulfilling the basic need of regular updating of the stock on GeM as stipulated on the portal, the Seller agrees for the acceptance of the order placed through the Direct purchase and L1 purchase without any need for any acceptance or confirmation. The seller commits to hold the price and offer as valid till the date seller itself removes the product offer from GeM or changes the price in compliance with online price change guidelines / rule engines applicable in that category. The action as deemed fit may be initiated for the declining of the such orders as incident policy of the GeM.

- ii. **Offer price in e-bidding:** Bidder is required to indicate offer price in the price schedule as provided in the bidding document. Complete breakup of price as required must be indicated. However, evaluation of the bid shall be on the basis of total all inclusive, landed price at consignee destination (unless otherwise specified in the ATC).
- iii. **Offer price in RA:** Bidder is required to indicate total offer price. Evaluation of the bid shall be on the basis of total all inclusive, landed price at consignee destination (unless otherwise specified in the ATC). Successful bidder shall have to provide complete breakup of the quoted price in the required price bid format before award of contract.
- iv. **Transaction / Annual Milestone Charge:** Sellers / Buyers will have to pay Transaction Charge and / or Annual Milestone Charge, wherever applicable, as per extant Revenue Policy of GeM.

7. Performance Security and Performance:

- i. There shall be no Performance security requirement for contracts:

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- a) Placed under Direct Purchase / L-1 Purchase Option under Para (i) and (ii) of GFR rule 149;
 - b) Placed through Bids / RA with estimated bid value up to INR 5 Lakh (in case of Goods contracts); and
 - c) Placed through Bids / RA with estimated bid value up to INR 5 Lakh (in case of Services contracts)
- ii. In case of contracts placed following e-Bidding / RA, Performance Security valid for 2 months beyond the date of completion of all contractual obligations including warrantee obligations, will be obtained from the successful Bidder, for ensuring due performance of the contract. GeM recommends quantum of Performance Security @ 2% of the value of contract. The Buyer also has the option to select Performance Security between 2% to 10%. While finalizing e- Bid / RA, Buyer shall indicate the percentage (%) of Performance Security required to be submitted by successful bidders. In case of any extension of contract obligation period, the seller shall be liable to suitably extend the validity of the Performance Security.

Such Performance Security must be submitted by Seller to the Buyer within 15 days of award of contract on GeM. The payments to the seller shall become due only after receipt of Performance Security by the Buyer and verification of its genuineness. No interest shall be payable upon the Performance Security / PBG or any other amounts payable by the Seller to the Buyer under the Contract.

If the Seller fails or neglects to observe or perform any of his obligations under the contract it shall be lawful for the Buyer to forfeit either in whole or in part, the Performance Security furnished by the Seller. If the Seller duly performs and completes the contract in all respects the Buyer shall, refund the Performance Security, as the case may be, to the Seller within 30 days of completion of all contractual obligations by the Seller.

8. Duties & Taxes:

- i. Offer Prices on GeM shall be on all inclusive basis i.e. including all taxes, duties, local levies / transportation / loading-unloading charges etc. In the case of Bid / RA, complete break-up of the quoted price in the required price bid format shall be furnished by the Bidder, before award of contract.
- ii. Any Statutory variation in the rate of GST, taking place between the Bid Submission by seller and Bid End Date, shall be to the Seller's account.

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Hence, Seller must ensure that any Statutory variation in the rate of GST till Bid EndDate is duly incorporated in the bid submitted by the seller. In case seller fails to incorporate the same in bid, the seller will not be eligible for claiming any change in price due to such Statutory variation.

- iii. Statutory variation in the rate of GST, taking place between the Bid end date and the original / refixed delivery period, shall be to the Buyer's account. For claiming any change in price due to such Statutory variation, the seller shall have to lodge claim before the Buyer providing documentary evidence of change in rate of GST taking place after Bid end date and the date of supply within the original / refixed delivery period along with an undertaking that the provisions of anti-profiteering clause under GST Act have been complied with.

In respect of contracts awarded under Direct Purchase and L-1 purchase, Statutory variation taking place after date of award of contract shall only be admissible subject to submission of documentary evidence and anti-profiteering compliance certificate to the Buyer. Changing Seller's offered price on GeM portal immediately after any such change in GST rates is seller's responsibility and in case of failure on part of seller, no increase shall be admissible for such changes taking place before award of contract under Direct Purchase and L-1 purchase.

- iv. No increase in price on account of statutory increase in the rate of GST taking place during the period of delivery period extension with liquidated Damages shall be admissible. Nevertheless, the Buyer shall be entitled to the benefit of any decrease in price on account of reduction in GST taking place during extended delivery period.
- v. The Bill Form / On-line invoice shall be generated by the Seller which may inter-alia include the following confirmations from the Seller:
 - a. Certified that the Goods and Services Tax (GST) charged on this Bill is not more than what is payable under the provision of the relevant Act or the Rules made there under.
 - b. Certified that the goods on which GST has been charged have not been exempted under the GST Act or the rules made there under and the charges on account of GST on these goods are correct under the provisions of that Act or the Rules made there under.
 - c. Certified that the Seller is registered with above indicated GSTIN as dealer in the State where in their Billing address is located for the purpose of GST.

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- d. The seller shall provide an undertaking that the provisions of anti-profiteering clause under GST Act have been complied with.
- vi. The on-line bill form / invoice generated on GeM is not a replacement for the GST invoice. The proper GST invoice as per requirements of GST rules shall be sent by the seller to the buyer / consignee directly along with the Goods / Services as and when deliveries are made to the consignee.
- vii. Seller shall comply with all the necessary statutory compliances, including but not limited to, GST registration in line with the extant provisions of GST Act, providing GST invoices or other documentation as per GST Law relating to the supply of Goods or Services, uploading the details of the invoices, payment of taxes, timely filing of valid statutory returns for the tax period in the GST portal, etc.

In case the Input Tax Credit of GST is denied or demand is recovered from Buyer on account of any act/ omission of the Seller in this regard, the Seller shall be liable in respect of all claims of tax, penalty and / or interest, loss, damages, costs, expenses and liability that may arise due to such non-compliance. Buyer shall have the right to recover such amount from any payments due to the Seller or from Performance Security, or any other legal recourse from the said Seller. If any tax is required to be paid by the Seller in pursuance of any demand from tax authorities, on account of Seller's suppression of facts, fraud or willful misstatement of facts while offering the products or submitting the bids, then the same shall not be passed on to Buyer through debit notes or Invoices or Supplementary Invoices and the seller shall be solely liable for payment of the same.

9. Integrity Pact:

All the Users in GeM i.e. Seller as well as Buyer agree not to indulge in any corrupt practices including without limitation any activity or action to influence the transaction on any aspect of contract and commit to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption maintaining complete transparency and fairness in all activities related to GeM. Users agree to follow and adhere with the Integrity Pact guidelines provided on GeM Portal.

10. Guarantee and Warrantee:

- i. The Goods/Services supplied under the Contract(s) shall be in accordance with the contract specifications & quality and the Goods shall be brand new

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and have standard Guarantee/Warranty for one year period from the date of final acceptance by the consignee unless otherwise specified in category specifications, specific Bid / RA. Seller, at the time of listing their product on GeM portal or offering their products against any Bid / RA, may accordingly provide longer Guarantee/Warranty period (i.e. more than 1 year) and in such case, Guarantee/Warranty period stipulation made in category specifications / Bid / RA document, shall prevail over standard Guarantee / Warranty period of 1 year stipulated in these General Terms and Conditions.

- ii. Notwithstanding the fact that the Buyer or its Quality Assurance Officer may have inspected and/or approved / accepted the said Goods, it is further guaranteed that if during the said guarantee / warranty period, the Goods be discovered not to conform to the requisite description and quality and/or not giving satisfactory performance or have deteriorated, and the decision of the Buyer in that behalf shall be final and binding on the Seller and the Buyer shall be entitled to call upon the Seller to rectify and/or replace the Goods or such portion thereof as is found to be defective by the Buyer within 7 days. Otherwise, the Seller shall pay to the Buyer such compensations that may arise by reasons of the warranty therein contained. In cases requiring Spares, the Seller guarantees that they will supply Spare Parts, if and when required on agreed basis for an agreed price for a minimum period of three years from the date of expiry of warranty period (unless otherwise specified in STC / ATC). The agreed basis could be, including but without any limitation, an agreed discount on the published catalogue or an agreed percentage of profit on the landed cost. The aforesaid provisions made specifically for Goods, shall also be applicable for Services to the extent the same are practically possible.

11. Buyer / Consignee's Right of Rejection (Return Policy):

- i. The Goods delivered shall bear the self-certified Manufacturer's/Seller's Warranty/Guaranty. Buyer / Consignee shall have the right to inspect the supplied Goods themselves and/or through their appointed agency at consignee's own cost, at Consignee's site(s) after receipt and accept or reject on proper justification any consignment of the Goods received within a period of 10 days (unless otherwise specified in STC or ATC) of receipt of consignment of goods. The date of receipt shall be reckoned from the date of receipt of the Goods as notified in the Provisional Receipt Certificate (PRC) which will be issued online by consignee immediately after receipt

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of Goods.

- ii. In case of Service contract, the Buyer reserves right to reject the same in conformance with the terms and conditions of the agreed Service Level Agreement (SLA). However, such right to reject services offered by the Seller under the contract shall be exercised by the Buyer within 10 days (unless otherwise specified in STC or ATC) of the date of receipt of the Service. The date & time of start and completion of the Service, shall be indicated by the Seller while raising on- line invoice for a specified period of Service as per Service Level Agreement (SLA). The date of such invoice or the date of completion of the service, whichever is later shall be reckoned as date of receipt of the Service.
- iii. On Acceptance / Part Acceptance or Rejection of Goods / Services, Consignee will issue an online 'Consignee's Receipt cum Acceptance Certificate' (CRAC), which will form the basis of Payments to the Seller.
- iv. No payment shall be made for rejected goods or services. After intimation of the rejection / part rejection by the Buyer/ Consignee, the Seller shall be liable to remove / lift back such rejected Goods within 10 days without any extra charge/cost to the Buyer / Consignee failing which suitable ground rent / warehousing charges would be payable by the Seller to the Buyer /Consignee. If the Seller fails to remove / lift back such rejected Goods within reasonable time period, the Buyer / Consignee shall have the right to dispose off such rejected goods at the risk and cost of the seller.

12. Payment Authority and Payment Terms:

Payments shall be made to the Seller in the manner below:

i. For Goods:

In case of goods, 100% payment will be released within ten (10) days of issue of consignee receipt-cum-acceptance certificate (CRAC) and on-line submission of bills unless otherwise specified in STC / ATC.

ii. For Services:

In case of services, 100% payments on the basis of monthly (unless otherwise specified) bills will be paid within ten (10) days of issue of consignee receipt- cum- acceptance certificate (CRAC) and on-line submission of bills unless otherwise specified in STC / ATC.

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13. Terms of Delivery:

All the Goods or Services in the GeM shall be offered on Free Delivery at Site basis including loading/unloading. In respect of items requiring installation, commissioning and other services in the scope of supply (as indicated in respective product category specification / STC / ATC), the cost of the same shall also be included in the offer price.

14. Delivery Period

Seller shall indicate the quantity which can be supplied over the specified time period(s). The Seller would offer these details, which would constitute the part of the awarded Contract(s) in the GeM and would make a binding Contract between the Seller & the Buyer. Any modification thereto shall be mutually agreed and incorporated in the Contract. This Delivery Period/Time shall be deemed to be essence of the Contract and delivery must be completed not later than such date(s).

15. Extension of Delivery Period and Liquidated Damages:

Buyer may, on the request of the Seller or otherwise, extend the delivery date suitably subject to the following conditions:

- i. The original Delivery Period may be re-fixed by the Buyer without any Liquidated damages subject to Force Majeure conditions mentioned below and also on the ground/reasons of delay attributable to the Buyer / Consignee.
- ii. For other cases, provided the price trend is not lower, the Delivery Period may be suitably extended for which an amount equal to the Liquidated Damages for the extended period(s) for delay in the supply of the Goods/Services after the expiry of contract delivery period /re-fixed delivery period, shall be recovered from the Seller as mentioned hereinafter for the extended period. No increase in price on any ground after the original/re-fixed delivery date shall be admissible during such extended period(s). Nevertheless, the Buyer shall be entitled to the benefit of any decrease in price on account of reduction in GST taking place during extended delivery period.
- iii. **Liquidated Damages:** If the Seller/Service Provider fails to deliver any or all of the Goods/Services within the original/re-fixed delivery period(s) specified in the contract, the Buyer will be entitled to deduct/recover the

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Liquidated Damages for the delay, unless covered under Force Majeure conditions aforesaid, @ 0.5% of the contract value of delayed quantity per week or part of the week of delayed period as pre-estimated damages not exceeding 10% of the contract value of delayed quantity without any controversy/dispute of any sort whatsoever.

iv. Force Majeure Conditions:

If at any time during the continuance of the Contract, the performance in whole or in part by either party of any obligation under this Contract shall be prevented or delayed by the reasons of any war, hostility, acts of the public enemy, epidemics, civil commotion, sabotage, fires, floods, explosion, quarantine restrictions, strikes, lockouts or act of God (but not including negligence or wrongdoing, predictable/seasonal rain) provided notice of happening of such event duly evidenced with documents is given by one party to the other within 10 days from the date of occurrence thereof, neither party shall be by reasons of such event, be entitled to terminate the Contract nor shall either party have any claim for damages against the other in respect of such non-performance or the delay in performance, and deliveries under the contract shall be resumed as soon as practicable after such event has come to an end or ceased to exist, and the decision of the Buyer as to whether the deliveries have been so resumed or not, shall be final and conclusive, Provided further that if the performance in whole or part of any obligation under this contract is prevented or delayed by reason of any such event for a period exceeding 90 days, either party may at its option terminate the contract provided also that the Buyer shall be at liberty to take over from the Seller at a price to be fixed by Buyer, which shall be final, all unused, undamaged and accepted material, bought out components and Goods in course of manufacture in the possession of the Seller at the time of such termination or such portion thereof as the Buyer may deem fit excepting such materials, bought out components and Goods as the Seller may with the concurrence of the Buyer elect to retain.

16. Dispute resolution between the buyer and the seller / service provider

16.1 Conciliation:

- i. The Parties (i.e., the Buyer and the Seller/ Service Provider) undertake that any conflict or dispute that may arise between them shall first be dealt with in the manner stated below, irrespective of any other recourse, which any Party may have in law or in equity.
- ii. In the event of any conflict or dispute arising out of or in connection with the

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Contract placed through GeM, the Parties shall endeavor to settle such disputes amicably. If a dispute is not resolved within 30 (thirty) days after a written notice of any dispute by one Party to the other, the same shall then be resolved through the mechanism of a Dispute Resolution Committee. This Dispute Resolution Committee shall comprise of representatives of both the Buyer and the Seller / Service Provider and shall be chaired by the Primary User of the Buyer organization/department or any other person as authorized by the Primary User. If the Dispute Resolution Committee is not able to resolve the matter within 30(thirty) days of its formation, the dispute shall then be referred to Arbitration.

16.2 Arbitration:

In the event of any conflict / dispute arising out of or in connection with the Contract placed through GeM, which has not been resolved in accordance with the procedure laid down in Clause 16.1 above, the aggrieved Party may invoke Arbitration by sending a written notice to the other Party. The procedure for appointment of the Arbitral Tribunal shall be as follows.

- i. In cases where the total value of the Contract is less than INR 1, 00, 00,000/- (Indian Rupees One Crore only) the same shall be referred to a sole arbitrator mutually appointed by both the Parties.
- ii. Where the total value of the Contract exceeds INR 1,00,00,000/- (Indian Rupees One Crore only), the arbitration shall be conducted by a quorum of three arbitrators. Each party shall be entitled to appoint an arbitrator and the two party-appointed arbitrators shall within 30 (thirty) days from their nomination, appoint a third arbitrator i.e., the Presiding Arbitrator.
- iii. In case of failure to appoint the Presiding Arbitrator within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the date of nomination of the two arbitrators by the respective parties, the aggrieved party shall approach the High Court (under whose jurisdiction the principal place of business of the Buyer department/ organization is located) to appoint the Presiding Arbitrator as per the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (as amended up to date).
- iv. The arbitration shall be conducted in the English language. Arbitration proceedings can also be conducted online, as per the discretion of the Arbitral Tribunal.
- v. The cost of the Arbitration shall be equally borne by both the Parties.

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- vi. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Parties to the Contract. The arbitration shall be governed by the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as amended from time to time. The seat of arbitration shall be at the place where the principal place of business of the Buyer department / organization is located.
 - vii. The Contract shall be interpreted and governed in all respects in accordance with the laws of India. All disputes in connection with or arising out of the Contract, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court within the local limits of whose jurisdiction principal place of business of the Buyer department / organization is located.
- 16.3** Both the Parties understand and agree that GeM being an Intermediary cannot be made a party to any dispute in connection with or arising out of the Contract and/or the arbitration proceedings between the Parties
- 16.4** Where the arbitral award is for the payment of money, no interest shall be payable on whole or any part of the money for any period till the date on which the award is made.

17. Laws Governing the Contract:

- i. The contract shall be governed by the laws of India for the time being in force.
- ii. Irrespective of the place of delivery, the place of performance or the place of payment under the contract, the contract shall be deemed to have been made at the registered address of the Buyer and / or Primary Buyer.
- iii. Jurisdiction of Courts: The courts of the place from where the contract has been made shall alone have jurisdiction to decide any dispute arising out of or in respect of the contract.
- iv. GeM SPV would not be a party to any such litigation.
- v. In case any Seller / Service provider makes GeM a party / respondent in any case involving any dispute between Buyer and Seller arising out of a concluded contract or arising out of bidding process initiated / concluded by the Buyer on GeM, it would be obligatory on the part of the Buyer to represent GeM also through their Counsel / Lawyer in the proceedings before the legal authority and ensure timely filing of replies / affidavits, etc. provided by GeM also through their Counsel / Lawyer before the concerned legal authority during the

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course of litigation. A standard reply on behalf of GeM, covering following aspects shall be incorporated in all replies / affidavits filed by the Buyer in such cases:

“Government e-Marketplace is a National Public Procurement Portal; an end-to-end online Marketplace for Central and State Government Ministries / Departments, Central & State Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs & SPSUs), Autonomous institutions and Local bodies, for procurement of common use goods & services. Prima facie, the dispute in the present case appears to be between the Buyer and Seller arising out a contract placed / bid created by the Buyer on Government e-Marketplace. As per Clause 16, Clause 17 and Clause 22 of the General Terms and Conditions of Government e-Marketplace (duly accepted by the Buyer and Seller), GeM is not to be made a party to any dispute between the Buyer and the Seller. As such Government e-Marketplace is liable to be deleted from the array of parties.

In light of the above, we request your goodself to kindly delete Government e-Marketplace from the array of parties.”

18. Limitation of Liability:

In any event, neither party shall be liable for any special, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages arising out of or in connection with the Contract entered between the parties. The aggregate liability of either party, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract value, provided that this limitation shall not apply to:

- (i) Any obligation or claim arising out of or in connection with any third party claim of IPR infringement,
- (ii) In the event of any gross negligence or willful misconduct on part of either party, as finally judicially determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

19. Termination for Default:

If the seller does not perform its obligations within the Delivery Period / Date mentioned in the Contract, the same would constitute the breach of the Contract and the Buyer shall have the right to Cancel or Withdraw the Contract for the unsupplied portion after the expiry of the original, extended or re-fixed delivery date or period stipulated in the Contract. Such cancellation of contract on account of non - performance by the Seller would entitle the Buyer to forfeit the performance security besides other actions such as downgrading the Seller's rating or debarment from the GeM for specified period as decided by GeM on merits.

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20. Closure of Transaction:

After satisfactory completion of all the obligations under the Contract and release of payments for the goods / services, the transaction shall be treated as closed.

21. Grounds for Administrative Action

- i) Administrative actions may be taken by GeM against the Buyer or the Seller either suo-moto on the basis of the platform mechanisms identified through analytics or on the basis of a complaint or report made to GeM by any stakeholders or any third party information or upon Court order, inter –alia, for non-adherence to the GeM Website Policies including Terms and Conditions and the Incident Management Policy published on the GeMWebsite.
- ii) The Seller would be liable for administrative actions such as suspension / debarment / removal from GeM, if they fail to abide by any of the Website Policies including the terms & conditions stipulated in this document and/or on anyone or more of the following grounds:
 - (a) Listing the products/services not in the relevant categories and/or listing the same with vague/conflicting product specifications/details and irrelevant product photographs.
 - (b) Offering Goods / Services without having proper authorization
 - (c) Supplies goods of inferior/ substandard quality
 - (d) Supplies or offers to supply refurbished or counterfeit or fake products
 - (e) Withdraws or modify or impairs or derogates from the bid in any respect within the period of validity of its bid;
 - (f) Seller furnishes inaccurate, false, misleading or forged or fails to furnish any information / documents, within the prescribed time limits, to GeM or to a Buyer, including during e-Bidding/ RA process;
 - (g) Fails to furnish requisite performance security within stipulated time required as per e-bid / RA conditions;
 - (h) Fails to update GeM about any change in information furnished within the prescribed time limits;
 - (i) Executes services without conforming to requirement given in Service Level Agreement (SLA);
 - (j) Fails to execute an order/ contract or fail to execute it satisfactorily

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- (k) Is declared bankrupt or insolvent;
- (l) Fails to produce the requisite documents/ information during the course of inspection / assessment at any stage;
- (m) Performs any activity which is listed as prohibited activities on GeM.
- (n) On any other ground for which, in the opinion of GeM, the retention of the seller or any of its offered product in GeM is not in Public Interest.

Note: The grounds mentioned above are illustrative only. Users are also advised to read the list of prohibited activities published on the website.

- iii) Notwithstanding anything contained in the GTC, GeM reserves the right to cancel or annul the registration of any Seller or remove any of the Good/Services listed by a Seller on the GeM Website to comply with any provision of the Applicable Laws and / or Court Orders.
- iv) GeM may take an administrative action in terms of the GeM Website Policies against a Buyer which may include reporting of any breach or misconduct to the Buyer Primary User and/or to the competent authority and GeM reserves the right to review the rating of such Buyer, and / or block Buyer's account for such time as considered appropriate by GeM.
- v) The Seller and the Buyer understands that the grounds for administrative action as provided under the Contract are only indicative and additional grounds may be provided under the GeM Website Policies including the Incident Management policy. The Seller/ Buyer warrants to abide by all additional grounds as may be specified by GeM in the GeM Website Policies from time to time.

22. Role of Government E- Marketplace - Gem SPV

Government e-Marketplace – GeM SPV is the owner of the GeM portal which monitors and supervises all the business transactions on the portal. The role and responsibilities of the company are as under:

- 22.1 To develop, operate and maintain technology driven e-marketplace, through a Managed Service Provider (MSP), to be used by government agencies for procurement of various goods and services in a transparent and efficient manner.
- 22.2 Overall supervision and monitoring of GeM portal operations, policy management, finalization and implementation of various business

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processes and work flows in adherence with the applicable law and executive orders issued from time to time . To provide tools for on-line Bidding, on-line Reverse Auction and Business Analytics Tools on GeM.

- 22.3 To work continuously for improvements in the Business Processes and Work Flows for various activities / functions on GeM based on feedback from various stakeholders to enhance transparency, efficiency, competitiveness, equality, economy in procurement of goods and services by government agencies.
- 22.4 To finalize General Terms and Conditions for sale and purchase of Goods and Services on GeM, Product / Service Specific Special Terms and Conditions, Special Terms and Conditions for Bunching of Goods / Services, Bid Specific Special Conditions, Project Specific Special Conditions etc.
- 22.5 To finalize, upload and approve Technical Specification Frameworks for various item / service categories on GeM and to monitor conformity of offered products to the larger framework so finalized and uploaded.
- 22.6 To decide addition / deletion of any of the offered product(s)/Product category (ies) and their framework of technical parameters on GeM.
- 22.7 To work and co-ordinate with different Organizations/Departments / Agencies for integration of their Databases with the GeM portal on real time basis for the purpose of verification/authentication of data entries made by stakeholders.
- 22.8 To offer and manage Demand Aggregation services for identified categories across buyers with assured reasonability of price, recommending for placement of orders by individual buyers
- 22.9 To co-ordinate with MSP for conducting workshops for the various Stakeholders in capacity building and in change management associated with the implementation of technology enabled procurement process.
- 22.10 To monitor MSP that the Buyers, Sellers and Service Providers are being assisted properly by them to onboard their goods and services on the GeM platform.
- 22.11 To identify and offer services of 3rd parties for Vendor Assessment relating to technical, financial capacity, past experience of sellers including manufacturing / testing facilities / quality control arrangement(s) of manufacturing premises and/or any of the premises

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related to manufacturing process of products / services offered by the seller / service provider on GeM.

- 22.12 To identify and offer services of 3rd parties for testing and certifying the quality of the product offered/ supplied, through documents, test reports/ certificates, testing at any independent lab or through inspection/testing by its authorized representative/s at firm's premises or at user's premises, that buyer choose to use.
- 22.13 Overall monitoring and management of Call Centre/Help desk operations being provided by the MSP.
- 22.14 Removal / debarring the Sellers/Buyers and Goods / services in GeM.
- 22.15 Management of complaints and their redressal mechanism in GeM (not disputes related to concluded contracts).
- 22.16 To identify, integrate and manage MoUs with verifying, certifying and validating entities across government(s) and also professional agencies to reinforce the online paperless, contactless and cashless system on GeM.
- 22.17 To issue Notices, Circulars, News, Flashes, Updates etc in GeM
- 22.18 Reporting and MIS mechanism in GeM
- 22.19 Any other related activities in the GeM
- 22.20 In exceptional circumstances, for ensuring propriety of procurement processes or to obviate possible misuse of GeM functionalities, GeM SPV as GeM Admin may keep any Bidding / RA process on hold for some time as considered appropriate.
- 22.21 To take approved User Charges from Buyers and Sellers for the various transactions on the GeM portal as decided and notified on the GeM portal.

23. Miscellaneous Provisions

- 23.1 **Assignment:** Users understand and agree that the GTC, STC and ATC provisions, rights and obligations granted by GeM are non-transferrable or assignable by the User to any third party, without the prior written consent of GeM.

If same is permitted by GeM, all the conditions, rights and obligations of the GTC or any on-going STC/ATC shall also be binding upon such third party assignee besides the User.

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23.2 Indemnification: The Seller shall at all time indemnify Buyer against all suits and claims which may be made in respect of the goods/services for infringement of any right protected by patent, registration of designs or trade mark. Provided always that in the event of any claim and suit in respect of alleged breach of patent, registered designs or trade-mark being made against the Buyer, the Buyer shall notify the Seller/ Service Provider of the same who shall at its own expense either settle any such dispute or conduct and litigation that may arise there from.

Buyers and Sellers agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless GeM, its officials, Managed Service Provider (herein after individually and collectively referred to as "indemnified parties") from and against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, suits, proceedings, penalties, interests, damages, demands, costs and expenses (including legal and other statutory fees and disbursements in connection therewith and interest chargeable thereon) asserted against or incurred by the indemnified parties that arise out of, result from, or in connection with

23.2.1 Breach of the contract(s); or

23.2.2 Any claims made by any third party due to, or arising out of, or in connection with, use of the Website; or

23.2.3 Any claim made by any third party regarding content/information or materials provided by Seller cause any damage to a third party; or arising out of, or in connection with, use of the Website.

23.2.4 Violation of any intellectual property rights or any other rights.

Once GeM notifies the Buyer/ Seller of such claims, they shall defend and indemnify GeM for the same. Further, in no case they shall compromise or settle any claim or admit any liability on the part of GeM without the express or prior written consent of GeM which can be withheld or denied or modified by GeM in its sole discretion or as per the Applicable Laws.

23.3 Severability: If due to any change in Applicable laws, certain part of the GTC or any applicable STC or any provisions of the GeM policies or portions thereof, becomes unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall

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continue in full force and effect so as to give effect to the intent of the parties.

- 23.4 **Website Terms and Policies Updation:** Buyers and Sellers are advised to check the website terms and conditions as well as policies such as Privacy Policy and the Website Disclaimer at all times, as GeM may update the Website and such terms from time to time.

23.5 **List of Prohibitive Activities (Suggestive and Non-Exhaustive):**

LIST OF PROHIBITIVE ACTIVITIES: The following is an indicative list of prohibitive activities which the Buyers and the Sellers registered on GeM platform shall not perform on the GeM platform. A breach of any of the prohibited activities shall give the right to GeM under the Applicable Laws or in terms of these GTC or the GeM Website Policies to take administrative action which may include partial or permanent disabling of account on GeM Website, debarment etc. Additionally, GeM may remove any non-compliant information and reserves the right to preserve and share with the appropriate authority such information and associated records for investigation purposes. The Buyer and the Seller understand that this list is only indicative and additional activities may be prohibited under the GeM Website Policies. The Buyers and the Sellers shall undertake to provide their full support that may be required by GeM for removal and disabling of the non-compliant information. The prohibited activities include:

- (i) Indulging in cyber-crime or other criminal activities which can become a threat to GeM, GeM Website, to the Government of India or to any State Government or Government Agency.
- (ii) Advertising, exhibiting, representing, publishing, pronouncing, listing, delivering, offering to sell or selling any kind of Goods/Services which can cause any kind of infringement or disparagement of intellectual property rights.
- (iii) Selling refurbished, counterfeit and/or fake Goods / Services under a brand or misusing others brand name.
- (iv) Offering to sell or selling above the MRP any Goods or misrepresenting the MRP.
- (v) Delivering some other Goods or Services instead of the Goods or Services Contracted for or delivering empty parcels or used Goods in breach of the terms of the Contract.
- (vi) Offering to sell or selling freebies which are 'Not for sale' Goods.

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- (vii) Listing of the Goods on GeM Website without authorization to sell Goods manufactured by the OEM in open market or without proper authorization, if any required, for providing the Service.
- (viii) Listing of the Goods or Services is done on GeM Website without guarantee/warranty or without a genuine guarantee/warranty.
- (ix) Listing of the Goods or Services in irrelevant or inappropriate categories or with vague or conflicting specifications or description (including descriptive or pictorial description).
- (x) The Buyer /Seller registering on GeM and/or offering or buying the Goods and/or Services and/or participating in e-bidding/reverse auction on GeM, without the requisite authorization to enter into contract on behalf of the concerned legal entity. Failing which such individual(s) shall be individually liable for its actions and also for any liability arising out of such actions.
- (xi) If any Seller has been debarred from GeM then such Seller or their authorized sellers shall also not be permitted to register and offer/sell their products on GeM and / or participate in Bids / RA on GeM.
- (xii) Using GeM prices for making procurement outside GeM Portal.
- (xiii) Splitting of demands by creating multiple Bids/RAs of same goods / services or making repeated procurements of same goods/services through Direct Purchase / L-1 buying as per rule 149(i) and 9(ii) of GFR- 2017.
- (xiv) Uploading goods / services containing information that —
 - (a) Belongs to another person and to which the user does not have any right to;
 - (b) Is grossly harmful, harassing, blasphemous, defamatory, obscene, pornographic, paedophilic, libellous, invasive of another's privacy, hateful, or racially, ethnically objectionable, disparaging, relating or encouraging money laundering or gambling, or otherwise unlawful in any manner whatever;
 - (c) Harm minors in any way;
 - (d) Infringes any patent, trademark, copyright or other proprietary rights;
 - (e) Violates any law for the time being in force;

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- (f) Deceives or misleads the addressee about the origin of such messages or communicates any information which is grossly offensive or menacing in nature;
- (g) Impersonate another person;
- (h) Contains software viruses or any other computer code, files or programs designed to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer resource;
- (xv) Threatens the unity, integrity, defence, security or sovereignty of India, friendly relations with foreign states, or public order or causes incitement to the commission of any cognizable offence or prevents investigation of any offence or is insulting any other nation.
- (xvi) Achieving or trying to achieve illegal access to features on GeM Website not specifically authorized or exceeding the scope of authorized access to or other features of the GeM Website;
- (xvii) Obstructing or causing GeM to lose (in whole or in part) the services provided by any internet service provider ("ISPs") or carrying out any cyber security incident;
- (xviii) Sending unsolicited emails, bulk messaging, auto messaging, junk email, spam and like.

24. Incident management Policy on GeM:

GeM is a trust based system and self- declaration is the key, along with a strong automated process to penalize any deviant behaviour on part of Sellers / Buyers. For this purpose, deviations from the terms and conditions of procurement on GeM, including general terms and conditions, special and additional terms and conditions and any other relevant Government rules and guidelines, are termed as “deviation”. A deviation can occur while listing the products on GeM, at pre- contract stage, during bidding or at post contract stage on GeM. The mechanism for reporting and initiating action on such deviation has been detailed in the Incident Management Policy available on GeM portal under Resources. All stakeholders of GeM shall be bound by the actions as detailed in the Incident Management Policy.

All administrative actions under this Incident management Policy, taken by GeM against any of the stakeholders shall not cause any limitation on the legal and/or contractual remedies including any financial recoveries, available to Buyers/Sellers under the Terms and Conditions of contract and

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/ or GeM policies. In case the Buyer / Seller choose to pursue any of these remedies, GeM shall not be made party to such proceedings /remedial actions taken by Buyer/Seller under the contractual provisions.

If any individual has registered multiple proprietorship concerns as separate seller entities on GeM under different business names (with same PAN), all such Seller entities would be equally impacted by the action taken against any one of such entities for his default / deviation under incident management policy.

All the allied firms, as per definition of DOE's OM number F.1/20/2018-PPD dated 02/Nov/2021, will be equally impacted by the action taken against any one of such entities for the default / deviation under Incident Management Policy.

Following is the definition of allied firms:

All concerns which come within the sphere of effective influence of the debarred firms shall be treated as allied firms. 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 the banned/ suspended firm and by virtue of this it has a controlling voice.
- d. Directly or indirectly controls or is controlled by or is under common control with another bidder.
- e. All successor firms will also be considered as allied firms.

25. Use of Aadhaar Number in GeM:

Purpose of the Aadhaar authentication in GeM is to identify the user using eKYC. GeM has provisioned the option for Sellers and Buyers to provide virtual Aadhaar ID instead Aadhaar number. GeM receives First Name, Last Name, Mobile Number, Email ID, DOB and Gender details. It is used to link the mobile number with the user who is registering on GeM; on which subsequently OTP is sent for achieving the property of non-repudiation in different artefacts / documents generated on GeM. GeM has provisioned an alternative Identity Information option through PAN based verification to Sellers.

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26. Compliance of Restrictions under Rule 144 (xi) of GFR 2017 as per DOE Order (Public Procurement No.4) dated 23.02.2023 (as amended from time to time)

Restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India

- I. a) Any bidder from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to bid in this tender, whether of goods or services (including consultancy services and non-consultancy services), only if the bidder is registered with the Competent Authority.
b) Further, any bidder (including an Indian bidder) who has a Specified Transfer of Technology (ToT) arrangement with an entity from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to bid in any procurement whether of goods or services (including consultancy services and non-consultancy services) only if the bidder is registered with the Competent Authority.
- II. The requirement of registration for bidders covered by I (b) above will be applicable for all procurements where bids are issued / published after 01.04.2023.
- III. "Bidder" (Seller / Service Provider) means any person or firm or company, including any member of a consortium or joint venture (that is an association of several persons, or firms or companies), every artificial juridical person not falling in any of the descriptions of bidders stated hereinbefore, including any agency branch or office controlled by such person, participating in a procurement process.
- IV. "Bidder (or entity) from a country which shares a land border with India" for the purpose of the Order means:
 - a. An entity incorporated, established, or registered in such a country; or
 - b. A subsidiary of an entity incorporated, established, or registered in such a country; or
 - c. An entity substantially controlled through entities incorporated, established, or registered in such a country; or

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- d. An entity whose beneficial owner is situated in such a country; or
 - e. An Indian (or other) agent of such an entity; or
 - f. A natural person who is a citizen of such a country; or
 - g. A consortium or joint venture where any member of the consortium or joint venture falls under any of the above
- V. The beneficial owner for the purpose of (iv) above will be as under
- 1. In case of a company or Limited Liability Partnership, the beneficial owner is the natural person(s), who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person, has a controlling ownership interest or who exercises control through other means. Explanation—
 - a. "Controlling ownership interest" means ownership of or entitlement to more than twenty-five per cent. of shares or capital or profits of the company;
 - b. "Control" shall include the right to appoint majority of the directors or to control the management or policy decisions including by virtue of their shareholding or management rights or shareholders agreements or voting agreements;
 - 2. In case of a partnership firm, the beneficial owner is the natural person(s) who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person, has ownership of entitlement to more than fifteen percent of capital or profits of the partnership;
 - 3. In case of an unincorporated association or body of individuals, the beneficial owner is the natural person(s), who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person, has ownership of or entitlement to more than fifteen percent of the property or capital or profits of such association or body of individuals;
 - 4. Where no natural person is identified under (1) or (2) or (3) above, the beneficial owner is the relevant natural person who holds the position of senior managing official;
 - 5. In case of a trust, the identification of beneficial owner(s) shall include identification of the author of the trust, the trustee, the beneficiaries with fifteen percent or more interest in the trust and any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust through a chain of control or ownership.

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- VI. An Agent is a person employed to do any act for another, or to represent another in dealings with third person.
- VII. The registration shall be valid at the time of submission of bid and at the time of acceptance of bid.
- VIII. If the bidder was validly registered at the time of acceptance / placement of order, registration shall not be a relevant consideration during contract execution.
- IX. “Transfer of Technology” means dissemination and transfer of all forms of commercially usable knowledge such as transfer of know-how, skills, technical expertise, designs, processes and procedures, trade secrets, which enables the acquirer of such technology to perform activities using the transferred technology independently.

Any false declaration and non-compliance of the above would be a ground for debarment and further legal action in accordance with law.

27: Caution Money Deposit:

- (i) All sellers on GeM are required to deposit a one-time amount as under as caution money:
 - 1. Seller Turnover less than 1 Crore: INR 5,000/-
 - 2. Seller Turn over > 1 Crore but < 10 Crore: INR 10,000/-
 - 3. Seller Turn over > 10 Crore: INR 25,000/-
- (ii) The above caution money shall remain at the disposal of GeM SPV. This can be forfeited in part or in full (as per approval of CEO (GeM)) in following circumstances:
 - (a) Failure of the seller in executing any GeM contract or if the Seller fails or neglects to observe or perform any of his obligations under the contract (applicable only in respect of contracts that did not have provision of Performance Security).
 - (b) Withdraws any bid submitted on GeM within the period of validity of the bid.
 - (c) Fails to furnish requisite performance security as per GeM e-bid / RA conditions.

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- (iii) In case the Caution Money of any seller is forfeited in full or part and his caution money deposit goes below the threshold indicated in para 1 above, the seller account shall be put on hold till the seller re-coups the caution Money account to required value. Seller's stock will become zero for all categories and seller will not be allowed to update anything till the caution money is topped up to minimum required amount.
- (iv) Forfeiture of caution money as per above shall be over and above any other actions taken against such sellers as per GeM Incident Management Policy and shall be without any prejudice to the rights and remedies available to GeM and / or Buyer as per provisions of the relevant contracts.

28: CMS 3.0 and OEM - Reseller responsibility matrix:

GeM has implemented enhanced Catalogue Management System (CMS 3.0) on GeM Portal. The Primary Objective of CMS 3.0 is to offer higher level of ownership & accountability to OEMs & its approved Resellers while maintaining Efficiency, Transparency & Inclusiveness of GeM. Complete and detailed Obligations and Privileges matrix of the different stakeholders in different quadrants is given in CMS document available on GeM Portal and OEMs and Resellers are bound to operate on GeM in compliance with the CMS document as updated from time to time.

- 1. CMS Quadrant 1 (CMS Q1):** Product offers in categories under Q1 will be solely offered by GeM validated OEMs. OEM shall be exclusively responsible for maintaining currency and sanity of catalogue and its offer in the Market Place. OEM shall be absolutely and exclusively responsible and be legally liable for sanity and quality of offers including Warranty and After Sales Service obligations.
- 2. CMS Quadrant 2 (CMS Q2):** OEMs as well as pre-Authorized Resellers can offer products in Q2. OEMs shall operate Market Place subject to providing its complete list of Open market authorized sellers along with formal commitment to list and maintain all appropriate and current Product Catalogue for pairing by its Resellers. OEM shall be absolutely and exclusively responsible and be legally liable for sanity and quality of catalogues including Warranty and After Sales Service obligations. Authorize Resellers shall be responsible for Pairing their offer with the already existing Product Catalogue created by the OEM. However, resellers can Update their

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Offer Price, Stock and Delivery Locations solely at their own discretion and shall be solely responsible for the same.

3. CMS Quadrant 3 (CMS Q3): Catalogue creation in categories under Q3 can be from OEMs and/or their Resellers concurrently. In case OEM has not created Product Catalogue, Resellers of OEMs are also permitted to do the same. However, OEM can manage resellers and catalogues (when registered on GeM and taken OEM Dashboard). Further, OEM shall be responsible for the following:

- Maintain the Catalogue by adding / updating the Products / Services, Specifications, MRP & Offers specific to Product / Service
- Provide list of all its resellers and shall respond as per Service Level commitments to queries relating to Product Specifications / Services and / or verification of a Reseller, failing which they shall own responsibility of all and every fall out, by any act of such Resellers and / or offer of an insane catalogue.
- Validating & verifying the Catalogue uploaded by Reseller
- Assume all responsibility and legal liability for sanity and quality of offers including Warranty and After Sales Service obligations

However, resellers can update their Offer Price, Stock and Delivery Locations solely at their own discretion and shall be solely responsible for the same.

4. CMS Quadrant 4 (CMS Q4): Catalogue creation in categories under Q4 can be done by OEMs as well as by any Reseller also. However, OEM (when registered on GeM and taken OEM Dashboard) shall be responsible for Validating & verifying the Catalogue uploaded by Reseller, Maintaining the Catalogue by adding/updating the Specifications, MRP etc. specific to catalogue. However, there is no requirement of any endorsement or authorization of the reseller by the OEM. Resellers can Update their Offer Price, Stock and Delivery Locations solely at their own discretion and shall be solely responsible for the same. Reseller will also be responsible for providing Replacement Warranty in case of Q4 products and Buyer shall not be required to take up with OEM for any warranty claims.

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- 5. CMS (Special Category):** The Special Category is a specialized segment outside the four quadrants for select few categories that require a customized behavior such as Self-Help Groups (SHG) categories.

In Q3 and Q4, in case of re-sellers, if the reseller has not been approved as an authorized re-seller by the OEM on GeM, the re-seller is required to give an undertaking as under while uploading the product, while accepting any order and while participating in any bid:

“I hereby undertake that I have made arrangements for getting the stores from authorized distributor / dealer / channel partner of the OEM of the offered product. At the time of delivery of goods, I will provide necessary chain documents to prove that the supplied goods are genuine and are being sourced from authorized distributor / dealer / channel partner of the OEM. In case of any complaint from the Buyer / Consignee about genuineness of the supplied products, I shall be responsible for providing genuine replacement supplies.”

By uploading any product on GeM or accepting any order on GeM or by participating in any bid on GeM, the re-seller is deemed to have given above undertaking and is liable for compliance of the same.

Further in view of the on-line verification of Seller credentials by the OEM on GeM platform, there is no need for Buyer to ask for or insist on furnishing of OEM authorization in bids in respect of “OEM verified Catalogue” offered by "OEM Verified Reseller". OEM authorization is also not required to be sought and checked by Buyers in case of bids for products in Q1 or Q2.

29: One Bid per Bidder

A Bidder shall submit only one bid in a particular bidding process (unless otherwise allowed in the bid STC / ATC conditions). In case of a holding company having more than one independent manufacturing units or more than one unit having common business ownership / management, only one unit should quote. Similar restrictions shall apply to closely related sister companies. Bidder's sister/ Associated/ Allied concern(s) participating or applying against the same tender, shall lead to disqualification of Bidders. Sister / Associated / Allied concern means a company, society, partnership firm or proprietorship firm having one or more common persons as Director /

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Partner/ Member/ Owner. A Bidder who submits more than one bid will cause all the proposals submitted in the particular bid to be disqualified. In relation to the above, a person will include firm(s) of Proprietorship / Partnership Firm / Limited Liability Partnership / Private Limited / Limited company / Society registered under Society's Act / Statutory Bodies / any other legal entity, as the case may be, & will be deemed to have submitted multiple bids in a particular bid if a person bids in any of the two formats given below:

- i. individual or proprietorship format and/or
- ii. a partnership or association of persons format and/or
- iii. a company format

Whereby,

- A company shall for this purpose include any artificial person whether constituted under the Indian laws or of any other country.
- A person shall be deemed to have bid in a partnership format or in association of persons format if he is a partner of the firm which has submitted the bid or is a member of any association of persons which has submitted a bid.
- A person shall be deemed to have bid in a company format if the person holds:
 - i. More than 10% (ten percent) of the voting share capital of the company which has submitted a bid, or
 - ii. Is a director and / or Key Managerial Personnel of the company which has submitted a bid, or
 - iii. Holds more than 10% (ten percent) of voting share capital in and/or is a director and / or Key Managerial Personnel of a holding company of that company which has submitted the bid.

By making a bid pursuant to the Tender Documents, the bidder / tenderer shall be deemed to have declared that the bidder / tenderer has not made any other bid or multiple bids as understood or deemed in terms of this clause.

All the bids of a bidder who has submitted multiple bids, as per the clause, shall be rejected and Bid Security for all such bids shall be forfeited, not by way of penalty or liquidated damages but by way of reimbursement of the pre-estimated costs likely to be incurred by the buyer towards bidding process and in the scrutiny & evaluation of bids.

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In addition to the above, bidders found to be in contravention to the said clause will be liable for administrative actions.

30: Push Button Procurement (PBP)

In line with Department of Expenditure OM No. F.6/7/2022-PPD dated 6th September, 2022, "Push Button Procurement (PBP)" for small value procurements will be available on GeM with the following conditions:

- a. PBP will be made only through bidding (PBP through Direct Purchase, L-1, Custom bid, etc. are not permitted).
- b. The total procurement value of the specific case is not to exceed INR 5,00,000 /- (inclusive of all taxes).
- c. PBP will be additional method of procurement and procuring entities are free to use or not to use this additional method of procurement.
- d. PBP method can be used only in case at least five bids are received. In case of less than five bids are received, the procurement is to restart using usual procurement method.
- e. Buyer is to ensure that no splitting of requirement is being done so as to bring procurement under PBP method.
- f. Once PBP bid is invited, contract will be placed directly without any human intervention (provided condition (d) above is complied).
- g. PBP will be permitted only for such categories, where at least ten sources are listed.

Push button procurement process is very simple and user friendly and mostly automated.

A) Buyer PB procurement:

- i. Buyer will select a product from marketplace, do product comparison, etc.
- ii. Thereafter instead of directly placing order on the L-1, the buyer will create a Push Button Procurement Notice by selecting the L-1 product which is otherwise eligible for L-1 purchase.
- iii. Clicking on "Create PBP Notice" will give an option to Buyer to decrease the quantity and delivery period at consignee level. This is enabled for Buyers to seek quotations for lower delivery periods and

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quantity lower than Minimum Order Quantity (MOQ) otherwise offered by the sellers in marketplace.

- iv. Per unit L-1 price will be set as ceiling price for that PBP Notice.

B) PBP Notice content and validations:

- i. The PBP Notice will contain all biddable specification parameters as per GeM category definition [excluding the text input parameters] of the product chosen by Buyer, Consignee-wise Quantity and Consignee-wise Delivery Period.
- ii. Bunching of items is not allowed in PBP Notices.
- iii. The estimated all-inclusive bid value should be less than or equal to INR 5,00,000 based on the system identified L-1 price estimation for the quantity to be procured.
- iv. PBP Notice will include ONLY GeM GTC and category specific Special Terms and Conditions (STC), integrity pact, land border sharing countries declaration etc. Buyer is not allowed to push any new specification parameter or any Additional T&C.
- v. PBP Notice have participation time of 3 days and offer validity of 10 days

C) Seller participation:

- i. PBP notices is published on GeM portal under a separate tab for anyone to see.
- ii. All sellers/service providers can view the PBP Notices created for their category in their dashboard.
- iii. By participating in PBP, Sellers unconditionally accept the GTC and STC, integrity pact, price declaration and other conditions part of the PBP Notice floated before participation.
- iv. Sellers will offer their matching product and price against the PBP Notice by clicking on “Offer Price” and submission of price and

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compliance of T&C. This offer price will be applicable only for that PBP Notice.

- v. Seller/Service Provider can participate in a PBP Process only once and there is no option to withdraw.
- vi. PBP participation will be without EMD and against Bid Securing Declaration only.
- vii. Per unit price to be entered by the seller will have to be less than the L-1 price set as ceiling price in PBP Notice.

D) Procurement Decision:

- i. System/Buyer will open offers after PBP end date and time.
- ii. System will check if offers are received from at least 5 sellers offering products of at least two (2) different OEMs and total L1 value is less than or equal to INR 5,00,000.
- iii. Buyer will not get any access to see list of participating bidders or Seller details.
- iv. If all conditions as defined above are satisfied, system will automatically prompt Buyer to create order on L1 by providing details related to financial approval, paying authority and payment mode etc. as applicable to buyer.
- v. In case of multiple L1 System would place order on seller with maximum Seller Rating on GeM
- vi. If adequate number of offers are not received or total L1 value is more than INR 5,00,000 system will cancel the PBP Notice. A message will be displayed to the buyer stating - Due to insufficient participation in the PBP, you cannot create an order against this PBP. You may go ahead and procure L1 in marketplace through L-1 Purchase after Comparing and verifying price reasonableness or create a regular bid / RA to get better response

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- vii. System will not allow same buyer to use PBP to BUY SAME ITEM in case of failure of the PBP for next 30 days.
- viii. System generated contract will have complete specification of the product offered by seller, Consignee-wise Quantity, Consignee-wise Delivery Period and GeM GTC and category specific STC etc.

*******END OF DOCUMENT*******

INTEGRITY PACT**Between**

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL), a company registered under the Companies Act 1956 and having its registered office at "BHEL House", Siri Fort, New Delhi - 110049 (India) hereinafter referred to as "The Principal", which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning hereof shall include its successors or assigns of the ONE PART

and

_____, (description of the party along with address), hereinafter referred to as "The Bidder/ Contractor" which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning hereof shall include its successors or assigns of the OTHER PART

Preamble

The Principal intends to award, under laid-down organizational procedures, contract/s for _____

_____ (hereinafter referred to as "Contract"). The Principal values full compliance with all relevant laws of the land, rules and regulations, and the principles of economic use of resources, and of fairness and transparency in its relations with its Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s).

In order to achieve these goals, the Principal will appoint panel of Independent External Monitor(s) (IEMs), who will monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the principles mentioned above.

Section 1- Commitments of the Principal

- 1.1 The Principal commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption and to observe the following principles: -
 - 1.1.1 No employee of the Principal, personally or through family members, will in connection with the tender for, or the execution of a contract, demand, take a promise for or accept, for self or third person, any material or immaterial benefit which the person is not legally entitled to.
 - 1.1.2 The Principal will, during the tender process treat all Bidder(s) with equity and reason. The Principal will in particular, before and during the tender process, provide to all Bidder(s) the same information and will not provide to any Bidder(s) confidential/ additional information through which the Bidder(s) could obtain an advantage in relation to the tender process or the contract execution.
 - 1.1.3 The Principal will exclude from the process all known prejudiced persons.
- 1.2 If the Principal obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a penal offence under the Indian Penal Code 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 or any other statutory penal enactment, or if there be a substantive suspicion in this regard, the Principal will inform its Vigilance Office and in addition can initiate disciplinary actions.

Section 2 - Commitments of the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s)

- 2.1 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) commit himself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption. The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) commits himself to observe the following principles during participation in the tender process and during the contract execution.

- 2.1.1 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer, promise or give to the Principal or to any of the Principal's employees involved in the tender process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material, immaterial or any other benefit which he/ she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.
- 2.1.2 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not enter with other Bidder(s) into any illegal or undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of bids or any other actions to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelization in the bidding process.
- 2.1.3 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not commit any penal offence under the relevant Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Prevention of Corruption Act; further the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information or document provided by the Principal as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained or transmitted electronically.
- 2.1.4 Foreign Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) shall disclose the name and address of agents and representatives in India and Indian Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) to disclose their foreign principals or associates. The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will, when presenting his bid, disclose any and all payments he has made, and is committed to or intends to make to agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the award of the contract.
- 2.2 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not instigate third persons to commit offences outlined above or be an accessory to such offences.
- 2.3 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) shall not approach the Courts while representing the matters to IEMs and shall await their decision in the matter.

Section 3 - Disqualification from tender process and exclusion from future contracts

If the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s), before award or during execution has committed a transgression through a violation of Section 2 above, or acts in any other manner such as to put his reliability or credibility in question, the Principal is entitled to disqualify the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) from the tender process, terminate the contract, if already awarded, exclude from future business dealings and/ or take action as per the separate "Guidelines on Banning of Business dealings with Suppliers/ Contractors", framed by the Principal.

Section 4 - Compensation for Damages

- 4.1 If the Principal has disqualified the Bidder (s) from the tender process before award / order acceptance according to Section 3, the Principal is entitled to demand and recover the damages equivalent to Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security.
- 4.2 If the Principal is entitled to terminate the Contract according to Section 3, or terminates the Contract in application of Section 3 above, the Bidder(s)/ Contractor (s) transgression through a violation of Section 2 above shall be construed breach of contract and the Principal shall be entitled to demand and recover from the Contractor an amount equal to 5% of the contract value or the amount equivalent to Security Deposit/ Performance Bank Guarantee, whichever is higher, as damages, in addition to and without prejudice to its right to demand and recover compensation for any other loss or damages specified elsewhere in the contract.

Section 5 - Previous Transgression

- 5.1 The Bidder declares that no previous transgressions occurred in the last 3 (three) years with any other company in any country conforming to the anti-corruption approach or with any other Public Sector Enterprise in India that could justify his exclusion from the tender process.
- 5.2 If the Bidder makes incorrect statement on this subject, he can be disqualified from the tender process or the contract, if already awarded, can be terminated for such reason or action can be taken as per the separate "Guidelines on Banning of Business dealings with Suppliers/ Contractors", framed by the Principal.

Section 6 - Equal treatment of all Bidder (s)/ Contractor (s) / Sub-contractor (s)

- 6.1 The Principal will enter into Integrity Pacts with identical conditions as this Integrity Pact with all Bidders and Contractors.
- 6.2 In case of Sub-contracting, the Principal Contractor shall take the responsibility of the adoption of Integrity Pact by the Sub-contractor(s) and ensure that all Sub-contractors also sign the Integrity Pact.
- 6.3 The Principal will disqualify from the tender process all Bidders who do not sign this Integrity Pact or violate its provisions.

Section 7 - Criminal Charges against violating Bidders/ Contractors /Subcontractors

If the Principal obtains knowledge of conduct of a Bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor, or of an employee or a representative or an associate of a Bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor which constitutes corruption, or if the Principal has substantive suspicion in this regard, the Principal will inform the Vigilance Office.

Section 8 -Independent External Monitor(s)

- 8.1 The Principal appoints competent and credible panel of Independent External Monitor (s) (IEMs) for this Integrity Pact. The task of the IEMs is to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this Integrity Pact.
- 8.2 The IEMs are not subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and performs his functions neutrally and independently. He reports to the CMD, BHEL.
- 8.3 The IEMs shall be provided access to all documents/ records pertaining to the Contract, for which a complaint or issue is raised before them as and when warranted. However, the documents/records/information having National Security implications and those documents which have been classified as Secret/Top Secret are not to be disclosed.
- 8.4 The Principal will provide to the IEMs sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Contract provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the Principal and the Contractor. The parties offer to the IEMs the option to participate in such meetings.

- 8.5 The advisory role of IEMs is envisaged as that of a friend, philosopher and guide. The advice of IEMs would not be legally binding and it is restricted to resolving issues raised by a Bidder regarding any aspect of the tender which allegedly restricts competition or bias towards some Bidders. At the same time, it must be understood that IEMs are not consultants to the Management. Their role is independent in nature and the advice once tendered would not be subject to review at the request of the organization.
- 8.6 For ensuring the desired transparency and objectivity in dealing with the complaints arising out of any tendering process or during execution of Contract, the matter should be examined by the full panel of IEMs jointly, who would look into the records, conduct an investigation, and submit their joint recommendations to the Management.
- 8.7 The IEMs would examine all complaints received by them and give their recommendations/ views to the CMD, BHEL at the earliest. They may also send their report directly to the CVO, in case of suspicion of serious irregularities requiring legal/ administrative action. Only in case of very serious issue having a specific, verifiable Vigilance angle, the matter should be reported directly to the Commission. IEMs will tender their advice on the complaints within 30 days.
- 8.8 The CMD, BHEL shall decide the compensation to be paid to the IEMs and its terms and conditions.
- 8.9 IEMs should examine the process integrity, they are not expected to concern themselves with fixing of responsibility of officers. Complaints alleging mala fide on the part of any officer of the Principal should be looked into by the CVO of the Principal.
- 8.10 If the IEMs have reported to the CMD, BHEL, a substantiated suspicion of an offence under relevant Indian Penal Code / Prevention of Corruption Act, and the CMD, BHEL has not, within reasonable time, taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Vigilance Office, the IEMs may also transmit this information directly to the Central Vigilance Commissioner, Government of India.
- 8.11 After award of work, the IEMs shall look into any issue relating to execution of Contract, if specifically raised before them. As an illustrative example, if a Contractor who has been awarded the Contract, during the execution of Contract, raises issue of delayed payment etc. before the IEMs, the same shall be examined by the panel of IEMs. Issues like warranty/ guarantee etc. shall be outside the purview of IEMs.
- 8.12 However, the IEMs may suggest systemic improvements to the management of the Principal, if considered necessary, to bring about transparency, equity and fairness in the system of procurement.
- 8.13 The word 'Monitor' would include both singular and plural.

Section 9 - Pact Duration

- 9.1 This Integrity Pact shall be operative from the date this Integrity Pact is signed by both the parties till the final completion of contract for successful Bidder, and for all other Bidders 6 months after the Contract has been awarded. Any violation of the same would entail disqualification of the bidders and exclusion from future business dealings.
- 9.2 If any claim is made/ lodged during currency of this Integrity Pact, the same shall be binding and continue to be valid despite the lapse of this Pact as specified above, unless it is discharged/ determined by the CMD, BHEL.

Section 10 - Other Provisions

- 10.1 This Integrity Pact is subject to Indian Laws and exclusive jurisdiction shall be of the competent Courts as indicated in the Tender or Contract, as the case may be.
- 10.2 Changes and supplements as well as termination notices need to be made in writing.
- 10.3 If the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) is a partnership or a consortium or a joint venture, this Integrity Pact shall be signed by all partners of the partnership or joint venture or all consortium members.
- 10.4 Should one or several provisions of this Integrity Pact turn out to be invalid, the remainder of this Integrity Pact remains valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.
- 10.5 Only those bidders / contractors who have entered into this Integrity Pact with the Principal would be competent to participate in the bidding. In other words, entering into this Integrity Pact would be a preliminary qualification.
- 10.6 In the event of any dispute between the Principal and Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) relating to the Contract, in case, both the parties are agreeable, they may try to settle dispute through Mediation before the panel of IEMs in a time bound manner. In case, the dispute remains unresolved even after mediation by the panel of IEMs, either party may take further action as the terms & conditions of the Contract. The fees/expenses on dispute resolution through mediation shall be shared by both the parties. Further, the mediation proceedings shall be confidential in nature and the parties shall keep confidential all matters relating to the mediation proceedings including any settlement agreement arrived at between the parties as outcome of mediation. Any views expressed, suggestions, admissions or proposals etc. made by either party in the course of mediation shall not be relied upon or introduced as evidence in any further arbitral or judicial proceedings, whether or not such proceedings relate to the dispute that is the subject of mediation proceedings. Neither of the parties shall present IEMs as witness in any Alternative Dispute Resolution or judicial proceedings in respect of the dispute that was subject of mediation.

 For & On behalf of the Principal
 (Office Seal)

 For & On behalf of the Bidder/ Contractor
 (Office Seal)

Place _____
 Date _____

Witness: _____
 (Name & Address) _____

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