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**(Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas)**  
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**(E-Tender Notice)**

Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, Noida invites Bids for “**EMPANELMENT OF AUDITORS FOR AUDIT OF OIL & GAS IN-PLACE, RESERVES & RESOURCES**”, under single stage single bid system.

The detailed e-tender document for the above is available at DGH’s website [www.dghindia.gov.in](http://www.dghindia.gov.in) and Government of India’s Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. The prospective bidders can participate in the tender by downloading the tender document from the aforementioned website, and submit their bid online only at GOI e-bidding portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> with required bid documents confirming the eligibility criteria, along with the other documents as stated in the e-tender document, before tender closing date and time. No physical bids would be accepted.

E-bid Submission end date – **1400 hrs of 20<sup>th</sup> December’ 2024**

E-Tender No.	/Description of Services
<b>Res/10/2024-DGH/C-10357/ENQ/237</b>	<b>EMPANELMENT OF AUDITORS FOR AUDIT OF OIL &amp; GAS IN-PLACE, RESERVES &amp; RESOURCES</b>

Bidders are requested to go through the complete bid document before bidding.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HYDROCARBONS  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS  
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**E-TENDER NO.: Res/10/2024-DGH/C-10357/ENQ/237**

TENDER DOCUMENT  
FOR

**EMPANELMENT OF AUDITORS FOR AUDIT OF OIL & GAS IN-PLACE, RESERVES &  
RESOURCES**

**Directorate General of Hydrocarbons  
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas  
Govt. of India, India**

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**FORWARDING LETTER**

**SUB: E-TENDER FOR EMPANELMENT OF AUDITORS FOR AUDIT OF OIL & GAS IN-PLACE, RESERVES & RESOURCES**

**1.0** Open Indigenous Competitive Basis tender under single stage single bid system are invited in e-form from prospective Bidders through CPP e-bidding portal at <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> for the above said service/work/supply/job, as per **Annexures**. The salient features of the tender are:

1	E-Tender No.	Res/10/2024-DGH/C-10357/ENQ/237
2	Brief Description of the Services /Scope of Supply	EMPANELMENT OF AUDITORS FOR AUDIT OF OIL & GAS IN-PLACE, RESERVES & RESOURCES
3	Type of Bid	Open E-Tender under single stage single bid System (Techno-commercial Unpriced Bid only)
4	E-Bid and Original documents submission closing Date & Time	20/12/2024 at 14-00 hrs (IST)
5	Place of Submission of originaldocuments	Tender Box at Gr. Floor, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), OIDB Bhawan, Tower A, Plot No. 2, Sector – 73, Noida -201 301, India.
6	Bid Opening Time, Date & Place	Techno-commercial bid: 1400 Hrs. (IST) on the next working day of tender Closing date and at the same address as above.  Price bid: Not applicable
7	Bid validity	120 days from bid closing date.
8	Bid Bond/ Earnest money DepositAmount	Not applicable (Refer Appendix-6)
9	Performance Guarantee to be submitted only by the SuccessfulBidder	Not applicable (Refer Appendix-6)
10	Pre-Qualification/Eligibility Criteria	As per Annexure-II of Tender document.
11.	Pre-tender Meeting date & Location	<b>December 9th, 2024 at 11:00 AM at DGH office, Sector 73, OIDB Bhawan, Noida.</b>  <b>All interested bidders should send their queries along with the details (including email contacts) of their corresponding personnel attending the pre-bid meeting to email id:</b>

		<p><a href="mailto:sristi.jallan@dghindia.gov.in">sristi.jallan@dghindia.gov.in</a>  <a href="mailto:s.sharma@dghindia.gov.in">s.sharma@dghindia.gov.in</a>  <b>latest by 1700 Hrs (IST) of 04.12.2024</b></p> <p><b>Any queries after the indicated date and time may not be entertained by DGH</b></p>
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- 2.0** Complete bid document can be downloaded from DGH's web site [www.dghindia.gov.in](http://www.dghindia.gov.in) and Government of India's Public Procurement Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/>. The prospective bidders can participate in the tender by downloading the tender document from the aforementioned website, and submit their bid online only at GOI e-bidding portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> with required bid documents confirming the eligibility criteria, along with the other documents as stated in the e-tender document, before tender closing date and time. No physical bids will be accepted.
- 3.0** Addendum/ Corrigendum, if any, to the tender documents shall be uploaded on aforementioned websites only. Hence, bidders may view the same regularly till the bid submission date.
- 4.0** Bidders must submit their bid online at Government of India's Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. No physical bids will be accepted.
- 5.0** Bidders are requested to go through the complete bid documents and the eligibility criteria, Scope of work/supply etc. in particular before bid submission.
- 6.0** Single stage single bid system is being followed in this tender. Bidders should take due care to submit their bids in accordance with the requirement and as per the instructions given in the tender document(s).
- 7.0** List of documents to be uploaded/submitted along with techno-commercial bid are also mentioned at Appendix-7 of Annexure-I of Bid document.
- 8.0** Technical Qualification Criteria shall be the basis for evaluation of bids.
- 9.0** DGH reserves the right to cancel the tender or reject / accept any / all bids without assigning any reason.
- 10.0** DGH expects the bidders to comply with the tender specifications, terms & conditions of the tender and submit their bid accordingly without any exceptions / deviations. Conditional bids indicating exceptions/ deviations to the tender clauses shall be rejected summarily.
- 11.0** Other details and terms/conditions are as per the following **Annexure I-IV**.  
**You are invited to submit your e-bid against the above tender.**

Thanking you,

HoD-MM  
For Directorate General of Hydrocarbons

**Encl: As above**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

**1.0 ELIGIBILITY AND EXPERIENCE OF THE BIDDER:** (Please refer **Annexure-II**).

**2.0 TRANSFER OF BIDDING DOCUMENT**

The Bidding document is not transferable.

**3.0 COST OF BIDDING**

The bidder shall be solely liable to bear all costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and DGH will in no case be held responsible or liable for payment of any costs associated with the preparation or submission of the said bids irrespective of the outcome of the bidding process as also in case the entire bidding process or part thereof is nullified/ cancelled due to any reason whatsoever.

**B. THE BIDDING DOCUMENT**

**4.0 CONTENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS**

**4.1** The services/scope of supply required, bidding procedures and contract terms are described in the bidding document. In addition to the Invitation for Bids, the bidding documents include:

**ANNEXURE-I: Instructions to Bidders** with following Appendices.

Appendix 1 : Bid submission proforma.

Appendix 2 : Proforma of Authorization Letter for Attending Tender Opening/Pre bid meeting

Appendix 3 : Proforma Certificate on relatives of DG/Directors of DGH

Appendix 4 : Proforma for Submitting Pre-Bid Queries

Appendix 5 : Bank Guarantee for Performance Security (Not applicable)

Appendix 6 : Undertaking / Declaration

Appendix 7 : List of documents to be uploaded/submitted along with techno-commercial bid

Appendix 8 : Pre-Contract Integrity Pact

**ANNEXURE-II: Scope of Work, Technical qualification Criteria and other terms of reference** with Appendices/Forms.

**ANNEXURE-III: E-Bidding Instructions to Bidders**

**ANNEXURE-IV: General Conditions of Empanelment**

**5.0** The bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in the bidding documents. Failure to furnish all information required by the bidding documents will be at the bidder's risk. Tenders not complying with tender conditions and not conforming to tender specifications will result in the rejection of its bid without seeking any clarifications.

## 6.0 AMENDMENT OF BID DOCUMENT

6.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, DGH may at its own discretion and for any reason whatsoever whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a bidder, modify the Bid Documents by the issuance of an Addendum.

6.2 The Addendum will be hoisted on DGH's website and GoI's Public Procurement Portal only and all bidders are advised to visit aforesaid website till the bid submission date to update themselves about modifications to the Bid documents, if any, in order to submit their offer accordingly.

6.3 In order to allow the bidders reasonable time to take the amendment into account in preparing their bids, the DGH may at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of Bids and any such extension will be conveyed to the bidders through DGH's website.

## C. PREPARATION OF BIDS

### 7.0 SUBMISSION OF BID

7.1 The bidders shall submit the bids electronically and sign digitally.

7.2 Tenders are invited online through **Single stage single bid system. i.e. electronic envelope/bidis techno-commercial bid envelope only. No financial bid required at this stage.**

7.3 The bidder shall submit Techno-Commercial only.

**Note: Techno-Commercial bid will only be evaluated.**

7.3.1 The techno-commercial bid electronic envelope will contain the follows:

- a. Scanned copy of the following documents:
  - i. Power of attorney or authorisation, or any other document consisting of adequate proof of the ability of the signatory to bind the bidder.
  - ii. Bid document and corrigendum/addendum, if any.
- b. Duly signed and scanned copies of required documents.

**All the uploaded documents shall be digitally signed by the authorized signatory of the bidder.**

**Note: Detailed instructions regarding online bid submission are available in Annexure-III of Tender Document as "E-Tendering instructions to the bidders".**

7.4 The bid prepared by the bidder and all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the DGH shall be written in English language. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Bidder may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in English, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the bid, the translation shall prevail. However, the said translations should be certified by some certified official translator or local chamber of Commerce of that country.

7.5 Bids shall be submitted in the prescribed bid proforma as per **Appendices** of respective **Annexures**. The prescribed proforma at Appendices of **Annexures**, duly filled in and signed should be uploaded intact.

**7.6** In the event of the space on the bid proforma being insufficient for the required purpose, additional pages may be added. Each such additional page must be numbered consecutively, showing the tender number and should be duly signed. In such cases reference to the additional page(s) must be made in the bid.

**7.7** The bid proforma referred to above, if not returned or if returned but not duly filled in will be liable to result in rejection of the bid.

**7.8** The Bidders are advised in their own interest to ensure that all the documents should be uploaded with their techno-commercial bid failing which the offer is liable to be rejected.

**7.9** The bid papers duly filled in and complete in all respects shall be submitted together with requisite information and Annexures / Appendices. It shall be complete and free from ambiguity, change or interlineations.

**7.10** The bidder should indicate at the time of quoting against this tender their full postal and telegraphic/telex /fax addresses and also similar information in respect of their authorized agents in India, if any.

**7.11** The Bidder shall sign its bid with the exact name of the firm to whom the contract is to be issued. The bid shall be signed by a duly authorized officer and in the case of a Company, the same shall be sealed with the company seal or otherwise appropriately executed under seal.

**7.12** The bidder shall clearly indicate their legal constitution and the person signing the bid shall state his capacity and also source of his ability to bind the Bidder.

**7.13** The power of attorney or authorization, or any other document consisting of adequate proof of the ability of the signatory to bind the bidder, shall be annexed to the bid.

## **8.0 COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS ALL TENDER CONDITIONS:**

### **8.1 Advice to bidders for avoiding rejection of their offers:**

DGH has to finalize its empanelment within a limited time schedule. Therefore, it may not be feasible for DGH to seek clarifications in respect of incomplete offers. Prospective bidders are advised to ensure that their bids are complete in all respects and conform to DGH's terms, conditions and Technical qualification criteria of the tender. Bids not complying with DGH's requirement may be rejected without seeking any clarification.

### **9.0 BID PRICES - Not required at this stage.**

#### **9.1 Income Tax Liability**

The bidder will have to bear all Income Tax liability both corporate and personal tax.

#### **9.2 GST Liability:**

**9.2.1** The bidder will have to bear all GST liability, as applicable except in case of services provided by Goods Transport Agency (GTA) and Services provided by a service provider from outside India not having a fixed establishment or permanent address in India as prescribed under GST Law (amended from time to time)

**9.2.2** In the contracts involving multiple services or involving supply of certain goods / materials along with the services, the Bidder should give separate break-up for cost of goods and cost of various services, and accordingly quote GST as applicable for the taxable services.

- 9.2.3** In case the applicability of GST is not quoted explicitly in the offer by the Bidder, the offer will be considered as inclusive of all liabilities of GST. DGH will not entertain any future claim in respect of GST against such offers.
- 9.2.4** In case, the quoted information related to various taxes and duties subsequently proves wrong, incorrect or misleading: -
- a) DGH will have no liability to reimburse the difference in duty / tax, if the finally assessed amount is on the higher side.
  - b) DGH will have the right to recover the difference in case the rate of duty / tax finally assessed is on the lower side.
- 9.2.5** The service provider should have a valid registration with the concerned authorities of GST and a copy of such registration certificate should be submitted along with the offer. In case the registration certificate for the quoted category of service is not available at the time of submission of offer, an undertaking should be furnished for submission of copy of requisite GSTIN certificate along with the first invoice under the contract.
- 9.2.6** GST on contracts for transportation of goods by road in a goods carriage (Applicable for Goods Transport where the contract is for transportation / logistics and not the service/ turnkey contracts where transportation is a part):  
In this case, since the liability to pay GST is on DGH as receiver of service, the Bidder shall not include GST in the quoted prices.
- 9.2.7** As the above statutory provisions are frequently reviewed by the Government, the bidders are advised to check the latest position in their own interest and DGH will not bear any responsibilities for incorrect assessment of statutory levies by any bidder.

#### **10.0 MODE OF PAYMENT (Applicable during the award of need based assignments by DGH)**

In all cases, DGH shall make payments only through Electronic Payment mechanism (viz. NEFT/RTGS /ECS). Bidders should invariably provide the following particulars along with their offers:

1. Name & Complete Address of the Supplier / Contractor as per Bank records.
2. Name & Complete Address of the Bank with Branch details.
3. Type of Bank account (Current / Savings/Cash Credit).
4. Bank Account Number (indicate 'Core Bank Account Number', if any).
5. IFSC / NEFT Code (11-digit code) / MICR code, as applicable, along with a cancelled cheque leaf.
6. Permanent Account Number (PAN) under Income Tax Act;
7. GST Registration Number.
8. E-mail address of the vendor / authorized official (for receiving the updates on status of payments)."
9. Confirmation as to whether the bidder belong to the category of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises as defined in the "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (MSMEDA)". If yes, specify the category of Micro, Small or Medium Enterprises and whether the enterprise is in manufacturing or service industry, along with valid documentary evidence.
10. Any other details as required by the remitting bank.

For receiving payment through NEFT / RTGS, the bank/branch in which the bidder is having account and intends to have the payment should be either an NEFT enabled bank or SBI branch with core banking facility.

#### **11.0 VAGUE AND INDEFINITE EXPRESSIONS**

**11.1** Bids qualified by vague and indefinite expressions such as "Subject to availability" etc. will not be considered.

#### **12.0 PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF BIDS**

**12.1** The Bid shall be valid for **120 days** after the date of bid opening for acceptance for the period as indicated in the "Invitation for Bid" (hereinafter referred to as validity period) and shall not be withdrawn on or after the opening of bids till the expiration of the validity period or any extension agreed thereof.

**12.2** In exceptional circumstances, prior to expiry of the original bid validity period, the DGH may request the bidder for a specified extension in the period of validity. The requests and the responses shall be made in writing. The Bidder will undertake not to vary/modify the bid during the validity period or any extension agreed thereof. Bidder agreeing to the request for extension of validity of offer shall be required to extend the validity of Bid correspondingly.

### **13.0 BID SECURITY DECLARATION**

Please refer undertaking sought at Appendix -6

### **14.0 PHYSICAL BID/ TELEFAX / e-mail BIDS:**

**14.1** Physical Bid/Telefax/e-mail bids will not be considered. Bids must be submitted online, digitally signed failing which they shall be rejected.

#### **a. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BIDS**

### **15.0 SEALING AND MARKING OF BIDS.**

**15.1** Offers are to be submitted in electronically. The electronic cover/ envelope will contain Techno-Commercial bids having all details.

**15.2** DGH reserves the right to ignore any offer which fails to comply with the above instructions.

**15.3** DGH will not be held responsible for any loss or late received of e-bid due to server problem and others.

**15.4** DGH will not be held responsible for the loss of or for the delay in postal transit.

### **16.0 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS**

**16.1** The e-bid must be received by the DGH electronically not later than **1400 Hrs** (IST) on the notified date of closing of the tender.

### **17.0 LATE BIDS**

**17.1** Bidders are advised in their own interest to ensure that e-bid must be uploaded in the tender portal within specified closing date and time of the bid.

### **18.0 MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**

**18.1** No e-bid may be modified/withdrawn after the deadline for submission of bids.

### **19.0 OPENING OF BIDS**

**19.1** The bid will be opened at **1400 Hrs.** (IST) on the date of opening indicated in "Invitation for

Bid". The Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bid on the specified date, but a letter in the form annexed at **Appendix- 2 hereto** must be forwarded to this office along with bid and a copy of this letter must be produced in the office by the person attending the opening of bid. Unless this letter is presented by him, he may not be allowed to attend the opening of bid.

**19.2** In case of unscheduled holiday on the closing/opening day of bid, the next working day will be treated as scheduled prescribed day of closing/opening of bid, the time notified remaining the same.

## **20.0 EVALUATION AND COMPARISON OF BIDS**

**20.1** Evaluation and comparison of bids will be done as per provisions of Technical Qualification Criteria at **Annexure-II**.

## **21.0 UNSOLICITED POST TENDER MODIFICATIONS**

**21.1** Unsolicited post-tender modification will lead to straight away rejection of the offer.

## **22.0 EXAMINATION OF BID**

**22.1** The DGH will examine the bids to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether required sureties have been furnished, whether the documents have been properly signed and whether the bids are generally in order.

**22.2** **DGH will determine the conformity of each bid to the bidding documents. Bids falling under the purview of "Rejection Criteria" of the Technical Qualification Criteria of the bidding document will be rejected.**

## **23.0 SPECIFICATIONS**

**23.1** The Bidder must note that its Bid will be rejected in case the tender stipulations are not complied with strictly or the services offered do not conform to the required specifications indicated therein. The lowest Bid will be determined from among those Bids which are in full conformity with the required specifications.

## **24.0 PURCHASE PREFERENCE**

Not applicable

## **b. AWARD OF CONTRACT**

## **25.0 AWARD CRITERIA**

DGH will issue a Notification of empanelment to the successful Bidder (s) after completion of bid evaluation.

## **26.0 DGH'S RIGHT TO ACCEPT ANY BID AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.**

**26.1** DGH reserves the right to reject, accept or prefer any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the ground for DGH's action. The DGH also reserves to itself the right to accept any bid in part or split the order between two or more bidders.

## **27.0 NOTIFICATION OF EMPANELMENT**

**27.1** Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, DGH will notify the successful bidder in writing that its bid has been accepted.

**27.2** The notification of empanelment will constitute the formation of the contract.

## **28.0 PERFORMANCE SECURITY:**

Not applicable, however, bidders are required to submit Declaration/Undertaking as format enclosed as Appendix- 6

## **30.0 GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY OF A 'BIDDER FROM A COUNTRY WHICH SHARES A LAND BORDER WITH INDIA':**

**Order (Public Procurement No. 1) dated 23.07.2020, Order (Public Procurement No. 2) dated 23.07.2020 and Order (Public Procurement No. 3) dated 24.07.2020 issued by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt, of India including amendments thereafter shall be applicable against this tender.**

### **CERTIFICATE REGARDING COMPLIANCE:**

a) Bidders shall submit following certificate:

"We have read the clause mentioned in Office Memorandum No. F.No.6/18/2019-PPD of Public Procurement Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance dated 23rd July 2020 and Order (Public Procurement No. 1) No.F.No.6/18/2019-PPD of Public Procurement Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance dated 23rd July 2020 and further all orders/amendments regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India. We certify that bidder M/s. \_\_\_\_ (name of the bidder) is not from such a country or if from such a country, has been registered with the Competent Authority. We hereby certify that bidder M/s. \_\_\_\_ (Name of bidder) fulfils all the requirement in this regard and is eligible to be considered against the tender."

[wherever applicable bidder must submit evidence of valid registration by Competent Authority]

b) The successful bidder shall not be allowed to sub-contract works to any contractor from a country which shares a land border with India unless such contractor is registered with the Competent Authority. Bidder shall submit the following certificate in this regard:

"We have read the clause regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India and on sub-contracting to contractors from such countries. We certify that bidder M/s. \_\_\_\_ (Name of bidder) will not sub-contract any work to a contractor from such countries unless such contractor is registered with the Competent Authority."

[wherever applicable bidder must submit evidence of valid registration by Competent Authority]

If such certificate (as mentioned as (a) & (b) above) given by a bidder whose bid is accepted, is found to be false, this would be a ground for immediate rejection of bid/termination of contract.

The above certificate shall form part of Empanelment.

The registration, wherever applicable, should be valid at the time of submission of bids and at the time of acceptance of bids. If the bidder was validly registered at the time of acceptance / placement of order, registration shall not be a relevant consideration during contract execution.

- 1) Further, the above guidelines will not apply to bidders from those countries (even if sharing a land border with India) to which the Government of India has extended lines of credit or in which the Government of India is engaged in development projects. Updated lists of countries to which lines of credit have been extended or in which development projects are undertaken are given in the website of the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
- 2) 'Agent' mentioned in the above guidelines also includes dealer/distributor/sole selling agent.

**31.0 Only Class-I or Class-II local supplier as defined in public procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 as amended from time to time and its subsequent Orders/Notifications issued by concerned Nodal Ministry, if any, shall be eligible to bid in this tender. In this regard, bidder shall submit an undertaking from the authorized signatory of bidder along with the bid stating the bidder meets the mandatory minimum local content (LC) requirement and such undertaking shall become part of contract.**

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**BID SUBMISSION PROFORMA**

Res/10/2024-DGH/C-10357/ENQ/237

Bidder's Telegraphic Address:

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Telephone No.:  
FAX No. :

Directorate General of  
Hydrocarbons,OIDB Bhawan, Tower  
A, Plot No. 2, Sector – 73, Noida -  
201 301

Dear Sirs,

1. I/We have understood and complied with the terms and conditions of tender No. Res/ 10/ 2024-DGH/C-10357/ENQ/237 for providing services and have thoroughly examined and complied with the Scope of Work, hereto and am/are fully aware of the nature of the service required and my/our offer is to provide services strictly in accordance with the requirements.
2. I/We hereby confirm that our offer shall be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of closing of bid.

Signature of the Bidder

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Name.....

Seal of the Company

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**Note: This form should be returned along with offer duly signed.**

**AUTHORISATION LETTER FOR ATTENDING TENDER OPENING/PRE-BID MEETING**

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date.....

To,

The  
Directorate General of Hydrocarbons.  
OIDB Bhawan, Tower A, Plot No. 2, Sector – 73, Noida -201 301, India.

Subject: **Tender No.**..... **due on**.....

Sir,

Mr..... has been authorized to be present at the time of opening/Pre-bid meeting of above tender d u e on..... at, on my/our behalf.

Yours faithfully  
Signature of Bidder

**Copy to:** Mr. ....for information and for production before the HoD (MM) at the time of opening of bids.

**PROFORMA CERTIFICATE ON RELATIVES  
OF DIRECTOR OF DGH**

This has reference to our proposed contract regarding.....to be entered into with Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH).

We certify that to the best of my/our knowledge:

- (i) I am not a relative of any DG
  
- (ii) We are not a firm in which a DG or his relative is a partner.
  
- (iii) I am not a partner in a firm in which a DG or his relative is a partner.
  
- (iv) We are not a private company in which a DG is a Member or Director.
  
- (v) We are not a company in which DG holds more than 2 % of the paid-up share capital of our company or vice-versa.

Signature of the Bidder

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Name.....

Seal of the Company

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**Date...**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMITTING PRE-BID QUERIES**

Tender no: Res/10/2024-DGH/C-10357/ENQ/237

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1. **Page Number** – Page Number of this Tender document as reflected at the bottom right corner. The bidders should mention only the page number. Ex. '29' as page number and not 'Page 29'.
2. **Section No.** – Example– '8' and not 'Section 8'
3. **Section Name** – Example – Scope of Work (Should be exactly the same as provided in the RFP)

Note–

1. The queries are to be submitted in the format provided above only. The bidders should ensure that they enter correct details in the format. In case of any inappropriate details being mentioned the Indentor/committee of DGH shall not be responsible for the same and such queries may be discarded from providing any response.
2. The bidders to ensure that **no cell merging (in excel)** is done by them while preparing the query.
3. The bidders ensure that each of the query submitted by them is unique and **no duplicate query** is submitted by them as a result of copy-paste. It is expected from the bidder to carry out its own due-diligence before submitting the queries.
4. Bidders are expected to do a thorough check of the queries and ensure the completeness of the queries and spelling checks etc. before submitting the same to the purchaser.

**Proforma of Bank Guarantee towards Performance Security.**

**NOT APPLICABLE AGAINST THIS TENDER**

**Undertakings / Declaration (To be submitted at Company's letter head)**

Tender No. Res/10/2024-DGH/C-10357/ENQ/237 for EMPANELMENT OF AUDITORS FOR AUDIT OF OIL & GAS IN-PLACE, RESERVES & RESOURCES

1. GST Tax Registration (*strike off whichever is not applicable*)

We have submitted a copy of valid GST registration certificate under Goods and Service tax rules.

**OR**

We undertake to submit copy of requisite Goods and Service tax registration certificate along with the first invoice under the contract.

2. We declare that neither we, the bidders, nor any of our allied concerns, partners or associates or directors or proprietors involved in any capacity with this tender, are currently serving any banning orders issued by DGH debarring them from carrying on business dealings with DGH.
3. We hereby undertake that we are not backlisted or debarred by any Central/State Government/PSU in India.
4. We hereby undertake that all the documents/ certificates / information submitted by us against the tender are genuine.
5. We hereby declare and accept that if we modify /withdraw our Bid during the period of validity, or if we fail to provide our acceptance to notification for empanelment within 72 hours from notification, or for any other non-performance during tenure of empanelment, we will be suspended permanently or for a period to be decided from being eligible to submit our bids for any future contracts with DGH/MoPNG.

Signature of the Bidder

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Name.....

Seal of the Company

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**LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED/SUBMITTED ALONG WITH TECHNICAL-COMMERCIAL BID**

**A. List of Documents to be uploaded in Techno-commercial electronic envelope:**

The tenderer shall upload the following digitally signed documents in Techno-commercial electronic envelope. Any bid not accompanying the below mentioned documents shall be liable for rejection:

1. Duly signed and scanned copy of Documents/Certificate/Undertaking in accordance with Technical qualification criteria of tender document.
2. Duly signed and scanned copy of PAN Card/TAN.
3. Duly filled, signed and scanned copy of Appendix-1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 of bid document.

Digitally signed copy of bid document as confirmation/acceptance of all tender conditions in toto.

4. Power of attorney or authorisation, or any other document consisting of adequate proof of the ability of the signatory to bind the bidder.
5. Self-attested copy of GST registration certificate or undertaking as per Appendix-6 of Annexure-I.
6. Undertaking on the company's letter head and duly signed by the signatory of the bid that all the documents/ certificates / information submitted by them against the tender are genuine.
7. Declaration on the company's letter head and duly signed by the signatory of the bid that neither the bidders themselves, nor any of its allied concerns, partners or associates or directors or proprietors involved in any capacity, are currently serving any banning orders issued by DGH debarring them from carrying on business dealings with DGH.
8. Undertaking confirming bidders' compliance to the conflict of interest conditions of this NIO.
9. Confidentiality and non- disclosure agreement (Annexure-B of NIO)
10. Details on SPE/AIPG/AAPG/SEG certification of team members
11. Any other relevant sought in the tender which are not covered above.

## **Integrity Pact Format**

### INTEGRITY PACT

Between

Directorate General of Hydrocarbons hereinafter referred to as “**The Principal,**”

And

(Name of the bidder) \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as “**The Bidder/ Contractor.**”

#### **Preamble:**

The Principal intends to award contract/s for “**EMPANELMENT OF AUDITORS FOR AUDIT OF OIL & GAS IN-PLACE, RESERVES & RESOURCES**”, under laid down organizational procedures, The Principal values full compliance with all relevant laws of the land, rules, regulations, economical use of resources, and fairness / transparency in its relations with its Bidder and / or Contractor.

To achieve these goals, the Principal shall appoint Independent External Monitors (IEMs) who shall monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the abovementioned principles.

#### **Section 1 – Commitments of the Principal**

1) The Principal commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption and to observe the following principles: -

- a. No employee of the Principal, personally or through family members, shall in connection with the tender for, or the execution of a contract, demand, take a promise for or accept, for self or third person, any material or immaterial benefit which the person is not legally entitled to.
- b. The Principal shall treat all Bidder(s) with equity and reason during the tender process. The Principal shall, in particular, before and during the tender process, provide to all Bidder(s) the same information and shall not provide to any Bidder(s) confidential / additional information through which the Bidder(s) could obtain an advantage in the tender process or the contract execution.
- c. The Principal shall exclude from the process all known persons having conflict of interest.

2) If the Principal obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees, which is a criminal offence under the IPC/PC Act, or if there be a substantive suspicion in this regard, the Principal shall inform the Chief Vigilance Officer and in addition shall initiate disciplinary proceedings.

#### **Section 2 – Commitments of the Bidder/ Contractor**

1) The Bidder/ Contractor commits themselves to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption. The Bidder/ Contractor commits themselves to observe the following principles during participation in the tender process and the contract execution.

- a. The Bidder/ Contractor shall not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer, promise, or give to any of the Principal's employees involved in the tender process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material or other benefit which they are not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or the execution of the contract.
- b. The Bidder/ Contractor shall not enter with other Bidders into any undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, in violation of the Competition Act, 2002 (as amended from time to time). 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 tender process.
- c. The Bidder/ Contractor shall not commit any offence under the relevant IPC/PC Act; further, the Bidder/ Contractor shall not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information or document provided by the Principal as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals, and business details, including information contained or transmitted electronically.
- d. The Bidder/Contractor of foreign origin shall disclose the name and address of the Agents/representatives in India, if any. Similarly, the Bidder/Contractor of Indian Nationality shall furnish the name and address of the foreign principals, if any. Further, all the payments made to the Indian agent/representative must be in Indian Rupees only.
- e. The Bidder/ Contractor shall, when presenting their bid, disclose any and all payments made, is committed to, or intends to make to agents, brokers, or any other intermediaries in connection with the award of the contract.
- f. Bidder /Contractor who have signed the Integrity Pact shall not approach the Courts while representing the matter to IEMs and shall wait for their decision.
- g. The Bidder/ Contractor shall not instigate third persons to commit offences outlined above or be an accessory to such offences.

### **Section 3 - Disqualification from the tender process and exclusion from future contracts**

If the Bidder/Contractor, before award or during execution, has committed a transgression through a violation of Section 2, above or in any other form such as to put their reliability or credibility in question, the Principal is entitled to disqualify the Bidder/Contractor from the tender process or take action to debar the Bidder/Contractor from participating in the future procurement processes.

### **Section 4 – Compensation for Damages**

- 1) If the Principal has disqualified the Bidder from the tender process before the award according to Section 3, the Principal is entitled to demand and recover the damages equivalent to Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security.
- 2) If the Principal has terminated the contract according to Section 3, or if the Principal is entitled to terminate the contract according to Section 3, the Principal shall be entitled to demand and recover from the Contractor liquidated damages of the Contract value or the amount equivalent to Performance Bank Guarantee.

### **Section 5 – Previous transgression**

- 1) The Bidder declares that no previous transgressions occurred in the last three years with any other Company in any country conforming to the anti-corruption approach or with any Public Sector Enterprise in India

that could justify his exclusion from the tender process.

2) If the Bidder makes an incorrect statement on this subject, the Principal shall act like Section 3 above.

### **Section 6 – Equal treatment of all Bidders / Contractors / Subcontractors**

a. In the case of Sub-contracting, the Principal Contractor shall take responsibility for adopting the Integrity Pact by the Sub-contractor.

b. The Principal shall enter into agreements with identical conditions as this one with all Bidders and Contractors.

c. The Principal shall disqualify from the tender process all bidders who do not sign this Pact or violate its provisions.

### **Section 7 – Criminal charges against violating Bidder(s) / Contractor(s) / Subcontractor(s)**

If the Principal obtains knowledge of the conduct of a Bidder, Contractor, or Subcontractor, or of an employee or a representative or an allied firm of a Bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor which constitutes corruption, or if the Principal has substantive suspicion in this regard, the Principal shall inform the same to the Chief Vigilance Officer.

### **Section 8 – Independent External Monitor**

1) The Principal shall appoint competent and credible Independent External Monitor(s) for this Pact after approval by the Central Vigilance Commission. The task of the Monitor is to review, independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this agreement.

2) The Monitor is not subject to instructions by the parties' representatives and performs their functions neutrally and independently. The Monitor would have access to all Contract documents whenever required. It shall be obligatory for them to treat the information and documents of the Bidders/Contractor as confidential. They report to the Management of the Principal.

3) The Bidder/Contractor accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction, all Project documentation of the Principal, including that provided by the Contractor. Upon their request and demonstration of a valid interest, the Contractor shall also grant the Monitor unrestricted and unconditional access to their project documentation. The same applies to Subcontractors.

4) The Monitor is under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the Bidder/ Contractor/ Sub-contractor with confidentiality. The Monitor has also signed declarations on 'Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information' and 'Absence of Conflict of Interest.' In case of any conflict of interest arising later, the IEM shall inform the Management of the Principal and recuse themselves from that case.

5) The Principal shall provide the Monitor with sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project, provided such meetings could impact the contractual relations between the Principal and the Contractor. The parties offer the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.

6) As soon as the Monitor notices, or believes to notice, a violation of this agreement, they shall inform the Management of the Principal and request the Management to discontinue or take corrective action or other relevant action. The Monitor can, in this regard, submit non-binding recommendations. Beyond this, the Monitor has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action, or tolerate action.

7) The Monitor shall submit a written report to the Management of the Principal, within 8 to 10 weeks  
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from the date of reference or intimation to him by the Principal and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.

8) If the Monitor has reported to the Management of the Principal a substantiated suspicion of an offence under the relevant IPC/ PC Act, and the Management of the Principal has not, within the reasonable time, taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Chief Vigilance Officer, the Monitor may also transmit this information directly to the Central Vigilance Commissioner.

9) The word '**Monitor**' would include both singular and plural.

**Section 9 – Pact Duration**

This Pact begins when both parties have legally signed it. It expires for the Contractor 12 months after the last payment under the contract, and for all other Bidders, 6 months after the contract has been awarded. Any violation of the same would entail disqualifying the bidders and exclusion from future business dealings.

If any claim is made / lodged during this time, the same shall be binding and continue to be valid despite the lapse of this Pact as specified above, unless it is discharged / determined by the Management of the Principal.

**Section 10 – Other provisions**

1) This agreement is subject to Indian Law. The place of performance and jurisdiction is the place from where the Tender/ Contract is issued.

2) Changes, supplements, and termination notices must be submitted in writing. Side agreements have not been made.

3) If the Contractor is a partnership or a consortium, this agreement must be signed by all partners or consortium members.

4) Should one or several provisions of this agreement turn out to be invalid, the remainder of this agreement remains valid. In this case, the parties shall strive to come to an agreement according to their original intentions.

5) Issues like Warranty / Guarantee, etc., shall be outside the purview of IEMs.

6) In the event of any contradiction between the Integrity Pact and its Annex, the Clause in the Integrity Pact shall prevail.

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(For & On behalf of the Principal)

(Office Seal)

Place ----- Date -----

Witness 1: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name & Address

\_\_\_\_\_

(For and on behalf of Bidder/ Contractor)

(Office Seal)

Witness 1: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name & Address

**SCOPE OF WORK, TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA AND OTHER SPECIAL TERMS OF EMPANELMENT**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) was established in 1993 under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Mopping) through Government Resolution -1993.

Key responsibilities of DGH include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Reassess the hydrocarbon reserves discovered and estimated by the operating companies, in consultation with them. Review and perusal of estimated Hydrocarbon Initially In-place, Resources and Reserves estimated by the E&P Operators/Contractors and categorization thereof based on degree of commerciality and uncertainty.
2. Review the field development plans for commercial hydrocarbon discoveries proposed by the operating companies and advise the Government on the adequacy of such plans, the exploitation rates proposed and matters relating thereto.
3. Concurrently, review and audit the management of petroleum reservoirs by operating companies and advise on any mid-course correction required to ensure sound reservoir management practices, in line with the optimal exploitation of reserves and the conservation of petroleum resource.

The objectives of DGH include promoting the sound management of the oil and natural gas resources, with a balanced regard for environment, safety, technological and economic aspects of the petroleum activities. Another primary function of DGH is managing contracts signed between the Government of India and the operator(s) related to exploration and production activities. Further details are available on DGH website: <https://www.dghindia.gov.in>.

**B. BACKGROUND**

India's E&P operators and contractors are required to periodically submit a third-party audit report on Hydrocarbon In-place estimates and reserves to DGH. The mandatory submission frequency is either every 3 years or 5 years, depending on the O+OEG base of the company. Additionally, while applying for Production Sharing Contract (PSC) extension, operators are required to submit a third-party reserves audit report. Occasionally, operators may be directed to undertake specialised technical studies, which must be conducted by third party and submitted to DGH/MoPNG. These studies require expert intervention, and their outcomes are often used to resolve disputes between the Gol and the contractors. Such studies are technical necessity for unit development of straddling reservoirs between two contract areas.

**To streamline the process and enhance its technical robustness and objectivity, DGH plans to empanel reputed auditors and evaluators who meet the technical qualification criteria required to conduct the aforementioned studies.**

DGH follows the 2018 Petroleum Resources Management System (PRMS) guidelines, adopted by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) in 2019, to ensure that estimate for in-place, resources and reserves are reported within the prescribed classifications.

## C. OBJECTIVE

The work intends to achieve the following:

- To empanel reputed & competent auditors after thoroughly evaluating the experience, capabilities of the bidding entity and the availability of required facilities & qualified/ experienced personnel for conducting reserves audit, technical studies, assessment/ evaluation of in-place, resources and reserves of both undiscovered and discovered hydrocarbons of conventional and unconventional reservoirs. The empanelled Reserves auditors are expected to be conversant with the latest SPE PRMS guidelines. E&P Operators/ Contractors in India will be encouraged to get their In-place, Reserves & Resources vetted by the reserves auditors empanelled by DGH during preparation of Field Development Plans and revision(s) thereof.
- To assign need-based assignments to empanelled auditors based on competitive pricing.

## D. SCOPE OF WORK

### D.a. Scope of work for empanelment

The Scope of Work will encompass the audit of oil and gas reserves through proper estimation using industry-accepted practices and in accordance with the latest SPE PRMS guidelines. The auditing agencies seeking inclusion in the empanelled list must have the necessary capabilities and related infrastructure to perform the audits.

The scope of work can be subdivided based on the type of reservoirs.

#### i. **Conventional Reservoirs**

- ii. **Unconventional Reservoirs** (including Tight oil/gas, Heavy oil, High Pressure and/or High Temperature gas, Coal-bed methane/Coal seam gas, Shale oil/gas, Oil shale and Gas hydrate)

The empaneled auditor should be capable of performing audits in the following areas:

### Conventional Reservoirs

1. Quality assurance of analysis and review of Geoscience & Engineering data
2. Analysis and validation of Geological & Geophysical data
3. Rock physics analysis and reservoir characterisation
4. Well log analysis and petrophysical studies
5. Reservoir engineering analysis
6. Production performance Analysis
7. RCAL/SCAL, PVT studies, Fluid characterization studies
8. Reservoir modelling
9. Classical reservoir engineering analysis (e.g. Buckley-Leveret etc.)
10. Reservoir Simulation studies
11. Material Balance studies
12. Decline curve analysis
13. Benchmarking studies (with example of analogues)
14. Estimate/ evaluation and audit of In-place, Resources and Reserves
15. Uncertainty & sensitivity analysis
16. Risk analysis
17. Categorization of reserves and resources as per PRMS guidelines
18. Production optimization and production enhancement studies
19. Field Development Planning and evaluation
20. Optimization of field development
21. Formulation of unit development plan
22. Planning, review and implementation of Enhanced Recovery/ Improved recovery projects
23. Studies related to Carbon capture utilization and sequestration or storage
24. Petroleum Economics
25. Future scope of studies

### Unconventional Reservoirs

1. Quality assurance of analysis and review of Geoscience & Engineering data
2. Analysis and validation of Geological & Geophysical data
3. Rock physics analysis and reservoir characterisation
4. Well log analysis and Petrophysical studies
5. Studies related to Gas content
6. Adsorption/desorption and diffusion studies (as applicable)
7. Reservoir engineering analysis
8. Production performance analysis
9. RCAL/SCAL, PVT studies, Fluid characterization studies
10. Reservoir modelling
11. Classical reservoir engineering analysis
12. Reservoir Simulation studies
13. Material Balance studies
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22. Optimization of field development
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25. Studies related to Carbon capture utilization and sequestration or storage
26. Petroleum Economics
27. Future scope of studies

Some of the above studies will be specific to the type of reservoirs and fluid within the reservoir. The empaneled auditor should be capable of performing reserves audits related to the above.

The oil & gas reserves auditors may be required to perform the following activities depending upon the type of study for both conventional and un-conventional reservoirs in terms of assessment of in-place/resource/reserve:

- a. Ascertaining adequacy of database:** The auditor will examine the sufficiency and integrity of all input dataset database
- b. Critical analysis and review of data:** The auditor will critically review all relevant geoscience and engineering data including seismic, well correlations, sections, wireline logs, conventional cores, PVT studies, pressure-production history etc.
- c. Validation of reservoir property maps:** The auditor will examine and validate the top structure map, oil and/or gas net pay maps based on subsurface data and their interpretation.

- d. **In-place estimation:** After validating the maps and critically reviewing geoscience and engineering datasets, the evaluator will volumetrically estimate oil in-place and gas in-place. The estimates may be prepared using deterministic or probabilistic methods. In addition to volumetric estimation, the auditor may also carry out material balance calculations based on adequacy of pressure-production history/data.
- e. **Reserves estimation:** The auditor will estimate oil, gas (associated and non-associated), condensate reserves and Estimated Ultimate Recovery (EUR) using methods such as decline curve analysis, ratio analysis, volumetric estimation etc. The type of studies required for such estimation will be governed by the guidelines mentioned in Annexure-A.

The generally accepted methods for estimating reserves include:

- Volumetric method
  - By analyzing well/field performance
  - Using mathematical model (Reservoir Simulation)
  - Using reservoirs analogy
- f. **Categorization:** The reserves auditor will categorize the estimated in-place/resource/reserve as per the latest SPE PRMS definitions and guidelines.
- g. **Validation and Certification:** The auditor will provide detailed information on the parameters and methodology used for reserves estimation and validation. Any variation in the estimates of in-place and reserves must be clearly highlighted with detailed reservoir-wise break-up and justification for such variations.
- h. **Final comments:** The auditor will submit the audit report including a final recommendation based on their independent views of such audit. A report without a final comment will be considered incomplete.

#### **D.b. Scope of work for Need-based assignment**

During the period of empanelment, DGH may require an audit of oil and gas reserves for areas outlined in **Section D.a. (Scope of Work for Empanelment)**.

The scope of study required by DGH may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Auditing and estimating In-place and reserves before blocks are offered for bidding to operators.
- Conducting peer reviews of audit reports submitted by third parties on behalf of operators.
- Reviewing and auditing the static (Geological & Geophysical) and dynamic (Reservoir Engineering) component of Field Development Plans/ Revised Field Development Plans submitted to DGH.

For each need-based assignment, DGH will provide the empanelled auditors with a brief outlining the scope of work, expected timelines, and deliverables. Such empanelled auditors will be required to critically analyze the assignment brief and submit a commercial quotation along with its team members likely to be deployed for the assignment to DGH within 5 working days of receiving the brief. The assignment will be awarded to the auditing agency that submits the lowest commercial quotation (L-1).

#### **E. Categories for submitting bids**

The interested auditing entity may submit their bids for empanelment in any one or two or all the three categories listed below:

E.a. **CATEGORY I – Conventional Reservoirs with In-place exceeding or equal to 20 MMT (O + OEG)**

E.b. **CATEGORY II – Conventional Reservoirs with In-place less than 20 MMT (O + OEG)**

**E.c. CATEGORY III – Un-Conventional Reservoirs**

Need based assignments may fall in any of the above three categories.

The bidding process is Single stage system wherein the bids will be evaluated based on technical qualification criteria & acceptance of terms & conditions of tender under each of the categories separately and the bids who meet the technical qualification criteria without any exception to terms & conditions will be empanelled under each category separately. The decision of DGH in this regard shall be final and binding on the bidder.

DGH reserves the right to empanel the auditors against each category separately based on the evaluation. Should the no. of empanelled auditors against any category exceed 10, DGH reserves the right to limit the no. based on the average annual turnover of the last three financial years.

**F. Technical Qualification Criteria – Category-wise**

**F.a CATEGORY I – Conventional Reservoirs with In-place exceeding or equal to 20 MMT (O + OEG)**

The prospective bidders shall be required to meet the following Technical Qualification Criteria under this category:

1. The bidder should be registered/ incorporated in India under Indian Companies Act 1956 including its amendment from time to time.
2. The bidder must have an office in India.
  - *In support of above point # 1 & 2 above, the bidder should submit a copy Certificate of registration/ Incorporation or any other relevant document, as applicable.*
3. The bidder must have at least 15 years of experience in certification/ audit of oil and gas reserves for companies which is for disclosing and reporting reserves to government or other equivalent regulatory agencies
4. The bidder must have experience in certification/ audit of oil and gas reserves of completing at least 05 (five) projects in the last 10 (ten) years to be reckoned from original Bid Closing date in any Exploration & Production (E&P) companies.
5. The bidder must have experience of certification/ audit of at least 2 oil and gas project with at least 20 MMt (O+OEG) In place in last 10 (ten) years.
  - *In support of points # 3, 4, and 5 above, bidders are required to submit documents for their experience, the number of projects completed in the last 10 years and evidence of two oil and gas projects with a minimum capacity of 20 MMt (O+OEG).*
  - *Documentary evidence like contracts/ equivalent documents showing the nature of jobs along with corresponding completion Certificate (s) or final payment certificate or any other documents, issued by the client(s), which substantiate completion of the jobs, with contact details of the issuing person/organization (Name, Designation, e-mail address, Phone Number etc.) must be submitted along with the bid.*
6. The bidder must have minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 20 Crs. in the last three financial years.
  - *Copies of audited Profit / Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the previous three financial years along with a certificate from the CA must be submitted along with the bid.*

**F.b CATEGORY II – Conventional Reservoirs with In-place less than 20 MMT (O + OEG)**

The prospective bidders shall be required to meet the following Technical Qualification Criteria under this category:

1. The bidder should be registered/ incorporated in India under Indian Companies Act 1956 including its amendment from time to time.
2. The bidder must have an office in India.
  - *In support of above point # 1 & 2 above, the bidder should submit a copy Certificate of registration/ Incorporation or any other relevant document, as applicable.*
3. The bidder must have at least 10 years of experience in certification/ audit of oil and gas reserves for companies which is for disclosing and reporting reserves to government or other equivalent regulatory agencies.
4. The bidder must have experience in certification/ audit of oil and gas reserves of completing at least 05 (five) projects in the last 10 (ten) years to be reckoned from original Bid Closing date in any Exploration & Production (E&P) companies
  - *In support of points # 3 and 4 above, bidders are required to submit documents for their experience and the number of projects completed in the last 10 years.*
  - *Documentary evidence like contracts/ equivalent documents showing the nature of jobs along with corresponding completion Certificate (s) or final payment certificate or any other documents, issued by the client(s), which substantiate completion of the jobs, with contact details of the issuing person/organization (Name, Designation, e-mail address, Phone Number etc.) must be submitted along with the bid.*
5. The bidder must have minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 10 crs. in the last three financial years.
  - *Copies of audited Profit / Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the previous three financial years along with a certificate from the CA must be submitted along with the bid.*

**F.c. CATEGORY III – Un-Conventional Reservoirs**

The prospective bidders shall be required to meet the following Technical Qualification Criteria under this category:

1. The bidder should be registered/ incorporated in India under Indian Companies Act 1956 including its amendment from time to time.
2. The bidder must have an office in India.
  - *In support of above point # 1 & 2 above, the bidder should submit a copy Certificate of registration/ Incorporation or any other relevant document, as applicable.*
3. The bidder must have at least 10 years of experience in certification/ audit of oil and gas reserves of unconventional reservoirs for companies which is for disclosing and reporting reserves to government or other equivalent regulatory agencies.
4. The bidder must have experience in certification/ audit of oil and gas reserves of completing at least 05

(five) projects of unconventional reservoirs in the last 10 (ten) years to be reckoned from original Bid Closing date in any Exploration & Production (E&P) companies.

- *In support of points # 3 and 4 above, bidders are required to submit documents for their experience and the number of projects completed in the last 10 years.*
- *Documentary evidence like contracts/ equivalent documents showing the nature of jobs along with corresponding completion Certificate (s) or final payment certificate or any other documents, issued by the client(s), which substantiate completion of the jobs, with contact details of the issuing person/organization (Name, Designation, e-mail address, Phone Number etc.) must be submitted along with the bid.*

5. The bidder must have minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 10 crs. in the last three financial years.

- *Copies of audited Profit / Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the previous three financial years along with a certificate from the CA must be submitted along with the bid.*

**G. General notes applicable for all the above three categories:**

1. Consortium / JV/ MOU tie up are not allowed to participate in this tender.
2. In case the bidder is unable to submit based on their technical experience as sought above, such bidder is allowed to participate in the tender by using the experience & credentials of their parent/ holding/ subsidiary/ co- subsidiary companies for meeting the criteria under F. a, F.b. & F.c. above.
- 2.1 In case the bidder submits the bid based on the experience & credentials of their parent/ holding/ subsidiary company, the following documents needs to be submitted along with the bid:
  - (i) Documentary evidence in the form of copies of Memorandum of Association/ Article of Association/ Article of Incorporation/ Declaration by Authorized representative of the company (viz. company Secretary)/ certificate issued by a practicing Chartered/Cost Accountant Firm, with membership number, regarding existence of such a relationship between the bidder and the Supporting parent/ holding/ subsidiary company ["Supporting Company"]..
  - (ii) Agreement(s) between the bidder and the parent/ holding/ subsidiary company ["Supporting Company"]. **(Form PQ1)**.
  - (iii) Guarantee(s) from the parent/ holding/ subsidiary company ["Supporting Company"]. **(Form PQ2)** for fulfilling the obligation under the Agreement.
  - (iv) Authorisation letter from one of the Directors of Supporting Company authorizing the signatories to execute the Agreement and Guarantee, duly certified by the Company/ Legal Secretary of the Supporting Company.
- 2.2 In case the bidder submits the bid based on the experience & credentials of their co-subsidary company, the following documents needs to be submitted along with the bid:
  - (i) Documentary evidence in the form of copies of Memorandum of Association/ Article of Association/ Article of Incorporation/ Declaration by Authorized representative of the company (viz. company Secretary)/ certificate issued by a practicing Chartered/Cost Accountant Firm, with membership number, regarding existence of such a relationship between the bidder, the co-subsidary company ["Supporting Company"] and the holding Company/same parent.

- (ii) Agreement(s) between the bidder, the co-subsiary company ["Supporting Company"] and the holding Company/ same parent. **(Form PQ3)**.
  - (iii) Authorisation letter from one of the Directors of Supporting Company authorizing the signatories to execute the Agreement, duly certified by the Company/ Legal Secretary of the Supporting Company.
  - (iv) Authorisation letter from one of the Directors of holding Company/ same parent authorizing the signatories to execute the Agreement, duly certified by the Company/ Legal Secretary of the holding Company/ same parent.
3. In case the bidder on its own is unable to meet the average annual turnover criteria under F. a, F.b. & F.c. above, such bidder is allowed to participate in the tender by borrowing financial support from their Parent/ co-subsiary held by the same Parent ["Supporting Company"]. In such case, the bidder shall be required to submit the following documents:
- (i) Audited Consolidated Annual financial statement in respect of such Supporting Company. The bidder will provide a statement containing the value of financial parameter required in the tender based on the Supporting Company's audited consolidated financial statement as defined.
  - (ii) A Guarantee from the Supporting company in the prescribed format **(Form PQ4)**.
  - (iii) A certificate from the Statutory Auditor or Company Secretary or one of the Directors of the bidding company to establish the relationship and equity percentage holding between the bidder and the supporting company.
  - (iv) Authorisation letter from one of the Directors of Supporting Company authorizing the signatories to execute the Corporate Guarantee, duly certified by the Company/ Legal Secretary of the Supporting Company.
4. In cases where the bidder cites the reasons of the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with their clients for its inability to submit necessary documentary evidences in support of meeting the Pre-Qualification / Eligibility criteria as against Sl. No. 3 & 4 against Sl. No. F. a, F.b. & F.c above a certificate, certifying all the required information, issued by the CEO/ CFO/ Head of bidding entity/ MD of the company along with an undertaking that the bidding company is not in a position to submit the required documents owing to the NDA with an endorsement by Chartered Accountant/ Statutory Auditor/ Certified Public Accountant/ TPIA/ Chartered Engineer (not being an employee or a Director or not having any interest in the bidder(s) company/firm) may be accepted. In this situation, the bidder shall however, will be required to submit the details in a tabular form as under:

Sl. no.	Client Name	Name of Country	Scope of Work	Start Date	Approximate Value of Assignment	Completion Date	Remarks
1							
2							

Note: In respect of Client name, if bound by NDA by their clients, the bidder may indicate whether it is private or PSU/ Govt. entity

## H. DESIRED TEAM COMPOSITION

- i) The Auditing team must have a team leader who is a Qualified Reserves Auditor (QRA ), and the team leader must be a regular fulltime employee (supporting documents to be submitted).
- ii) Team leader can be any member of the team. However, the team leader who certifies the final reports must be an SPE certified professional with a minimum of 15 years of work experience in the capacity of global reserve auditor (Related experience certificate details and SPE certification copy to be submitted).
- iii) The applicant firm should have full-time availability of facilities/infrastructure (such as E&P software, workstation, office setup etc). (Provide a small write-up on the existing facilities/infrastructure).
- iv) Required technical experience of personnel: The auditing firm should have at least integrated team of minimum 5 (five) members with experience in oil/gas field development, estimation and evaluation of In-place, resource and reserves, and should be available for interaction/meetings, in case of requirement. The details on the composition of the team and minimum experience of the personnel are tabulated below.

Sl. No.	Team	Minimum Oil & Gas industry Experience, years	Minimum experience in estimation and evaluation of In-place, Reserves & resources <sup>1</sup> , years
1	Geologist	15	10
2	Geophysicist	15	10
3	Petrophysicist	15	5
4	Reservoir Engineer	15	10
5	Petroleum/Production Engineer	15	5

<sup>1</sup> (Refer to Standards Pertaining to the Estimating and Auditing of Oil and Gas Reserves" approved by SPE in the year 2019)

<sup>2</sup> For Conventional or Unconventional reservoirs as applicable

The names of the team members and team leader along with their biodata, qualification & experience, profile must be submitted along with the technical bid. The biodata and experience certificate must be certified & authenticated by the CEO or Equivalent authority of the bidder. The empanelled bidder shall have to necessarily deploy the same key personnel for execution. In case of any changes in the team composition and team leader, the empanelled agency will submit CVs of the replaced team member (of equivalent qualifications & experience) for approval of compliance related to the fulfilling criteria related to the team and team leader mentioned in this NIO.

## I. DURATION OF EMPANELMENT

The validity period of empanelment will be 3 years from the date the Empanelment letter is issued to the auditing firm(s) and will be extendable to further 1 year for which DGH will have the sole right based on further review of completed works to the satisfaction of DGH. Empanelled agencies should follow high Quality standards in their services. However, DGH reserves the right to terminate the empanelment any time in case the services are not up to the mark without any further liability/ obligation.

## **J. RIGHTS AND REGULATORY CONDITIONS/REQUIREMENTS**

- DGH reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reason.
- The DGH reserves the right to eliminate from the empanelment whenever it finds any discrepancies and biasedness in audit of reserves without providing any reason for it.
- The objective of this NIO is to empanel qualified & competent Reserves auditors for oil and gas in-place, reserves and resources. Empanelment doesn't guarantee that the empanelled firms will get engaged by the any E&P Operator/ Contractor or DGH. There will be no payment of any kind of empanelment fees to the empanelled auditors either by the DGH.
- The E & P Operators/ Contractors will be free to choose auditors from the list as per their requirement or scope of study or Reserves audit being performed. The payment related to audit will be borne by the respective E&P Operator/ Contractor and cost recovery (if any) shall be governed by the respective contractual regime of the block.
- The empanelment does not guarantee award of contract either by DGH or by the E&P Operators/ Contractors & there is no minimum work commitment during the contract period.
- There will be no financial transaction between DGH and the empanelled auditing firms as the empanelled list will be referred by the E&P Operators to comply with requirement of audit related to in-place, reserves & resources.
- The list of empanelled auditors will be applicable across different contract regimes such as production sharing contract (PSC), Revenue Sharing Contract (RSC), Discovered Small fields (DSF) etc.
- The empanelled agency(ies) will work on the guidelines prescribed from time to time by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- For interpretation of any clause of this NIO & markings under technical evaluation, the decision of DGH would be final and binding on the bidder.
- DGH reserves the right to modify terms and conditions of the empanelment or cancel the empanelment at any time, if in the opinion of the DGH, it is necessary or expedient to do so in public interest. The decision of DGH shall be final and binding in this regard.

## **K. Disqualification**

DGH at its sole discretion and at any time during the evaluation of Proposal, disqualify any bidder, if the bidder has:

- Submitted the Proposal documents after the response deadline.
- Made misleading or false representations in the forms, statements and attachments submitted in proof of the eligibility requirements.
- Submitted a proposal that is not accompanied by required documentation or is non-responsive.
- Failed to provide clarifications related thereto, when sought.
- Record of poor performance such as abandoning works, not properly completing the contractual obligations, inordinately delaying completion of any project and lack of due diligence.
- Declared ineligible by the Government of India/ NOCs.

## **L. DATA CONFIDENTIALITY**

The auditor/auditing firm shall take adequate and timely measures to ensure that information provided through it as part of the auditing processes conducted for the E&P Operators shall be kept confidential, secured, and protected. The applicant will have to agree and submit the confidentiality agreement (Annexure-B) along with the bid application.

## **M. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The empanelled auditor will have to ensure that the audit will not be carried out for an E&P company for which the auditor or any team member is an Employee or partner or stockholders, proprietors of that E&P company. (An undertaking is required to be submitted along with the bid).

## **N. GENERAL NOTES**

1. The prospective bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its response, including but not limited to preparation, copying, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by the Company, site visits, investigations, studies, or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its response. All such costs and expenses will remain on the applicant and DGH shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or for any other costs or other expenses incurred by the applicant in preparation or submission of the response, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the process.
2. This NIO shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India for the time being in force and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of Courts situated in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
3. **Pre-Bid Meeting: In order to enable the prospective bidders to have a better understanding of the Scope of empanelment, a pre-bid Meeting has been scheduled as per details mentioned in the forwarding letter.**

**The prospective bidders may raise their queries within the date and time specified in the forwarding letter with regards to the tender, which will be discussed in the pre bid conference and modifications, if found suitable may be considered by DGH.**

**Any queries received after the indicated date and time may not be entertained by the DGH.**

## **O. DISCLAIMER**

The purpose of this NIO is to prepare a list of qualified auditors for the audit of in-place, resource and reserve by various E&P Operators for submission to DGH and need based assignments at DGH. The empaneled auditors cannot construe empanelment as award of contract by DGH or Operator. The empanelment does not guarantee award of contract either by DGH or by the E&P Operators. There will be no remuneration or payment of professional fees to the empaneled auditors either by DGH or the Operators.

- a. The evaluation of FDP/ FDP revision(s) to be carried out with emphasis as firm plan by the operator.
- b. Examine the well test/DST data, interpretation and analysis of pressure transient test and also for MDT/ RDT/ XPT Interpretation & Analysis.
- c. Review the lab studies performed like routine and special PVT analysis, routine and special core analysis data and for any other special Lab studies for fluid or on core.
- d. Check whether the In-place volume estimate from geoscience takes into account the possible range of variability and the P50 In-place value is comparable with independent estimates from material balance or/and 3D Full Field Reservoir Model as applicable.
- e. Check the 2P in-place and whether the studies performed is in line with the reservoir engineering guidelines.

SL	2P/OIIP/STOIIP (MMbbl) /GIIP (Bscm) Field/ Reservoir	Description
		<b>For onshore fields</b>
1.	Oil: <80 Gas: <5	<p>a. Material Balance Studies using industry standard software such as MBAL (preferably incorporating well and surface network models using PROSPER and GAP). GOR/ <math>f_w</math> matching option may also be used.</p> <p>b. Decline Curve Analysis (DCA): Well wise reserves estimate of existing wells and total reservoir based on past sustained performance and extending the DCA parameters on new development wells in 2P STOIIP area. <u>(Not applicable in case of first time/Initial development)</u></p> <p>Maximum three new development wells per reservoir/hydro-dynamically connected reservoirs in the field can be considered based on these studies.</p>
2.	Oil: 80 to 120 Gas: 5 to 7.5	2D Geological Maps based 3D-3Phase Reservoir Model, History Matched (in new reservoir there will be no history) 3D-3Phase Numerical Simulation Study & Forecast for reservoir/ hydro-dynamically connected reservoirs.
3.	Oil: >120 Gas :>7.5	<p>Full Field Geo-Cellular Model (FFGM), Full Field Reservoir Model (FFRM), History Matched (in new reservoir there will be no history) 3D-3Phase Numerical Simulation Study &amp; Forecast for reservoir/ hydro-dynamically connected reservoirs.</p> <p>The above statements assume that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FFRM scale-up is valid and preserves the pore volume, internal architecture, and the effects of heterogeneity.</li> <li>• Aquifer influx and gas cap size are modelled correctly.</li> <li>• PVT properties are characterized and represented correctly.</li> <li>• SCAL data is used to enhance and validate model predictions, where applicable.</li> <li>• There are no errors in reported well testing/production history.</li> </ul>
4.	--	<b>For offshore fields</b> , new and redevelopment of the reservoir/field will be strictly based on Full Field Geo-Cellular Model (FFGM), Full Field Reservoir Model (FFRM), History Matched (3D-3Phase Numerical Simulation study) wherever applicable, & Forecast for reservoir/ hydro-dynamically connected reservoirs irrespective of hydrocarbon In-Place.

- i. Commonly used Industry standard software recommended for Reservoir Engineering & Petroleum Engineering Studies (preferably CMG/ Eclipse).
- ii. All data relating to above studies including MBAL, DCA, FFGM and FFRM, History Matched & Forecast Simulation Models should be made available to DGH if required.
- iii. The reservoir dynamic model should be calibrated with the available pressure and production data from both the sides for the straddling reservoir(s).
- iv. Wherever feasible, the history matched (not applicable for new reservoir) calibrated reservoir model should be used to forecast cases to assess the future production performance and estimate technically recoverable resources from the model of straddling reservoir(s) and for each of the contract areas.
- v. All uncertainties and the risk analysis must be clearly mentioned in the report and there should be a dedicated chapter on the Uncertainty Analysis in the FDP report.
- vi. Simulation runs should be performed under various development scenarios with special emphasis on maximizing recovery from the reservoir.
- vii. In case of the unit development, clear scoping of work needs to be defined on the basis of simulation model and such a plan should contain the details on migrated/to be migrated volumes of hydrocarbon from both sides of lease boundary and also the total migrated volume for the straddling reservoir(s). The above table is required to be referred to during subsequent phases of re-determination of hydrocarbon volumes also.
- viii. In cases of fields/reservoirs having poor reservoir properties/ tight reservoirs, the Operator may initially plan up to three wells and in all such cases the study should also provide drainage area-based volume calculations per well in the submitted development plan.
- ix. The assumptions and constraints used in the model for the proposed development strategy for generating the production profile needs should be clearly defined and mentioned in the FDP. The same needs to be checked.
- x. Review the firm input (s) and their schedule.
- xi. Check whether the Operator has evaluated and recommended any Enhanced Oil / Gas recovery (EOR/EGR) strategy.
- xii. Analyse the firm recommended production profile. Calculate the envisaged recovery factor(s) as it should be comparable or above global standards for similar reservoir(s) as per the PRMS guidelines.
- xiii. The cost estimates of such action plan should be incorporated in the overall techno economics of the proposal and the results of techno-economic analysis should be provided.

**CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON- DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

***(To be signed with successful bidder only)***

This confidential and non-disclosure agreement is executed on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as \_\_\_\_\_) having its registered office at \_\_\_\_\_, which expression, unless the context otherwise requires, shall include its successors and assigns acting through its duly authorized representative.  
AND

Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (hereinafter referred to as DGH), an organization under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas the Government of India having its registered office OIBD Bhawan, Tower A, Plot No. 2, Sector – 73, Noida-201301, India which expression, unless the context otherwise requires, shall include its successors and assigns acting through its duly authorized representatives;

WHEREAS, DGH and \_\_\_\_\_ have entered into a contract for \_\_\_\_\_,  
WHEREAS \_\_\_\_\_ will have access to certain proprietary and confidential information, hence the confidentiality agreement is executed on the terms and condition set henceforth.

As used herein “confidential Information” means all plans, drawings, tracings of drawings, specifications, manuals, numerical results, general conclusions, design reports, studies, cost estimates, well data, geological or geophysical data, exploration and production data, lease information and all other materials, information and data developed by, or in the possession a party and which is directly or indirectly made available to the other party in any from or which is directly or indirectly made available to the other party during the performance of the services. Accordingly, each party is willing to allow the other party to have access to such information, under the following terms and conditions:

1. Each party agrees that it will maintain in confidence and will not disclose to any third party, without the other party’s prior written permission, any confidential information that is disclosed to it directly or indirectly. Each party further agrees that it will limit access to Confidential Information to only those employees of their company who actually need to know such Confidential Information for carrying out the above-indicated purpose of this agreement.
2. Each party agrees that: (a) it will not use any of their Confidential Information for any purpose other than as necessary to perform its services; and (b) it will promptly return to the other party all documents provided by such party which contain Confidential Information (including all copies thereof). Upon written request, except that each party shall be entitled to retain one copy of such information for archival purposes.
3. Each party agrees that it will inform each of its employee who receives or has access to any Confidential Information of the provisions of this Agreement.

The foregoing obligations of each party shall not apply to:

- a) Information which, at the time of disclosure, it in the public domain as evidenced by printed publication or otherwise;
- b) Information which, after disclosure, becomes part of the public domain by publication or otherwise through no act or failure to act of each party;
- c) Information which each party can show was in its possession prior to the time of disclosure and was not acquired directly or indirectly from the other party;

Or

- a. d) Information which is received by each party subsequent to the time of disclosure from a third party who has the right to disclose such information and who did not acquire the same directly or indirectly from each party.

Disclosures made to each party in connection with this Agreement shall not be deemed to be within the foregoing exceptions merely because they are embraced by more general information in the public domain or in the possession of each party.

- 4. All Confidential Information disclosed by a party pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall at all times remain the property of that party.
- 5. The foregoing obligations shall expire on the 5th anniversary of the effective date of the Agreement.
- 6. This Agreement shall be construed, and the rights of the parties shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the Government of India.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in duplicate by their duly authorized representatives, effective as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HYDROCARBONS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORMAT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BIDDER AND THEIR SUPPORTING COMPANY (PARENT /HOLDING/SUBSIDIARY COMPANY) (As the case may be)**

(TO BE EXECUTED ON STAMP PAPER OF REQUISITE VALUE AND NOTORISED, SCANNED AND SUBMITTED ONLINE THROUGH TENDER PORTAL)

This agreement made on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ month \_\_\_ year by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (*Fill in the Bidder's full name, constitution and registered office address*) hereinafter referred to as *bidder* on the first part and M/s \_\_\_\_\_ (*Fill in full name, constitution and registered office address of Parent / holding/ Subsidiary Company - (Delete whichever not applicable)*) hereinafter referred to as "Parent /holding/Subsidiary Company (Delete whichever not applicable)" of the other part:

**WHEREAS**

The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (hereinafter referred to as DGH) has invited offers vide their tender No. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and M/s \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder) intends to bid against the said tender and desires to have technical support of M/s \_\_\_\_\_ [Parent/ holding/ Subsidiary Company - (Delete whichever not applicable)] and whereas Parent/ holding/ Subsidiary Company - (Delete whichever not applicable) represents that they have gone through and understood the requirements of subject tender and are capable and committed to provide the services as required by the *Bidder* for successful execution of the contract, if awarded to the Bidder.

Now, it is hereby agreed to by and between the parties as follows:

1. M/s \_\_\_\_\_ [Parent/ holding/ Subsidiary Company - (Delete whichever not applicable)] undertakes to provide technical support, expertise, expert manpower, procurement assistance and project management to support the Bidder to discharge its obligations as per the Scope of work of the tender/Contract.
2. This agreement will remain valid till validity of Bidder's offer to DGH including extension if any and till satisfactory performance of the contract, in the event the contract is awarded by DGH to the Bidder.
3. It is further agreed that for the performance of work during contract period the *Bidder* and Parent/ holding/ Subsidiary Company - (Delete whichever not applicable) shall be jointly and severally responsible to DGH for satisfactory execution of the contract.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this agreement on the date mentioned above.

For and on behalf of

(*Bidder*)  
M/s.

For and on behalf of

(Parent/ holding/ Subsidiary Company)  
M/s.

Witness:

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Witness:

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**GUARANTEE BY SUPPORTING COMPANY (PARENT /HOLDING/SUBSIDIARY COMPANY) (As the case may be)**

(TO BE EXECUTED ON STAMP PAPER OF REQUISITE VALUE AND NOTORISED, SCANNED AND SUBMITTED ONLINE THROUGH TENDER PORTAL)

**DEED OF GUARANTEE**

THIS DEED OF GUARANTEE executed at ..... this ..... day of ..... by M/s ..... (*mention complete name*) a company duly organized and existing under the laws of ..... (*insert jurisdiction/country*), having its Registered Office at ..... hereinafter called “the Guarantor” which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall mean and include all its successors, administrators, executors and assignees

**WHEREAS**

Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, having its office at OADB Bhawan, Plot No 2, Sector 73, Noida – 201301 , hereinafter called “DGH” which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall mean and include all its successors, administrators, executors and assignees, has invited tender number ..... for ..... on .....

M/s ..... (*mention complete name*), a company duly organized and existing under the laws of ..... (*insert jurisdiction/country*), having its Registered Office at ..... (*give complete address*) hereinafter called “the Company” which expression shall, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context thereof, be deemed to include its successor and permitted assigns, have, in response to the above mentioned tender invited by DGH, has submitted their bid number ..... to DGH with the technical support of *Supporting company* ..... (*Name of the supporting company with address*) with one of the condition that the Company shall arrange a guarantee from its ..... [*Name of the Parent/ holding/ Subsidiary Company with address - (Delete whichever not applicable)*] guaranteeing due and satisfactory performance of the work covered under the said tender including any change therein as may be deemed appropriate by DGH at any stage.

The Guarantor represents that they have gone through and understood the requirement of the above said tender and are capable of and committed to provide technical and such other supports as may be required by the Company for successful execution of the same.

The Company and the *Supporting Company* have entered into a separate agreement dated ..... as per which the *Supporting Company* shall be providing technical and such other supports as may be necessary for performance of the work relating to the said tender.

Accordingly, at the request of the Company and in consideration of and as a requirement of this Tender to enter into agreement(s) with the Company, the Guarantor hereby agrees to give this guarantee and undertakes as follows:

1. The Guarantor [*Name of the Parent/ holding/ Subsidiary Company with address - (Delete whichever not applicable)*] unconditionally agrees that in case of non-performance by the Company of any of its obligations in any respect, the Guarantor shall, immediately on receipt of notice of demand by DGH, take up the job without any demur or objection, in continuation and without loss of time and without any cost to DGH and duly perform the obligations of the Company to the satisfaction of DGH.
2. The Guarantor agrees that the Guarantee herein contained shall remain valid and enforceable till the satisfactory execution and completion of the work awarded to the Bidder.
3. The Guarantor shall be jointly with the Company, as also severally, be responsible for satisfactory performance of the contract entered between the Bidder and DGH.
4. The liability of the Guarantor, under the Guarantee, is limited to 50 % of the contract price entered between the Bidder and DGH.

5. The Guarantor represents that this Guarantee has been issued after due observance of the appropriate laws in force in India. The Guarantor hereby undertakes that the Guarantor shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect all the governmental and other approvals and consents that are necessary and do all other acts and things necessary or desirable in connection therewith or for the due performance of the Guarantor's obligations hereunder.
6. The Guarantor also agrees that this Guarantee shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws in force in India and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New Delhi, India.
7. The Guarantor hereby declares and represents that this Guarantee has been given without any undue influence or coercion, and that the Guarantor has fully understood the implications of the same.
8. The Guarantor represents and confirms that the Guarantor has the legal capacity, power, and authority to issue this Guarantee and that giving of this Guarantee and the performance and observations of the obligations hereunder do not contravene any existing laws.

For & on behalf of Guarantor \_\_\_\_\_

M/s.

Witness:

1)

2)

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN BIDDER, SUPPORTING CO-SUBSIDIARY COMPANY AND THE HOLDING COMPANY OF BOTH THE BIDDER AND THE SUPPORTING CO-SUBSIDIARY COMPANY.**

(TO BE EXECUTED ON STAMP PAPER OF REQUISITE VALUE AND NOTORISED, SCANNED AND SUBMITTED ONLINE THROUGH TENDER PORTAL)

This agreement made this [•] by and between

[•], a company incorporated in India with its registered office at [•], hereinafter referred to as “Bidder” of the first part; and

[•], a company registered under the laws of [•] with its registered office at [•], herein after referred to as “Co-subsidiary” of the second part; and

[•], a company duly organized and existing under the laws of [•], having its Registered Office at [•], hereinafter referred to as “Holding Company” of the third part.

WHEREAS

Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (hereinafter referred to as DGH) has invited offers vide their Tender No. [•] for [•]; and

[•], intends to bid against the said tender and desires to have a technical support of [•]; and

Co-subsidiary Company represents that they have gone through and understood the requirements of subject tender and are capable and committed to provide the services as required by the Bidder for successful execution of the contract, if awarded to the Bidder.

Now, it is hereby agreed to by and between all the three parties as follows:

1. [•], will submit an offer to DGH for the full scope of work as envisaged in the tender document.
2. [•] undertakes to provide technical support and expertise and expert manpower, material, if any, to support the Bidder to discharge its obligations as per the Scope of work of the tender / Contract for which offer has been made by the Bidder.
3. This agreement will remain valid till validity of Bidder's offer to DGH including extension if any and also till satisfactory performance of the contract, including defect liability period, in the event the bid is accepted, and contract is awarded by DGH to the Bidder.
4. Co-subsidiary Company unconditionally agrees that in case of award of contract to the Bidder, if the Bidder is unable to execute the contract, they shall, immediately on receipt of notice by DGH, take up the job without any demur or objection, in continuation without loss of time and without any extra cost to DGH and duly perform the obligations of the Bidder/Contractor to the satisfaction of DGH.
5. The Holding Company also confirms and undertakes that the commitment made by the Co-subsidiary company in providing the technical support and technical expertise and expert manpower to support the Bidder for execution of the contract are honored.
6. The Holding Company also takes full responsibility in getting the contract executed through the Co-subsidiary company in case the Bidder/Contractor is unable to execute the contract.
7. In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this agreement on the date mentioned above.

For and on behalf of  
Bidder

For and on behalf of  
Co-subsiary Company

For and on behalf of  
Holding Company

Sign:

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**PROFORMA OF CORPORATE GUARANTEE BY BIDDER'S PARENT / CO-SUBSIDIARY COMPANY TOWARDS FINANCIAL STANDING.**

*(To be executed on company's letter head)*

**DEED OF GUARANTEE**

THIS DEED OF GUARANTEE executed at ..... this ..... day of ..... by M/s ..... (*m ention complete name*) a company duly organized and existing under the laws of ..... (*insert jurisd iction/country*), having its Registered Office at ..... hereinafter called "the Guarantor" which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall mean and include all its succes sors, administrators, executors and assignees

**WHEREAS**

Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, having its office at OI DB Bhawan, Plot No 2, Sector 73, Noida – 201301, India (hereinafter called 'DGH' which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall me an and include all its successors, administrators, executors and assignees), invited tender number ..... for ..... on .....and ..... as Bidder intends to bid against the said tender and desires to have Financial support of ..... (*Fill in full name, constitution and registered office address of Parent/ Co-Subsidiary*) [Parent/ Co-Subsidiary (*Delete whichever not applicable*)] and whereas Parent/ CoSubsidiary (*Delete whichever not applic able*) represents that they have gone through and understood the requirements of subject tender and are capa ble and committed to provide the Financial support as required by the Bidder for qualifying and successful exe cution of the contract, if awarded to the Bidder.

Now, it is hereby agreed by the Guarantor to give this Guarantee and undertakes as follows:

1. The Guarantor confirms that \_\_\_\_\_ (*name, address of the Bidder*) is a Subsidiary of the Guarantor and the Guarantor holds more than fifty percent of the paid up share capital in the said Company either directly or through intermediate subsidiaries.
2. The Guarantor agrees and confirms to provide the Audited Annual Reports of the preceeding 03 (three) financial years.
3. The Guarantor has an average annual financial turnover of \_\_\_\_\_ (*amount*) during the preceding 03 (Three) financial years.
4. The Guarantor undertakes to provide financial support to \_\_\_\_\_ (*name, address of the Bidder*) for executing the project/job, in case the same is awarded to the Bidder.

The Guarantor represents that:

- (a) This Guarantee herein contained shall remain valid and enforceable till the satisfactory execution and completion of the work awarded to the Bidder.
- (b) The liability of the Guarantor, under the Guarantee, is limited to the contract price entered between the Bidder and DGH.
- (c) This Guarantee has been issued after due observance of the appropriate laws in force in India.

- (d) This Guarantee shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws in force in India and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New Delhi, India.
- (e) This Guarantee has been given without any undue influence or coercion, and that the Guarantor has fully understood the implications of the same.
- (f) The Guarantor has the legal capacity, power and authority to issue this Guarantee and that giving of this Guarantee and the performance and observations of the obligations hereunder do not contravene any existing laws.

For & on behalf of Guarantor (**Parent/Co-Subsidiary** (Delete whichever is not applicable))

<p>Signature _____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Designation _____</p> <p>Common seal of the Company _____</p>
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<p><u>Witness:</u></p> <p>1. Signature _____</p> <p>Full Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p>	<p><u>Witness:</u></p> <p>2. Signature _____</p> <p>Full Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p>
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### **E-tendering Instructions to Bidders**

#### **General:**

These are the special Instructions (for e-Tendering) as supplement to „Instruction to Bidders“ as available in Annexure-I of the tender document. Submission of Bids only through online process is mandatory for this Tender.

For conducting electronic tendering, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, Noida is using the **Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP)**(<http://www.eprocure.gov.in>) of NIC, a Government of India Undertaking.

#### **1. Tender Bidding Methodology:**

Sealed Bid System –Single Envelopes.

Only Techno-commercial bids shall be submitted by the bidder.

#### **2. Broad outline of activities from Bidders prospective:**

- i) Procure a Digital Signing Certificate (DSC).
- ii) Register on Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP).
- iii) Create Users and assign roles on CPPP.
- iv) View Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) on CPPP.
- v) Download Official Copy of Tender Documents from CPPP.
- vi) Prepare & arrange all document/paper for submission of bid online/offline.
- vii) Bid-Submission on CPPP.
- viii) Attend Public Online Tender Opening Event (TOE) on CPPP (Opening of Techno-Commercial Part).
- ix) Attend Public Online Tender Opening Event (TOE) on CPPP (Opening of Financial-Part) {only for Technically Responsive Bidders}

#### **3. Digital Certificates:**

For participation in e-tendering, it is mandatory for all bidders to have a Digital Certificate (DC) also referred to as Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), (in the name of person who will sign the Bid), issued by a Certifying Authority (CA) licensed by Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) [refer <http://www.cca.gov.in>].

#### **4. Registration:**

To use the Central Public Procurement Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.in>), bidder needs to register on the portal. The bidder should visit the home-page of the portal ([www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)) and go to the e-procure link then go to “Online Bidder Enrollment”.

#### **5. Bid related information for this Tender (Sealed Bid):**

The entire bid-submission would be online on CPPP (<http://www.eprocure.gov.in>) Broad outline of submission are as follows:

- (I) Submission of digitally signed copy of Tender Documents/ Addendum/Corrigendum.
- (II) Single Envelopes.
  - Techno- Commercial Bid

#### **6. Offline submissions of some documents:**

Not Applicable

#### **7. Other Instructions:**

For participating in this tender online, the following instructions are to be read carefully. These

instructions are supplemented with more detailed guidelines on the relevant screens of the CPPP. The bidder should visit the home-page of the CPP portal ([www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)), and go to the link “eprocure”, then “Bidders Manual Kit” and “Help for Contractors” link.

- (I) Please take care to scan documents that total size of documents to be uploaded remains minimum. If required, documents may be scanned at lower resolutions say at 150 dpi. However, it shall be sole responsibility of bidder that the uploaded documents remain legible.
- (II) Utmost care may be taken to name the files/documents to be uploaded on CPPP. These should be no special character or space in the name of file.
- (III) It is advised that all the documents to be submitted (See Appendix-8 at Annexure-I of tender document) are kept scanned or converted to PDF format in a separate folder on your computer before starting online submission.
- (IV) The compatible support software (PDF Converter, Java, etc.) for online bid submission maybe downloaded from CPP Portal.
- (V) If some document is not applicable for the bidder then he has to upload scanned copy of paper mentioning, the document <name> called vide clause\_is not applicable on us.
- (VI) If document asked for contains more than one page, then all those pages may be uploaded in one PDF file.



**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF EMPANELMENT**

(Notification of Empanelment will be governed by following applicable general terms & conditions)

**1.0 DEFINITIONS:**

Unless inconsistent with or otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms stipulated in this CONTRACT shall have the meaning as defined hereunder.

**1.1 CONTRACT**

Shall mean a written CONTRACT signed between DGH and the CONTRACTOR (the successful bidder) including subsequent amendments to the CONTRACT in writing thereto.

**1.2 DGH:**

DGH or Directorate General of Hydrocarbons., India means an organization including its successors, under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India.

**1.3 SITE:**

Shall mean the place in which the services are to be carried out or places approved by the DGH for the purposes of the CONTRACT together with any other places designated in the CONTRACT as forming part of the site.

**1.4 DGH'S SITE REPRESENTATIVE:**

Shall mean the person or the persons appointed by DGH from time to time to act on its behalf at the site for overall co-ordination, supervision, and project management at site.

**1.5 CONTRACTOR:**

Shall mean any person/ persons/ firm/ company etc. whose bid has been accepted by DGH and to whom work has been awarded under this contract and shall include its authorized representatives, successors and permitted assignees.

**1.6 SUB-CONTRACT:**

Shall mean order/ contract placed by the CONTRACTOR for any portion of the CONTRACT or work sublet with necessary written consent of DGH on third party. Such sub-letting shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from any of its obligation, duty or responsibility under the CONTRACT.

**1.7 SUB-CONTRACTOR:**

Shall mean any person or persons or firm or their legal representatives, successors, assignees to whom part of CONTRACT has been sublet by the CONTRACTOR after necessary written consent of DGH.

**1.8 CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Shall mean such person/or persons duly appointed representative at the site and base as the CONTRACTOR may designate in writing to the DGH as having authority to act for the CONTRACTOR in matters affecting the work and to provide the requisite services.

**1.9 CONTRACT PRICE (As applicable during the award of need based assignments by DGH)**

Shall mean the sum accepted or the sum calculated in accordance with the rates accepted by DGH and amendments thereof, and shall include all fees, registration and other charges paid to statutory authorities without any liability on DGH for any of these charges. The prices will remain firm during currency of the CONTRACT unless specifically agreed to in writing by DGH.

**1.10 DAY**

Shall mean a calendar day of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours beginning at 0000 hours with reference to local time

at the site.

**1.11 WORKS / OPERATIONS:**

Shall mean all work to be performed by the CONTRACTOR as specified in the Scope of Work under this CONTRACT.

**1.12 DRAWINGS: (If Applicable)**

Shall mean and include all Engineering sketches, general arrangements/ layout drawings, sectional plans, all elevations, etc. related to the CONTRACT together with modification and revision thereto.

**1.13 SPECIFICATIONS:**

Shall mean and include detailed description, statements to technical data, performance characteristics, and standards (Indian as well as International) as applicable and as specified in the CONTRACT.

**1.14 INSPECTORS: (As Applicable)**

Shall mean any person or outside Agency nominated by DGH to inspect equipment, materials and services, if any, in the CONTRACT stage wise as well as final as per the terms of the CONTRACT.

**1.15 TESTS: (As Applicable)**

Shall mean such process or processes to be carried out by the CONTRACTOR as are prescribed in the CONTRACT considered necessary by DGH or their representative in CONTRACT to ascertain quality, workmanship, performance and efficiency of equipment or services thereof.

**1.16 FACILITY:**

Shall mean all property of the DGH owned or hired by DGH.

**1.17 THIRD PARTY**

Shall mean any group, person or persons who may be engaged in activity associated with the work specified but who shall remain at an arm's length from the work and who shall not have a direct responsibility or authority under the terms of this CONTRACT.

**1.18 APPROVAL:**

Shall mean and include the written consent duly signed by DGH or their representative in respect of all documents, drawings or other particulars in relation to the CONTRACT

**1.19 SINGULAR/ PLURAL WORDS:**

Save where the context otherwise requires, words imparting singular number shall include the plural and vice versa and words imparting neutral gender shall include masculine or feminine gender and vice versa.

**1.20 GROSS NEGLIGENCE:**

Shall mean any act or failure to act (whether sole, joint or concurrent) by a person or entity which was intended to cause, or which was in reckless disregard of or wanton indifference to, avoidable and harmful consequences such person or entity knew, or should have known, would result from such act or failure to act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Gross negligence shall not include any action taken in good faith for the safeguard of life or property,

**1.21 WILLFUL MISCONDUCT:**

Shall mean intentional disregard of good and prudent standards of performance or proper conduct under the CONTRACT with knowledge that it is likely to result in any injury to any person or persons or loss or damage of property.

**2.0 SCOPE OF SUPPLY / WORK / CONTRACT:**

Refer Scope of Work

**3.0 EFFECTIVE DATE, MOBILISATION TIME, DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONTRACT AND DURATION**

**OF CONTRACT:**

Refer Scope of Work

**4.0 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR:** Contractor shall, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract:

4.1 Perform the work described in the Scope of Work / Technical Specifications in most competent manner both technically & systematically and also in economic and cost-effective manner.

4.2 Except as otherwise provided in the Terms of Reference and the special Conditions of the contract provide all manpower as required to perform the work.

4.3 Perform all other obligations, work and services which are required by the terms of this contract or which reasonably can be implied from such terms as being necessary for the successful and timely completion of the work.

4.4 Contractor shall be deemed to have satisfied himself before submitting his bid as to the correctness and sufficiency of its bid for the services required cover all its obligations under the contract.

4.5 Contractor shall give or provide all necessary supervision during the performance of the services and as long thereafter within the warranty period as DGH may consider necessary for the proper fulfilling of Contractor's obligations under the contract.

**5.0 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF DGH:** DGH shall, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this contract:

5.1 Pay Contractor in accordance with terms and conditions of the contract.

5.2 Allow Contractor and his personnel access, subject to normal security and safety procedures, to all areas as required for orderly performance of the work.

5.3 Perform all other obligations required of DGH by the terms of the contract.

**6.0 PERSONNEL TO BE DEPLOYED BY CONTRACTOR**

Refer Scope of Work

**7.0 WARRANTY AND REMEDY OF DEFECTS**

7.1 Contractor warrants that they shall perform the work in a first class, workmanlike, and professional manner and in accordance with the highest degree of quality, efficiency and current state of the art technology/oil field practices and in conformity with all specifications, standards and drawings set forth or referred to in the Scope of Work / Terms of Reference and with instructions and guidance which DGH may, from time to time, furnish to the Contractor.

**8.0 NOTICES AND ADDRESSES:**

For the purposes of this CONTRACT, the addresses of the parties will be as follows and all correspondence and notices in relations to the present CONTRACT sent to the parties at the addresses mentioned below shall be deemed to be sufficient service of notice on the parties. All such notices as will as reports, invoices and other relevant material shall be addressed to the parties as per the address given below:

8.1 Directorate general of Hydrocarbons

(a) For CONTRACT related communication: HOD (MM), Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, OI DB Bhawan, Tower A, Plot No. 2, Sector – 73, Noida -201 301, India. Fax: +91 120 2472049.

(b) For reports and payments: HOD (Reservoir) Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, OI DB Bhawan, Tower A, Plot No. 2, Sector – 73, Noida -201 301, India. Fax: +91 120 2472049

8.2 CONTRACTOR'S REGISTERED OFFICE AND ADDRESS

**9.0 DUTIES AND POWER /AUTHORITY:**

9.1 The duties and authorities of the DGH's site representative are to act on behalf of the DGH for:

- i. Overall supervision, co-ordination and Project Management at site
- ii. Proper utilization of equipment and services.
- iii. Monitoring of performance and progress
- iv. Commenting/ countersigning on reports made by the CONTRACTOR's representative at site in respect of works, receipts, consumption etc. after satisfying himself with the facts of the respective cases.
- v. He shall have the authority, but not obligation at all times and any time to inspect/test/examine/ verify any equipment machinery, instruments, tools, materials, personnel, procedures and reports etc. directly or indirectly pertaining to the execution of the work. However this shall not construe to imply an acceptance by the inspector. Hence, the overall responsibility of quality of work shall rest solely with the CONTRACTOR.
- vi. Each and every document emerging from site in support of any claim by the contractor has to have the countersignature/ comments of the DGH's representative/engineer without which no claim will be entertained by the DGH.

9.2 CONTRACTOR's representative:

- i. The CONTRACTOR's representative shall have all the powers requisite for the performance of the works.
- ii. He shall liaise with DGH's representative for the proper co-ordination and timely completion of the works and on any matter pertaining to the works.
- iii. He will extend full co-operation to DGH's representative/inspector in the manner required by them for supervision/inspection/observation of equipment, material, procedures, performance, reports and records pertaining to works.
- iv. To have complete charge of CONTRACTOR's personnel engaged in the performance of the work and to ensure compliance of rules and regulations and safety practice.

**10.0 CONTRACT DOCUMENT:**

10.1 Governing language:

The governing language for the CONTRACT shall be English.

10.2 Entire Agreement:

The CONTRACT constitutes the entire agreement between the DGH and the CONTRACTOR with respect to the subject matter of the CONTRACT and supersedes all communication, negotiations and agreement (whether written or oral) of the parties with respect thereto made prior to the date of this agreement. The right of either party to require strict performances will not be affected by any previous waiver or course of dealing. Neither this Agreement nor any modification will be binding on a party unless signed by an authorised representative of CONTRACTOR and DGH.

10.3 Modification in CONTRACT:

All modifications leading to changes in the CONTRACT with respect to technical and/or commercial aspects, including terms of delivery, shall be considered valid only when accepted in writing by DGH by issuing amendment to the CONTRACT.

10.4 Assignment:

The CONTRACTOR shall not, save with the previous consent in writing of the DGH, sublet/SUB-CONTRACT, transfer or assign the CONTRACT or any part thereof in any manner whatsoever. However, such consent shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from any obligation, duty or responsibility under the CONTRACT and CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the services hereunder and for the execution and performance of the CONTRACT.

10.5 Waivers and amendments:

Waivers: - It is fully understood and agreed that none of the terms and conditions of this CONTRACT shall be deemed waived by either party unless such waiver is executed in writing only by the duly authorised agents or representative of both the parties. The failure of either party to execute any right shall not act as a waiver of such right by such party.

Amendments: - It is agreed that CONTRACTOR shall carry out work in accordance with the completion program to be furnished by the DGH which may be amended from time to time by reasonable modifications as DGH deems fit.

## **11.0 REMUNERATION AND TERMS OF PAYMENT (Applicable during the award of need based assignments by DGH)**

11.1 Post assignment of need based assignments to the empanelled auditors, DGH shall pay for the services , to be provided.

11.2 All Bills along with relevant supporting documents shall be submitted in triplicate to the addressee at **8.1 (b)** above.

11.3 Clear (undisputed) invoices with original supporting documents duly countersigned by DGH's representative/ engineer wherever applicable will be submitted at the end of satisfactory completion of Works / Services / Project by the CONTRACTOR to DGH and payment shall be made within 30 (thirty) calendar days from the date of receipt of invoice at the above office (Unless otherwise specified in the Special Conditions of the Contract)

The original invoice should also accompany the following documents/ details: 1) Along with invoice: Following documents / details should be invariably furnished along with the invoice:

- a) Copy of valid registration certificate under the GST Tax rules.
- b) Particulars required for making payments through 'Electronic Payment Mechanism', in accordance with the clause on 'MODE OF PAYMENT' appearing in **Annexure-I** (i.e. 'Instructions to bidders') of bid document.
- c) Invoice (i.e. Tax invoice as per relevant GST rules, in original and duplicate, clearly indicating GST Tax registration number, Rate and amount of GST shown separately).
- d) Insurance policies and proof of payment of premium (As applicable).
- e) Details of statutory payments like PF, ESI, EPF etc. (As applicable).
- f) Undertaking by the contractor regarding compliance of all statutes.
- g) Documentary evidence of payment of Customs duty, where applicable.
- h) Any other document specifically mentioned in the Contract, or supporting documents in respect of other claims (if any), permissible under the Contract.

In addition to the said particulars submitted along-with the bid, the CONTRACTOR should also provide any other information as may be required for determining the taxability of the amount .

11.4 In the event of any dispute in a portion or whole of any invoice, DGH shall make payment of undisputed portion and shall promptly notify the CONTRACTOR's representative in writing for the remaining portion in CONTRACT to mutually resolve the dispute and if resolved in part or full, payment shall be made to the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of such settlement.

### **11.5 DGH's right to question the amounts claimed**

Payment of any invoice shall not prejudice the right of the DGH to question the allowability under this Contract of any amounts claimed therein, provided DGH, within one year beyond the expiry of each CONTRACT year, delivers to CONTRACTOR, written notice identifying any item or items which it questions and specifying the reasons therefor. Should DGH so notify CONTRACTOR, such adjustment shall be made as the parties shall agree. These provisions shall be reciprocal for similar rights to the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall provide on demand a complete and correct set of records pertaining to all costs for which it claims reimbursement from DGH and as to any payment provided for hereunder, which is to be made on the basis of CONTRACTOR's costs.

## **12.0 CLAIMS, TAXES & DUTIES, FEES AND ACCOUNTING**

### **12.1 A Claims**

CONTRACTOR agrees to pay all claims, taxes and fees for equipment, labour, materials, services and supplies to be furnished by it hereunder and agrees to allow no lien or charge resulting from such claims to be fixed upon any property of DGH.

### **12.2 B. Notice of claims**

CONTRACTOR or DGH, as the case may be, shall promptly give the other, notice in writing of any claim made or proceeding commenced for which that party is entitled to indemnification under the CONTRACT. Each party shall confer with the other concerning the defense of any such claims or proceeding, shall permit the other to be represented by counsel in defense thereof, and shall not effect settlement of or compromise any such claim or proceeding without the other's written consent.

### **12.3 Taxes**

CONTRACTOR, unless specified otherwise in the CONTRACT, shall bear all tax liabilities, duties, Govt. levies etc. including Corporate and Personnel Taxes levied or imposed on the CONTRACTOR on account of payments received by it from the DGH for the work done under this CONTRACT. It shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to submit to the concerned Indian authorities, the returns and all other concerned documents required for this purpose and to comply in all respects with the requirements of the laws in this regard, in time.

### **12.4 Personnel taxes**

The CONTRACTOR shall bear all personnel taxes levied or imposed on its personnel, SUB-CONTRACTOR's personnel, vendors, consultants etc. on account of payment received under this CONTRACT. Tax shall be deducted at source as per Indian Tax Laws.

### **12.5 Corporate taxes**

The CONTRACTOR shall bear all Corporate taxes, levied or imposed on the CONTRACTOR on account of payments received by it from the DGH for the work done under this CONTRACT.

12.6 If it is so required by the applicable laws in force at the time of payment, DGH shall withhold from the amount due to the CONTRACTOR and pay to the Indian Tax authorities any tax levied or assessed on account of the CONTRACTOR's operations pursuant to this CONTRACT.

12.7 It is noted that CONTRACT u/s 192 (2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for the purpose of deduction of tax at source will be obtained by DGH from the concerned Income Tax authorities in India.

12.8 For the lapse, if any on the part of the CONTRACTOR and consequential penal action taken by the Tax department, the DGH shall not take any responsibility whether financial or otherwise.

### **13.0 PERFORMANCE**

The CONTRACTOR shall undertake to perform all services under this CONTRACT with all-reasonable skill, diligence and care in accordance with sound industry practice to the satisfaction of the DGH and accept full responsibility for the satisfactory quality of such services as performed by them. Any defect, deficiencies noticed in the CONTRACTOR's service will be promptly remedied by the CONTRACTOR within 7 days upon the receipt of written notice from the DGH to improve their performance failing which the DGH may terminate the CONTRACT by giving the CONTRACTOR **15 (fifteen)** days written notice.

**Non-performance Remedies:** In the event of failure to accomplish the work to the satisfaction of DGH under engagement letter, DGH reserves the right to cancel the engagement letter or a portion thereof by serving prior notice to the bidder and if so desired, engage other firms for availing the same services at the sole risk and cost of bidder.

### **14.0 PERFORMANCE BOND**

Not Applicable

### **15.0 DISCIPLINE**

CONTRACTOR shall carry out operations hereunder with due diligence and in a safe and workman like manner according to good international oilfield practice.

## **16.0 SAFETY AND LABOUR LAWS**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provision of all laws including Labour Laws, rules, regulations and notifications issued thereunder from time to time. All safety and labour laws enforced by statutory agencies and by DGH shall be applicable in the performance of this CONTRACT

## **17.0 SECRECY**

CONTRACTOR shall during the tenure of the CONTRACT and at anytime thereafter maintain in the strictest confidence all information relating to the work and shall not, unless so authorised in writing by DGH, divulge or grant access to any information about the work or its results and shall prevent anyone becoming acquainted with either through CONTRACTOR or its personnel or authorised SUB-Contractors or agents. CONTRACTOR shall not avail of the information obtained in the course of work hereunder in any manner.

## **18.0 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

During the tenure of this CONTRACT nothing shall be done by the CONTRACTOR in contravention of any law, act and/or rules/regulations, thereunder or any amendment thereof governing interalia customs stowaways, foreign exchange etc.

## **19.0 INSURANCE [As APPLICABLE]**

a. CONTRACTOR shall, at his own expense, arrange appropriate insurance to cover all risks assumed by the CONTRACTOR under this CONTRACT in respect of its personnel deputed under this CONTRACT as well as CONTRACTOR's equipment, tools and any other belongings of the CONTRACTOR or their personnel during the entire period of their engagement in connection with this CONTRACT. DGH will have no liability on this account.

b. Waiver of subrogation: All insurance policies of the CONTRACTOR with respect to the operations conducted hereunder as set forth in **clause 16** hereof, shall be endorsed by the underwriter in accordance with the following policy wording: -

“The insurers hereby waive their rights of subrogation against any individual, DGH, affiliates or assignees for whom or with whom the assured may be operating to the extent of the Contractual indemnities undertaken by the CONTRACTOR”.

c. Certificate of Insurance: Before commencing performance of the CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR shall upon request furnish DGH with certificates of insurance indicating (1) kinds and amounts of insurance as required herein (2) insurance corporation or companies carrying the aforesaid coverage (3) effective and expiry dates of policies (4) that DGH shall be given thirty (30) days written advance notice of any material change in the policy (5) waiver of subrogation endorsement has been attached to all policies and (6) the territorial limits of all policies. If any of the above policy expire or/ are cancelled during the term of this CONTRACT and CONTRACTOR fails for any reason to renew such policies, then DGH may replace same and charge the cost thereof to CONTRACTOR. Should there be lapse in any insurance required to be carried out by CONTRACTOR hereunder for any reason, losses resulting therefrom shall be to the sole account of the CONTRACTOR. Such insurance shall be effected within Insurance Company incorporated and registered in India or jointly with a Company of International repute and an Insurance Company incorporated and registered in India.

d. Deductible: That portion of any loss not covered by insurance provided for in this article solely by reason of deductible provision in such insurance policies shall be to the account of the CONTRACTOR.

e. CONTRACTOR shall require all of its SUB-Contractors to provide such of the foregoing insurance cover as the CONTRACTOR is obligated to provide under this CONTRACT.

## **20.0 INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

## **20.1 INDEMNITY BY CONTRACTOR**

Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and keep indemnified DGH, its CONTRACTORS (other than the CONTRACTOR) and/or sub-CONTRACTORS and its/their employees from all actions, proceedings, suits, claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, charges, expenses (including without limitation, wreck or debris, removal costs, where wreck or debris removal is ordered by a competent authority) judgments and fines arising out of or in the course of or caused by the execution of work under the CONTRACT or other obligations hereunder directly or indirectly associated herewith and or arising from :

a) personal injury, illness or death of:

(i) any of CONTRACTOR's or subcontractor's personnel (even if caused by or contributed to by the negligence or fault of DGH); and

(ii) subject to clause **20.2 (a) (i)** any other person to the extent the injury, illness or death is caused by the negligence or fault of the CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's personnel or subcontractors or subcontractor's personnel and

b) loss or damage to:

(i) any property owned, hired or supplied by CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's personnel or Subcontractors or subcontractor's personnel including Constructional Plant (even if caused by, or contributed to by, the negligence or fault of DGH); or

(ii) subject to clause **20.2 (b) (i)** any other property to the extent the loss or damage is caused by the negligence or fault of the CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's personnel or Subcontractors or subcontractor's personnel.

## **20.2 Indemnity by DGH:**

Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this CONTRACT, DGH shall indemnify and keep indemnified CONTRACTOR (which expression in this clause includes, unless the context otherwise requires. SubCONTRACTORS of any tier and their employees) from all actions, proceedings, suits, claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, charges, expenses and fines arising from:

a) personal injury, illness or death of

(i) any employee of the DGH (even if caused by or contributed to by the negligence or fault of CONTRACTOR);

(ii) subject to clause **20.1 (a) (i)** any other person to the extent that the injury, illness or death is caused by the negligence or fault of DGH; and

b) any loss or damage to:

(i) any property owned, hired or supplied by DGH (even if caused by or contributed to by the negligence or fault of CONTRACTOR); except to the extent that such property is in the care or custody of CONTRACTOR in connection with the work under the CONTRACT.

(ii) Subject to clause **20.1 (b) (i)** any loss or damage to any other property to the extent the loss or damage is caused by the negligence or fault of DGH.

## **21.0 TERMINATION**

### **21.1 Termination on expiry of the CONTRACT**

This Agreement shall be deemed to have been automatically terminated on the expiry of the CONTRACT period unless the DGH has exercised its option to extend this CONTRACT in accordance with the provisions, if any, of this CONTRACT.

### **21.2 Termination on account of Force Majeure**

Either party shall have the right to terminate this CONTRACT on account of Force Majeure, as set forth in **clause 25**.

### **21.3 Termination on account of insolvency**

In the event the CONTRACTOR or its collaborator at any time during the term of this Agreement becomes insolvent or makes a voluntary assignment of its assets for the benefit of creditors or is adjudged bankrupt, then the DGH shall, by a notice in Writing have the right to terminate this CONTRACT and all the CONTRACTOR's rights and privileges hereunder, shall stand terminated forthwith.

### **21.4 Termination for unsatisfactory performance**

If the DGH considers that the performance of the CONTRACTOR is unsatisfactory or, not up to the expected standard, the DGH shall notify the CONTRACTOR in writing and specify in detail the cause of such dissatisfaction. The DGH shall have the option to terminate this Agreement by giving **15 days'** notice in writing to the CONTRACTOR, if, CONTRACTOR fails to comply with the requisitions contained in the said written notice issued by the DGH.

**21.5** If at any time during the term of the Contract, breakdown of Contractor's equipment results in Contractor being unable to perform their obligations hereunder for a period of 15 successive days, DGH at its option may terminate this Contract in its entirety without any further right or obligation on the part of the DGH except for the payment of money then due. No notice shall be served by the DGH under the condition stated above.

21.6 Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, the Contract may be terminated at any time by the DGH on giving 30 (thirty) days written notice to the Contractor due to any other reason not covered under the above **clause from 21.1 to 21.5** and in the event of such termination the DGH shall not be liable to pay any cost or damage to the Contractor except for payment for services as per the Contract upto the date of termination.

21.7 In the event of termination of contract, DGH will issue Notice of termination of the contract with date or event after which the contract will be terminated. The contract shall then stand terminated and the Contractor shall demobilise their personnel & materials.

### **21.8 Consequences of termination**

21.9.1 Upon termination of the Contract, Contractor shall return to DGH all of DGH's items, which are at the time in Contractor's possession.

21.8.2 In all cases of termination herein set forth, the obligation of the DGH to pay shall be limited to the period up to the date of termination. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, the parties shall continue to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement that reasonably require some action or forbearance after such termination.

21.8.3 In case of termination of Contract herein set forth, except under **21.1, 21.2 and 21.6**, following actions shall be taken against the Contractor;

(i) DGH shall conduct an inquiry against the Contractor and consequent to the conclusion of the inquiry, if it is found that the fault is on the part of the contractor, then they shall be put on holiday [i.e. neither any tender enquiry will be issued to such a Contractor by DGH against any type of tender nor their offer will be considered by DGH against any ongoing tender(s) where contract between DGH and that particular Contractor (as a bidder) has not been concluded] for a period of two years from the date the order for putting the contractor on holiday is issued. However, the action taken by DGH for putting that contractor on holiday shall not have any effect on other contract(s), if any with that contractor which shall continue till expiry of their term(s).

(ii) Pending completion of the enquiry process for putting the Contractor on holiday, DGH shall neither issue any tender enquiry to the defaulting Contractor nor shall consider their offer in any ongoing tender.

### **22.0 SEVERABILITY**

Should any provision of this agreement be found to be invalid, illegal or otherwise not enforceable by any court of law, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions hereto and they shall remain binding on the parties hereto.

### **23.0 WITHHOLDING**

23.1 DGH may at its absolute discretion withhold or nullify its obligations to pay the whole or any part of the amount due to the Contractor on account of subsequently discovered evidence of loss/ damages caused to the DGH by the contractor on account of: 23.1.1 Non-completion of contracted work to the absolute satisfaction of the DGH or its duly appointed representative/agent.

23.1.2 Contractor's un-cleared debt arising out of execution of the Contract.

23.1.3 Defective work not remedied by the Contractor.

23.1.4 Unsettled claims by any of the sub-contractor/s appointed by the Contractor or by any other third party claiming through the contractor or on the basis of any reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims against the Contractor.

23.1.5 Any failure by the Contractor to fully reimburse the DGH in terms of the indemnification provisions of the Contract. Where, during the process of the work, the Contractor allows any indebtedness to accrue for which DGH may be held to be primarily or contingently liable or ultimately responsible for its discharge and where the Contractor fails to pay and discharge such indebtedness, within five days of being called upon to do so, then DGH may during the period for which indebtedness shall remain unpaid, be entitled to withhold a sum equal to the amount of such unpaid indebtedness. When all the above grounds for withholding payments are removed, the payments shall thereafter be made for amounts so withheld.

23.1.6 Withholding will also be effected on account of the following: -

- (i) Garnishee order issued by a Court of Law in India.
- (ii) Income tax deductible at source according to Law prevalent from time to time in the country.
- (i) Any obligation of Contractor which by any Law prevalent from time to time to be discharged by DGH in the event of Contractor's failure to adhere to such Laws.

## **24.0 CHANGE IN LAW**

24.1 In the event of introduction of any new legislation or any change or amendment or enforcement of any Act or Law, rules or regulations of Government of India or State Government(s) or Public Body which becomes effective after the date of submission of Price Bid or revised price bid, if any, for this CONTRACT and which results in increased cost of the works under the CONTRACT through increased liability of taxes, (other than personnel and Corporate taxes), duties, the CONTRACTOR shall be indemnified for any such increased cost by the DGH subject to the production of documentary proof to the satisfaction of the DGH to the extent which directly is attributable to such introduction of new legislation or change or amendment as mentioned above and adjudication by the competent authority & the courts wherever levy of such taxes / duties are disputed by DGH.

24.2 Similarly, in the event of introduction of new legislation or any change or amendment or enforcement of any Act or Law, rules or regulations of Government of India or State Government(s) or Public Body which becomes effective after the date of submission of Price Bid or revised price bid, if any, for this CONTRACT and which results in any decrease in the cost of the works through reduced liability of taxes, (other than personnel and Corporate taxes) duties, the CONTRACTOR shall pass on the benefits of such reduced cost, taxes or duties to the DGH, to the extent which is directly attributable to such introduction of new legislation or change or amendment as mentioned above.

24.3 All duties, taxes (except where otherwise expressly provided in the Contract) as may be levied / imposed in consequences of execution of the Works/Services or in relation thereto or in connection therewith as per the Acts, Laws, Rules, Regulations in force on the date of submission of Price Bid or revised price bid, if any, for this CONTRACT shall be to CONTRACTOR's account. Any increase / decrease in such duties, taxes after the date of submission of price bid or revised price bid, if any, but within the contractual completion / mobilization date as stipulated in the CONTRACT will be to the account of DGH.

24.4 Any increase in the duties and taxes after the contractual completion / mobilization date during the extended

period will be to the contractor's account, where delay in completion /mobilization period is attributable to the CONTRACTOR. However, any decrease of duties and taxes after the contractual completion / mobilization date will be to DGH's account.

24.5 The Contract Price and other prices given in the Price Format are based on the applicable tariff as indicated by the CONTRACTOR in the Price Format. In case this information subsequently proves to be wrong, incorrect or misleading, DGH will have no liability to reimburse/pay to the CONTRACTOR the excess duties, taxes, fees, if any finally levied / imposed by the concerned authorities. However, in such an event, DGH will have the right to recover the difference in case the rate of duty/tax finally assessed is on the lower side.

24.6 Notwithstanding the provision contained in clause **24.1 to 24.4** above, the DGH shall not bear any liability in respect of:

- (i) Personal taxes on the personnel deployed by CONTRACTOR, his sub-contractor / sub-sub-contractors and Agents etc.
- (ii) Corporate taxes and Fringe benefit tax in respect of contractor and all of their sub-contractors, agents etc.
- (iii) Other taxes & duties including new taxes etc. in respect of sub-contractors, vendors, agents etc of the CONTRACTOR.

## **25.0 FORCE MAJEURE**

In the event of either party being rendered unable by Force Majeure to perform any obligation required to be performed by them under the CONTRACT, the relative obligation of the party affected by such Force Majeure shall be suspended for the period during which such cause lasts.

For the purpose of this contract, the term Force Majeure means any cause or event, other than the unavailability of funds, whether similar to or different from those enumerated herein, lying beyond the reasonable control of, and unanticipated or unforeseeable by, and not brought about at the instance of, the Party claiming to be affected by such event, or which, if anticipated or foreseeable, could not be avoided or provided for, and which has caused the non-performance or delay in performance. Without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, the term Force Majeure shall include natural phenomenon or calamities, earthquakes, typhoons, fires, wars declared or undeclared, hostilities, invasions, blockades, riots, strikes, insurrection and civil disturbances but shall not include unavailability of funds.

Upon the occurrence of such cause and upon its termination, the party alleging that it has been rendered unable as aforesaid thereby, shall notify the other party in writing, the beginning of the cause amounting to Force Majeure as also the ending of the said cause by giving notice to the other party within 72 hours of the beginning and the ending of the cause respectively. If deliveries are suspended by Force Majeure conditions lasting for more than 2 (two) months, DGH shall have the option of cancelling this CONTRACT in whole or part at its discretion without any liability at its part. The Party asserting the claim of Force Majeure shall have the burden of proving that the circumstances constitute valid grounds of Force Majeure and that such party has exercised reasonable diligence and efforts to remedy the cause of any alleged Force Majeure. Time for performance of the relative obligation suspended by Force Majeure shall then stand extended by the period for which such cause lasts.

## **26.0 EMPLOYMENT BY FIRMS TO OFFICIALS OF DGH**

Firms/companies who have or had business relations with DGH are advised not to employ serving DGH employees without prior permission. It is also advised not to employ ex-personnel of DGH within the initial two years' period after their retirement/resignation/severance from the service without specific permission of DGH. The DGH may decide not to deal with such firm(s) who fail to comply with the above advice.

## **27.0 PREFERENCE TO LOCAL COMPANIES**

CONTRACTOR agrees to give priority and preference to locally owned companies, when hiring Sub CONTRACTOR, SUBJECT TO price, quality and delivery being equivalent.

## **28.0 JURISDICTION AND APPLICABLE LAW**

This Agreement including all matters connected with this Agreement, shall be governed by the laws of India (both substantive and procedural) for the time being in force and shall be subject to exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts at new Delhi (the place where the CONTRACT is signed in India).

### **29.0 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND ARBITRATION**

**29.1** Any dispute or difference arising out of this contract shall be settled by mutual negotiations. If the dispute or difference cannot be settled by way of negotiations, it will be referred to Arbitration. There shall be three arbitrators, one by each party and the third appointed by the two. The arbitrator shall give reasoned award.

**29.2** The arbitrators shall decide by whom the arbitrator's fee as well as cost incurred in arbitration shall be borne.

**29.3** All arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in New Delhi / Delhi.

### **30.0 CONTINUANCE OF THE CONTRACT**

Notwithstanding the fact that settlement of dispute(s) (if any) under arbitration may be pending, the parties hereto shall continue to be governed by and perform the work in accordance with the provisions under this CONTRACT.

### **31.0 INTERPRETATION**

The titles and headings of the sections in this CONTRACT are inserted for convenient reference only and shall not be construed and limiting or extending the meaning of any provisions of this CONTRACT.

### **32.0 PATENT INDEMNITY**

**32.1** The CONTRACTOR shall, subject to the DGH's compliance with Sub-Clause below, indemnify and hold harmless the DGH and its employees and officers from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the DGH may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract by reason of:

a) the installation of the Items by the CONTRACTOR or the use of the Items in the country where the Site is located; and

b) the sale in any country of the products produced by the Items.

Such indemnity shall not cover any use of the Items or any part thereof other than for the purpose indicated by or to be reasonably inferred from the Contract, neither any infringement resulting from the use of the Items or any part thereof, or any products produced thereby in association or combination with any other equipment, plant, or materials not supplied by the CONTRACTOR, pursuant to the Contract.

**32.2** If any proceedings are brought or any claim is made against the DGH arising out of the matters referred to in GCC above Sub-Clause, the DGH shall promptly give the CONTRACTOR a notice thereof, and the CONTRACTOR may at its own expense and in the DGH's name conduct such proceedings or claim and any negotiations for the settlement of any such proceedings or claim.

**32.3** If the CONTRACTOR fails to notify the DGH within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of such notice that it intends to conduct any such proceedings or claim, then the DGH shall be free to conduct the same on its own behalf.

**32.4** The DGH shall, at the CONTRACTOR's request, afford all available assistance to the CONTRACTOR in conducting such proceedings or claim, and shall be reimbursed by the CONTRACTOR for all reasonable expenses incurred in so doing.

**32.5** The DGH shall indemnify and hold harmless the CONTRACTOR and its employees, officers, and Subcontractors from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the CONTRACTOR may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract arising out of or in connection with any design, data, drawing, specification, or other documents or materials provided or designed by or on behalf of the DGH.

**33.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS:**

The CONTRACTOR shall act as an independent contractor performing the CONTRACT. The Contract does not create any agency, partnership, joint ventures or joint relationship between the parties. Subject to all compliance with the CONTRACT, the CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the manner in which works are performed. All employees, representatives or sub-CONTRACTORS engaged by the CONTRACTOR in performing the CONTRACT shall be under the complete control of the CONTRACTOR and shall not be deemed to be employees of the DGH and nothing contained in the CONTRACT or in any sub-CONTRACT awarded by the CONTRACTOR shall be construed to create any contractual relationship between any such employees or representative or Sub-CONTRACTOR and the DGH. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the acts, defaults or negligence of the CONTRACTOR, his agencies, servant or workmen.

**34.0 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Notwithstanding any other provisions, except only in cases of willful misconduct and / or criminal acts, a) Neither the Contractor nor DGH shall be liable to the other, whether in Contract, tort, or otherwise, for any consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided however that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the Contractor to pay Liquidated Damages to the DGH and b) Notwithstanding any other provisions incorporated elsewhere in the contract, the aggregate liability of the Contractor in respect of this contract, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed Contract Price, provided however that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment by the Contractor, or to any obligation of the Contractor to indemnify the DGH with respect to Intellectual Property Rights. c) DGH shall indemnify and keep indemnified Contractor harmless from and against any and all claims, costs, losses, and liabilities in excess of the aggregate liability amount in terms of clause (b) above.

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