

23. PACKING, STORAGE AND UNPACKING

- 23.1. All the equipment shall be carefully packed for transport by sea, rail and road in such a manner that it is protected against the climatic conditions and the variations in such conditions that will be encountered enroute from the manufacturer's works to the site.
- 23.2. The SF6 metal clad equipment shall be shipped in the largest factory assembled units that the transport and loading limitations and handling facilities on site will allow to reduce the erection and installation work on site to a minimum.
- 23.3. Where possible all items of equipment or factory assembled units shall be boxed in substantial crates or containers to facilitate handling in a safe and secure manner. Should the units be considered too large for packing in crates, they shall be suitably lagged and protected to prevent damage to any part, particularly small projections, during transport and handling. Special lugs or protective supports shall be provided for lifting to prevent slings and other lifting equipment from causing damage. Each crate, container or shipping unit shall be marked clearly on the outside to show where the weight is bearing and the correct position for the slings.
- 23.4. Each individual piece to be shipped, whether crate, container or large unit, shall be marked with a notation of the part or parts contained therein.
- 23.5. Special precautions shall be taken to protect any parts containing electrical insulation against the ingress of moisture. This applies particularly to the metal clad equipment of which each gas section shall be sealed and pressurized prior to shipping. Either dry nitrogen/air or dry SF6 gas shall be used and the pressure shall be such as to ensure that, allowing for reasonable leakage, it will always be greater than the atmospheric pressure for all variations in ambient temperature and the atmospheric pressure encountered during shipment to site and calculating the pressure to which the sections shall be filled to ensure positive pressure at all times during shipment.
- 23.6. Blanking plates, caps, seals, etc., necessary for sealing the gas sections during shipment to site which may on later stage necessarily be used during repair and maintenance shall remain the property of POWERGRID. Balance blanking plates, caps, seals, etc shall be returnable to the contractor. If considered necessary, blanking plates or other sealing devices shall be provided with facilities for measuring the gas pressure and recharging at any time during the transport period. Any seals, gaskets, 'O' rings, etc. that may be used as part of the arrangement for sealing off gas sections for shipment of site, shall not be used in the final installation of the equipment at site. Identification numbers shall be stamped into the blanking plates, etc., and on the switchgear equipment to which they are fitted so that they can easily be identified and refitted should it ever be necessary to ship sections of the switchgear back to the manufacturer's works for repair.
- 23.7. Valves and other gas couplings associated with the switchgear gas systems shall be adequately protected against damage from any bumps or physical blows. They shall also be capped to prevent ingress of dirt or moisture or damage to any coupling, pipes, threads or special fittings. Any explosion vents and other pressure relief devices, shall be suitably

sealed and protected to prevent accidental exposure of the sealed sections during shipment to site.

- 23.8. For bus ducts involving male and female joints of the current carrying conductor, the same shall be transported in disassembled condition to avoid any damage during transit. All bright parts liable to rust shall receive a coat of anti rusting composition and shall be suitably protected.
- 23.9. The contractor shall ensure that during the period between arrival at site and erection, all materials and parts of the contract works are suitably stored in such approved manner as to prevent damage by weather, corrosion, insects, vermin or fungal growth. The scope of providing the necessary protection, storing on raised platform, as required etc. is included in the works to be performed by the contractor. Cost of the raised platform for temporary storage is deemed to be included in overall cost. The raised platform needs to be made ready before arrival of GIS equipment at site. The contractor may use the available storage areas at site with permission of site in charge.
- 23.10. The equipment shall be unpacked immediately before Installation. They shall not be left lying unnecessarily in open crates or containers. Special precautions shall be taken when gas sections which have been sealed and pressurized for shipping are opened up to reduce the ingress of dirt and atmospheric moisture to a minimum. Whenever possible this shall only be done immediately prior to installation and if any section is to be left outside for any length of time after being opened, it shall be resealed and pressurized with either dry nitrogen or SF6 gas until required.
- 23.11. For the purpose of release of payment linked to receipt and physical verification in case of GIS equipment it shall mean random opening and physical verification of one number of packing unit of each type of main equipment (i.e. GIS CB/ISO/ES/PT/LA etc.) for each voltage level. Thereafter proper re-packing of the GIS unit shall be ensured as per manufacturer recommendation.

24. INSTALLATION OF GIS

- 24.1. Civil works of GIS Hall shall be completed in all respects before taking up the installation and it shall be ensured that Ventilation System is operational and all dust and dirt in the hall are removed. The GIS hall needs to be in positive pressure before starting Installation.
- 24.2. The installation area shall be secured against entry of unauthorized personnel. Only certified manufacturer's engineer and supervisor shall undertake the erection works. Engineers and supervisors of the manufacturer shall submit authorization and competency certificate to POWERGRID.
- 24.3. Un-packaging of GIS modules shall be done outside the GIS hall and in no case module to be taken inside GIS hall with packing.
- 24.4. All assembly work shall be done by qualified personnel only who are to be identified and list submitted to POWERGRID site before starting of erection work.

- 24.5. Assembly drawing for GIS erection for the section under progress shall be available and displayed in GIS hall at the time of erection work.
- 24.6. Working personnel shall clean their shoes or apply covers on shoes before entering the immediate working area. The working clothes of authorized personnel shall be made of non-fluffy material.
- 24.7. GIS hall door shall have automatic close facility after entry of personnel to avoid dust and moisture entry. Walls and ceiling shall be in a condition so that neither dirt nor plaster might fall or rub off and formation of condensation water in ceiling shall be prevented under any circumstances.
- 24.8. Floor in the installation area shall have a firm surface and shall be kept dust free with a vacuum cleaner. Vacuum cleaning to be done on regular basis.
- 24.9. Only T&P and consumables required for GIS erection shall be kept in GIS during erection.
- 24.10. In case of outdoor installation of GIS or of GIS components open gas compartments shall be protected from dust and moisture ingress (by tarpaulin covers/protective enclosure/chamber etc)
- 24.11. Bus duct exits in the GIS hall's wall shall be kept covered by suitable means until permanent cover is provided after installation of bus ducts.
- 24.12. Maintenance room (as a part of LCR room) shall be constructed for carrying out repair works/ small part assembly. All excess material (not required for immediate installation works) test equipment and tools and tackles to be stored separately from GIS hall in this room for rework.
- 24.13. Erection agency shall submit method statement and make available formats for checking during each stage of hall preparation, assembly process and final checks to be approved by POWERGRID site before start of erection. Shock recorder down loaded data and analysis shall be submitted preferably before commencement of erection work. In case of violation of shock limits, expert from manufacturer shall visit and do the joint internal inspection and shall submit analysis report before giving clearance for erection. If required the module shall be taken back to factory for further analysis and testing.
- 24.14. Cleaning is of utmost importance and hence before assembly, all the loose metal parts, subassemblies and all contact & sealing surfaces shall be cleaned before installation. Cleaning shall be carried out with specified cleaning agents of the manufacturer, in no condition water is to be used except for external surfaces. Further, prior to opening of gas compartment, the same shall be thoroughly cleaned externally. The vacuum cleaning of the installation area shall also be done specially the immediate vicinity of the flanges to be connected.
- 24.15. All Civil Work inside building including internal cable trench shall be completed before GIS installation.

- 24.16. Installation of flanges shall be done immediately after removal of transport covers. Transport covers, O-rings and other packing material of GIS shall be taken out immediately after removal.
- 24.17. O Rings shall be properly stored and taken out only before installation. O Rings are also to be cleaned before use with manufacturer authorized cleaning agent.
- 24.18. At all points of time during installation authorized personnel shall use suitable gloves to avoid contamination.
- 24.19. Cable termination work shall commence only after completion of GIS equipment erection, as during GIS installation period laying and termination of cables interferes with the GIS erection work and affects cleanliness.
- 24.20. Approved Field Quality Plan shall be followed during site work.

25. ON SITE TESTING

After the GIS Switchgear has been fully installed at site and SF6 gas filled at rated filling density, the complete assembly shall be subjected to the site tests as per IEC-62271-203 and POWERGRID Asset Management Controlled Document No: D-3-01-09-01-01. After the above, Special Dielectric test (Switching Impulse test) shall be conducted for 765 kV GIS with the test voltages specified below:-

- 25.1. Application of Power Frequency voltage test for duration of 1 minute with the value 760 kV (r.m.s.) as per IEC 62271-203.
- 25.2. Directly after the above test at 25.1, Switching impulse test with three impulses of each polarity and with the value 1240 kVp(80 % of the rated switching Impulse withstand level) as per IEC 62271-203.
- 25.3. In case of a disruptive discharge in the gas as outlined in clause no: C.6.2.2 Procedure b), Annexure-C of IEC 62271-203 during the AC voltage test and a repeat test is performed due to this failure, then the repeat test shall be carried out at Specified voltage.
- 25.4. In case of a disruptive discharge in the gas as outlined in clause no: C.6.2.2 Procedure b) Annexure-C of IEC 62271-203 during Oscillating Switching Impulse Test and a repeat test is performed due to this failure then the repeat test shall be carried out at a value equal to 90 % of the rated switching Impulse withstand level.
- 25.5. Method statement/ procedure of ON SITE high voltage testing, PD measurement and Switching Impulse test shall be submitted by contractor in advance.

26. MANDATORY SPARE

Design, engineering, manufacture, testing, supply on FOR destination site basis including transportation & insurance, storage at site of Mandatory spares for the GIS(As specified in BPS). Standard list of Mandatory Spares is as per **Annexure-10**