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**General Conditions
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Contract
(GCC)**

**BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LIMITED
POWER SECTOR - HEAD QUARTERS
CENTRAL PROCUREMENT CELL**

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CHAPTER -1

1. GENERAL INSTRUCTION TO TENDERERS

1.1. DESPATCH INSTRUCTION

- i) The General Conditions of Contract form part of the Tender specifications. **For this tender, bidders shall use electronic Signature viz Digital Signature Certificate while uploading the tender documents on the e-procurement portal.** The information furnished shall be complete by itself. The tenderer is required to furnish all the details and other documents as required in the following pages.
- ii) Tenderers are advised to study all the tender documents carefully. Any submission of tender by the tenderer shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the tender documents and with the full understanding of the implications thereof. Should the tenderers have any doubt about the meaning of any portion of the Tender Specification or find discrepancies or omissions in the drawings or the tender documents issued are incomplete or shall require clarification on any of the technical aspect, the scope of work etc., he shall at once, contact the authority inviting the tender well in time (so as not to affect last date of submission) for clarification before the submission of the tender. Tenderer's request for clarifications shall be with reference to Sections and Clause numbers given in the tender documents. The specifications and terms and conditions shall be deemed to have been accepted by the tenderer in his offer. Non-compliance with any of the requirements and instructions of the tender enquiry may result in the rejection of the tender.
- iii) Integrity pact (IP) shall be applicable for all tenders / contracts if indicated in NIT. This IP shall be issued as part of the Tender documents and shall be submitted by the bidder along with Techno-commercial bid duly filled, signed and stamped by the authorized signatory who signs the bid. Entering into this pact shall be a preliminary qualification.

1.2. SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

- 1.2.1 The tenderers must submit their tenders to Officer inviting tender as per instructions in the NIT.
- 1.2.2 Tenders shall be submitted through E-Procurement portal as per instruction in NIT. Tenderers to upload offers well in advance in order to avoid last minute congestion in e-procurement website. However, after submission of the tender, the tenderer can re-submit revised tender but before due date and time of submission of tender as notified.
- 1.2.3 Tenders shall be opened by Officer of BHEL at the time and date as specified in the NIT. For this tender, bidders may attend through online mode, if provisions are available in e-procurement portal.
- 1.2.4 Tenderers whose bids are found techno commercially qualified shall be notified through e-procurement system about the date and time of opening of the Price Bids. BHEL's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
- 1.2.5 The information given in the tender documents is for general guidance and shall not be construed as contractually binding on BHEL/ Owner. All relevant site data/ information as may be necessary for bidding shall have to be obtained/ collected by the Tenderer.

- 1.2.6 The Tenderers are advised to physically visit the site to acquaint and satisfy themselves about the weather conditions, working culture in the area, socio-political environment, safety & security aspects, law & order situation, law of the land, transportation routes, various distances, surroundings of plant/ project premises together with all statutory, obligatory, mandatory requirements of various authorities and obtain for themselves all necessary information as to the risks, contingencies and all other circumstances, which may influence or affect the discharge of various obligations under the Contract during contract period including extended period (if any).
- 1.2.7 The submission of bid will tantamount to due diligence having been done and it shall be deemed that:
- a. the Tenderer has obtained all necessary information as to risks, contingencies and other circumstances which may influence or affect the Works
 - b. the Tenderer accepts total responsibility for having foreseen all difficulties and costs of successfully completing the Works
 - c. the Tenderer accepts that, the Contract Price shall not be adjusted to take account of any unforeseeable or unforeseen difficulties or costs and the Tenderer shall not raise any claims/ disputes against BHEL and/ or Owner at later date in any manner whatsoever.
- 1.2.8 The Tenderer shall mandatorily be required to submit "Site Visit Confirmation Declaration" in Form F-06 along with the Technical Bid.

1.3. **LANGUAGE**

- 1.3.1 The tenderer shall quote the rates in English language and international numerals. These rates shall be entered in figures as well as in words. Tenderers are requested to refer the clauses of NIT/ Vol-II "Price Bid" for more details. For the purpose of the tenders, the metric system of units shall be used.
- 1.3.2 All entries in the tender shall either be typed or written legibly in ink. Erasing and over-writing is not permitted and may render such tenders liable for rejection. All cancellations and insertions shall be duly attested by the tenderer.

1.4 **PRICE DISCREPANCY:**

- 1.4.1 **Price Bid opening:** During opening of price bids, if there is any difference between the amount in figures and in words, the amount quoted by the bidder in words shall be taken as correct.
- 1.4.2 **Reverse Auction:** In case of Reverse Auction, the successful bidder shall undertake to execute the work as per overall price offered by him during the Reverse Auction process. (Guidelines as available on www.bhel.com on "supplier registration page").

1.5 **QUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS**

- i) Only tenderers who have previous experience in the work of the nature and description detailed in the Notice Inviting Tender and/or tender specification are expected to quote for this work duly detailing their experience along with offer.
- ii) Offers from tenderers who do not have proven and established experience in the field shall not be considered.

- iii) The offers of the bidders who are either debarred or under Interim Suspension from BHEL - CPC, PS-Region (PSNR, PSER, PSWR & PSSR), ISG & PEM or debarred from BHEL on web site <https://www.bhel.com/list-debarred-firms>, and the offer of the bidders, who engage the services of above said firms, shall be rejected. (Refer clause 28.0 of NIT).
- iv) Offers from tenderers who do not comply with the latest guidelines of Ministry/Commissions of Govt. of India shall not be considered.

1.6. EVALUATION OF BIDS

- i) Technical Bids submitted by the tenderer will be opened first and evaluated for fulfilling the Pre-Qualification criteria and other conditions in NIT/Tender documents, based on documentary evidences submitted along with the offer.
- ii) In case the same qualifying experience is claimed by more than one agency, then:
 - a. The agency who has executed the work as per documentary evidence submitted shall only be qualified. Scope of qualifying work should be totally with the agency who has executed and in case it is only labour and consumables without T&P, then the credentials of execution is assigned to the first agency and not to the agency who has executed only as labour supply contractor. Further, BHEL reserves the right to ask for any other proof for the said job.
 - b. However, if the same is on account of subletting part of scope by one agency to another agency in a project of BHEL, experience of both the agencies may be considered for the sublet portion of the work provided subletting has been done with the approval of BHEL.
- iii) In case the qualifying experience claimed by bidder is based on 'Work Order' and 'Experience Certificates' from any organization other than BHEL (main agency), then it shall be the responsibility of bidder to submit (in addition to the experience certificate from main agency) relevant certificate regarding qualifying experience from the end Customer or the Turnkey-Contractor (if any) who has awarded the work to main agency, as a proof for having executed subject qualifying work. BHEL reserves the right to ask for any other proof for the said job.
- iv) Assessing Bidder's Capacity for executing the current tender shall be as per Notice Inviting Tender.
- v) Price Bids of shortlisted bidders shall only be opened through the electronic price bid opening with/without Reverse Auction, at the discretion of BHEL. Unless specified otherwise in the tender, the L1 bidder amongst all the shortlisted bidders shall be considered for award. However, the L1 bidder shall have no claim on the award & BHEL reserves the right to award the tender at its sole discretion.
- vi) Price Bids of unqualified bidders shall not be opened. Reasons for rejection shall be intimated in due course either through system generated e-mail or through letter/e-mail after award to successful bidder.
- vii) Bidders are advised to also refer to clause no 2.9.4 regarding evaluation of their performance in ongoing projects.

1.7. DATA TO BE ENCLOSED

Full information shall be given by the tenderer in respect of the following. Non-submission of this information may lead to rejection of the offer.

i) INCOME TAX PERMANENT ACCOUNT NUMBER

Certified copies of Permanent Account Numbers as allotted by Income Tax Department for the Company/Firm/Individual Partners etc. shall be furnished along with tender.

ii) ORGANIZATION CHART

The organization chart of the tenderer's organization, including the names, addresses and contact information of the Directors/Partners shall be furnished along with the offer.

iii) An attested copy of the Power of Attorney, in case the tender is signed by an individual other than the sole proprietor.**iv) IN CASE OF INDIVIDUAL TENDERER:**

His / her full name, address, PAN and place & nature of business.

v) IN CASE OF PARTNERSHIP FIRM:

The names of all the partners and their addresses, A copy of the partnership deed/instrument of partnership duly certified by the Notary Public shall be enclosed.

vi) IN CASE OF COMPANIES:

- a) Date and place of registration including date of commencement certificate in case of Public Companies (certified copies of Memorandum and articles of Association are also to be furnished).
- b) Nature of business carried on by the Company and the provisions of the Memorandum relating thereof.

1.8 AUTHORIZATION AND ATTESTATION

Tenders shall be signed by a person duly authorized/empowered to do so, for which a Power of Attorney is to be submitted along with the tender offer. For company, a Power of Attorney (as per format in Volume-I D) shall be submitted.

1.9 Void**1.10 Void****1.11 Void****1.12 Void****1.13 VALIDITY OF OFFER**

The rates in the Tender shall be kept open for acceptance for a minimum period of **SIX MONTHS** from latest due date of offer submission (including extension, if any). In case BHEL (Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd) calls for negotiations, such negotiations shall not amount to cancellation or withdrawal of the original offer which shall be binding on the tenderers.

1.14 EXECUTION OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The successful tenderer's responsibility under this contract commences from the date of issue of the Letter of Intent/ Award by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited.

The successful tenderer shall be required to execute an agreement in the prescribed form, with BHEL, within a reasonable time after the acceptance of the Letter of Award, and in any case before releasing the first running bill. The contract agreement shall be signed by a person duly authorized/empowered by the tenderer. The expenses for preparation of agreement document shall be borne by BHEL.

1.15 REJECTION OF TENDER AND OTHER CONDITIONS

1.15.1 The acceptance of tender will rest with BHEL which does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender nor any tender and reserves to itself full rights for the following without assigning any reasons whatsoever: -

- a. To reject any or all of the tenders.
- b. To split up the work amongst two or more tenderers as per NIT.
- c. To award the work in part if specified in NIT.
- d. In case of either of the contingencies stated in (b) and (c) above, the time for completion as stipulated in the tender shall be applicable.

1.15.2 Conditional tenders, unsolicited tenders, tenders which are incomplete or not in the form specified or defective or have been materially altered or not in accordance with the tender conditions, specifications etc. are liable to be rejected.

1.15.3 Tenders are liable to be rejected in case of unsatisfactory performance of the tenderer with BHEL or tenderer under suspension (debarred) by any unit / region / division of BHEL or tenderers who do not comply with the latest guidelines of Ministry/Commissions of Govt of India. BHEL reserves the right to not consider a bidder for further processing of tender in case it is observed that they are overloaded and may not be in a position to execute this job as per the required schedule in line with clause no. 9.0 of the 'NIT'. The decision of BHEL will be final in this regard.

1.15.4 If a tenderer who is a proprietor expires after the submission of his tender or after the acceptance of his tender, BHEL may at their discretion, cancel such tender. If a partner of a firm expires after the submission of tender or after the acceptance of the tender, BHEL may then cancel such tender at their discretion, unless the firm retains its character. In case BHEL resolves to cancel the tender under this clause, BHEL will issue a notice in this regard containing reasons as to the cancellation of tender. The contractor shall be required to furnish his response to such notice within a period of 14 days from the date of receipt of such notice through any means (BHEL reserves the right to decrease the period up to 05 days). BHEL after due consideration of the representation made by contractor shall communicate its final decision within a reasonable period. In case contractor fails to submit any response to the notice issued by BHEL within the period stipulated in the notice, BHEL at its discretion may proceed to cancel the contract. Contractor shall not be eligible for any compensation whatsoever for the cancellation of contract under this clause

1.15.5 BHEL will not be bound by any Power of Attorney granted by changes in the composition of the firm made subsequent to the execution of the contract. BHEL may, however, recognize such power of Attorney and changes after obtaining proper legal advice, the cost of which will be chargeable to the contractor concerned.

- 1.15.6 If the tenderer deliberately gives wrong information in his tender, BHEL reserves the right to reject such tender at any stage or to cancel the contract if awarded and forfeit the Earnest Money/Security Deposit/any other money due.
- 1.15.7 Canvassing in any form in connection with the tenders submitted by the Tenderer shall make his offer liable to rejection.
- 1.15.8 In case the Proprietor, Partner or Director of the Company/Firm submitting the Tender, has any relative or relation employed in BHEL, the authority inviting the Tender shall be informed of the fact as per specified format, along with the Offer. Failing to do so, BHEL may, at its sole discretion, reject the tender or cancel the contract and forfeit the Earnest Money/Security Deposit.
- 1.15.9 The successful tenderer (Contractor) shall not sub-contract any portion of work detailed in the tender specification undertaken by him without written permission of BHEL's Construction Manager/Site in charge. BHEL, at its discretion, may consider the written request from the Contractor and permit subletting of part scope. However, the Contractor is solely responsible to BHEL for the work awarded to him.
- 1.15.10 The Tender submitted by a techno commercially qualified tenderer shall become the property of BHEL who shall be under no obligation to return the same to the bidder.
- 1.15.11 Unsolicited discount received after the due date and time of Bid Submission shall not be considered for evaluation. However, if the party who has submitted the unsolicited discount/rebate becomes the L-1 party, then the awarded price i.e. contract value shall be worked out after considering the discount so offered.
- 1.15.12 BHEL shall not be liable for any expenses incurred by the bidder in the preparation of the tender irrespective of whether the tender is accepted or not.

1.16 INTIMATION OF CHANGE OF NAME/ RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

In the event of the organization (Proprietorship/Partnership/Company) undergoing any change of name or reconstitution, prior intimation of the same shall be given to BHEL. Upon such changes coming into effect, the same is to be intimated to BHEL immediately with supporting documents as applicable.

CHAPTER-2

2.1 **DEFINITION:** The following terms shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them except where the context otherwise requires

- i) BHEL shall mean Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, a company registered under Indian Companies Act 1956, having its Registered Office at BHEL HOUSE, SIRI FORT, NEW DELHI – 110 049, or its office at CPC (Central Procurement Cell), PSHQ, Noida or its Power Sector Regional Offices or its Authorized Officers (inviting tenders).
- ii) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” or “GENERAL MANAGER (In- charge)” or “GENERAL MANAGER” shall mean the Officer in Administrative charge of the respective Power Sector Region.
- iii) “COMPETENT AUTHORITY” shall mean BHEL Officers who are empowered to act on behalf of BHEL.
- iv) “ENGINEER” or “ENGINEER IN CHARGE” shall mean an Officer of BHEL as may be duly appointed and authorized by BHEL to act as “Engineer” on his behalf for the purpose of the Contract, to perform the duty set forth in this General Conditions of Contract and other Contract documents. The term also includes ‘CONSTRUCTION MANAGER’ or ‘SITE INCHARGE’ as well as Officers at Site or at the Headquarters of the respective Power Sector Regions. For the purpose of joint measurement, verification, certification and/ or approval of the work and/ or documents under the contract the word "Engineer" or "Engineer In-charge" shall be deemed to include the Engineers of the Customer and/ or his Consultant also.
- v) “SITE” shall mean the places or place at which the plants/equipments are to be erected and services are to be performed as per the specification of this Tender.
- vi) “CLIENT OF BHEL” or “CUSTOMER” shall mean the project authorities with whom BHEL has entered into a contract for supply of equipments or provision of services.
- vii) “CONTRACTOR” shall mean the successful Bidder/Tenderer who is awarded the Contract and shall include the Contractor’s successors, heirs, executors, administrators and permitted assigns.
- viii) “CONTRACT” or “CONTRACT DOCUMENT” shall mean and includes the Agreement or Work Order, the accepted appendices of Rates, Schedules, Quantities if any, Offer submitted by contractor including acceptance to General Conditions of Contract, Special Conditions of Contract, Instructions to the Tenderers, Drawings, Technical Specifications, the Special Specifications if any, the Tender documents, subsequent amendments /corrigendum to Tender mutually agreed upon and the Letter of Intent/Award/Acceptance issued by BHEL. Any conditions or terms stipulated by the contractor in the tender documents or subsequent letters shall not form part of the contract unless, specifically accepted in writing by BHEL in the Letter of Intent/Award and incorporated in the agreement or amendment thereof.
- ix) “GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT” shall mean the ‘Instructions to Tenderers’ and ‘General Conditions of Contract’ pertaining to the work for which above tenders have been called for.

x)	"TENDER SPECIFICATION" or "TENDER" or "TENDER DOCUMENTS" shall mean General Conditions, Common Conditions, Special Conditions, Price Bid, Rate Schedule, Technical Specifications, Appendices, Annexures, Corrigendums, Amendments, Forms, Procedures, Site information etc. and drawings/documents pertaining to the work for which the tenderers are required to submit their offers. Individual specification number will be assigned to each Tender Specification.
xi)	"LETTER OF INTENT/ AWARD" shall mean the intimation by a Letter/Fax/email to the tenderer that the tender has been accepted in accordance with provisions contained in the letter. The responsibility of the contractor commences from the date of issue of this letter and all terms and conditions of the contract are applicable from this date.
xii)	"COMPLETION TIME" shall mean the period by 'date/month' specified in the 'Letter of Intent/Award' or date mutually agreed upon for handing over of the intended scope of work, the erected equipment/plant which are found acceptable by the Engineer, being of required standard and conforming to the specifications of the Contract.
xiii)	"PLANT" shall mean and connote the entire assembly of the plant and equipments covered by the contract.
xiv)	"EQUIPMENT" shall mean equipment, machineries, materials, structural, electricals and other components of the plant covered by the contract.
xv)	"TESTS" shall mean and include such test or tests to be carried out on the part of the contractor as are prescribed in the contract or considered necessary by BHEL in order to ascertain the quality, workmanship, performance and efficiency of the contractor or part thereof.
xvi)	"APPROVED", "DIRECTED" or "INSTRUCTED" shall mean approved, directed or instructed by BHEL.
xvii)	"WORK or CONTRACT WORK" shall mean and include supply of all categories of labour, specified consumables, tools and tackles and Plants required for complete and satisfactory site transportation, handling, stacking, storing, erecting, testing and commissioning of the equipments to the entire satisfaction of BHEL.
xviii)	"SINGULAR AND PLURALS ETC" words carrying singular number shall also include plural and vice versa, where the context so requires. Words imparting the masculine Gender shall be taken to include the feminine Gender and words imparting persons shall include any Company or Associations or Body of Individuals, whether incorporated or not.
xix)	"HEADING" – The heading in these General Conditions are solely for the purpose of facilitating reference and shall not be deemed to be part thereof or be taken as instructions thereof or of the contract.
xx)	"MONTH" shall mean calendar month unless otherwise specified in the Tender.
xxi)	'Day' or 'Days' unless herein otherwise expressly defined shall mean calendar day or days of twenty-four (24) hours each. A Week shall mean continuous period of seven (7) days.

- xxii) "COMMISSIONING" shall mean the synchronization testing and achieving functional operation of the Equipment with associated system after all initial adjustments, trials, cleaning, re-assembly required at site if any, have been completed and Equipment with associated system is ready for taking into service.
- xxiii) "WRITING" shall include any manuscript type written or hand written or printed statement or electronically transmitted messages, under the signature or seal or transmittal of BHEL.
- xxiv) "TEMPORARY WORK" shall mean all temporary works for every kind required in or for the execution, completion, maintenance of the work.
- xxv) 'CONTRACT PRICE' or 'CONTRACT VALUE' shall mean the sum mentioned in the LOI/LOA/Contract Agreement subject to such additions thereto or deductions there from as may be made under provisions hereinafter contained.
- xxvi) 'EXECUTED CONTRACT VALUE' shall mean actual value of works executed by the contractor and certified by BHEL. This value shall not include PVC, ORC, Extra Works and Taxes.
- xxvii) "COMMENCEMENT DATE" or "START DATE" shall mean the commencement/start of work at Site as per terms defined in the Tender.
- xxviii) "SHORT CLOSING" or "FORE CLOSING" of Contract shall mean the premature closing of Contract, for reasons not attributable to the contractor and mutually agreed between BHEL and the contractor.
- xxix) "TERMINATION" of Contract shall mean the pre mature closing of contract due to reasons as mentioned in the contract.
- xxx) "DE MOBILIZATION" shall mean the temporary winding up of Site establishment by Contractor leading to suspension of works temporarily for reasons not attributable to the contractor.
- xxxi) "RE MOBILIZATION" shall mean the resumption of work with all resources required for the work after demobilization.
- xxxii) "OVERRUN CHARGES (ORC)" shall mean and include all the costs incurred by the Contractor during the extended period of the contract, including but not limited to any cost arising out of idle labour, administrative cost, T & P and machinery.

2.2 LAW GOVERNING THE CONTRACT AND COURT JURISDICTION

The contract shall be governed by the Law for the time being in force in the Republic of India. Subject to clause 2.21.2 of this contract, the Civil Court having original Civil Jurisdiction at **Delhi for PSNR/ Kolkata for PSER/ Nagpur for PSWR/ Chennai for PSSR**, shall alone have exclusive jurisdiction in regard to all matters in respect of the Contract.

2.3 ISSUE OF NOTICE**2.3.1 Service of notice to the Contractor**

Any notice to be given to the Contractor under the terms of the contract shall be served by sending the same by **Email/ Registered Post/Speed Post to or leaving the same at** the Contractor's last known address of the principal place of business (or in the event of the contractor being a company, to or at its Registered Office). In case of change of address, the notice shall be served at changed address as notified in writing by the Contractor to BHEL. Such dispatch or display of the notice as the case may be shall be deemed to be good service of such notice and the time mentioned to the condition for doing any act after notice shall be reckoned from the date so mentioned in such notice.

2.3.2 Service of notice to BHEL

Any notice to be given to BHEL In-charge of the Region under the terms of the Contract shall be served by sending the same by Registered / AD or Speed Post to BHEL address or changed address as notified in writing by BHEL to the Contractor.

2.4 VOID**2.5 COMMENCEMENT OF WORK**

2.5.1 The contractor shall commence the work as per the time indicated in the Respective work order from BHEL and shall proceed with the same with due expedition without delay.

2.5.2 If the contractor fails to start the work within stipulated time as per Respective work order or as intimated by BHEL, then BHEL at its sole discretion shall have the right to cancel the contract. The Earnest Money and/or Security Deposit furnished by the contractor to under this tender will stand forfeited without any further reference to him and without prejudice to BHEL's other rights and remedies under this contract and the applicable laws in this regard.

2.5.3 All the work shall be carried out under the direction and to the satisfaction of BHEL.

2.6 MEASUREMENT OF WORK AND MODE OF PAYMENT:

2.6.1 All payments due to the contractors shall be made by e mode only, unless otherwise found operationally difficult for reasons to be recorded in writing and approved by contract executing department.

2.6.2 For progress running bill payments: - The Contractor shall present detailed measurement in triplicate, duly indicating all relevant details based on testing details as per work order for work done during the month/period under various categories in line with terms of payment as per contract.

2.6.3 VOID

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2.6.10 VOID

2.7 RIGHTS OF BHEL

BHEL reserves the following rights in respect of this contract during the original contract period or its extensions if any, as per the provisions of the contract, without entitling the contractor for any compensation.

2.7.1 To withdraw any portion of work and/or to restrict/alter quantum of work as indicated in the respective work order during the progress of work and get it done through other agencies to fulfil BHEL's commitment to its customer or the date of completion is advance due to other emergent reasons/ BHEL's obligation to its customer.

Where the contractor fails to deploy adequate manpower to meet the contractual target, BHEL reserves the right to deploy manpower to meet such shortfall, through any other agency for expediting activities in the interest of the project. Supplied manpower shall be put on job by the contractor. Fulfilling of all obligations towards payments and other statutory compliances related to manpower shall be the contractor's responsibility. In case of contractor's failure to fulfill his obligations in respect of such manpower, BHEL shall be entitled to take action as provided herein.

2.7.2 Void

2.7.3 In case Contractor fails to deploy the resources as per requirement informed by BHEL in writing to expedite the work, BHEL can deploy own/hired/otherwise arranged resources and recover the expenses incurred from the dues payable to contractor. Recoveries shall be actual expenses incurred plus 5% overheads or as defined in TCC.

2.7.4 To terminate the contract or to restrict the quantum of work and pay for the portion of work executed in case BHEL's contract with their customer are terminated for any reason whatsoever.

2.7.5 Whenever any Claim or Claims for payment of any sum of money(s) arises under this or any other contract against the contractor, BHEL shall be entitled to withhold and also have a lien to retain such sum of money(s) in whole or in part from any money(s) payable to contractor and/or security deposits furnished or deducted in cash from the bills of contractor, (if any) under this contract. In the event of the securities or the amounts payable to Contractor, being insufficient to cover BHEL claims, then BHEL shall be entitled to withhold and have a lien to the extent of such claims from any sum or sums found payable or which at any time thereafter may become payable to the contractor under this or any other contract with BHEL.

- i. Claim or Claims for payment of any sum of money(s) arising from the Contractor under this or any other contract against the contractor, shall mean, the sum of money(s) actually incurred by BHEL in fulfilling the contractual responsibilities of contractor under the contract, to which he has failed to fulfil plus applicable overheads (@ 5%) along with interest as applicable under

the Contract on total amount (i.e. money actually incurred plus overheads)

- ii. It is an agreed term of the contract that, the sum or sums of money so withheld or retained under the lien by BHEL will be kept withheld or retained as such by BHEL till the claims arising out of this or any other contract are finally adjudicated wither through Arbitration or a Court of competent jurisdiction as the case may be in accordance with the terms of contract. Intimation given by the BHEL Engineer regarding withholding of such money(s) shall be considered as sufficient and relevant date for all purposes. No Interest shall be payable on such sum(s) of money which becomes due or as the case may be adjudged to be due from BHEL to Contractor, whether under contract or otherwise.
- iii. Where the contractor is a partnership firm, BHEL shall be entitled to withhold and also have a lien to retain towards such claims in whole or in part, from any other money(s) payable to any partner, whether in his individual capacity or otherwise.
- iv. If any money(s) shall, as a result of any claim or application made under the relevant provisions of any Labour Welfare Act and/ or Rules, including but not limited to Contract Labour Regulation & Abolition Act, Minimum Wages Act, Payment of Gratuity Act, BOCW (RE&CS) Act, Provident Fund Act, Employee State Insurance Act, be directed to be paid by the BHEL, such money shall be deemed to be moneys payable to the BHEL by the Contractor.
- v. Where the Contractor fails to repay to BHEL such moneys along with applicable overheads (@ 5%) and interest, as aforesaid within seven days of being demanded, BHEL shall be entitled to recover the same from Contractor's bills/ Security Deposit or any other money(s) payable to Contractor under this Contract or any other Contract with BHEL.

2.7.6 While every endeavor will be made by BHEL to this end, yet BHEL cannot guarantee uninterrupted work due to conditions beyond its control. The Contractor will not be normally entitled for any compensation/extra payment on this account unless otherwise specified elsewhere in the contract.

2.7.7 BHEL may permit or direct contractor to demobilize and remobilize at a future date as intimated by BHEL in case of following situations for reasons other than Force majeure conditions and not attributable to contractor:

- i) suspension of work(s) at a Project either by BHEL or Customer,
or
- ii) where work comes to a complete halt or reaches a stage wherein worthwhile works cannot be executed and there is no possibility of commencement of work for a period of not less than three months

In such cases, charges towards demobilization and remobilization shall be as decided by BHEL after successful remobilization by contractor at site, and decision of BHEL shall be final and binding on the contractor. After remobilization, all conditions as per contract shall become applicable. In case Contractor does not remobilize with adequate resources or does not start the work within the period as intimated, then BHEL reserves the right to terminate the contract and effect remedies under Clause 2.7.2.2. In case of any conflict, BHEL decision in this regard shall be final and binding on the contractor.

2.7.8 In the unforeseen event of inordinate delay in receipt of materials, drawings, fronts etc. due to which inordinate discontinuity of work is anticipated, BHEL on its own or contractor's request at its discretion may consider to short close the contract in any of the following cases:

- a) The balance works (including but not limited to Trial Operation, PG Test etc.) are minor vis a vis the scope of work envisaged as per the contract.
- b) There has been no significant work in past 6 months OR no significant work is expected in next 6 months (example in Hydro projects or in projects where work has stopped due to reasons beyond the control of BHEL).
- c) The balance works cannot be done within a reasonable period of time as they are dependent on unit shut down or on other facilities of customer or any other such reasons not attributable to the contractor.

At the point of requesting for short closure, contractor shall establish that he has completed all works possible of completion and he is not able to proceed with the balance works due to constraints beyond his control. In such a case, the estimated value of the unexecuted portion of work (or estimated value of services to be provided for carrying out milestone/stage payments like Trial Operation/PG Test etc.) as decided by BHEL, shall however be reduced from the final respective work order value.

Note: The Contractor shall not be eligible for any compensation on account of Quantity Variation arising out of short-closure of contract as per clause no. 2.7.8 (b) above.

2.7.9 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Liquidated Damages, wherever referred under this Tender/Agreement, shall mean and refer to the damages, not in the nature of penalty, which the contractor agrees to pay in the event of delay in delivery of stores, installation, commissioning, breach of contract etc. as the case may be.

Liquidated Damages leviable upon the contractor is a sum which is agreed by the parties as a reasonable and genuine pre-estimate of damages which will be suffered by BHEL on account of delay/breach on the part of the contractor.

Liquidated Damages shall be calculated in the manner stipulated hereinafter:

In case the work is not completed within the stipulated time period, BHEL at its discretion may grant provisional time extension to contractor for the sole purpose of completion of balance works keeping its right reserved under the contract and law.

Grant of any provisional time extension shall by no means be considered as waiver of BHEL rights under the contract or law.

After the completion of work, duly certified by Engineer In-charge, a comprehensive delay analysis shall be carried out to ascertain the attribution of delays in the provisional time extensions granted to contractor. The delay analysis shall record:

- a) Delays solely attributable to contractor
- b) Delays attributable to BHEL
- c) Delays on account of Force Majeure (as specified elsewhere in the contract)

The total period under the final time extension shall be equal to the period between the scheduled date of completion and the actual date of completion of contract. LD shall be imposed/ levied for the

portion of time extensions solely attributable to contractor and recoverable from the dues payable to the contractor.

For the periods, wherein the delay as per the comprehensive delay analysis carried out is solely attributable to contractor, BHEL shall have the right to impose Liquidated Damage at the rate of 0.5% of the respective work order, per week of delay or part thereof subject to a maximum of 10% of the respective work order value.

Work order Value for this purpose, shall be the final executed value exclusive of ORC, Extra Works executed on Man-day rate basis, Supplementary/ Additional Items and PVC. Before levying LD, the contractor shall be duly intimated the amount and reasons thereof for imposition of LD.

2.8 VOID

2.9 VOID

2.10 TIME OF COMPLETION

2.10.1 The time for completion shall be as mentioned in the respective work order. The time for completion shall be reckoned from the date of receipt of sample for testing at contractor laboratory as certified/notified in writing by BHEL Engineers.

2.10.2 Time being the essence of the contract, the entire work shall be completed by the contractor within the time schedule or within such extended periods of time as may be allowed by BHEL under clause 2.11.

2.11 EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLETION

2.11.1 If the completion of work as detailed in the scope of work gets delayed beyond Turnaround Time (as defined in clause 2.8.3 of TCC), the contract period, the contractor shall request for an extension of the contract and BHEL at its discretion may extend the Contract. If the completion of work gets delayed for reasons not attributable to the contractor, the contract period may be suitably extended at the sole discretion of BHEL.

2.11.2 VOID

2.11.3 However, if any 'Time extension' is granted to the contractor to facilitate continuation of work and completion of contract, due to backlog attributable to the contractor alone, then it shall be without prejudice to the rights of BHEL to impose penalty/LD for the delays attributable to the contractor, in addition to any other actions BHEL may wish to take under Clause 2.7.2 of GCC i.e. Breach of Contract, Remedies and Termination.

2.11.4 VOID

2.12 VOID

2.13 VOID

2.14 QUANTITY VARIATION**2.14.1 Variation in Final Executed Contract Value****Framework Agreement/Rate contract and Respective Work Order :**

The quantities given in the contract are tentative and may change to any extent (both in plus side and minus side). No compensation becomes payable for variation of the final executed contract value of Framework Agreement in any side (Plus or Minus).

2.14.2 VOID**2.15 EXTRA WORKS**

2.15.1 All rectifications/modifications, revamping and reworks during execution/ operation/ maintenance, to be executed by engaging manpower and small tools & tackles (e.g. power hand tools, gas cutting sets, welding machines, chain and Pully block etc.), required for any reasons not due to the fault of the contractor, or needed due to any change in drawings and design of equipments, mismatching or due to damages in transit, storage erection, testing, commissioning and other allied works which are not very specifically indicated in the drawings, but are found essential for satisfactory completion of the work, will be considered as extra works.

2.15.2 Extra works arising on account of the contractor's fault, irrespective of time consumed in rectification of the damage/loss, will have to be carried out by the contractor free of cost. Under such circumstances, any material and consumable required for this purpose will also have to be arranged by the contractor at his cost.

2.15.3 All the extra work should be carried out without affecting routine activities. Daily log sheets in the pro-forma prescribed by BHEL should be maintained and shall be signed by the contractor's representative and BHEL engineer. No claim for extra work will be considered/entertained in the absence of the said supporting documents i.e. daily log sheets. Signing of log sheets by BHEL engineer does not necessarily mean the acceptance of such works as extra works.

2.15.4 BHEL retains the right to award or not to award any of the major repair/rework/modification/rectification/fabrication works to the contractor, at their discretion without assigning any reason for the same.

2.15.5 After eligibility of extra works is established and finally accepted by BHEL engineer/designer, payment will be released on competent authority's approval at the following rate.

MAN-HOUR RATE FOR ELIGIBLE EXTRA WORKS: Single composite average labour man-hour rate, including overtime if any, supervision, use of small tools and tackles and other site expenses and incidentals, consumables for carrying out extra works as defined above at clause 2.15.1 due will be at **Rs. 148 /-** per man hour.

2.15.6 The above composite labour man hour rate towards extra works shall remain firm and not subject to any variation during execution of the work. PVC will not be applicable for extra works in case of firm price tenders where PVC is not applicable. Rate revision, Over Run Charges/compensation etc. will not be applicable due to on extra works.

Wherever Tenders floated with PVC clause applicable, in those cases: -
PVC will be applicable for extra works with Base date as Jan' 2026. Rate revision, Over Run Charges/compensation etc. will not be applicable due to on for extra works.

Payment/ recovery due to variation in index of Labour shall be determined on the basis of the following formula;

$$P = R \times \frac{(X_N - X_0)}{X_0}$$

Where,

P = Amount to be paid/recovered due to variation in the Index for Labour,

R = Value of Extra work done for the billing month (Excluding Taxes and Duties if payable extra)

X_N = Revised Index for Labour, i.e. All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers for the billing month under consideration

X_0 = Index for Labour, i.e. All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers as on the Base date (Jan' 2026)

2.16 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Supplementary items / works are those item / works which are not covered in the original scope or BOQ of Frame Work Agreement but essentially required for completion of entire work. The Supplementary items/ works are due to any of the reasons as mentioned below: -

- a) All rectifications/modifications, revamping and reworks required to be executed by engaging manpower and major T&Ps like cranes, Induction Heating Machine, huge quantities of scaffolding pipes, costly consumables etc., due to any change in drawings/design of equipment, operation/maintenance requirements, mismatching or due to damages in transit, storage, erection, testing, commissioning & other allied works required for completion of entire work, but not due to the fault of the contractor.
- b) Additions /alterations in the original scope of works as per contract
- c) Non-availability of BOQ (Rate Schedule),
- d) Change in Specifications of materials/works

Execution of Supplementary Works by the contractor or to engage any other party shall be at the sole discretion of BHEL. Supplementary Work shall be considered as part of executed respective work order value for the purpose of Quantity Variation as per clause 2.14 mentioned above.

Subject to certification of such works as supplementary items/works by BHEL Engineer and approval from competent authority, Rates for Supplementary item for completing Non-Civil Works and Civil Works shall be derived on the basis of mutual agreement. BHEL Engineer's decision regarding fixing the rate as above is final and binding on the contractor. The procedure mentioned as below: -

2.16.1 For NON-Civil Works

The procedure for deciding the Rates shall be in the following order;

- i) Based on percentage breakup/rates indicated for similar/nearby items.
- ii) In case (i) above does not exist, then BHEL/site may derive the percentage breakup/rates to suit the type of work.

2.16.2 For Civil Works

The procedure for deciding the Rates shall be in the following order:

- i) Item rates are to be derived from similar nature of items in the BOQ (Rate Schedule) with applicable escalation derived from
 - a. Monthly All-India average consumer price index numbers for industrial workers published by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India (Website: www.labourbureau.in) and
 - b. Monthly Whole Sale Price Index' for the respective Commodity and Type, published by Office of Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. (Website: www.eaindustry.nic.in).

Note: Percentage components of labour and commodities for escalation purpose shall be considered as per the components applicable for particular commodity / labour as per Item rate analysis.

- ii) In case (i) above does not exist, Item rates are to be derived as per 'BHEL's Master Schedule of Rates (MSR)', rate analysis with prevailing market rates.
- iii) In case (i) & (ii) above does not exist, Item rates are to be as per latest edition of CPWD-DSR with applicable escalation derived from Notification issued by the office of CPWD for 'Cost Index' in that Region where the project is being executed.

2.17 Refer Clause 4.2 of TCC

2.18 VOID

2.18.1 VOID

2.19 VOID

2.20 FORCE MAJEURE

2.20.1 "Force Majeure" shall mean circumstance which is:

- 2.20.1.1 beyond control of either of the parties to contract.
- 2.20.1.2 Either of the parties could not reasonably have provided against the event before entering into the contract,
- 2.20.1.3 Having arisen, either of the parties could not reasonably have avoided or overcome, and
- 2.20.1.4 Is not substantially attributable to either of the parties and prevents the performance of the contract.

2.20.2 Such circumstances include but not limited to

- 2.20.2.1** War, hostilities, invasion, act of foreign enemies.
- 2.20.2.2** Rebellion, terrorism, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power, or civil war.
- 2.20.2.3** Riot, commotion or disorder by persons other than the contractor's personnel and other employees of the contractor and sub-contractors.
- 2.20.2.4** Strike or lockout not solely involving the contractor's personnel and other employees of the contractor and sub-contractors.
- 2.20.2.5** Encountering munitions of war, explosive materials, ionizing radiation or contamination by radio-activity, except as may be attributable to the contractor's use of such munitions, explosives, radiation or radio- activity.
- 2.20.2.6** Natural catastrophes such as earthquake, tsunami, volcanic activity, hurricane or typhoon, flood, fire, cyclones etc.
- 2.20.2.7** Epidemic, pandemic etc.

2.20.3 The following events are explicitly excluded from Force Majeure and are solely the responsibilities of the non-performing party: a) any strike, work-to-rule action, go-slow or similar labour difficulty (b) late delivery of equipment or material (unless caused by Force Majeure event) and (c) economic hardship.

2.20.4 If either party is prevented, hindered or delayed from or in performing any of its obligations under the Contract by an event of Force Majeure, then it shall notify the other in writing of the occurrence of such event and the circumstances thereof within 15 (fifteen) days after the occurrence of such event.

2.20.5 The party who has given such notice shall be excused from the performance or punctual performance of its obligations under the Contract for so long as the relevant event of Force Majeure continues and to the extent that such party's performance is prevented, hindered or delayed. The Time for Completion shall be extended by a period of time equal to period of delay caused due to such Force Majeure event.

2.20.6 Delay or non-performance by either party hereto caused by the occurrence of any event of Force Majeure shall not

2.20.6.1 Constitute a default or breach of the Contract.

2.20.6.2 Give rise to any claim for damages or additional cost expense occasioned thereby, if and to the extent that such delay or non-performance is caused by the occurrence of an event of Force Majeure.

2.20.7 BHEL at its discretion may consider short closure of contract after 1 year of imposition of Force Majeure in line with extant guidelines. In any case, Supplier/Vendor cannot consider deemed short-closure after 1 year of imposition of Force Majeure.

2.21 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever shall arise between BHEL and the Supplier/Vendor, arising out of the contract for the performance of the work whether during the progress of contract termination, abandonment or breach of the contract, it shall in the first place referred to Designated Engineer for amicable resolution by the parties. Designated Engineer (to be nominated by BHEL for settlement of disputes arising out of the contract) who within 60 days after

being requested shall give written notice of his decision to the contractor. Save as hereinafter provided, such decision in respect of every matter so referred shall forthwith be given effect to by the Supplier/Vendor who shall proceed with the work with all due diligence, whether he or BHEL desires to resolve the dispute as hereinafter provided or not.

If after the Designated Engineer has given written notice of this decision to the party and no intention to pursue the dispute has been communicated to him by the affected party within 30 days from the receipt of such notice, the said decision shall become final and binding on the parties. In the event the Supplier/Vendor being dissatisfied with any such decision or if amicable settlement cannot be reached then all such disputed issues shall be resolved through conciliation in terms of the BHEL Conciliation Scheme 2018 as per Clause 2.21.1

2.21.1 CONCILIATION

Any dispute, difference or controversy of whatever nature howsoever arising under or out of or in relation to this Agreement (including its interpretation) between the Parties, and so notified in writing by either Party to the other Party (the "Dispute") shall, in the first instance, be attempted to be resolved amicably in accordance with the conciliation procedure as per BHEL Conciliation Scheme 2018. 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 - "Procedure for conduct of conciliation proceedings" (as available in www.bhel.com)).

Note: Ministry of Finance has issued OM reference No. 1/2/24 dated 03.06.2024 regarding "Guidelines for Arbitration and Mediation in Contracts of Domestic Public Procurement. In the said OM it has been recommended that Government departments/

Entities/agencies are to encourage mediation under the Mediation Act. 2023 . The said Act has not yet been notified by the Government. Therefore, the clause "Settlement of Disputes" shall be modified accordingly as and when the Mediation Act 2023 gets notified.

2.21.2 ARBITRATION

2.21.2.1 Except as provided elsewhere in this Contract, in case Parties are unable to reach amicable settlement (whether by Conciliation to be conducted as provided in Clause 2.21.1 herein above or otherwise) in respect of any dispute or difference; arising out of the formation, breach, termination, validity or execution of the Contract; or, the respective rights and liabilities of the Parties; or, in relation to interpretation of any provision of the Contract; or, in any manner touching upon the Contract (hereinafter referred to as the 'Dispute'), then, either Party may, refer the disputes to Arbitral Institution i.e. **"India International Arbitration Centre (IIAC) Delhi" for PSNR & PSER / "Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA), Mumbai" for PSWR / "Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre (NPAC) Chennai" for PSSR** and such dispute to be adjudicated by Sole Arbitrator appointed in accordance with the Rules of said Arbitral Institution.

2.21.2.2 A party willing to commence arbitration proceeding shall invoke Arbitration Clause by giving notice to the other party in terms of section 21 of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Notice') before referring the matter to arbitral institution. The Notice shall be addressed to the **Head of the Region, Power Sector/ Unit, BHEL, executing the Contract** and shall contain the particulars of all claims to be referred to arbitration with sufficient detail and shall also indicate the monetary amount of such claim including interest, if any.

2.21.2.3 After expiry of 30 days from the date of receipt of aforesaid notice, the party invoking the

Arbitration shall submit that dispute to the Arbitral Institutions and that dispute shall be adjudicated in accordance with their respective Arbitration Rules. The matter shall be adjudicated by a Sole Arbitrator who shall necessarily be a Retd Judge having considerable experience in commercial matters to be appointed/nominated by the respective institution. The cost/expenses pertaining to the said Arbitration shall also be governed in accordance with the Rules of the respective Arbitral Institution. The decision of the party invoking the Arbitration for reference of dispute to a specific Arbitral institution for adjudication of that dispute shall be final and binding on both the parties and shall not be subject to any change thereafter. The institution once selected at the time of invocation of dispute shall remain unchanged.

2.21.2.4 The fee and expenses shall be borne by the parties as per the Arbitral Institutional rules.

2.21.2.5 The Arbitration proceedings shall be in English language and the seat and venue of Arbitration shall be **Delhi for PSNR/ Kolkata for PSER/ Nagpur for PSWR/ Chennai for PSSR.**

2.21.2.6 Subject to the above, the provisions of Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996 and any amendment thereof shall be applicable. All matters relating to this Contract and arising out of invocation of Arbitration clause are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court(s) situated at **Delhi for PSNR/ Kolkata for PSER/ Nagpur for PSWR/ Chennai for PSSR.**

2.21.2.7 Notwithstanding any reference to the Designated Engineer or Conciliation or Arbitration herein, a. the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree. Settlement of Dispute clause cannot be invoked by the Contractor, if the Contract has been mutually closed or 'No Demand Certificate' has been furnished by the Contractor or any Settlement Agreement has been signed between the Employer and the Contractor.

2.21.2.8 The Mechanism of resolution of disputes through arbitration shall be available only in the cases where the value of the dispute is less than Rs. 10 Crores.

2.21.2.9 In case the disputed amount (Claim, Counter claim including interest is Rs. 10 crores and above, the parties shall be within their rights to take recourse to remedies other than Arbitration, as may be available to them under the applicable laws after prior intimation to the other party. Subject to the aforesaid conditions, provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof as amended from time to time, shall apply to the arbitration proceedings under this clause.

2.21.2.10 In case, multiple arbitrations are invoked (whether sub-judice or arbitral award passed) by any party to under this contract, then the cumulative value of claims (including interest claimed or awarded) in all such arbitrations shall be taken in account while arriving at the total claim in dispute for the subject contract for the purpose of clause 2.21.2.9. Disputes having cumulative value of less than 10 crores shall be resolved through arbitration and any additional dispute shall be adjudicated by the court of competent jurisdiction.

2.21.3 In case of Contract with Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) or a Government Department, the following shall be applicable:

In the event of any dispute or difference relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of commercial contract(s) between Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)/ Port Trusts inter se and also between CPSEs and Government Departments/Organizations (excluding disputes concerning Railways, Income Tax, Customs & Excise Departments), such dispute or difference shall be taken up by either party for resolution through AMRCD (Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of CPSEs Disputes) as mentioned in DPE OM No. 05/0003/2019-FTS-10937 dated 14-12-2022 as amended from time to time.

2.21.4 No Interest payable to Contractor

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other document comprising in the Contract, no interest shall be payable by BHEL to Contractor on any moneys or balances including but not limited to the Security Deposit, EMD, Retention Money, RA Bills or the Final Bill, or any amount withheld and/or appropriated by BHEL etc., which becomes or as the case may be, is adjudged to be due from BHEL to Contractor whether under the Contract or otherwise.

2.22 VOID**2.23 Payments: Refer Chapter-IV of TCC.****2.24 VOID****2.25 SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS DEALINGS**

BHEL reserves the right to take action against Contractors who either fail to perform or Tenderers/Contractor who indulge in malpractices, by suspending business dealings with them in line with BHEL guidelines issued from time to time.

The offers of the bidders who are under suspension as also the offers of the bidders, who engage the services of the banned firms / principal / agents, shall be rejected. The list of banned firms is available on BHEL web site www.bhel.com.

If any bidder / supplier / contractor during pre-tendering / tendering / post tendering / award / execution / post-execution stage indulges in any act, including but not limited to, mal-practices, cheating, bribery, fraud or and other misconduct or formation of cartel so as to influence the bidding process or influence the price or tampers the tendering process or acts or omits in any manner which tantamount to an offence punishable under any provision of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or any other law in force in India, or does anything which is actionable under the Guidelines for Suspension of Business dealings, action may be taken against such bidder / supplier / contractor as per extant guidelines of the company available on www.bhel.com and / or under applicable legal provisions. Guidelines for suspension of business dealings is available in the webpage:

http://www.bhel.com/vender_registration/vender.php

2.26 LIMITATION ON LIABILITY:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Contract or LOA or any other mutually agreed document between the parties, the maximum liability, for damages, of the contractor, its servants or agents, shall under no circumstances exceed an amount equal to the Price of the Contract or the Work Order. The Contractor shall not in any case be liable for loss of profit or special, punitive, exemplary, indirect or consequential losses whatsoever. This shall not be applicable on the recoveries made by Customer from BHEL on account of Contractor, any other type of recoveries for workmanship, material, T&P etc. due from the contractor.

2.27 NON-DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE:

The bidders shall enter into the Non-disclosure agreement totally voluntarily, with full knowledge of its meaning and without duress. (Format F-08).

2.28 CARTEL FORMATION

The Bidder declares that they will not enter into any illegal or undisclosed agreement or

understanding, whether formal or informal with other Bidder(s). 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. In case, the Bidder is found having indulged in above activities, suitable action shall be taken by BHEL as per extant policies/ guidelines

2.29 FRAUD PREVENTION POLICY

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.

2.30 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of any ambiguity or conflict between the contract Documents, the order of precedence shall be in the order below:

- I. Contract agreement with its Amendments
- II. Letter of Award with its Amendments
- III. Clarifications/Corrigenda/Errata etc. issued in respect of the tender documents by BHEL
- IV. Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)
- V. Price Bid
- VI. Technical Conditions of Contract (TCC)—Volume-IA
- VII. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) —Volume-IB
- VIII. General Conditions of Contract (GCC) —Volume-IC
- IX. Forms and Procedures —Volume-ID

2.31 OTHER ISSUES

2.31.1 Value of Non-judicial Stamp Paper for Bank Guarantees and for Contract Agreement shall be not less than Rs 100/- unless otherwise required under relevant statutes.

2.31.2 In case of any conflict between the General Conditions of Contract and Special Conditions of Contract, provisions contained in the Special Conditions of Contract shall prevail.

2.31.3 Unless otherwise specified in NIT, offers from 'Consortium'/'JVs (formed specifically for participating in the tender)', shall not be considered.