

## **NON-DISCLOSURE AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

\_\_\_\_\_(**Name of the Vendor**), having its registered offices in \_\_\_\_\_(**Address of Vendor**), registered under the no. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Companies' register of \_\_\_\_\_(**Name of Place and Country**), capital stock of \_\_\_\_\_(**Value**), with a place of business in \_\_\_\_\_(**Name of Place and Country**) (hereinafter referred to as "\_\_\_\_\_(**Name of Vendor**)")

AND

**Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd** a company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act 1956 having its registered offices at BHEL House, Siri Fort, New Delhi -110 049 and having one of its works at Heavy Electrical Equipment Plant, Ranipur, Haridwar-249403 (Uttarakhand), India registered under the No. 4281 of 1964-65 of the companies register of Delhi, capital stock of Rs 4895.2 million with a place of registered office in New Delhi (hereinafter referred to as "BHEL") hereinafter also referred to individually as "the Party" or collectively as "the Parties".

### **BACKGROUND**

This Agreement sets forth the rights and obligations of the Parties with respect to the use, handling, protection and safeguarding of Proprietary Information that is disclosed by and between the Parties.

### **WHEREAS**

A) The Parties wish to pursue exploratory discussions concerning a possible collaboration between them in relation to the Program defined in **Exhibit 1**;

B) During the ensuing discussions and negotiations it may occur that either Party discloses to the other technical, financial or business information of a proprietary or confidential nature, which the Parties intend to protect against, making it available, by any means to any third

person, and other unauthorized use and/or further disclosure by the recipient, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Parties have agreed as follows:

1. The term “Proprietary Information” shall mean any information or data of whatsoever kind of a confidential or proprietary nature, including but not limited to, commercial information, know how and technical information in the form of designs, drawings, concepts, requirements, specifications, software, interfaces, components, processes, or the like, that have been or will be disclosed by either Party to the other pursuant to this Agreement, either in writing, orally or other form, which is designated as “Proprietary” or “Confidential” by the disclosing Party by means of formal declaration or an appropriate stamp, legend or any other written or orally notice .
2. Proprietary Information may be conveyed, without limitation, through any written or printed documents, samples, models, electronic form on disk, tape, other storage media or any other means of disclosing such Proprietary Information that either Party may elect to use during the life of this Agreement, but if an originating Party originally discloses information orally or visually, the receiving Party will protect such information as Proprietary Information to the extent that the originating Party :
  - identifies the Information as Proprietary at the time of original disclosure,
  - Summarizes the Proprietary Information in writing.Information stored in electronic form on disk, tape, other storage media will be adequately marked if a proprietary legend displays when the information originally runs on a computer system and when the information is printed from its data file.  
Proprietary Information also includes any information which can be obtained by examination, testing or analysis of any hardware or material substance or any component part of such hardware or material substance provided by the Disclosing Party even though the requirements in Clause 1 for marking and designation have not been fulfilled.
3. Each Party, to the extent of its rights to do so, shall disclose to the other only the Proprietary Information which the disclosing Party deems appropriate to fulfil the objectives of this Agreement. The Parties hereby represent that the disclosure of

Proprietary Information by and between themselves shall be made in compliance with, and subject to the laws and regulations of the Disclosing Party's country.

4. The receiving Party hereby agrees and covenants that, from the effective date of this Agreement until the expiry date as per article 11 and the following period as per article 12, the Proprietary Information that either Party receives from the other shall:
- a) be protected and kept in strict confidence by the receiving Party which must use the same degree of care it uses to protect its own confidential information and in no case less than a reasonable care;
  - b) be only disclosed to and used by those persons within the receiving Party's organization or that of its parent or controlled companies who have a need to know and solely for the purposes specified in this Agreement, and be treated by such persons or entities with the same degree of care and subject to the same restrictions;
  - c) to procure that each third party to whom Proprietary Information is disclosed under this Agreement is made aware of the provisions of this Agreement prior to such disclosure to it and that each such third party is bound by obligations of confidentiality which are no less onerous than those contained in this Agreement;
  - d) neither be disclosed nor caused to be disclosed or made available, either directly or indirectly, to any third Party or persons other than those mentioned in subparagraph b) above or other persons upon which both of the contractual Parties shall agree in an amendment to this Agreement;
  - e) not to copy, reproduce or reduce to writing any part of such Proprietary Information except as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose referred to in the Recitals of this Agreement

PROVIDED THAT the Receiving Party shall be entitled to make any disclosure required by court order or government or regulatory requirement of the Disclosing Party's

Proprietary Information subject to notifying the Disclosing Party as soon as possible of such requirement

5. Any Proprietary Information and copies thereof disclosed by either Party to the other shall remain the property of the disclosing Party and shall be immediately returned or destroyed by the receiving Party upon request.
6. The receiving Party shall have no obligations or restrictions with respect to any Proprietary Information for which the receiving Party can prove that:
  - a) is in or which comes into the public domain otherwise than as a result of a breach of this Agreement by any person to whom a disclosure of Proprietary Information is made as permitted under this Agreement or of any other duty of confidentiality relating to the Proprietary Information of which the Receiving Party has knowledge; or
  - b) it has been in its possession without restriction at the time of the disclosure, as evidenced by written documentation in its files; or
  - c) it has been lawfully received from a third Party without breach of this Agreement; or
  - d) it has been or is published without violation of this Agreement; or
  - e) it has been independently developed in good faith by employees of the receiving Party who did not have access to the Proprietary Information; or
  - f) it has not been properly declared, designated or confirmed as Proprietary or Confidential; or
  - g) the protection period has expired according to articles 11 and 12 of this Agreement.
7. With respect to any exchange of Proprietary Information which may occur as a result of this Agreement, it is expressly understood and agreed that the persons listed in **Exhibit 2** shall, on behalf of the respective Parties, be the exclusive individuals authorized to receive from and transmit to the other Party Proprietary Information under this Agreement. Each Party may replace at any time its respective authorized individuals identified in such Exhibit 2, within its own organization. Any such new designation by a

Party shall be made by written notice to the other at the address indicated in such **Exhibit 2.**

8. Any Proprietary Information which is identified as "Classified Information", or whose export is subject to an export license, shall be identified as such by the disclosing Party at the time of disclosure and the disclosure, protection, use and handling thereof, shall remain subject to the security procedures and restrictions imposed by the disclosing Party's Government.
9. The disclosure of Proprietary Information under this Agreement by either Party to the other shall not be construed as granting to the receiving Party any right, whether express or implied by licence or otherwise, on the matters, inventions or discoveries to which such information pertains, or as granting any trademark, patents, copyrights, trade secret right or other form of intellectual property right.
10. Nothing in this Agreement may be construed as an obligation of either Party to disclose any Proprietary Information to the other, or to enter into any subsequent contractual relationship with such other Party.
11. This Agreement covers the exchange of Proprietary Information which may be made by either Party to the other until ten years from signing of the agreement or any extension thereto which may be agreed upon by the Parties in writing. Proprietary information relevant to the Program detailed in Exhibit 1, already made available to the other contractual Party before the effective date, shall also be protected under this Agreement.

It is understood by the parties that, prior to disclosure, the Disclosing Party shall have obtained any government authorisation needed for the export of the Proprietary Information

12. The expiry of the period contemplated in Article 11 of this Agreement shall not relieve the receiving Party from complying with the obligations imposed by Article 4 here

above with respect to the use and protection of the Proprietary Information, received prior the date of such expiry, for a period of ten (10) years after such expiry.

13. The Parties are independent contractors. Each will bear all costs and expenses in connection with this Agreement. This Agreement is intended to facilitate only the exchange of Proprietary Information and is not intended to be, and shall not be construed to create a teaming agreement, joint venture, association, partnership, or other business organisation or agency arrangement and no Party shall have the authority to bind the other without the other Party's separate prior written agreement .
14. This Agreement shall be governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the substantive federal laws of Switzerland excluding it's choice of law rules. Irrespective of the foregoing each Party shall remain bound by the provisions of its own national laws and regulations with respect to the transfer or use of Classified Information or information whose export is subject to an export license.
15. All disputes among the Parties, in connection with or arising out of the existence, validity, construction, performance and termination of this Agreement (or any terms thereof), which the Parties are unable to resolve among themselves, shall be finally settled by an Arbitration. The Arbitration shall be held in Geneva (CH) in English language, in accordance with the rules of the ICC – International Chamber of Commerce by three arbitrators appointed in accordance with said rules.
16. The foregoing constitutes the entire Agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes and cancels all prior representations, negotiations, commitments, undertakings, communications, either oral or written, acceptances, understandings and agreements among the Parties with respect to or in connection with any of the matters to which such Agreement applies or refers.
17. Notices to \_\_\_\_\_(**Name of Vendor**) shall be made at the following address:

**(Complete Address of Vendor)**

Attention: Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ **(Name of the Authorized Person of Vendor)**

Notices to BHEL shall be made at the following address:

BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LIMITED,  
HEAVY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT PLANT,  
Ranipur, Haridwar-249403 (Uttarakhand), India

Attention: \_\_\_\_\_ **(Name of the PPX-EM Incharge)**

18. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of the last signature appearing herein.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the Parties has caused this Agreement, to be executed by its duly authorized officer.

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of

Signed for and on behalf of

**(Name of Vendor)**

BHEL

By:

By:

Title:

Title:

Signature:

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Signature:

## **EXHIBIT 1**

to the

### **NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

between

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Name of Vendor)**

and

**BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LIMITED**

dated

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The Non Disclosure Agreement covers the exchange of Proprietary Information which may occur during the discussions and negotiations in view of a possible cooperation between the Parties in the following programs:

-Description of Material or Services for which the order is placed

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Name of Vendor)** list of products that require an exchange of Proprietary Information which may be occur during the discussions and negotiations in view of a possible cooperation for the above programs :



## **EXHIBIT 2**

to the

### **NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

between

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Name of Vendor)**

and

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.

dated

Personnel of the Parties authorized to receive and/or transmit Proprietary Information under this Agreement:

For **(Name of Vendor)**

**(Name of Person)**

Tel.

Fax

Address.

For Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.

Tel.

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Address.

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