

BHEL FRAUD PREVENTION POLICY

5.0 Actions Constituting Fraud

- 5.1 While fraudulent or suspected fraudulent activity could have a very wide range of coverage, the following are some of the act(s) which constitute fraud.
- 5.2 The list given below is only illustrative and not exhaustive:-
- 5.2.1 Forgery or unauthorised alteration of any document or account belonging to the Company.
- 5.2.2 Forgery or unauthorised alteration of cheque, bank draft, E-banking transaction(s) or any other financial instrument etc.
- 5.2.3 Misappropriation of funds, securities, supplies or others assets by fraudulent means etc.
- 5.2.4 Falsification of records, submitting fake claims or claims with altered documents / supporting, removing the documents from the files and / or replacing it by a fraudulent one etc.
- 5.2.5 Wilful suppression of facts/deception in matters of appointment, placements, submission of reports, tender committee recommendations etc. as a result of which a wrongful gain(s) is/are made to one and wrongful loss(s) to the others.
- 5.2.6 Utilizing Company funds / assets for personal or other than official purposes.
- 5.2.7 Verification and authorization / certification of bills for payment (goods / services) without completion of supply / completion of works as per Purchase Order / Work Order.
- 5.2.8 Destruction, disposition, removal of records or any other assets of the Company with an ulterior motive to manipulate and misrepresent the facts so as to create suspicion/suppression/cheating as a result of which objective assessment/decision would not be arrived at.
- 5.2.9 Wilful delay in reporting recoveries / adjustments from suppliers / vendors bills.
- 5.2.10 Allowing / unauthorized use of Company assets by outsiders like vendors / suppliers / sub-contractors.
- 5.2.11 Any other act that falls under the gamut of fraudulent activity.

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6.0 Responsibility for Fraud Prevention

6.1 Following personnel's are responsible to ensure that there is no fraudulent act committed by them while performing any business transaction(s) with BHEL:

- Every employee
- Ex-employee working as advisor / consultant
- Person engaged on adhoc/temporary/contract basis
- Vendor / supplier / contractor / bidder / service provider
- Customer / Consultant
- Lender
- Any outside agency / their representative / employee who have a business relationship with BHEL

6.2 As soon as it is learnt that a fraud or suspected fraud has taken or is likely to take place, same should immediately be reported to Nodal officer

7.0 Nodal Officers and their Responsibility

7.1 Nodal Officer

Nodal officers shall be notified by management. All Direct Reporting Officers (DROs) to Unit Head / Construction Managers to be designated as Nodal Officers. List of Nodal Officer(s) would be displayed at BHEL web site / Intranet.

7.2 Fraud Prevention and Detection

All Nodal Officers shall be responsible for implementing the Fraud Prevention Policy of the Company and prevention and detection of fraud as per this Policy. It is the responsibility of all Nodal Officers to ensure that complete mechanism in respect of Fraud Prevention Policy is in place within his administrative / functional area of control.

7.2.1 Fraud Prevention

7.2.1.1 Create an ethical and transparent environment by training and implementing policies, guidelines and procedures.

7.2.1.2 Familiarise each employee with the types of improprieties that might occur in their area.

7.2.1.3 Educate employees regarding the measures to be taken for prevention and detection of fraud.

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7.2.1.4 Create a culture whereby employees are encouraged to report any fraud or suspected fraud which comes to their knowledge, without any fear of victimization.

7.2.1.5 Promote awareness among the employees of ethical principles subscribed to by the Company through CDA Rules/Standing orders.

7.2.1.6 Maintain record of complaints/cases received and submit annual report to Nodal Officer in Corporate Finance.

7.2.2 Fraud Detection

Ensure that along with preventive controls, Detective mechanism are also in place. Some examples of detective mechanism are segregation of duties, reconciliation, audits, independent reviews, physical inspection, periodic inventory check, surprise checks etc.

8.0 Reporting of Fraud

8.1 All employees of BHEL, representative of vendors, suppliers, contractors, consultants, service providers or any other agencies doing any type of business with BHEL as soon as he / she comes to know of any fraud or suspected fraud or any other fraudulent activity must report such incident. Such reporting shall be made to the designated Nodal Officers.

The reporting of the fraud normally should be in writing. In case the reporter is not willing to furnish a written statement of fraud but is in position to give sequential and specific transaction of fraud / suspected fraud, then the officer receiving the information/Nodal Officer should record such details in writing as narrated by the reporter and also maintain the details about the identity of the official/ employee / other person reporting such incident.

In case the reporter ask for protection, the protection available under Clause 5.0 of Whistle Blower Policy of Company notified vide Corporate HR Circular no. 024/LLX/2014 dated 16.09.2014 shall be extended to the reporter.

8.2 All reports of fraud or suspected fraud shall be handled with utmost speed and shall be coordinated by Nodal Officers

8.3 Officer receiving input about any suspected fraud / Nodal officers shall ensure that all relevant records, documents and other evidence are immediately taken into custody and protected from being tampered with, destroyed or removed by suspected perpetrators of fraud or by any other official under his influence.

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9.0 Investigating Procedure

9.1 The "Nodal Officer" shall act as co-ordinator and refer the details of the fraud/suspected fraud to Unit head for intimating the same to the concerned Director. The Director after considering report of Nodal Office / Unit head may refer the case to Internal Auditor (IA) or Corporate Vigilance for further investigation.

9.2 This input would be in addition to the intelligence, information and investigation of cases of fraud being investigated by the Vigilance Deptt. on their own as part of their day to day functioning.

9.3 After completion of the investigation, appropriate action which could include administrative action, disciplinary action, civil or criminal action or closure of the matter if it is proved that fraud is not committed etc. depending upon the outcome of the investigation shall be undertaken.

9.4 Vigilance Department or IA shall report to concerned Director the result of the investigation undertaken by them to seek orders for further action.

10.0 Incorporation of Fraud Prevention Policy in Tenders /MOUs etc.

10.1 A clause may be added in all the NITs that

"The Bidder along with its associate/collaborators/sub-contractors/sub-vendors/ consultants/ service providers shall strictly adhere to BHEL Fraud Prevention Policy displayed on BHEL website <http://www.bhel.com> and shall immediately bring to the notice of BHEL Management about any fraud or suspected fraud as soon as it comes to their notice."

10.2 Fraud Prevention policy and List of Nodal Officers shall be hosted on BHEL web site, vendor portals of Units/ Regions intranet.

11.0 Administration and Review of the Policy

The Chairman and Managing Director, BHEL shall be the Appropriate Authority for administration and revision of this Policy.

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 Rate Contract for supply of Mica Tape Covered Copper Winding wire (MTCW) on finished basis under enquiry No. E7033022 _____ (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
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Witness: 20/03/2024
(Name & Address) Aakrit Singh
BHEL Bhopal

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

Witness: _____
(Name & Address) _____

**MODEL CONCILIATION CLAUSE FOR CONDUCTING CONCILIATION
PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE BHEL CONCILIATION SCHEME, 2018**

The Parties agree that if at any time (whether before, during or after the arbitral or judicial proceedings), any Disputes (which term shall mean and include any dispute, difference, question or disagreement arising in connection with construction, meaning, operation, effect, interpretation or breach of the agreement, contract or the Memorandum of Understanding (delete whichever is inapplicable), which the Parties are unable to settle mutually), arise inter-se the Parties, the same may, be referred by either party to Conciliation to be conducted through Independent Experts Committee to be appointed by competent authority of BHEL from the BHEL Panel of Conciliators.

Notes:

1. No serving or a retired employee of BHEL/Administrative Ministry of BHEL shall be included in the BHEL Panel of Conciliators.

2. Any other person(s) can be appointed as Conciliator(s) who is/are mutually agreeable to both the parties from outside the BHEL Panel of Conciliators.

The proceedings of Conciliation shall broadly be governed by Part-III of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 or any statutory modification thereof and as provided in Annexure----- to this GCC.

The Annexure ----- together with it's appendices will be treated as if the same is part and parcel hereof and shall be as effectual as if set out herein in these GCC.

**ANNEXURE TO MODEL CONCILIATION CLAUSE FOR CONDUCT OF
CONCILIATION UNDER THE BHEL CONCILIATION SCHEME, 2018**

BRIEF PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCT OF CONCILIATION PROCEEDINGS

1. The proceedings of Conciliation shall broadly be governed by Part-III of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 or any statutory modification thereof and as provided herein:
2. The party desirous of resorting to Conciliation shall send an invitation/notice in writing to the other party to conciliate specifying all points of Disputes with details of the amount claimed. The party concerned shall not raise any new issue thereafter. Parties shall also not claim any interest on claims/counter-claims from the date of notice invoking Conciliation till the conclusion of the Conciliation proceedings.
3. The party receiving the invitation/notice for Conciliation shall within 30 days of receipt of the notice of Conciliation intimate its consent for Conciliation along with its counter-claims, if any.
4. The Conciliation in a matter involving claim or counter-claim (whichever is higher) up to Rs 5 crores shall be carried out by sole Conciliator nominated by BHEL while in a matter involving claim or counter-claim (whichever is higher) of more than Rs 5 crores Conciliation shall be carried out by 3 Conciliators nominated by BHEL.
5. The Parties shall be represented by only their duly authorized in-house executives/officers and neither Party shall be represented by a Lawyer.
6. The first meeting of the IEC shall be convened by the IEC by sending appropriate communication/notice to both the parties as soon as possible but not later than 30 days from the date of his/their appointment. The hearings in the Conciliation proceeding shall ordinarily be concluded within two (2) months and, in exceptional cases where parties have expressed willingness to settle the matter or there exists possibility of settlement in the matter, the proceedings may be extended by the IEC by a maximum of further 2 months with the consent of the Parties subject to cogent reasons being recorded in writing.
7. The IEC shall thereafter formulate recommendations for settlement of the Disputes supported by reasons at the earliest but in any case within

15 days from the date of conclusion of the last hearing. The recommendations so formulated along with the reasons shall be furnished by the IEC to both the Parties at the earliest but in any case within 1 month from the date of conclusion of the last hearing.

8. Response/modifications/suggestions of the Parties on the recommendations of the IEC are to be submitted to the IEC within time limit stipulated by the IEC but not more than 15 days from the date of receipt of the recommendations from the IEC.
9. In the event, upon consideration, further review of the recommendations is considered necessary, whether by BHEL or by the other Party, then, the matter can be remitted back to the IEC with request to reconsider the same in light of the issues projected by either/both the Parties and to submit its recommendations thereon within the following 15 days from the date of remitting of the case by either of the Parties.
10. Upon the recommendations by the Parties, with or without modifications, as considered necessary, the IEC shall be called upon to draw up the Draft Settlement Agreement in terms of the recommendations.
11. When a consensus can be arrived at between the parties only in regard to any one or some of the issues referred for Conciliation the draft Settlement Agreement shall be accordingly formulated in regard to the said Issue(s), and the said Settlement Agreement, if signed, by the parties, shall be valid only for the said issues. As regards the balance issues not settled, the parties may seek to resolve them further as per terms and conditions provided in the contract.
12. In case no settlement can be reached between the parties, the IEC shall by a written declaration, pronounce that the Conciliation between the parties has failed and is accordingly terminated.
13. Unless the Conciliation proceedings are terminated in terms of para 22 (b), (c) & (d) herein below, the IEC shall forward his/its recommendations as to possible terms of settlement within one (1) month from the date of last hearing. The date of first hearing of Conciliation shall be the starting date for calculating the period of 2 months.

14. In case of 3 members IEC, 2 members of IEC present will constitute a valid quorum for IEC and meeting can take place to proceed in the matter after seeking consent from the member who is not available. If necessary, videoconferencing may be arranged for facilitating participation of the members. However, the IEC recommendations will be signed by all members. Where there is more than one (1) Conciliator, as a general rule they shall act jointly. In the event of differences between the Members of IEC, the decision/recommendations of the majority of the Members of IEC shall prevail and be construed as the recommendation of the IEC.
15. The Draft Settlement Agreement prepared by the IEC in terms of the consensus arrived at during the Conciliation proceedings between the Parties shall be given by the IEC to both the parties for putting up for approval of their respective Competent Authority.
16. Before submitting the draft settlement agreement to BHEL's Competent Authority viz. the Board Level Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution (BLCADR) for approval, concurrence of the other party's Competent Authority to the draft settlement agreement shall be obtained by the other party and informed to BHEL within 15 days of receipt of the final draft settlement agreement by it. Upon approval by the Competent Authority, the Settlement Agreement would thereafter be signed by the authorized representatives of both the Parties and authenticated by the members of the IEC.
17. In case the Draft Settlement Agreement is rejected by the Competent Authority of BHEL or the other Party, the Conciliation proceedings would stand terminated.
18. A Settlement Agreement shall contain a statement to the effect that each of the person(s) signing thereto (i) is fully authorized by the respective Party(ies) he/she represents, (ii) has fully understood the contents of the same and (iii) is signing on the same out of complete freewill and consent, without any pressure, undue influence.
19. The Settlement Agreement shall thereafter have the same legal status and effect as an arbitration award on agreed terms on the substance of the dispute rendered by an arbitral tribunal passed under section 30 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
20. Acceptance of the Draft Settlement Agreement/recommendations of the Conciliator and/or signing of the Settlement Agreement by BHEL shall

however, be subject to withdrawal/closure of any arbitral and/or judicial proceedings initiated by the concerned Party in regard to such settled issues.

21. Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, contract or the Memorandum of Understanding, as the case may be, in the event of likelihood of prolonged absence of the Conciliator or any member of IEC, for any reason/incapacity, the Competent Authority/Head of Unit/Division/Region/Business Group of BHEL may substitute the Conciliator or such member at any stage of the proceedings. Upon appointment of the substitute Conciliator(s), such reconstituted IEC may, with the consent of the Parties, proceed with further Conciliation into the matter either de-novo or from the stage already reached by the previous IEC before the substitution.

22. The proceedings of Conciliation under this Scheme may be terminated as follows:

- a. On the date of signing of the Settlement agreement by the Parties; or,
- b. By a written declaration of the IEC, after consultation with the parties, to the effect that further efforts at conciliation are no longer justified, on the date of the declaration; or,
- c. By a written declaration of the Parties addressed to the IEC to the effect that the Conciliation proceedings are terminated, on the date of the declaration; or,
- d. By a written declaration of a Party to the other Party and the IEC, if appointed, to the effect that the Conciliation proceedings are terminated, on the date of the declaration.
- e. On rejection of the Draft Settlement Agreement by the Competent Authority of BHEL or the other Party.

23. The Conciliator(s) shall be entitled to following fees and facilities:

Sl No	Particulars	Amount
1	Sitting fees	Each Member shall be paid a Lump Sum fee of Rs 75,000/- for the whole case payable in terms of paragraph No. 27 herein below.
2	Towards drafting of settlement agreement	In cases involving claim and/or counter-claim of up to Rs 5crores. Rs 50,000/- (Sole Conciliator)

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		<p>In cases involving claim and/or counter-claim of exceeding Rs 5 crores but less than Rs 10 crores. Rs 75,000 (per Conciliator)</p> <p>In cases involving claim and/or counter-claim of more than Rs 10 crores. Rs 1,00,000/- (per Conciliator)</p> <p>Note: The aforesaid fees for the drafting of the Settlement Agreement shall be paid on Signing of the Settlement Agreement after approval of the Competent Authority or Rejection of the proposed Settlement Agreement by the Competent Authority of BHEL.</p>
3	Secretarial expenses	<p>Rs 10,000/- (one time) for the whole case for Conciliation by a Sole Member IEC.</p> <p>Where Conciliation is by multi member Conciliators –Rs 30,000/- (one time)- to be paid to the IEC</p>
4	<p>Travel and transportation and stay at outstation</p> <p>i) Retired Senior Officials of other Public Sector Undertakings (pay scale wise equivalent to or more than E-8 level of BHEL)</p> <p>Others</p>	<p>As per entitlement of the equivalent officer (pay scale wise) in BHEL.</p> <p>As per the extant entitlement of whole time Functional Directors in BHEL.</p>

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		Ordinarily, the IEC Member(s) would be entitled to travel by air Economy Class.
5	Venue for meeting	Unless otherwise agreed in the agreement, contract or the Memorandum of Understanding, as the case may be, the venue/seat of proceedings shall be the location of the concerned Unit / Division / Region / Business Group of BHEL. Without prejudice to the seat/venue of the Conciliation being at the location of concerned BHEL Unit / Division / Region / Business Group, the IEC after consulting the Parties may decide to hold the proceedings at any other place/venue to facilitate the proceedings. Unless, Parties agree to conduct Conciliation at BHEL premises, the venue is to be arranged by either Party alternately.

24. The parties will bear their own costs including cost of presenting their cases/evidence/witness(es)/expert(s) on their behalf. The parties agree to rely upon documentary evidence in support of their claims and not to bring any oral evidence in IEC proceedings.
25. If any witness(es) or expert(s) is/are, with the consent of the parties, called upon to appear at the instance of the IEC in connection with the matter, then, the costs towards such witness(es)/expert(s) shall be determined by the IEC with the consent of the Parties and the cost so determined shall be borne equally by the Parties.
26. The other expenditures/costs in connection with the Conciliation proceedings as well as the IEC's fees and expenses shall be shared by the Parties equally.
27. Out of the lump sum fees of Rs 75,000/- for Sitting Fees, 50% shall be payable after the first meeting of the IEC and the remaining 50% of the Sitting Fees shall be payable only after termination of the conciliation proceedings in terms of para 22 hereinabove.

28. The travelling, transportation and stay at outstation shall be arranged by concerned Unit as per entitlements as per Serial No. 3 of the Table at para 23 above, and in case such arrangements are not made by the BHEL Unit, the same shall be reimbursed to the IEC on actuals limited to their entitlement as per Serial No. 4 of the Table at Para 23 above against supporting documents. The IEC Member(s) shall submit necessary invoice for claiming the fees/reimbursements.
29. The Parties shall keep confidential all matters relating to the conciliation proceedings. Confidentiality shall extend also to the settlement agreement, except where its disclosure is necessary for purposes of its implementation and enforcement or as required by or under a law or as per directions of a Court/Governmental authority/regulatory body, as the case may be.
30. The Parties shall not rely upon or introduce as evidence in any further arbitral or judicial proceedings, whether or not such proceedings relate to the Disputes that is the subject of the Conciliation proceedings:
 - a. Views expressed or suggestions made by the other party in respect of a possible settlement of the Disputes;
 - b. admissions made by the other party in the course of the Conciliator proceedings;
 - c. proposals made by the Conciliator;
 - d. The fact that the other Party had indicated his willingness to accept a proposal for settlement made by the Conciliator.
31. The Parties shall not present the Conciliator(s) as witness in any Alternative Dispute Resolution or Judicial proceedings in respect of a Disputes that is/was the subject of that particular Conciliation proceeding.
32. None of the Conciliators shall act as an arbitrator or as a representative or counsel of a Party in any arbitral or judicial proceeding in respect of a Disputes that is/was the subject of that particular Conciliation proceeding.
33. The Parties shall not initiate, during the Conciliation proceedings, any arbitral or judicial proceedings in respect of a Disputes that is the subject matter of the Conciliation proceedings except that a Party may initiate arbitral or judicial proceedings where, in his opinion, such proceedings are necessary for preserving his rights including for preventing expiry of period of limitation. Unless terminated as per the provisions of this Scheme, the Conciliation proceedings shall continue

notwithstanding the commencement of the arbitral or judicial proceedings and the arbitral or judicial proceedings shall be primarily for the purpose of preserving rights including preventing expiry of period of limitation.

34. The official language of Conciliation proceedings under this Scheme shall be English unless the Parties agree to some other language.

Format 2 to BHEL Conciliation Scheme, 2018

**FORMAT FOR SEEKING CONSENT FOR REFERRING THE DISPUTES TO
CONCILIATION THROUGH IEC**

To,

M/s. (Stakeholder's name)

**Sub: Resolution of the Disputes through conciliation by Independent
Expert Committee (IEC).**

Ref: Contract No/MoU/Agreement/LOI/LOA& date _____.

Sir,

With reference to above referred Contract/MoU/Agreement/LOI/LOA, you have raised certain Disputes/claims. Vide your letter dated____ you have requested BHEL to refer the Disputes/claims to IEC for Conciliation.

We are enclosing herewith Format (3) for giving consent and the terms and conditions of BHEL Conciliation Scheme, 2018 governing conciliation through IEC. You are requested to give your unconditional consent to the said terms and conditions of the Scheme by returning the same duly sealed and signed on each page. On receipt of your consent, matter will be put to the Competent Authority for consideration and decision.

Please note that BHEL has also certain claims against you (if applicable). BHEL reserves its right to agree or not to agree conciliation of the said disputes through BHEL and this letter is being issued without prejudice to BHEL's rights and contentions available under the contract and law.

Yours faithfully,

Representative of BHEL

Format 3 to BHEL Conciliation Scheme, 2018
FORMAT FOR GIVING CONSENT BY
CONTRACTOR/VENDOR/CUSTOMER/COLLABORATOR/CONSORTIUM PARTNERS FOR REFERRING THE DISPUTES TO CONCILIATION THROUGH IEC

To,
 BHEL

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Sub: Resolution of Disputes through Conciliation by Independent Expert Committee (IEC).

Ref: Contract/MoU/Agreement/LOI/LOA No & date____

With reference to above referred contract, our following bills/invoices/claims submitted to BHEL are still unpaid giving rise to Disputes:

SL. no.	Claim Description	Bill submitted to BHEL (no. and date)	Amount of the bill/claim	Amount received from BHEL	Outstanding Amount

Accordingly we request you to kindly refer the Disputes in respect of above claims to IEC for Conciliation.

We hereby agree and give our unconditional consent to the terms and conditions of BHEL Conciliation Scheme, 2018 governing conciliation through IEC. We have signed the same on each page and enclosed it for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature with stamp)

Authorized Representative of Contractor
Name, with designation
Date

Format 5 to BHEL Conciliation Scheme, 2018
STATEMENT OF CLAIMS/COUNTER CLAIMS TO BE SUBMITTED TO
THE IEC BY BOTH THE PARTIES

1. Chronology of the Disputes
2. Brief of the Contract/MoU/Agreement/LOI/LOA
3. Brief history of the Disputes:
4. Issues:
5. Details of Clam(s)/Counter Claim(s):

SI. No.	Description of claim(s)/Counter Claim	Amount (in INR)Or currency applicable in the contract	Relevant contract clause

6. Basis/Ground of claim(s)/counter claim(s) (along with relevant clause of contract)

Note– *The Statement of Claims/Counter Claims may ideally be restricted to maximum limit of 20 pages. Relevant documents may be compiled and submitted along with the statement of Claims/Counter Claims. The statement of Claims/Counter Claims is to be submitted to all IEC members and to the other party by post as well as by email.*



BP 200102A

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENQUIRY

Sl.No.	Description
1	General:
A	These General terms & conditions (GTC) shall apply to all enquiries, notice inviting tenders, request for quotations concerning the supply of goods and / or rendering of services to Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal (hereinafter referred to as BHEL or the Purchaser) or its Projects / Customers. Special / supplementary enquiry conditions, if any, will override the conditions in this annexure.
2	General Instructions - Common for Indigenous & Foreign enquiries
A	Through E- procurement
A1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Offer shall be submitted by the bidders in single/two parts as called in Tender enquiry. Bid Part - I Technical cum Commercial bid Bid Part - II Price bidSuppliers shall quote price on BHEL authorised third party service provider e-procurement site. Any deviation from the price format shall be clearly brought out in the offer Bid Part I. The offer shall be uploaded on BHEL e-procurement site using Class III digital signature. All documents to be uploaded are necessarily to be signed and stamped. The quotation should be uploaded on the site before due date and time. Part-I of the bid shall contain complete item-wise scope of supply as offered vis-à-vis the scope of supply as per enquiry, all commercial terms and conditions etc. It is expected that bidders shall meet all our technical and commercial requirements and shall not deviate from them.
B	Through tender room
B1	Sealed bids are invited for scope of Supply / Services as detailed in the enquiry. Bid should be free from correction, overwriting, using of corrective fluid etc. Any interlineation, cutting, overwriting shall be valid only if they are attested under full signature(s) of persons signing the bid else shall be liable for rejection. All overwriting/ cutting etc. will be numbered by bid opening officials and announced during bid opening. The bid should be submitted in English or Hindi language. Relevant enclosures, supporting documents, catalogue, samples, if any, as required as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) conditions shall be sent along with technical offer. Rate should be quoted in the units asked for in the enquiry.
B2	Bids shall be submitted in a Sealed cover with Enquiry No., Due date and Bidder's name indicated on the cover. In case of Two Part Bid, technical bid containing technical offer, this GTC duly filled-in & signed; and un-priced copy of the Price Bid should be kept in one envelope. Price Bid containing only the price (as called for in the price format where required) should be kept in a separate envelope. Both envelopes indicating Part —I or Part-II as the case may be to be put in a bigger envelope, which should be addressed to in charge, Tender Room, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. 2 nd Floor, Jawahar Bhavan, Piplani, Bhopal 462022. Enquiry No., due date and bidder's name must be mentioned on all envelopes. Offer must reach tender room of BHEL Bhopal latest by 11.00 am IST on the enquiry due date. Bids submitted as single part bid against two – part bid, shall be rejected unless the offer is techno-commercially acceptable without seeking any clarification.
B3	Offer received after 11.00 AM IST of the due date will be termed as "Late" and shall not be considered. However, late offer received against single tender enquiry may be considered.
B4	Bidder can also submit offer through email, if called for in the enquiry, at the email address indicated in the enquiry. Such email offers shall be sent only on designated email-id to reach before 11.00 am IST on the tender due date. BHEL will not be responsible for incomplete offers and the ones delivered late through e-mail.
C	Through tender room or EProcurement
C1	Commercial Conditions quoted by the bidder in any place including as stated in bidder's 'General Terms and Conditions' if any, shall not be binding on the Purchaser and the conditions contained in this annexure, including special conditions, if any, for this enquiry shall only prevail.
C2	Rate should be quoted in the units asked for in the enquiry. The rates should be quoted both in figures and words. In case of discrepancy in figures and words, the rates quoted in words shall be considered.
C3	The goods offered shall conform to BHEL specifications and / or National/International standards as mentioned in the Enquiry and the bidder is required to confirm his unconditional acceptance to the same. Bidders, seeking deviations from the specifications and any other conditions, may indicate the same clearly on a separate sheet indicating Sl. No. of the item, with reasons for such deviations. BHEL reserves the right to reject the offer with deviations or load the deviations suitably for evaluation.
C4	Offers shall be submitted directly by bidder or his authorized agent only. Unsolicited offers shall be summarily rejected.