



**BHEL Electronics Division, Bangalore INDIA
invites Expression of Interest (EOI)
for supply of PV Modules from reputed manufactures.**

EOI Ref NO and date	SCPVMM0002 dated 02.12.2016
EOI due date	21.12.2016 (Wednesday), 13.00 hours (Indian Time)
Submission of EOI	The EOI and supporting documents shall be submitted to BHEL EDN before the due date by post/ email.
Address for Communication & Contact Person in BHEL	Mr. Muhammed Shakir / Mr. Ramachandra, SC&PV MM Department, BHEL Electronics Division, PB NO 2606, Mysore road, Bangalore-560 026. INDIA Email: muhammedshakir@bheledn.co.in / ramachandra@bheledn.co.in Telephone number: +91 80 26989665/ +91 80 26998476 Fax: +91 80 26989217



1.0 COMPANY INTRODUCTION

BHEL-Electronics Division, Bangalore, a unit of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd, a Maharatna public sector undertaking under Government of India proposes to procure approximately **300 MW** of 315-330 watts & above rated crystalline photovoltaic (PV) modules for use in solar PV power plants over the next one year. This call for Expression of Interest (EOI) seeks response from interested parties (Original Equipment Manufacturers only) for empanelment and supply of crystalline PV modules to BHEL.

BHEL is a leading Government of India-owned public sector undertaking. BHEL is an integrated power plant equipment manufacturer and one of the largest engineering and manufacturing organizations in India, catering to the infrastructure sectors of Indian economy viz. energy, transportation & industry. The energy sector covers generation, transmission and distribution equipment for hydro, fossil and gas fuels. BHEL has been in this business for more than 50 years and BHEL manufactured sets account for nearly 70% of total power generated in India.

BHEL has 17 manufacturing units, 4 power sector regions, 8 service centers, 10 overseas offices and 15 regional offices, besides a host of project sites spread all over India and abroad. The annual turnover of BHEL for the year 2015-16 was Rs. 26,587 crores. BHEL's highly skilled and committed manpower of nearly 42,000 employees, the best of manufacturing facilities and practices, together with the latest technologies has helped BHEL to deliver consistently. With order book of about Rs.1,00,000 crores, BHEL is poised for excellent growth. More details about the entire range of BHEL's products and operations available on our web site www.bhel.com.

1.1. About Electronics Division unit of BHEL

Electronics Division (BHEL-EDN), a unit of BHEL, was established in 1976 at Bangalore (India), with the objective of being a nodal agency for electronics in BHEL & to provide a strong base in the areas of automation and power electronics. Many of the power plants and industries in the country today are equipped with electronics products and systems that have been manufactured and supplied by EDN.

EDN also has a strong presence in the field of transportation for more than a decade and has been supplying vehicle control electronics and GTO/IGBT based converters for Indian Railways. EDN is also into manufacturing of semiconductor devices and PV modules and has executed several solar power projects on turnkey basis till date.

1.2. PV business in BHEL-EDN

EDN is engaged in semiconductor processing and manufacturing since 1978 and is one of the pioneering organizations in the country in this area. Commencing in the year 1983, the division has continuously worked in the field of solar cells, PV modules and PV systems and developed its own in-house technology. The efficiency levels reached with in-house R&D efforts are on par with international standards. PV modules manufactured by EDN have been type-tested & certified by international agencies as per latest IEC standards.



BHEL-EDN is one of the few organizations in the country which has developed expertise in the silicon value chain, i.e., from wafer-to-power plant which involves design, supply, commissioning and O&M of solar PV power plants. The company has installed about 180 MW of solar power with system size varying from kW scale to several MW and has about 190 MW PV power plant orders presently under execution. It has a dedicated team of R&D and field engineers who help to maintain global standards with a defined R&D road map to address the market needs and requirements. More details of photovoltaic products can be found at www.bheledn.com.

2.0 SCOPE OF SUPPLY

Crystalline PV modules with power output as below

- i) 315-330 W for multi-crystalline modules
- ii) 330 W & above for mono-crystalline modules

The brief technical specification is shown at Annexure-1.

Terms of delivery: CIF-Chennai/Mumbai/Other Indian sea port (for foreign vendors)

FOR - Project site (for Indian vendors)

BHEL purchase terms & conditions: Refer doc no: SCPV: PV Module: 002- Rev 00,

3.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA (PQC) :

PQC is as mentioned under clause 1 of Annexure-1.

The PQC is a mandatory requirement and the EOI will be considered only if all the PQC conditions are met.

4.0 INSTRUCTION TO RESPONDENTS FOR OFFER SUBMISSION

This call for EOI is an invitation to prospective vendors for making a techno-commercial offer and subsequent empanelment with BHEL-EDN, so that it is convenient for BHEL to address an enquiry / RFQ in the event of an actual requirement. Vendors already registered with EDN may also respond to this call provided they meet the technical requirements (ref Annexure-1 for brief technical specifications).

The respondents shall submit their offers necessarily with following:

- (a) Annexure-1: "Brief Technical Specifications" enclosed herewith. Point-wise confirmation to BHEL specification including PQC may be provided along with respondent's seal & signature on each page. Documentary proof for PQC requirements to be enclosed additionally.
- (b) Annexure-2: "Company profile" enclosed herewith, duly filled up by the respondent with seal & signature. Customer reference list may be enclosed.
- (c) Annexure-3: "Checklist" enclosed herewith, duly filled up by the respondent with seal & signature.



5.0 OFFER SUBMISSION:

EOI may please be sent to the following address:

**Attn: Mr. Muhammed Shakir/
Mr. Ramachandra,**

SC&PV MM Department,
BHEL Electronics Division,
PB NO 2606, Mysore road,
Bangalore-560 026. INDIA
Email: muhammedshakir@bheledn.co.in/ ramachandra@bheledn.co.in
Telephone number: +91 80 26989665/ +91 80 26998476

The respondents shall submit their responses in a sealed cover to BHEL on or before 13.00 hours, **21st December, 2016** and the same shall be opened on the same day at 13.30 hours by BHEL. Responses received after the due date will not be considered.

6.0 EVALUATION

- a) The EOI received from various PV module manufacturers shall be scrutinized and shortlisted based on qualifying criteria specified and meeting technical specification in total. BHEL may request the shortlisted vendors for further discussions and presentations.
- b) Tendering will be done by BHEL subsequently as per BHEL policy and guidelines. Offers thus obtained, would be evaluated as per laid down procedure to select the vendors for supply of PV modules or pre-bid MOU purpose.

7.0 DISCLAIMER

- a) This call for EOI does not constitute an invitation of offer in relation to the aforesaid PV modules. This is not a contract or agreement of any kind whatsoever.
- b) There may be deviations or changes in any of aforementioned information during actual tendering for the supply of PV modules.



ANNEXURE-1

BRIEF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

1. Pre-Qualification Criteria (PQC)

Sl. no	Particulars	Vendor's confirmation
1	The offer shall be submitted only by the original PV module manufacturers. Any offer received from other than OEM shall be rejected.	<Please mention: Name of PV module manufacturer, complete address & contact details with email address>
2	Vendor should have a minimum of 100 MW/annum automated in-house PV module manufacturing facilities.	<Please mention: Automated PV module manufacturing capacity in MW/annum: _____ >
3	<p>The bi shall have the following valid IEC certifications for the offered PV modules.</p> <p>i) IEC 61215:2005 – Crystalline silicon terrestrial PV modules – Design qualification and type approval</p> <p>ii) IEC 61730 – 1:2004 - PV module safety qualification – Part 1: Requirements for construction</p> <p>IEC 61730 – 2:2004 - PV module safety qualification – Part 2: Requirements for testing</p> <p>iii) IEC 61701:2011 – Salt mist corrosion testing of PV modules</p> <p>iv) IEC 62804 – Test method for detection of Potential Induced Degradation (PID) of PV module</p>	<p>Yes / No</p> <p><Valid IEC test certificates and test reports to be attached along with corresponding approved bill of materials (BoM) or Constructional Data Format (CDF) ></p>
4	Vendor should have manufactured and supplied solar PV modules of rating 300 Wp or above during the last 3 years.	<p>Yes / No</p> <p><Supporting documents in the form of purchase order or delivery challan or invoice to be enclosed></p>
5	Vendor shall submit installation certificate for modules in PV power plants which have been in successful & continuous operation for minimum 3 years	<p>Yes / No</p> <p><Certificate to be enclosed></p>



2. Module Configuration

PV module with 156 mm crystalline silicon solar cells in 12*6 series (72 cells configuration).
Vendors are requested to offer specification for:

Sl. no	Particulars	Vendor's confirmation
1	Multi-crystalline modules rated 315-330 W	Offered <Yes / No>
2	Mono-crystalline modules rated 330W and above	Offered <Yes / No>

3. Construction/BOM: As per the following table-

Sl. no.	Materials	Details	Vendor's confirmation / remarks
1	Solar cells	156 mm crystalline silicon solar cells 3BB / 4BB	
2	EVA	Fast cure type, UV resistant	
3	Glass	Toughened, low iron, high transmittance ($\geq 90\%$) AR coated glass. Thickness 3.2 to 4.0 mm depending on customer requirement.	
4	Back sheet	Colour: White, thickness: 300 microns (min), UV resistant 3 layered structure: outer layer of fluoropolymer, middle layer polyester (PET) based & inner layer of UV resistant polymer. TUV-certified for partial discharge test for system voltage ≥ 1000 V DC.	
5	PV module Frame	Corrosion resistant anodized aluminium (corner block type) with anodizing thickness ≥ 15 microns Mounting holes pitch (centre to centre) shall be as per BHEL's requirement.	
6	Edge sealing of the PV modules	The sealant used for edge sealing of the PV module laminate with frames shall have excellent moisture ingress protection with good electrical insulation (break down voltage ≥ 15 kV / mm) and good adhesion strength.	



7	Junction box	Rated voltage: 1000/1500 V DC. IP67 grade, UV resistant and shall conform to the following requirement: 4 Terminals, 3 bypass diodes 2 X 1 metre 4 sq. mm Cu cable (length may vary) 2 nos. of MC4 or MC4 compatible connectors Junction box cable shall be as per TUV Specification 2 Pfg 1169/08.2007.	
8	Junction box adhesive	Silicone sealant	
9	Cell & string connectors	Tin-lead or tin-lead-silver coated copper	
10	RFID Tag	Passive UHF - EPC Gen 2 compliant, operating frequency 840–960 MHz. RFID tag shall contain information such as name of manufacturer, date of manufacture, serial number, model number etc. RFID tag shall be fixed inside the laminate or outside depending on tender requirement.	

NOTE: Materials/makes offered and used in manufacturing shall be in line with IEC approved CDF.

4. General Requirements:

Sl. no.	Particulars	Details	Vendor's confirmation / remarks
1	Efficiency	Module efficiency shall be more than 15.8% Cellular efficiency shall be more than 17%	
2	Power Band / grouping of modules	Modules shall be supplied in 3W or 5W band as per contract requirement. No negative power output tolerance is acceptable	
3	Operating Environment	SPV module shall perform satisfactorily in relative humidity up to 85% with ambient temperatures between -10°C to +60°C and shall withstand gust up to 150 Km/h on the surface of the panel	



4	Quality Assurance	<p>BHEL / BHEL's customer shall carry out pre-dispatch inspection at vendor's works. Samples shall be selected by inspectors as per sampling plan indicated during tendering stage. Inspection shall include (but not necessarily limited to) the following tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) BOM verification ii) Flash Test iii) Visual inspection iv) EL inspection v) HV test vi) IR test vii) Wet leakage test viii) Ground continuity resistance test ix) Other tests as per tender requirement <p>EL testing may be required for 100% of the panels.</p>	
5	Warranty	<p>PV modules shall be warranted to be free from the defects and failures for a period not less than five (05) years from the date of supply. Modules must be warranted for at least 90% of its rated power after initial 10 years and 80% of its rated power after 25 years from supply.</p>	
6	Special commercial requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Module warranty must be adequately backed up by insurance for 25 years. ii) Vendors may indicate the willingness to extend credit for a time period specified by them 	



ANNEXURE-2

Format for filling up Company Profile

1.0	General information	
	1.1 Name of company	
	1.2 Address: Telephone: Fax: E-mail: Website:	
	1.3 <u>Factory / Works:</u> Address: Telephone: Fax: E-mail: Website:	
	1.4 Chief Executive:	
	1.5 <u>Contact person(s)</u> Name(s): Official capacity: Address: Telephone: Fax: E-mail:	
	1.6 Year of establishment of the company	
2.0	FINANCIAL INFORMATION:	
2.1	Annual turnovers, and profit-after-tax for last 3 years: (Attach copies of audited Balance Sheet and P&L Account) Year-1: Year-2: Year-3:	

Authorized Signature



ANNEXURE-3

CHECK LIST FOR DOCUMENTS

Sl. No.	Description	Enclosed
1	Covering letter signed by an authorized signatory on company letter head listing clearly the enclosures	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Technical offer: iii) 315-330 W multi-crystalline modules iv) 330 W & above mono-crystalline modules including datasheets, drawings etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Annexure 1 - with point-wise confirmation for all requirements including PQC	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Annexure 2 - Company profile	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Annexure 3 - Documents checklist	<input type="checkbox"/>

Authorized Signature



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Electronics Division

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SCPV: PV Module: 001- Rev 00

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Common for all RFQs)

Bidder is requested to read the instructions carefully and submit their quotation covering all the points:

A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Any Purchase Order resulting from this enquiry shall be governed by the Instructions to Bidders (document reference: SCPV: PV Module: 001 – Rev 00), General Conditions of Contract (document reference: SCPV: PV Module: 002 - Rev 00) and Special Conditions of Contract, if any, of the enquiry.
2. Any deviations from or additions to the “General Conditions of Contract” or “Special Conditions of Contract” require BHEL’s express written consent. The general terms of business or sale of the bidder shall not apply to this tender.
3. Bidders (also includes the term suppliers / contractors wherever used in this document) are instructed to quote their most competitive price and best delivery, etc. in the offer. Prices should be indicated in both figures & words.
(Please also refer clause 11 under section B)
4. Regret letter (either through post or by mail) indicating reasons for not quoting must be submitted without fail, in case of non-participation in this tender. If a bidder fails to respond against 3 consecutive tenders for the same item, he will be liable for removal as a registered vendor of BHEL.
5. Procurement directly from the manufacturers shall be preferred. However, if the OEM / Principal insist on engaging the services of an agent, such agent shall not be allowed to represent more than one manufacturer / supplier in the same tender. Moreover, either the agent could bid on behalf of the manufacturer / supplier or the manufacturer / supplier could bid directly but not both. In case bids are received from the manufacturer / supplier and his agent, bid received from the agent shall be ignored.
6. Consultant / firm (and any of its affiliates) shall not be eligible to participate in the tender/s for the related goods for the same project if they were engaged for consultancy services for the same project.
7. If an Indian representative / associate / liaison office quotes on behalf of a foreign based bidder, such representative shall furnish compulsorily the following documents:
 - a. Authorization letter to quote and negotiate on behalf of such foreign-based bidder.
 - b. Undertaking from such foreign based bidder that such contract will be honored and executed according to agreed scope of supply and commercial terms and conditions.
 - c. Undertaking shall be furnished by the Indian representative stating that the co-ordination and smooth execution of the contract and settlement of shortages / damages / replacement / repair of imported scope till system is commissioned and handed over to customer will be the sole responsibility of the Indian representative / associates / agent / liaison office.
8. In case of imported scope of supply, customs clearance & customs duty payment will be to BHEL account after the consignment is received at Indian Airport / Seaport. Bidders must provide all original documents required for completing the customs clearance along with the shipment. Warehousing charges due to incomplete or missing documentation will be recovered from the supplier’s bill. All offers for imported scope of supply must be made from any of the gateway ports (within the country) indicated. **(Refer Annexure I)**
9. The offers of the bidders who are on the banned list and also the offers of the bidders, who engage the services of the banned firms, shall be rejected. The list of the banned firms is available on BHEL website: **www.bhel.com**
10. Business dealings with bidders will be suspended if they are found to have indulged in any malpractices / misconduct which are contrary to business ethics like bribery, corruption, fraud, pilferage, cartel formation, submission of fake/false/forged documents, poor quality, certificates, information to BHEL or if they tamper with

tendering procedure affecting the ordering process or fail to execute a contract, or rejection of 3 consecutive supplies or if their firms / works are under strike / lockout for a long period.

B. GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF OFFER:

1. Quotation shall be submitted in Single Part Bid, Two Part Bid or Three Part Bid, as called for in the tender:
 - **SINGLE PART BID:** Technical and Commercial Bid with prices along with price summary & filled in BHEL Standard Commercial terms and conditions in a single sealed envelope.
 - **TWO PART BID:** Unpriced offer i.e. "Techno-commercial Bid" with filled in BHEL Standard Commercial terms and conditions in a sealed envelope **along with the copy of the "Price Bid" without the prices** should be enclosed in one cover and the cover must be super scribed "**Techno-commercial offer**) and Priced offer i.e. "Price Bid" containing price summary in a separate sealed envelope and must be super scribed "**Price Bid**". Both these envelopes shall be enclosed in a single sealed envelope super scribed with enquiry number due date of tender and any other details as called for in the tender document.
 - **THREE PART BID:** Pre-qualification Bid (Part-I), Techno Commercial Bid with filled in BHEL Standard Commercial terms and conditions (Part-II), and Price Bid (Part-III). All three envelopes shall be enclosed in a single sealed envelope super scribed with enquiry number due date of tender and any other details as called for in the tender document.

If any of the offers (Part I, Part II or Part III) are not submitted before the due date and time of submission at the venue/place specified or if any part of the offer is incomplete the entire offer of the bidder is liable for rejection.

2. Supplier shall ensure to super scribe each envelope with RFQ number, RFQ Date, RFQ Due date and time, Item Description and Project clearly & boldly. Also mention on the envelope whether it is "Techno Commercial Bid" or "Price Bid" or "Pre-Qualification Bid". Please ensure complete address, department name and purchase executive name is mentioned on the envelope (before dropping in the tender box or handing over) so that the tender is available in time for bid opening.
3. BHEL standard Commercial Terms and Conditions shall be duly filled, signed & stamped and must accompany Technical-Commercial offer without fail and should be submitted in original only. Xerox copy will not be accepted.
4. Any of the terms and conditions not acceptable to supplier, shall be explicitly mentioned in the Techno-Commercial Bid. If no deviations are brought out in the offer it will be treated as if all terms and conditions of this enquiry are accepted by the supplier without any deviation.
5. Deviation to this specification / item description, if any, shall be brought out clearly indicating "DEVIATION TO BHEL SPECIFICATION" without fail, as a part of Techno-Commercial Bid. If no deviations are brought out in the offer it will be treated as if the entire specification of this enquiry is accepted without deviation.
6. Suppliers shall submit one set of original catalogue, datasheets, bill of materials, dimensional drawings, mounting details and / or any other relevant documents called in purchase specification as part of Technical Bid.
7. "Price Bid" shall be complete in all respects containing price break-up of all components along with all applicable taxes and duties, packing & forwarding charges (if applicable), freight charges (if applicable) etc. Once submitted no modification / addition / deletion will be allowed in the "Price Bid." Bidders are advised to thoroughly check the unit price, total price to avoid any discrepancy.
8. In addition, bidder shall also quote for erection & commissioning charges (E&C charges), documentation charges, service charges, testing Charges (type & routine), training charges, service tax, etc. wherever applicable. The price summary must indicate all the elements clearly.
9. Vendors should indicate "lump sum" charges (including To & Fro Fare, Boarding, Lodging, Local Conveyance etc.) for Supervision of Erection, Commissioning and handing over to customer. The quotation shall clearly indicate scope of work, likely duration of commissioning, pre-commissioning checklist and service tax (if any).
10. Wherever bidders require PAC (Project Authority Certificate) for import of raw materials, components required for Mega Power Projects, Export Projects, MNRE Concession or other similar projects wherein supplies are eligible for customs duty benefits, lists and quantities of such items and their values (CIF) has to be mentioned in the offer. Prices must be quoted taking into account of such benefits.
11. All quotations shall be free from corrections /overwriting. Corrections if any should be authenticated with signature and seal. Any typographical error, totaling mistakes, currency mistake, multiplication mistake, summing

mistakes etc. observed in the price bids will be evaluated as per **Annexure VI** "Guidelines for dealing with Discrepancy in Words & Figures – quoted in price bid". BHEL decision will be final.

C. GUIDELINES FOR OFFER SUBMISSION:

1. Offers / Quotations must be dropped in tender box before 13.00 Hrs. on or before due date mentioned in RFQ. The offers are to be dropped in the proper slot of the Tender Box kept in our reception area with caption "CE, SC&PV, DEFENCE." Tenders are opened on 3 days in a week (Monday/Wednesday/Friday). Tender must be deposited in the slot corresponding to the day (Monday - Box no.4/Wednesday - Box no. 6 /Friday - Box no.8) while depositing the offer. **(This clause will not be applicable for e-tenders)**
2. E-Mail / Internet / EDI offers received in time shall be considered only when such offers are complete in all respects. In case of offers received through E-mail, please send the offer to the email ID specified in the SCC of the tender. (Refer to SCC document of tender) within time of submission of tender.
3. In cases where tender documents are bulky, or due to some reasons tender documents are required to be submitted by hand or through posts/couriers, the offers are to be handed over either of the two officers whose names are mentioned in the RFQ. (Refer to SCC document of tender)
4. Tenders will be opened on due date, time and venue as indicated in the RFQ in the presence of bidders at the venue indicated in the RFQ. In case of e-procurement, bidders can see tender results till seven days after due date and time.
5. Vendor will be solely responsible:
 - a. For submission of offers before due date and time. Offers submitted after due date and time will be treated as "Late offers" and will be rejected.
 - b. For submission of offers in the correct compartment of the tender box based on the day of due date (Monday/Wednesday/Friday). Please check before dropping your offer in the correct tender box.
 - c. For depositing offers in proper sealed condition in the tender box. If the bidder drops the tender in the wrong tender box or if the tender document is handed over to the wrong person BHEL will not be responsible for any such delays.
 - d. For offers received through email/courier etc., suppliers are fully responsible for lack of secrecy on information and ensuring timely receipt of such offers in the tender box before due date & time.
 - e. In case of e-tender, all required documents should be uploaded before due date and time. Availability of power, internet connections, etc. will be the sole responsibility of the vendor. Wherever assistance is needed for submission of e-tenders, help line numbers and executives of service provider of BHEL may be contacted.
Service provider: M-junction
Website address: <https://bheleps.buyjunction.in/>
Helpline no.: 033-66106426/6217/6013/6046/6176 (9:30 am to 5:30 pm)
9163348283/9163348284/9163348285/9163348286/8584008116 (5:30 pm to 8:30 pm)

Purchase Executive / BHEL will not be responsible for any of the activities relating to submission of offer.

D. PROCESSING OFFERS RECEIVED:

1. Any discount / revised offer submitted by the supplier on its own shall be accepted provided it is received on or before the due date and time of offer submission (i.e. Part-I bid). The discount shall be applied on pro-rata basis to all items unless specified otherwise by the bidder.
2. Changes in offers or Revised offers given after Part-I bid opening shall not be considered as a part of the original offer unless such changes / revisions are requested by BHEL.
3. In case there is no change in the technical scope and / or specifications and / or commercial terms & conditions by BHEL, the supplier will not be allowed to change any of their bids after Technical bids are opened (after the due date and time of tender opening of Part-1 Bid).
4. In case of changes in scope and/ or technical specifications and/ or commercial terms & conditions by BHEL and it accounts for price implications from vendors, all techno-commercially acceptable bidders shall be asked by BHEL (after freezing the scope, technical specifications and commercial terms & conditions) to submit the impact of such changes on their price bid. Impact price will be applicable only for changes in technical specification / commercial

conditions by BHEL. The impact price must be submitted on or before the cut-off date specified by BHEL and the original price bid and the price impact bid will be opened together at the time of price bid opening. Impact price means only for those items which have been impacted by addition / deletion / changes in the technical specifications or commercial conditions. The impact may be +/- incremental value of the currency in which originally quoted. The impact price bid to be submitted on the cut-off date, time & venue as specified by BHEL. The impact price bid shall be opened along with original price bid.

5. BHEL EDN reserves the right to adopt Reverse Auction or standard Price Bid Opening procedure for price evaluation, at its discretion. This will be decided after completion of technical evaluation of tender. **(Refer Annexure II for Guidelines for Reverse Auction).**
6. Un-opened bids (including price bids) will be returned to the respective bidders after release of PO and receipt of order acknowledgement from the successful bidder
7. Vendor shall accept warranty clause as required in the tender document. Offers not complying with Warranty terms as per RFQ Terms is liable for rejection.
8. After receipt of Purchase Order, supplier should submit required documents like drawings, bill of materials, datasheets, catalogues, quality plan, test procedure, type test report, O & M Manuals and / or any other relevant documents as per Specification / Purchase Order, as and when required by BHEL / Customer.
9. Any deviation to the terms and conditions not mentioned in the quotation by supplier in response to this enquiry will not be considered, if put forth subsequently or after issue of Purchase Order, unless clarification is sought for by BHEL EDN and agreed upon in the Purchase Order.
10. Evaluation shall be on the basis of delivered cost (i.e. "Total Cost to BHEL"). As per RFQ terms. "Total Cost to BHEL" shall include total basic cost, packing & forwarding charges, taxes and duties, freight charges, test charges, insurance, service tax for services, any other cost indicated by vendor for execution of the contract and loading factors (for non-compliance to BHEL Standard Commercial Terms & Conditions). Benefits arising out of Nil Import Duty on Mega Projects, Physical Imports or such 100% exemptions & MNRE Exemptions (statutory benefits), customer reimbursements of statutory duties (like Excise Duty, CST, VAT) will also be taken into account at the time of tender evaluation. (Wherever applicable and as indicated in SCC document of tender)
11. For evaluation of offers in foreign currency, the exchange rate (TT selling rate of SBI) shall be taken as under:

Single part bids:	Date of tender opening
Two/three part bids:	Date of Part-I bid opening
Reverse Auction:	Date of Part-I bid opening

If the relevant day happens to be a bank holiday, then the exchange rate as on the previous working day of the bank (SBI) shall be taken.
12. Ranking (L-1, L-2 etc.) shall be done only for the techno-commercially acceptable offers and on the basis or evaluation of Total Cost to BHEL.

E. INFORMATION ON PAYMENT TERMS:

1. All payments will be through Electronic Fund transfer (EFT). Vendor has to furnish necessary details as per BHEL standard format **(Refer Annexure XI)** for receiving all payments through NEFT. (Applicable for Indian vendors only)
2. In case of High Sea Sales transaction, customs clearance of the consignment landed on Indian Sea / Air ports will be done by BHEL based on the original HSS documents provided by vendors. All warehousing charges due to delay in submission of complete and or correct HSS documents to BHEL will be to suppliers account only. Such recovery will be made out of any of the available bills.
3. Statutory deductions, if any, will be made and the deduction certificate shall be issued. In case vendor does not provide PAN details, the TDS deduction shall be at the maximum percentage stipulated as per the provisions of Income Tax Act. (Applicable for Indian vendors only).
Foreign vendors shall submit relevant details of their bankers like Swift Code, Banker's Name & Address etc.
4. Vendors must submit bills & invoices along with required supporting documents in time. Incomplete documentation / delayed submission of invoice / documents will result in corresponding delay in payment.

5. Sale in transit under section 6(2) of CST is allowed if movement of goods is interstate. In case intra state movement of goods, benefit of sale in transit is not available.

F. STANDARD PAYMENT TERMS OF BHEL-EDN

i) Purchase Orders for indigenous procurement

100% of Basic value with taxes, duties and freight will be paid with 45 days credit from the receipt of material or 15 days credit from the date of submission of complete set of documentation whichever is later

ii) Purchase orders for import procurement:

100% of PO value will be paid against Sight draft with 45 days Credit from the date of dispatch or 15 days credit from the date of submission of complete set of documents whichever is later

Note: Quotations with “Advance payment” shall be rejected.

G. LOADING FACTORS FOR PAYMENT TERMS & DELAYED DELIVERY:

Loading factors as detailed below will be added to the quoted price (basic) to evaluate the lowest quote for non-compliance of BHEL standard commercial term.

Sl No	Deviation on	Nature of Deviation / Offered Terms	Loading %
1.	Payment Terms	Payment against Letter of Credit with usance credit period of 120 days	1*
		Payment against Letter of Credit with usance credit period of 90 days	2.5*
		Payment against Letter of Credit with usance credit period of 60 days	4*
2.	Penalty for Delayed Delivery	1) Non – Acceptance	10
		2) Partial Acceptance (X%)	(10 – X)

* Bank charges shall be to respective accounts. BHEL bank charges to BHEL account and beneficiary bank charges to beneficiary account

NOTE: Offer/ s with payment terms other than the standard payment terms indicated at Clause No. F or Deviated Payment Terms with loading indicated at Clause No. G above are liable for rejection.

H. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF DISPATCH FOR PROCESSING OF BILLS:

Invoice in Triplicate, LR Copy, Packing List, PSI Call Letter Copy & Warranty Certificate

I. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE FOR MSE VENDORS (MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES)

Vendors who qualify as MSE vendors are requested to submit applicable certificates (as specified by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) at the time of vendor registration. Vendors have to submit any of the following documents along with the tender documents in the Part I / Technical bid cover to avail the applicable benefits.

- Valid NSIC certificate or
- Entrepreneur’s Memorandum part II (EM II) certificate (deemed valid for 2 years).

- c. EM II certificate with CA certificate **(in the prescribed format given in Annexure VIII)** applicable for the year certifying that the investment in plant and machinery of the vendor is within permissible limits as per the MSME Act 2006 for relevant status where the deemed validity is over.
- d. Documents submitted for establishing the credentials of MSE vendors must be valid as on the date of part I / technical bid opening for the vendors to be eligible for the benefits applicable for MSE vendors. Documents submitted after the Part I / Technical bid opening date will not be considered for this tender.

PURCHASE PREFERENCE FOR MSE VENDORS:

- e. MSE vendors quoting within a price band of L1 + 15% shall be allowed to supply up to 20% of the requirement against this tender provided.
 - 1. The MSE vendor matches the L1 price
 - 2. L1 price is from a non MSE vendor
 - 3. L1 price will be offered to the nearest vendor nearest to L1 in terms of price ranking (L2 - nearest to L1). In case of non-acceptance by the MSE vendor (L2) next ranking MSE vendor will be offered who is within the L1 + 15% band (if L3 is also within 15% band).
 - 4. 20% of the 20% (i.e. 4% of the total enquired quantity) will be earmarked for SC/ST owned MSE firms provided conditions as mentioned in (1) and (2) are fulfilled.
 - 5. In case no vendor under SC / ST category firms are meeting the conditions mentioned in (1) and (2) or have not participated in the tender, in such cases the 4% quantity will be distributed among the other eligible MSE vendors who have participated in the tender.
 - 6. Serial no. 1 to 5 will not be applicable wherever it is not possible to split the tendered quantity / items on account of customer contract requirement, or the items tendered are systems. Such information that tendered quantity will not be split will be indicated in the SCC.

K. INTEGRITY COMMITMENT IN THE TENDER PROCESS, AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS:

1. Commitment by BHEL:

BHEL commits to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption in connection with the Tender process and execution of the Contract. BHEL will, during the tender process, treat all bidder / suppliers in a transparent and fair manner, and with equity.

2. Commitment by Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s):

- a. The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) commit(s) to take all measures to prevent corruption and will not directly or indirectly try to influence any decision or benefit which he is not legally entitled to.
- b. The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not enter with other Bidder(s) into any undisclosed agreement or understanding or any actions to restrict competition.
- c. The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not commit any offence under the relevant Acts. 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 BHEL as part of business relationship.
- d. 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 and shall adhere to the relevant guidelines issued from time to time by Government of India/ BHEL.

If the Bidder(s) / Contractor(s), before award or during execution of the Contract commit(s) a transgression of the above or in any other manner such as to put his reliability or credibility in question, BHEL is entitled to disqualify the Bidder(s) / Contractor (s) from the tender process or terminate the contract and/ or take suitable action as deemed fit.

PURCHASE EXECUTIVE



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Electronics Division

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GENERAL COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACT

These 'General Commercial Conditions for Contract for Purchase' hereinafter referred to as GCC apply to all enquiries, tenders, requests for quotations, orders, contracts and agreements concerning the supply of goods and the rendering of related services (hereinafter referred to as "deliveries") to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited and any of its units, regions or divisions (hereinafter referred to as "BHEL" or the Purchaser) or its projects / customers.

Any deviations from or additions to these GCC require BHEL's express written consent. The general terms of business or sale of the vendor shall not apply to BHEL. Acceptance, receipt of shipments or services or effecting payment shall not mean that the general terms of business or sale of the vendor have been accepted.

Orders, agreements and amendments thereto shall be binding if made or confirmed by BHEL in writing. Only the Purchasing department of BHEL is authorized to issue the Purchase Order or any amendment thereof.

Definitions: Throughout these conditions and in the specifications, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them, unless the subject matter or the context requires otherwise.

- a) 'The Purchaser' means Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Electronics division, Mysore road, Bangalore 560 026, a Unit of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (A Govt. of India Undertaking) incorporated under the Companies Act having its registered office at BHEL House, Siri Fort, New Delhi-110049, India and shall be deemed to include its successors and assigns. It may also be referred to as BHEL.
- b) 'The vendor' means the person, firm, company or organization on whom the Purchase Order is placed and shall be deemed to include the vendor's successors, representative heirs, executors and administrator as the case may be. It may also be referred to as Seller, Contractor or Supplier.
- c) 'Contract' shall mean and include the Purchase Order incorporating various agreements, viz. tender/ RFQ, offer, letter of intent / acceptance / award, the General Conditions of Contract and Special Conditions of Contract for Purchase, Specifications, Inspection / Quality Plan, Schedule of Prices and Quantities, Drawings, if any enclosed or to be provided by BHEL or his authorized nominee and the samples or patterns if any to be provided under the provisions of the contract.
- d) 'Parties to the Contract' shall mean the 'The Vendor' and the Purchaser as named in the main body of the Purchase Order.
- e) "Bidder" shall mean duly established reputed organisation , manufacturer etc. having requisite financial and technical capability and experience of participating in the bid invited by the purchaser for the tender.
- f) Bid- The term "bid" or "bidding" can also relate to the documented Offer submitted in response to a request for quotation (RFQ) /Tender.

Interpretation:

In the contract, except where the context requires otherwise:

- a) words indicating one gender include all genders;
- b) words indicating the singular also include the plural and words indicating the plural also include the singular;
- c) provisions including the word "agree", "agreed" or "agreement" require the agreement to be recorded in writing, and

- d) "Written" or "in writing" means hand-written, type-written, printed or electronically made, and resulting in a permanent record.

Applicable Conditions:

1. **Price Basis:** All prices shall be firm until the purchase order is executed / completed in all respects. No price variations / escalation shall be permitted unless otherwise such variations / escalations are provided for and agreed by BHEL in writing in the purchase order.
2. **Validity:** The offer will be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of technical bid opening date. Validity beyond 90 days, if required, will be specified in the SCC (special conditions of contract).
3. **Ordering and confirmation of Order:** Vendor shall send the order acceptance on their company letter head within two weeks from the date of Purchase Order or such other period as specified / agreed by BHEL. BHEL reserves the right to revoke the order placed if the order confirmation differs from the original order placed. The acceptance of goods/services/supplies by BHEL as well as payments made in this regard shall not imply acceptance of any deviations.
The purchase order will be deemed to have been accepted if no communication to the contrary is received within two weeks (or the time limit as specified / agreed by BHEL) from the date of the purchase order.
4. **Documentation:** After receipt of Purchase Order, vendor should submit required documents like drawings, bill of materials, datasheets, catalogues, quality plan, test procedure, type test report , O & M Manuals and/or any other relevant documents as per Specification/Purchase Order, as and when required by BHEL/Customer.
At any stage within the contract period, the vendor shall notify of any error, fault or other defect found in BHEL's documents /specifications or any other items for reference. If and to the extent that (taking account of cost and time) any vendor exercising due care would have discovered the error, fault or other defect when examining the documents/specifications before submitting the tender, the time for completion shall not be extended. However if errors, omissions, ambiguities, inconsistencies, inadequacies or other defects are found in the vendor's documents, they shall be corrected at his cost, notwithstanding any consent or approval.

5. TERMS OF DELIVERY:

FOR IMPORTED PURCHASE:

Price offered shall be for goods packed and delivered CIF ICD Bangalore including packing, forwarding, Handling, Ancillary charges like processing of Sight Draft, negotiation charges of bank, Export declaration, Certificate of origin etc.

Packing shall be Air/Sea worthy, best suitable for trans-shipment and to take care of transit damages. If containerized, no. of containers & size of container shall be mentioned. Packing weight (gross & net) Packing dimensions shall be given prior to shipment to ascertain whether the consignment can be carried on standard cargo in contract or as ODC.

Wooden packing material for all the foreign consignments should be treated as per ISPM-15 & Fumigation / Phytosanitary certificate to be submitted to the freight forwarders/ BHEL along with the invoice, B/L, packing list etc.

FOR INDIGENOUS PURCHASE:

Equipment shall be delivered on "FOR SITE" basis, inclusive of freight, packing, insurance & forwarding charges.

Packing shall be Road / Rail / Air / Sea worthy, best suitable for transshipment and to take care of transit damages. Smaller consignments can be dispatched through Courier services/ RPP with the prior approval of the purchasing Executive.

Deviation for the delivery term is liable for rejection.

6. Penalty:

For delay in delivery: In the event of delay in agreed contractual delivery as per Purchase Order, penalty @ 0.5 % (half percent) per week or part thereof but limited to a max of 10% (ten percent) value of undelivered portion (basic material cost) will be applicable. Delivery will commence from the date of document approval by customer / BHEL or date of issue of manufacturing clearance, whichever is later. The date for which Inspection call is issued by vendor along with test certificates / test reports / Certificate of Conformance / calibration reports, as proof of completion of manufacturing will be treated as date of deemed delivery for penalty calculation. In the absence of furnishing such document indicated above as proof of completion of manufacturing along with inspection call, actual date of inspection will be considered as date of deemed delivery and BHEL will not be responsible for delay in actual date of inspection.

Penalty for delayed documentation/delayed delivery, if applicable, shall be deducted at the time of first payment. If penalty is applicable for duration of less than a week, penalty @ 0.5% (half percent) of the basic material value will be deducted.

7. **Contract variations (Increase or decrease in the scope of supply):** BHEL may vary the contracted scope as per requirements at site. If vendor is of the opinion that the variation has an effect on the agreed price or delivery period, BHEL shall be informed of this immediately in writing along with technical details. Where unit rates are available in the Contract, the same shall be applied to such additional work. Vendor shall not perform additional work before BHEL has issued written instructions / amendment to the Purchase Order to that effect. The work which the vendor should have or could have anticipated in terms of delivering the service(s) and functionality (i.e.) as described in this agreement, or which is considered to be the result of an attributable error on the vendor's part, shall not be considered additional work.
8. **Reverse Auction:** BHEL reserves the right to follow REVERSE AUCTION PROCEDURE (ONLINE BIDDING ON NETWORK) before finalising the Purchase order on technically competent bidders, as per the guidelines given in Annexure II. In case BHEL does not resort to Reverse Auction, the price bids and price impacts (if any) already submitted and available with BHEL shall be opened as per BHEL's standard practice.
9. **Pre Shipment Inspection:** Prior written notice of at least 10 days shall be given along with internal test certificates / COC and applicable test certificates. Materials will be inspected by BHEL-EDN-QS/CQS or BHEL nominated Third Party Inspection Agency (TPIA) or BHEL authorized Inspection Agency or Customer / Consultant or jointly by BHEL & Customer / consultant. All tests have to be conducted as applicable in line with approved Quality plan or QA Checklist or Purchase specification and original reports shall be furnished to BHEL-EDN, Bangalore for verification / acceptance for issue of dispatch clearance. All costs related to inspections & re-inspections shall be borne by vendor. Whether the Contract provides for tests on the premises of the vendor or any of his Sub-contractor/s, vendor shall be responsible to provide such assistance, labour, materials, electricity, fuels, stores, apparatus, instruments as may be required and as may be reasonably demanded to carry out such tests efficiently. Cost of any type test or such other special tests shall be borne by BHEL only if specifically agreed to in the purchase order.
10. **Transit Insurance:** Transit Insurance is in Vendor's scope for all Inclusive value or as specified in RFQ. For imported items with FOB / ex-Works terms contracts, BHEL will provide Insurance.
11. **High Sea Sales (HSS):** Customs clearance of the consignment landed on Indian Sea / Air ports will be done by BHEL based on the original HSS documents provided by vendors. Any delay in submission of complete / correct HSS documents to BHEL may incur demurrage charges. All demurrage charges on account of incomplete / incorrect HSS documents submission by vendor will be to vendor's account and all such charges will be recovered from any of the available vendor bills with BHEL.

12. **Packaging and dispatch:** The Seller shall package the goods safely and carefully and pack them suitably in all respects considering the peculiarity of the material for normal safe transport by Sea / Air / Rail / Road to its destination suitably protected against loss, damage, corrosion in transit and the effect of tropical salt laden atmosphere. The packages shall be provided with fixtures / hooks and sling marks as may be required for easy and safe handling. If any consignment needs special handling instruction, the same shall be clearly marked with standard symbols / instructions. Hazardous material should be notified as such and their packing, transportation and other protection must conform to relevant regulations. The packing, shipping, storage and processing of the goods must comply with the prevailing legislation and regulations concerning safety, the environment and working conditions. Any Imported/Physical Exports items packed with raw / solid wood packing material should be treated as per ISPM – 15 (fumigation) and accompanied by Phytosanitary / Fumigation certificate. If safety information sheets (MSDS – Material Safety Data Sheet) exist for an item or the packaging, vendor must provide this information without fail along with the consignment. Each package must be marked with Consignee name, Purchase order number, Package number, Gross weight and net weight, dimensions (L x B x H) and Seller's name. Packing list of goods inside each package with PO item number and quantity must also be fixed securely outside the box to indicate the contents of each box. Total number of packages in the consignment must also be indicated. Separate packing & identification of items should be as follows.
1. Main Scope - All items must be tagged with part no. & item description.
 2. Commissioning spares - All items must be tagged with part no. & item description.
 3. Mandatory spares - All items must be tagged with part no. & item description.
13. **Assignment of Rights & Obligations; Subcontracting:** Vendor is not permitted to subcontract the delivery or any part thereof to third party or to assign the rights and obligations resulting from this agreement in whole or in part to third parties without prior written permission from BHEL. Any permission or approval given by the BHEL shall, however, not absolve the vendor of the responsibility of his obligations under the Contract.
14. **Progress report:** Vendor shall render such report as to the progress of work and in such form as may be called for by the concerned purchase officer from time to time. The submission and acceptance of such reports shall not prejudice the rights of BHEL in any manner.
15. **Non-disclosure and Information Obligations: Vendor** shall provide with all necessary information pertaining to the goods as it could be of importance to BHEL. Vendor shall not reveal confidential information that may be divulged by BHEL to Vendor's employees not involved with the tender/ contract & its execution and delivery or to third parties, unless BHEL has agreed to this in writing beforehand. Vendor shall not be entitled to use the BHEL name in advertisements and other commercial publications without prior written permission from BHEL.
16. **Cancellation / Termination of contract:** BHEL shall have the right to completely or partially terminate the agreement by means of written notice to that effect. Termination of the Contract, for whatever reason, shall be without prejudice to the rights of the parties accrued under the Contract up to the time of termination. BHEL shall have the right to cancel/foreclose the Order/ Contract, wholly or in part, in case it is constrained to do so, on account of any decline, diminution, curtailment or stoppage of the business.
17. **Risk Purchase Clause:** In case of failure of supplier, BHEL at its discretion may make purchase of the materials / services NOT supplied / rendered in time at the RISK & COST of the supplier. Under such situation, the supplier who fails to supply the goods in time shall be wholly liable to make good to BHEL any loss due to risk purchase. In case of items demanding services at site like erection and commissioning, vendor should send his servicemen /representatives within 7 days from the service call. In case a vendor fails to attend to the service call, BHEL at its discretion may also make arrangements to attend such service by other parties at the **RISK & COST** of the supplier. Under such situation the supplier who fails to attend the service shall be wholly liable to make good to BHEL any loss due to risk purchase / service including additional handling charges due to the change.

18. **Shortages:** In the event of shortage on receipt of goods and/or on opening of packages at site, all such shortages shall be made good within a reasonable time that BHEL may allow from such intimation and free of cost.
- Transit Damages:** In the event of receipt of goods in damaged condition or having found them so upon opening of packages at site, Supplier shall make good of all such damages within a reasonable time from such intimation by BHEL.
19. **Remedial work:** Notwithstanding any previous test or certification, BHEL may instruct the vendor to remove and replace materials/goods or remove and re-execute works/services which are not in accordance with the purchase order. Similarly BHEL may ask the vendor to supply materials or to execute any services which are urgently required for any safety reasons, whether arising out of or because of an accident, unforeseeable event or otherwise. In such an event, Vendor shall provide such services within a reasonable time as specified by BHEL.
20. **Indemnity Clause:** Vendor shall comply with all applicable safety regulations and take care for the safety of all persons involved. Vendor is fully responsible for the safety of its personnel or that of his subcontractor's men / property, during execution of the Purchase Order and related services. All statutory payments including PF, ESI or other related charges have to be borne by the vendor. Vendor is fully responsible for ensuring that all legal compliances are followed in course of such employment.
21. **Product Information, Drawings and Documents:** Drawings, technical documents or other technical information received by Vendor from BHEL or vice versa shall not, without the consent of the other party, be used for any other purpose than that for which they were provided. They may not, without the consent of the Disclosing party, otherwise be used or copied, reproduced, transmitted or communicated to third parties. All information and data contained in general product documentation, whether in electronic or any other form, are binding only to the extent that they are by reference expressly included in the contract. Vendor, as per agreed date/s but not later than the date of delivery, provide free of charge information and drawings which are necessary to permit and enable BHEL to erect, commission, operate and maintain the product. Such information and drawings shall be supplied in as many numbers of copies as may be agreed upon.
- All intellectual properties, including designs, drawings and product information etc. exchanged during the formation and execution of the Contract shall continue to be the property of the disclosing party.
22. **Intellectual Property Rights, Licenses:** If any Patent, design, Trade mark or any other intellectual property rights apply to the delivery (goods / related service) or accompanying documentation shall be the exclusive property of the Vendor and BHEL shall be entitled to the legal use thereof free of charge by means of a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual license. All intellectual property rights that arise during the execution of the Purchase Order/ contract for delivery by vendor and/or by its employees or third parties involved by the vendor for performance of the agreement shall belong to BHEL. Vendor shall perform everything necessary to obtain or establish the above mentioned rights. The Vendor guarantees that the delivery does not infringe on any of the intellectual property rights of third parties. The Vendor shall do everything necessary to obtain or establish the alternate acceptable arrangement pending resolution of any (alleged) claims by third parties. The Vendor shall indemnify BHEL against any (alleged) claims by third parties in this regard and shall reimburse BHEL for any damages suffered as a result thereof.
23. **Force Majeure:** Notwithstanding anything contained in the purchase order or any other document relevant thereto, neither party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performance to the extent said failures or delays are caused by the "Act of God" and occurring without its fault or negligence, provided that, force majeure will apply only if the failure to perform could not be avoided by the exercise of due care and vendor doing everything reasonably possible to resume its performance.
- A party affected by an event of force majeure which may include fire, tempest, floods, earthquake, riot, war, damage by aircraft etc., shall give the other party written notice, with full details as soon as possible and in any event not later than seven (7) calendar days of the occurrence of the cause relied upon. If force majeure applies, dates by which performance obligations are scheduled to be met will be extended for a period of time equal to the time lost due to any delay so caused.

Notwithstanding above provisions, in an event of Force Majeure, BHEL reserves for itself the right to

cancel the order/ contract, wholly or partly, in order to meet the overall project schedule and make alternative arrangements for completion of deliveries and other schedules.

24. **Guarantee / Warranty:** Wherever required, and so provided in the specifications / Purchaser Order, the Seller shall guarantee that the stores supplied shall comply with the specifications laid down, for materials, workmanship and performance. The guarantee / warranty period as described above shall apply afresh to replaced, repaired or re-executed parts of a delivery. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the Purchase Order, Vendor's liability shall be co terminus with the expiration of the applicable guarantee / warranty period.
25. **Limitation of Liability:** Vendor's liability towards this contract is limited to a maximum of 100% of the contract value and consequential damages are excluded. However the limits of liability will have no effect in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct.
The total liability of Vendor for all claims arising out of or relating to the performance or breach of the Contract or use of any Products or Services or any order shall not exceed the total Contract price.
26. **Liability during guarantee / warranty:** Vendor shall arrange replacement / repair of all the defective materials / services under its obligation under the guarantee / warranty period. The rejected goods shall be taken away by vendor and replaced / repaired. In the event of the vendor's failure to comply, BHEL may take appropriate action including disposal of rejections and replenishment by any other sources at the cost and risk of the vendor.
In case, defects attributable to vendor are detected during first time commissioning or use, vendor shall be responsible for replacement / repair of the goods as required by BHEL at vendor's cost. In all such cases expiry of guarantee / warranty will not be applicable.
27. **Liability after guarantee / warranty period:** At the end of the guarantee / warranty, the Vendor's liability ceases except for latent defects (latent defects are defects / performance issues notices after the guarantee / warranty has expired). The Contractor's liability for latent defects warranty for the plant and equipment including spares shall be limited to a period of six months from the end of the guarantee / as specified in RFQ.
28. **Compliance with Laws:** Vendor shall, in performing the contract, comply with all applicable laws. The vendor shall make all remittances, give all notices, pay all taxes, duties and fees, and obtain all permits, licences and approvals, as required by the laws in relation to the execution and completion of the contract and for remedying of any defects; and the Contractor shall indemnify and hold BHEL harmless against and from the consequences of any failure to do so.
29. **Settlement of Disputes:** Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Purchase Order, decision of BHEL shall be binding on the vendor with respect to all questions relating to the interpretation or meaning of the terms and conditions and instructions herein before mentioned and as to the completion of supplies/work/services, other questions, claim, right, matter or things whatsoever in any way arising out of or relating to the contract, instructions, orders or these conditions or otherwise concerning the supply or the execution or failure to execute the order, whether arising during the schedule of supply/work or after the completion or abandonment thereof. Any disputes or differences among the parties shall to the extent possible be settled amicably between the parties thereto, failing which the disputed issues shall be settled through arbitration. Vendor shall continue to perform the contract, pending settlement of dispute(s).
30. **Arbitration Clause:** In case amicable settlement is not reached in the event of any dispute or difference arising out of the execution of the Contract or the respective rights and liabilities of the parties or in relation to interpretation of any provision in any manner touching upon the Contract, such dispute or difference shall (except as to any matters, the decision of which is specifically provided for therein) be referred by either party to the sole arbitration of an Arbitrator appointed by the Executive Director/ General Manager of the purchasing unit/ region/ division of BHEL. Vendor shall have no objection even if the Arbitrator so appointed is an employee of BHEL or has ever dealt/ had to deal with any matter relating to this Contract. Subject as aforesaid the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 of India or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and the rules made there under and for the time being in force shall apply to the arbitration proceedings under this clause. It is a term of contract that the party initiating

arbitration shall specify the dispute or disputes to be referred to arbitration under this clause together with the amount or amounts claimed in respect of each such dispute. The venue for the arbitration shall be Bangalore, India. The award of the arbitrator shall be a speaking award and shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties to this contract.

The cost of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties. Notwithstanding the existence of any dispute or difference or any reference for the arbitration, the vendor shall proceed with and continue without hindrance the performance of the work under the contract with due diligence and expedition in a professional manner.

31. **Applicable Laws and Jurisdiction of Courts:** Prevailing Indian laws both substantive and procedural, including modifications thereto, shall govern the Contract. Subject to the conditions as aforesaid, the competent courts in BANGALORE alone shall have jurisdiction to consider over any matters touching upon this contract.

32. **General Terms:** That any non-exercise, forbearance or omission of any of the powers conferred on BHEL and /or any of its authorities will not in any manner constitute waiver of the conditions hereto contained in these presents.

That the headings used in this agreement are for convenience of reference only.

That all notices etc., to be given under the Purchase order shall be in writing, type script or printed and if sent by registered post or by courier service to the address given in this document shall be deemed to have been served on the date when in the ordinary course, they would have been delivered to the addressee.