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Part I
Preliminary

POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT⁵

THIS AGREEMENT¹ is entered into on this the ... day of ..., 20.....

BETWEEN

1 [The *** Distribution Company] a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/2013, represented by its [Managing Director/Authorised Person] and having its registered offices at (hereinafter referred to as the “Utility” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its administrators, successors and assigns) of First Part;

AND

2 Limited, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 / 2013 represented by its [Managing Director/Authorised Person] and having its registered office at, (hereinafter referred to as the “Supplier” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns and substitutes) of the Second Part.

WHEREAS:

- A. The Utility had resolved to procure electricity from a power generating station that would dedicate a contracted capacity of 600 MW for production of electricity and supply thereof to the Utility on design, build, finance, own and operate (the “DBFOO”) basis by sourcing fuel [from the options given in clause 1.2.8 of RFQ-DBFOO & Clause 3.5.2 of RFP-DBFOO]² in accordance with the terms and conditions to be set forth in a power supply agreement to be entered into under and in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003.
- B. The Utility had accordingly invited proposals by its Request for Qualification-DBFOO dated (the “Request for Qualification-DBFOO” or “RFQ-DBFOO”) for pre-qualification of Bidders who own and operate a power

⁵ Instructions for Bidders

The draft Power Supply Agreement issued to the Bidders may be customised for bid-specific purposes in accordance with the instructions below:

Note 1: The provisions in curly brackets are to be retained in the draft Power Supply Agreement forming part of Bidding Documents and shall be suitably modified by the Bidders after the issue of Letter of Award (LOA) in order to reflect the bid specific particulars in the Power Supply Agreement. (See Appendix-I)

Note 2: Blank spaces are to be retained in the draft Power Supply Agreement and shall be suitably filled by the Bidders after the issue of LOA in order to reflect bid specific particulars in the Power Supply Agreement. However, blank spaces shall be retained in all Schedules which contain formats that are to be used after the Power Supply Agreement is executed. (See Appendix-I)

Note 3: Footnotes marked “E” are to be retained in the draft Power Supply Agreement. These footnotes are for guidance of the selected Bidders and shall be omitted before executing the Power Supply Agreement. However, footnotes marked “\$” or “\$\$” shall be retained in the Power Supply Agreement as a part thereof. (See Appendix-I)

¹ Instructions for customisation of this document by the Utility

This Model Power Supply Agreement-DBFOO (the “MPSA-DBFOO”) may be customised for project-specific use in accordance with the instructions below:

Note I: Serially numbered footnotes in this MPSA-DBFOO are for guidance of the Utility and should be omitted from the draft Power Supply Agreement forming part of Bidding Documents. (See Appendix-II)

Note II: All project-specific provisions in this MPSA-DBFOO have been enclosed in square parenthesis and may be modified, as necessary, before issuing the draft Power Supply Agreement to Bidders. (See Appendix-II)

Note III: The asterisks in this MPSA-DBFOO should be substituted by project-specific particulars before issuing the draft Power Supply Agreement to Bidders. (See Appendix-II)

Note IV: Notes I, II, III and IV shall be omitted prior to issuing of the draft Power Supply Agreement.

² To be modified as per the source of fuel selected by the Utility.

generating station and offer to supply electricity there from, and had pre-qualified certain Bidders including, *inter alia*, the selected Bidder.

- C. The Utility had prescribed the technical and commercial terms and conditions by its Request for Proposal-DBFOO dated *** (the “**Request for Proposals-DBFOO**” or “**RFP-DBFOO**”), and invited Bids in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Central Government under Section 63 of the Act vide Notification No. ... dated ... from the Bidders pre-qualified pursuant to the RFP- DBFOO for undertaking the Project.
- D. After evaluation of the Bids received, the Utility had accepted the Bid of the selected Bidder and issued its Letter of Award No. dated ... (hereinafter called the “**LOA**”) to the selected Bidder requiring, *inter alia*, the execution of this Power Supply Agreement within 30 (thirty) days of the date of issue thereof.
- E. [The Utility has obtained the Letter of Assurance, dated [**] issued by [**]³ (“**Coal Supplier**”) in the name of the Supplier for the supply on a linkage basis, [**] tonnes per annum of [**] grade coal for the entire Term of this Agreement (“**Letter of Assurance**” appended herein as **Annexure 1**) for the purposes of the Contracted Capacity;]⁴
- F. In pursuance of the LOA, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Power Supply Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth hereinafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the respective covenants and agreements set forth in this Power Supply Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

³ Insert the name of the coal company

⁴ To be retained only if source of fuel is from Allocated Coal Linkage. In case of the commissioned power plants, FSA shall be signed with the Supplier along with the execution of this PSA-DBFOO. In case of the likely to be commissioned power plants, a Letter of Assurance may be issued by CIL/SCCL to the Supplier and FSA shall be signed on commissioning of the power plant.

ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

The words and expressions beginning with capital letters and defined in this Agreement (including those in Article 39) shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning ascribed thereto herein, and the words and expressions defined in the Schedules and used therein shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Schedules.

1.2 Interpretation

1.2.1 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) references to any legislation or any provision thereof shall include amendment or re-enactment or consolidation of such legislation or any provision thereof so far as such amendment or re-enactment or consolidation applies or is capable of applying to any transaction entered into hereunder;
- (b) references to laws of the State, laws of India or Indian law or regulation having the force of law shall include the laws, acts, ordinances, rules, regulations, bye laws or notifications which have the force of law in the territory of India and as from time to time may be amended, modified, supplemented, extended or re-enacted;
- (c) references to a “**person**” and words denoting a natural person shall be construed as a reference to any individual, firm, company, corporation, society, trust, government, state or agency of a state or any association or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality) of two or more of the above and shall include successors and assigns;
- (d) the table of contents, headings or sub-headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in, and shall not affect, the construction or interpretation of this Agreement;
- (e) the words “**include**” and “**including**” are to be construed without limitation and shall be deemed to be followed by “**without limitation**” or “**but not limited to**” whether or not they are followed by such phrases;
- (f) references to “**construction**” or “**building**” include, unless the context otherwise requires, investigation, design, engineering, procurement, delivery, transportation, installation, processing, fabrication, testing, commissioning and other activities incidental to the construction, and “**construct**” or “**build**” shall be construed accordingly;
- (g) references to “**development**” include, unless the context otherwise requires, construction, renovation, refurbishing, augmentation, upgradation and other activities incidental thereto, and “**develop**” shall be construed accordingly;

- (h) any reference to any period of time shall mean a reference to that according to Indian Standard Time;
- (i) any reference to "hour" shall mean a period of 60 (sixty) minutes commencing either on the hour or on the half hour of the clock, which by way of illustration means 5.00 (five), 6.00 (six), 7.00 (seven) and so on being hours on the hour of the clock and 5.30 (five thirty), 6.30 (six thirty), 7.30 (seven thirty) and so on being hours on the half hour of the clock;
- (j) any reference to day shall mean a reference to a calendar day;
- (k) reference to a "business day" shall be construed as reference to a day (other than a Sunday) on which banks in the State where the Power Station is situate are generally open for business;
- (l) any reference to month shall mean a reference to a calendar month as per the Gregorian calendar;
- (m) references to any date, period or Project Milestone shall mean and include such date, period or Project Milestone as may be extended pursuant to this Agreement;
- (n) any reference to any period commencing "from" a specified day or date and "till" or "until" a specified day or date shall include both such days or dates; provided that if the last day of any period computed under this Agreement is not a business day, then the period shall run until the end of the next business day;
- (o) the words importing singular shall include plural and vice versa;
- (p) references to any gender shall include the other and the neutral gender;
- (q) "kWh" shall mean kilowatt hour and "kCal" shall mean kilo calories;
- (r) "lakh" shall mean a hundred thousand (100,000) and "crore" shall mean ten million (10,000,000);
- (s) "indebtedness" shall be construed so as to include any obligation (whether incurred as principal or surety) for the payment or repayment of money, whether present or future, actual or contingent;
- (t) references to the "winding-up", "dissolution", "insolvency", or "reorganisation" of a company or corporation shall be construed so as to include any equivalent or analogous proceedings under the law of the jurisdiction in which such company or corporation is incorporated or any jurisdiction in which such company or corporation carries on business including the seeking of liquidation, winding-up, reorganisation, dissolution, arrangement, protection or relief of debtors;
- (u) save and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any reference, at any time, to any agreement, deed, instrument, licence or document of any

description shall be construed as reference to that agreement, deed, instrument, licence or other document as amended, varied, supplemented, modified or suspended at the time of such reference; provided that this Sub-clause (u) shall not operate so as to increase liabilities or obligations of the Utility hereunder or pursuant hereto in any manner whatsoever;

- (v) any agreement, consent, approval, authorisation, notice, communication, information or report required under or pursuant to this Agreement from or by any Party or the Utility's Engineer shall be valid and effective only if it is in writing under the hand of a duly authorised representative of such Party or the Utility's Engineer, as the case may be, in this behalf and not otherwise;
- (w) the Schedules and Recitals to this Agreement form an integral part of this Agreement and will be in full force and effect as though they were expressly set out in the body of this Agreement;
- (x) references to Recitals, Articles, Clauses, Sub-clauses, Provisos or Schedules in this Agreement shall, except where the context otherwise requires, mean references to Recitals, Articles, Clauses, Sub-clauses, Provisos and Schedules of or to this Agreement; reference to an Annex shall, subject to anything to the contrary specified therein, be construed as a reference to an Annex to the Schedule in which such reference occurs; and reference to a Paragraph shall, subject to anything to the contrary specified therein, be construed as a reference to a Paragraph of the Schedule or Annex, as the case may be, in which such reference appears;
- (y) the damages payable by either Party to the other of them, as set forth in this Agreement, whether on per diem basis or otherwise, are mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated loss and damage likely to be suffered and incurred by the Party entitled to receive the same and are not by way of penalty (the "Damages");
- (z) time shall be of the essence in the performance of the Parties' respective obligations. If any time period specified herein is extended, such extended time shall also be of the essence; and
- (za) capitalised terms used in the Agreement, but not defined herein, shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Electricity Act, 2003.

1.2.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement, any Documentation required to be provided or furnished by the Supplier to the Utility and/ or the Utility's Engineer shall be provided free of cost and in three copies, and if the Utility and/or the Utility's Engineer is required to return any such Documentation with their comments and/or approval, they shall be entitled to retain two copies thereof.

1.2.3 The rule of construction, if any, that a contract should be interpreted against the parties responsible for the drafting and preparation thereof, shall not apply.

- 1.2.4 Any word or expression used in this Agreement shall, unless otherwise defined or construed in this Agreement, bear its ordinary English meaning and, for these purposes, the General Clauses Act, 1897 shall not apply.

1.3 Measurements and arithmetic conventions

All measurements and calculations shall be in the metric system and calculations done to 2 (two) decimal places, with the third digit of 5 (five) or above being rounded up and below 5 (five) being rounded down.

1.4 Priority of agreements, clauses and schedules

- 1.4.1 This Agreement, and all other agreements and documents forming part of or referred to in this Agreement are to be taken as mutually explanatory and, unless otherwise expressly provided elsewhere in this Agreement, the priority of this Agreement and other documents and agreements forming part hereof or referred to herein shall, in the event of any conflict between them, be in the following order:

- (a) this Agreement; and
- (b) all other agreements and documents forming part hereof or referred to herein,

i.e. the Agreement at (a) above shall prevail over the agreements and documents at (b) above.

- 1.4.2 Subject to the provisions of Clause 1.4.1, in case of ambiguities or discrepancies within this Agreement, the following shall apply:

- (a) between two or more Clauses of this Agreement, the provisions of a specific Clause relevant to the issue under consideration shall prevail over those in other Clauses;
- (b) between the Clauses of this Agreement and the Schedules, the Clauses shall prevail and between Schedules and Annexes, the Schedules shall prevail;
- (c) between any two Schedules, the Schedule relevant to the issue shall prevail;
- (d) between the written description on the drawings and the Specifications and Standards, the latter shall prevail;
- (e) between the dimension scaled from the drawing and its specific written dimension, the latter shall prevail; and
- (f) between any value written in numerals and that in words, the latter shall prevail.

Part II
The Supply Contract

ARTICLE 2
SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

2.1 Scope of the Project

The scope of the Project (the “Scope of the Project”) shall mean and include, during the Contract Period:

- (a) Design, Engineering, Finance, Procurement (in case of new project) , operation and maintenance of the Power Station in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement [utilizing the Coal Linkage/ Allocated Coal Linkage in accordance with the terms contained herein read with the terms and conditions of the Fuel Supply Agreement and the Letter of Assurance]⁵;
- (b) supply of electricity to the Utility in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and
- (c) performance and fulfilment of all other obligations of the Supplier in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and matters incidental thereto or necessary for the performance of any or all of the obligations of the Supplier under this Agreement.

⁵ To be retained only if the coal is being sourced from Linkage Coal under option (a) of Article 22.3.

ARTICLE 3

GRANT OF SUPPLY CONTRACT

3.1 The Supply Contract

- 3.1.1 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, Applicable Laws and the Applicable Permits, the Utility hereby awards to the Supplier the supply contract for Power supply to the Utility (the “Supply Contract”) for a period of [15 (Fifteen)]⁶ years commencing from the Appointed Date, and the Supplier hereby accepts the Supply Contract and agrees to implement the same subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Provided that the Utility shall, at any time no earlier than 1 (one) year, but no later than 6 (Six) months prior to completion of the aforesaid Contract Period of 15 (fifteen) years, upon issuing a notice to this effect to the Supplier, be entitled to an extension of 10 (Ten) years in the Contract Period under and in accordance with the provisions of Clause 31.4.

[Provided further that the Bidder shall arrange for the extension of the Fuel Supply Agreement commensurate to the period of extension of this Agreement to ensure continuous coal supply.]⁷

- 3.1.2 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Supply Contract hereby awarded shall oblige or entitle (as the case may be) the Supplier to:
- (a) finance, construct, operate and maintain the Power Station in accordance with this Agreement;
 - (b) procure Availability of the Contracted Capacity for production of electricity and supply thereof to the Utility under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, save and except as expressly provided in the Agreement;
 - (c) to receive Fixed Charge from the Utility in respect of the Availability of Contracted Capacity;

⁶ To be fixed such that the period of supply is between 7 (seven) and 25 (twenty five) years. By way of illustration, if the date of Supply is three years after the Appointed Date, then the minimum term shall be 10 (ten) years. The definition of Contract Period and other timelines may be modified accordingly.

⁷ To be retained only if coal is being sourced from Allocated Coal Linkage provided by the Utility.

- (d) to receive Fuel Charge in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;
- (e) perform and fulfil all of the Supplier's obligations under and in accordance with this Agreement;
- (f) save as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, bear and pay all costs, expenses and charges in connection with or incidental to the performance of the obligations of the Supplier under this Agreement; and
- (g) neither assign, transfer or sub-let or create any lien or Encumbrance on this Agreement, or the Supply Contract hereby granted or on the whole or any part of the Power Station nor sell, transfer, exchange, lease or part possession thereof to the extent of Contracted Capacity, save and except as expressly permitted by this Agreement or the Substitution Agreement.

3.2 Extension of Contract Period

3.2.1 In the event that extension of the Contract Period shall have become due under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Supplier shall, on receiving a notice from the Utility, extend the Supply Contract in accordance with the provisions of Clause 3.1.1.

3.2.2 Omitted

3.3 Substitution of the Utility

The Parties expressly agree that the Utility may, in pursuance of any re-organisation or restructuring undertaken in pursuance of Applicable Laws, or if it is unable to discharge its liabilities and obligations under this Agreement,

substitute itself by another Distribution Licensee(s) and upon such substitution, all the functions, rights and obligations of the Utility under this Agreement shall be deemed to be transferred to the substituted entity in accordance with and subject to Applicable Laws. Provided, however, that prior to any substitution hereunder, the Parties shall, on a best endeavour basis, make such arrangements and enter into such further agreements as may be necessary for performance of their respective obligations hereunder, including the rights and obligations arising out of the provisions of Article 23. Provided further that the creditworthiness of the substituted entity shall be substantially similar or greater as compared to the Utility and in the event of any shortfall therein, credit enhancement shall be provided by the substituted entity to bridge the gap.

ARTICLE 4
CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

4.1 Conditions Precedent

4.1.1 Save and except as expressly provided in Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 28, 36 and 38, or unless the context otherwise requires, the respective rights and obligations of the Parties under this Agreement shall be subject to the satisfaction in full of the conditions precedent specified in this Clause 4.1 (the “Conditions Precedent”). Provided, however, that a Party may grant waiver from satisfaction of any Condition Precedent by the other Party in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 4.1.2 or 4.1.3, as the case may be, and to the extent of such waiver, that Condition Precedent shall be deemed to be fulfilled for the purposes of this Clause 4.1.1.

4.1.2 The Supplier may, upon providing the Performance Security to the Utility in accordance with Article 9, at any time after [60 (sixty)] days from the date of this Agreement or on an earlier day acceptable to the Utility, by notice require the Utility to satisfy any or all of the Conditions Precedent set forth in this Clause 4.1.2 within a period of 30 (thirty) days of the notice, or such longer period not exceeding 60 (sixty) days as may be specified therein, and the Conditions Precedent required to be satisfied by the Utility shall be deemed to have been fulfilled when the Utility shall have:

- (a) Opened and submitted the Letter of Credit in accordance with Payment Security Mechanism under this agreement.
- (b) Omitted ;
- (c) procured approval of the Commission for payment of Tariff by the Utility to the Supplier in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and
- [(d) procured the consent of CIL for execution of Fuel Supply Agreement.]⁸

Provided that upon request in writing by the Utility, the Supplier may, in its discretion, grant extension of time, not exceeding 180 (one hundred and eighty) days, for fulfilment of the Conditions Precedent set forth in this Clause 4.1.2.

4.1.3 The Conditions Precedent required to be satisfied by the Supplier within a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been fulfilled when the Supplier shall have:

- A. provided Performance Security to the Utility;
- B. executed and procured execution of the Substitution Agreement;
- C. executed the Fuel Supply Agreement [executed all necessary Agreements for Coal Mine/Blocks]⁹;

⁸ May be omitted if the Supplier is not dependent on linkage or allocation of Fuel to be provided by the Utility.

⁹ To be inserted in case the Supplier has been allocated a Coal Mine/Block through auction.

- D. executed the Financing Agreements and delivered to the Utility 3 (three) true copies thereof, duly attested by a Director of the Supplier;
- E. delivered to the Utility 3 (three) true copies of the Financial Package and the Financial Model, duly attested by a Director of the Supplier, along with 3 (three) soft copies of the Financial Model in MS Excel version or any substitute thereof, which is acceptable to the Senior Lenders;
- F. acquired the real estate for the Power Station;
- G. delivered to the Utility a legal opinion from the legal counsel of the Supplier with respect to the authority of the Supplier to enter into this Agreement and the enforceability of the provisions thereof;
- H. deposited a certified true copy of this Agreement with the RLDC and SLDC having jurisdiction and obtained a receipt thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 24.3.3 and 31.6.1;
- I. [procured completion of the appraisal process for environmental clearance and „in principle“ approval for forest clearance in respect of Coal Mine/Blocks;]¹⁰ and
- J. In case of Type 1 projects commissioned as on Bid due Date submitted evidence of the commissioning of the power station, including details of installed capacity and the Station Heat Rate of power station and undertaking of compliance to all the norms, permits and guidelines as notified by govt. of India as on Bid due Date including revised norms specified by Ministry of Environmental and Forest, Govt. of India vide notification dated 07.12.2015 & subsequent amendment thereof. Utility shall not be liable for any cost implication towards thereof.

In case of Type 2 projects, submitted an undertaking for compliance to all the norms, permits and guidelines as notified by Govt. of India as on Bid due Date including. revised norms specified by Ministry of Environmental and Forest, Govt of India vide notification dated 7.12.2015 & subsequent amendment thereof. Utility shall not be liable for any cost implication towards thereof.
- K. Obtained the letter of assurance, dated [**] issued by [**]¹² (“Coal Supplier”) in the name of the Supplier for the supply on a linkage basis, [**] tonnes per annum of [**] grade coal for the entire Term of this Agreement (“Letter of Assurance” appended herein as Annexure 1) for the purposes of the Project.
- L. [Surrender the proportionate quantity of any existing Letter of Assurance /Fuel Supply Agreement, not being the Letter of Assurance/ Fuel Supply Agreement arranged by the Utility, corresponding to the tenure of the Letter of Assurance /Fuel Supply Agreement arranged by the Utility]¹³

Provided that upon request in writing by the Supplier, the Utility may, in its discretion, waive any of the Conditions Precedent set forth in this Clause 4.1.3. For the avoidance of doubt, the Utility may, in its sole discretion, grant any waiver hereunder, with such conditions as it may deem fit.

4.1.4 Each Party shall make all reasonable endeavours to satisfy the Conditions Precedent within the time stipulated and shall provide the other Party with such reasonable cooperation as may be required to assist that Party in satisfying the Conditions Precedent for which that Party is responsible.

¹⁰ This Sub-clause (i) may be used if the Supplier has been allocated a Coal Mine/Blocks..

¹¹ In respect of a power station which has already been commissioned, Sub-clause (j) shall be included.

¹² Insert the name of the coal company

¹³ To be retained only if source of fuel is from Allocated Coal Linkage. In case of the commissioned power plants, FSA shall be signed with the Supplier along with the execution of this APP. In case of the likely to be commissioned power plants, a Letter of Assurance may be issued by CIL/SCCL to the Supplier and FSA shall be signed on commissioning of the power plant.

4.1.5 The Parties shall notify each other in writing at least once a fortnight on the progress made in satisfying the Conditions Precedent. Each Party shall promptly inform the other Party when any Condition Precedent for which it is responsible has been satisfied.

4.2 Damages for delay by the Utility

In the event that (i) the Utility does not procure fulfilment or waiver of any or all of the Conditions Precedent set forth in Clause 4.1.2 within the period specified in respect thereof, and (ii) the delay has not occurred as a result of breach of this Agreement by the Supplier or due to Force Majeure, the Utility shall pay to the Supplier Damages in an amount calculated at the rate of 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Performance Security for each day's delay until the fulfilment of such Conditions Precedent, subject to a maximum amount equal to the Bid Security.

4.3 Damages for delay by the Supplier

In the event that (i) the Supplier does not procure fulfilment or waiver of any or all of the Conditions Precedent set forth in Clause 4.1.3 within the period specified in that Clause, and (ii) the delay has not occurred as a result of failure to fulfil the obligations under Clause 4.1.2 or other breach of this Agreement by the Utility or due to Force Majeure, the Supplier shall pay to the Utility Damages in an amount calculated at the rate of 0.3% (zero point three per cent) of the Performance Security for each day's delay until the fulfilment of such Conditions Precedent, subject to a maximum amount equal to the Bid Security, and upon reaching such maximum, the Utility may, in its sole discretion and subject to the provisions of Clause 9.2, terminate the Agreement. Provided that in the event of delay by the Utility in procuring fulfilment of the Conditions Precedent specified in Clause 4.1.2, no Damages shall be due or payable by the Supplier under this Clause 4.3 until the date on which the Utility shall have procured fulfilment of the Conditions Precedent specified in Clause 4.1.2.

4.4 Commencement of Contract Period

The date on which Financial Close is achieved and all the Conditions Precedent specified in Clause 4.1 are satisfied or waived, as the case may be, shall be the Appointed Date which shall be the date of commencement of the Contract Period. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the Supplier may, upon occurrence of the Appointed Date hereunder, by notice convey the particulars thereof to the Utility, and shall thereupon be entitled to commence or complete construction on the Project or supply electricity, as the case may be.

4.5 Deemed Termination upon delay

Without prejudice to the provisions of Clauses 4.2 and 4.3, and subject to the provisions of Clause 9.2, the Parties expressly agree that in the event the Appointed Date does not occur, for any reason whatsoever, before the 1st (first) anniversary of the date of this Agreement or the extended period provided in

accordance with this Agreement, all rights, privileges, claims and entitlements of the Supplier under or arising out of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by, and to have ceased with the concurrence of the Supplier, and the Power Supply Agreement shall be deemed to have been terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties. Provided, however, that in the event the delay in occurrence of the Appointed Date is for reasons attributable to the Supplier, the Performance Security of the Supplier shall be encashed and appropriated by the Utility as Damages thereof.

ARTICLE 5
OBLIGATIONS OF THE SUPPLIER

5.1 Obligations of the Supplier

- 5.1.1 Subject to and on the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Supplier shall, at its own cost and expense, procure finance for and undertake the design, engineering, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of the Power Station and observe, fulfil, comply with and perform all its obligations set out in this Agreement or arising hereunder.
- 5.1.2 The Supplier shall comply with all Applicable Laws and other Applicable Permits (including renewals as required) in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 5.1.3 Save and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or Applicable Laws, as the case may be, the Supplier shall, in discharge of all its obligations under this Agreement, conform with and adhere to Good Industry Practice at all times.
- 5.1.4 The Supplier shall install, operate and maintain the Power Station in accordance with the Specifications and Standards and the Maintenance Requirements such that the Availability of the Contracted Capacity of the Power Station is at least 90% (ninety per cent) thereof during each year of the Operation Period (the “**Normative Availability**”).

Explanation:

Availability of the Power Station to its full capacity shall, in respect of any hour, mean the capacity of the Power Station to the extent it is offered by the Supplier for producing and supplying electrical energy equal to Contracted Capacity at delivery point over a period of one hour, after accounting for auxiliary consumption, and transmission losses upto the Point of Grid Connection, and for any month or year, as the case may be, the hours during that month or year when the Contracted Capacity of the Power Station is fully available for production of electricity shall be expressed as a percentage of total hours in that month or year, as the case may be, and shall include the deemed availability for and in respect of the events described in Clause 15.8 (the “**Availability**”). For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that Availability shall, during the months when COD or the Transfer Date occurs, be determined with reference to the number of days when the Power Station was in operation, and shall be determined likewise for any single day of operation. The Parties further agree that if the Contracted Capacity of the Power Station is not Available for production of electricity to its full capacity during any hour, or part thereof, not being less than a quarter of an hour, such hour or part thereof shall, in the computation of Availability, be reduced proportionate to the Non-Availability during that hour. The Parties also agree that the determination of Availability hereunder shall be solely for the purposes of this Agreement and shall not in any manner affect the rights and obligations of the Supplier for and in respect of

¹⁴ This number may be suitably reduced if the proposed Dedicated Transmission System is such that it would cause substantial transmission losses.

scheduling and despatch of electricity under Applicable Laws and the rules and regulations thereunder.

5.1.5 The Supplier shall, at its own cost and expense, in addition to and not in derogation of its obligations elsewhere set out in this Agreement:

- (a) make, or cause to be made, necessary applications to the relevant Government Instrumentalities with such particulars as may be required for obtaining Applicable Permits including Open Access, other than those set forth in Clause 4.1.2, and obtain and keep in force and effect such Applicable Permits in conformity with Applicable Laws. Supplier shall apply for grant of long-term / medium-term / short-term open access for supply of Contracted Capacity. Non-grant of long term / medium-term/ short-term open access shall be mutually decided by the Utility and Supplier. In case of delay in grant of long-term/ medium-term/ short-term open access on ISTS and/or InSTS network by the CTU and/or STU, the same may be considered for appropriate time period extension for fulfilment of supplier obligations under this clause, provided that such reason for delay are not attribute to supplier.
- (b) procure, as required, the appropriate proprietary rights, licences, agreements and permissions for materials, methods, processes, know-how and systems used or incorporated into the Power Station;
- (c) perform and fulfil its obligations under the Financing Agreements;
- (d) make reasonable efforts to maintain harmony and good industrial relations among the personnel employed by it or its Contractors in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (e) procure the Station Premises and Line ROW, and maintain the same;
- (f) ensure and procure that its Contractors comply with all Applicable Permits and Applicable Laws in the performance by them of any of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement;
- (g) always act in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Agreement and not cause or fail to do any act, deed or thing, whether intentionally or otherwise, which may in any manner be violative of any of the provisions of this Agreement or Applicable Laws;
- (h) procure that all equipment and facilities comprising the Power Station are operated and maintained in accordance with the Specifications and Standards, Maintenance Requirements, Safety Requirements and Good Industry Practice;
- (i) support, cooperate with and facilitate the Utility in the implementation of this Agreement;
- (j) comply with the provisions of Applicable Laws with regard to metering of supply of electricity;
- (k) assign, transfer or relinquish the Fuel Supply Agreement for and in respect of Allocated Coal, if any, to the Utility, to the extent allocated or assigned

for Contracted Capacity, upon Termination of this Agreement, in accordance with the provisions thereof; and

- (l) omitted
- (m) comply with the directions of the Commission issued from time to time under the Act.

5.1 Obligations relating to Project Agreements

- 5.1.1 It is expressly agreed that the Supplier shall, at all times, be responsible and liable for all its obligations under this Agreement notwithstanding anything contained in the Project Agreements or any other agreement, and no default under any Project Agreement or agreement shall excuse the Supplier from its obligations or liability hereunder.
- 5.1.2 The Supplier shall submit to the Utility the drafts of all Project Agreements or any amendments or replacements thereto for its review and comments, and the Utility shall have the right but not the obligation to undertake such review and provide its comments, if any, to the Supplier within 15 (fifteen) days of the receipt of such drafts. Within 7 (seven) days of execution of any Project Agreement or amendment thereto, the Supplier shall submit to the Utility a true copy thereof, duly attested by a Director of the Supplier, for its record. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the review and comments hereunder shall be limited to ensuring compliance with the terms of this Agreement. It is further agreed that any failure or omission of the Utility to review and/ or comment hereunder shall not be construed or deemed as acceptance of any such agreement or document by the Utility. No review and/ or observation of the Utility and/ or its failure to review and/ or convey its observations on any document shall relieve the Supplier of its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement in any manner nor shall the Utility be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever.
- 5.1.3 The Supplier shall procure that each of the Fuel Supply Agreements, to the extent it provides for supply of Allocated Coal for the Contracted Capacity, contains provisions that entitle the Utility to step into such agreement, in its sole discretion, in substitution of the Supplier in the event of Termination or Suspension (the "Covenant"). For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that in the event the Utility does not exercise such rights of substitution within a period not exceeding 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the Transfer Date, the Fuel Supply Agreements to the extent specified hereinabove, shall be deemed to cease to be in force and effect on the Transfer Date without any liability whatsoever on the Utility and the Covenant shall expressly provide for such eventuality. The Supplier expressly agrees to include the Covenant in all its Fuel Supply Agreements and undertakes that it shall, in respect of each of the Fuel Supply Agreements, procure and deliver to the Utility an acknowledgment and undertaking, in a form acceptable to the Utility, from the counter party(ies) of each of the Fuel Supply Agreements, whereunder such counter party(ies) shall acknowledge and accept the Covenant and undertake to be bound by the same and not to seek any relief or remedy whatsoever from the Utility in the event of Termination or Suspension.¹⁵

¹⁵ A corresponding clause may be added in the FSA and where the FSA has been signed, a supplementary agreement may be entered into.

5.2 Obligations relating to Change in Ownership

The Supplier shall not undertake or permit any Change in Ownership, except with the prior written approval of the Utility.

5.3 Obligations relating to operation of the Power Station

5.3.1 The Supplier shall at all times operate the Power Station in accordance with Applicable Laws and the provisions of the Grid Code and shall comply with such directions as the RLDC/SLDC may give from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

5.3.2 The Supplier shall enter into and comply with agreements for interconnection of the Power Station to the grid, sub-stations, licensees or consumers, as the case may be, under and in accordance with Applicable Laws.

5.4 Obligations relating to transmission charges

The Supplier shall be liable for payment of all charges, due and payable under Applicable Laws, for inter-state and intra-state transmission of electricity from the Point of Grid Connection to the Delivery Point. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that inter-state and intra-state transmission of electricity shall be undertaken solely at the risk and cost of the Supplier and all liabilities arising out of any failure of inter-state and intra-state transmission shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 21.4.3, be borne by the Supplier. The Parties further agree that the obligation of the Supplier to pay the regulated charges for transmission of electricity shall be restricted to the tariffs and rates applicable on the Bid Date for and in respect of the 100% (hundred per cent) of Contracted Capacity to be made available at Delivery Point and variation thereafter in Gujarat Intra-State & inter-State Transmission Charges as determined by Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission & National Load Despatch Centre in accordance with Regulation notified by State / Central Commission and specified by Utility shall be payable or recoverable, as the case may be, by the Utility. The Parties also agree that the regulated charges applicable for transmission of electricity referred to hereinabove as on the Bid Date shall be deemed to be Rs. (Rupees) for and in respect of the 100 % (hundred percent) Contracted Capacity to be made available at Delivery Point, which charges shall at all times be due and payable by the Supplier. For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that all intra-state transmission charges of the State where project is located shall be borne by the Supplier throughout the contract period.

5.5 Obligations relating to transmission losses

5.5.1 The Supplier shall be liable for the transmission losses in all inter-state and intra-state transmission of electricity from the Point of Grid Connection to the Delivery Point. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that transmission of electricity shall be undertaken solely at the risk and cost of the Supplier and all liabilities arising out of any transmission losses on inter-state and intra-state transmission lines shall be borne by the Supplier. The Parties further agree that the obligation of the Supplier to bear the transmission losses shall be restricted to the level of losses notified by the Gujarat State Load Despatch Centre & National Load Despatch Centre in accordance with Regulation notified by State / Central Commission and specified by Utility as on the Bid Date for this Project and any differential (higher or lower) arising from revision in the level of losses thereafter by the Gujarat SLDC / State Commission / Central Commission (For Gujarat Intra-State & Inter-State Transmission System) shall be borne by the Utility. For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that all intra-state transmission losses of the State where project is located shall be borne by the Supplier throughout the contract period.

[£] This amount shall be determined in accordance with the regulated rates and charges for inter-state and intra-state transmission of electricity from the Point of Grid Connection to the Delivery Point as on the Bid Date.

5.5.2 The Supplier represents and warrants that it has ascertained and assessed the applicable transmission losses from the Point of Grid Connection to the Delivery Point as notified by the Gujarat State Load Despatch Centre & National Load Despatch Centre in accordance with Regulation notified by State / Central Commission for and in respect of the Bid Date, and expressed in the form of their proportion to the electricity supplied hereunder at the Point of Grid Connection. For avoidance of doubt, it is to clarify that the same shall be applicable in accordance with Sr. 34 of the Appendix I of RFP.

5.6 Obligations relating to SLDC and RLDC charges

The Supplier shall be liable for payment of all the charges, due and payable under Applicable Laws by the Supplier to the SLDC and RLDC for and in respect of all its supplies to the Utility.

5.7 Obligations relating to taxes

The Supplier shall pay, at all times during the subsistence of this Agreement, all taxes, levies, duties, cesses and all other statutory charges payable in respect of the Power Station. For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that the Tariff quoted should be inclusive of all Taxes, Duties, Cesses etc. as applicable on Bid Due Date and any variation in the same after the Bid Due Date shall be subject to adjustment, in accordance with the provision of Change in Law.

5.8 Obligations relating to reporting requirements

All information provided by the Supplier to the SLDC and RLDC as a part of its operating and reporting requirements under Applicable Laws, including the Grid Code, shall also be provided by it to the Utility simultaneously.

5.9 Obligations relating to Open Access

The Supplier shall be responsible for timely making application for Short Term / Medium Term / Long Term Open Access. It is to clarify that all applicable charges (SLDC, RLDC, Open Access charges etc.) for delivery of contracted capacity at Delivery Point shall be on account of Supplier. Further, the obligations towards payment of transmission charges & losses for supply upto Delivery Point shall be on the account of Supplier. In case, Utility pay the transmission charges on behalf of Supplier, the Supplier shall be responsible for reimbursing same to Utility or Utility is authorized to adjust the same from monthly Energy Bills. In case of power flow under Short term/ Medium Term open access, transmission charges towards long term Open Access would not be payable to Supplier by Utility.

ARTICLE 6
OBLIGATIONS OF THE UTILITY

6.1 Obligations of the Utility

6.1.1 The Utility shall, at its own cost and expense undertake, comply with and perform all its obligations set out in this Agreement or arising hereunder.

6.1.2 The Utility agrees to provide support to the Supplier and undertakes to observe, comply with and perform, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and Applicable Laws, the following:

- (a) upon written request from the Supplier, and subject to the Supplier complying with Applicable Laws, provide reasonable support and assistance to the Supplier in procuring the Applicable Permits, including environmental or forest clearances, required from any Government Instrumentality for implementation and operation of the Project; Non- grant of long term open access shall be mutually decided by the Utility and Supplier.
- (b) upon written request from the Supplier, provide reasonable assistance to the Supplier in obtaining access to all necessary infrastructure facilities, including water and electricity at rates and on terms no less favourable to the Supplier than those generally available to commercial customers receiving substantially equivalent services;
- (c) Omitted;
- (d) not do or omit to do any act, deed or thing which may in any manner be violative of any of the provisions of this Agreement;
- (e) Omitted
- (f) support, cooperate with and facilitate the Supplier in the implementation and operation of the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and Applicable Laws.

6.1.3 Omitted .

ARTICLE 7
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

7.1 Representations and warranties of the Supplier

The Supplier represents and warrants to the Utility that:

- (a) it is duly organised and validly existing under the laws of India, and has full power and authority to execute and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby;
- (b) it has taken all necessary corporate and other actions under Applicable Laws to authorise the execution and delivery of this Agreement and to validly exercise its rights and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) along with its Associates, it has the financial standing and capacity to undertake the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
- (d) this Agreement constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with the terms hereof, and its obligations under this Agreement will be legally valid, binding and enforceable obligations against it in accordance with the terms hereof;
- (e) it is subject to the laws of India, and hereby expressly and irrevocably waives any immunity in any jurisdiction in respect of this Agreement or matters arising thereunder including any obligation, liability or responsibility hereunder;
- (f) the information furnished in the Bid and as updated on or before the date of this Agreement is true and accurate in all respects as on the date hereof;
- (g) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement will not conflict with, result in the breach of, constitute a default under, or accelerate performance required by any of the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association or any Applicable Laws or any covenant, contract, agreement, arrangement, understanding, decree or order to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets is bound or affected;
- (h) there are no actions, suits, proceedings, or investigations pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it at law or in equity before any court or before any other judicial, quasi-judicial or other authority, the outcome of which may result in the breach of this Agreement or which individually or in the aggregate may result in any material impairment of its ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (i) it has no knowledge of any violation or default with respect to any order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or Government Instrumentality which may result in any material adverse effect on its ability to perform its

obligations under this Agreement and no fact or circumstance exists which may give rise to such proceedings that would adversely affect the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;

- (j) it has complied with Applicable Laws in all material respects and has not been subject to any fines, penalties, injunctive relief or any other civil or criminal liabilities which in the aggregate have or may have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (k) it shall at no time undertake or permit any Change in Ownership except in accordance with the provisions of Clause 5.3; and that its promoters together with their Associates, hold not less than 26% (twenty six per cent) of its issued and paid up Equity as on the date of this Agreement, which shall also be no less than 5% (five per cent) of the Total Project Cost;
- (l) the selected Bidder and its Associates have the financial standing and resources to fund the required Equity and to raise the debt necessary for undertaking and implementing the Project in accordance with this Agreement;
- (m) the selected Bidder is duly organised and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or registration, as the case may be, and has requested the Utility to enter into this Agreement with {itself/the Supplier} pursuant to the Letter of Award, and has agreed to and unconditionally accepted the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;
- (n) all its rights and interests in the Fuel Supply Agreement for supply of Allocated Coal, to the extent such Fuel is required for the Contracted Capacity, shall pass to and vest in the Utility on the Transfer Date free and clear of all liens, claims and Encumbrances, without any further act or deed on its part or that of the Utility, and that none of the Project Assets shall be acquired by it, subject to any agreement under which a security interest or other lien or Encumbrance is retained by any person on the aforesaid Allocated Coal, save and except as expressly provided in this Agreement;
- (o) it has a good and valid right to the Station Premises;
- (p) no representation or warranty by it contained herein or in any other document furnished by it to the Utility or to any Government Instrumentality in relation to Applicable Permits contains or will contain any untrue or misleading statement of material fact or omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary to make such representation or warranty not misleading;
- (q) no sums, in cash or kind, have been paid or will be paid, by it or on its behalf, to any person by way of fees, commission or otherwise for securing the Supply Contract or entering into this Agreement or for

influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of the Utility in connection therewith;

- (r) all information provided by the selected Bidder in response to the Request for Qualification – DBFOO and Request for Proposal -DBFOO or otherwise, is to the best of its knowledge and belief, true and accurate in all material respects; and
- (s) all undertakings and obligations of the Supplier arising from the Request for Qualification -DBFOO and Request for Proposal-DBFOO or otherwise shall be binding on the Supplier as if they form part of this Agreement.

7.2 Representations and warranties of the Utility

The Utility represents and warrants to the Supplier that:

- (a) it has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated herein and that it has taken all actions necessary to execute this Agreement, exercise its rights and perform its obligations, under this Agreement;
- (b) it has taken all necessary actions under Applicable Laws to authorise the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement;
- (c) it has the financial standing and capacity to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (d) this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation enforceable against it in accordance with the terms hereof;
- (e) it has no knowledge of any violation or default with respect to any order, writ, injunction or any decree of any court or any legally binding order of any Government Instrumentality which may result in any material adverse effect on the Utility's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement; and
- (f) it has complied with Applicable Laws in all material respects.

7.3 Disclosure

In the event that any occurrence or circumstance comes to the attention of either Party that renders any of its aforesaid representations or warranties untrue or incorrect, such Party shall immediately notify the other Party of the same. Such notification shall not have the effect of remedying any breach of the representation or warranty that has been found to be untrue or incorrect nor shall it adversely affect or waive any right, remedy or obligation of either Party under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8
DISCLAIMER

8.1 Disclaimer

- 8.1.1 The Supplier acknowledges that prior to the execution of this Agreement, the Supplier has, after a complete and careful examination, made an independent evaluation of the Request for Qualification-DBFOO, Request for Proposal-DBFOO, Scope of the Project, Specifications and Standards, transmission network, Site, existing structures, local conditions, physical qualities of ground, subsoil and geology, and any information provided by the Utility or obtained, procured or gathered otherwise, and has determined to its satisfaction the accuracy or otherwise thereof and the nature and extent of difficulties, risks and hazards as are likely to arise or may be faced by it in the course of performance of its obligations hereunder. The Utility makes no representation whatsoever, express, implicit or otherwise, regarding the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, reliability and/or completeness of any assessment, assumption, statement or information provided by it and the Supplier confirms that it shall have no claim whatsoever against the Utility in this regard.
- 8.1.2 The Supplier acknowledges and hereby accepts the risk of inadequacy, mistake or error in or relating to any of the matters set forth in Clause 8.1.1 above and hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Utility shall not be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever to the Supplier, and its Associates or any person claiming through or under any of them.
- 8.1.3 The Parties agree that any mistake or error in or relating to any of the matters set forth in Clause 8.1.1 above shall not vitiate this Agreement, or render it voidable.
- 8.1.4 In the event that either Party becomes aware of any mistake or error relating to any of the matters set forth in Clause 8.1.1 above, that Party shall immediately notify the other Party, specifying the mistake or error; provided, however, that a failure on part of the Utility to give any notice pursuant to this Clause 8.1.4 shall not prejudice the disclaimer of the Utility contained in Clause 8.1.1 and shall not in any manner shift to the Utility any risks assumed by the Supplier pursuant to this Agreement.
- 8.1.5 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all risks relating to the Project shall be borne by the Supplier and the Utility shall not be liable in any manner for such risks or the consequences thereof.

Part III
Development and Operations

ARTICLE 9

PERFORMANCE SECURITY

9.1 Performance Security

- 9.1.1 The Supplier shall, for the performance of its obligations hereunder, provide to the Utility no later than 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Agreement, an irrevocable and unconditional guarantee from a Bank for a sum equivalent to Rs. *** crore (Rupees *** crore)¹⁶ in the form set forth in Schedule-D (the "Performance Security"). Provided, however, that the Supplier may provide a Performance Security hereunder for a period of 2 (two) years and shall, no later than 60 (sixty) days prior to the expiry thereof, substitute it by a like Performance Security.
- 9.1.2 Until such time the Performance Security is provided by the Supplier pursuant hereto and the same comes into effect, the Bid Security shall remain in force and effect, and upon such provision of the Performance Security pursuant hereto, the Utility shall release the Bid Security to the Supplier.
- 9.1.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event Performance Security is not provided by the Supplier within a period of 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Agreement, the Utility may encash the Bid Security and appropriate the proceeds thereof as Damages, and thereupon all rights, privileges, claims and entitlements of the Supplier under or arising out of this Agreement and the Fuel Supply Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by, and to have ceased with the concurrence of the Supplier, and this Agreement and the Fuel Supply Agreement, to the extent of Allocated Coal required for the Contracted Capacity, shall be deemed to have been terminated with the consent of the Supplier.

9.2 Appropriation of Performance Security

Upon occurrence of a Supplier Default or failure to meet any Condition Precedent, the Utility shall, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies hereunder or in law, be entitled to encash and appropriate from the Performance Security the amounts due to it for and in respect of such Supplier Default or for failure to meet any Condition Precedent. Upon such encashment and appropriation from the Performance Security, the Supplier shall, within 15 (fifteen) days thereof, replenish, in case of partial appropriation, to the original level of the Performance Security, and in case of appropriation of the entire Performance Security provide a fresh Performance Security, as the case may be, failing which the Utility shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 31. Upon such replenishment or furnishing of a fresh Performance Security, as the case may be, the Supplier shall be entitled to an additional Cure Period of 120 (one hundred and twenty) days for remedying the Supplier Default or to meet any Condition Precedent, and in the event of the

¹⁶ To be calculated @ Rs. 30,00,000 (Rs. thirty lakh) per MW of Contracted Capacity. This may be increased to Rs. 40,00,000 (Rs. forty lakh) per MW of Contracted Capacity if Contracted Capacity is less than 500 MW and Rs. 20,00,000 (Rs. twenty lakh) per MW of Contracted Capacity if Contracted Capacity is more than 1000 MW.

Supplier not curing its default or meeting such Condition Precedent within such Cure Period, the Utility shall be entitled to encash and appropriate the Performance Security as Damages, and to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 31.

9.3 Release of Performance Security

The Performance Security shall remain in force and effect until expiry of 3 (three) months after COD, and shall be released upon the Performance Guarantee taking effect in accordance with the provisions of Clause 9.4. Until such time the Performance Guarantee comes into effect, the Performance Security shall remain in force and effect, and upon the Performance Guarantee coming into effect pursuant hereto, the Utility shall release the Performance Security to the Supplier.

9.4 Performance Guarantee

9.4.1 The Supplier shall, for the performance of its obligations hereunder during the Operation Period, be deemed to provide to the Utility upon occurrence of COD, an irrevocable and unconditional guarantee pursuant to the provisions of this Clause 9.4 (the “**Performance Guarantee**”), for a sum equivalent to the Fixed Charge due and payable by the Utility to the Supplier for Normative Availability in respect of a period of 15 (fifteen) days in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Performance Guarantee shall constitute the first and exclusive charge on all amounts due and payable by the Utility to the Supplier, and the Utility shall be entitled to enforce the Performance Guarantee by making a deduction from the amounts due and payable by it to the Supplier in accordance with the provisions of Clause 9.5.

9.4.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event Performance Guarantee is not effective or sufficient for meeting the obligations of the Supplier under this Agreement, the Utility may encash the Performance Security and appropriate the proceeds thereof as Damages.

9.5 Appropriation of Performance Guarantee

Upon occurrence of a Supplier Default, the Utility shall, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies hereunder or in law, be entitled to appropriate the relevant amounts from the Performance Guarantee as Damages for such Supplier Default. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that upon the Performance Guarantee being appropriated, in whole or in part, it shall be deemed to be replenished to the extent of such appropriation.

9.6 References to Performance Security

References to Performance Security occurring in this Agreement for and in respect of any period prior to the delivery of the Performance Security by the Supplier to the Utility, or in respect of any period subsequent to the expiry or

release thereof, as the case may be, shall be construed solely for the purposes of calculating the amount of Damages payable by the Supplier, and the amount so determined shall be appropriated from the Bid Security or Performance Guarantee, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 10

SITE OF THE PROJECT

10.1 The Site

The site of the Power Station shall comprise of: (a) the real estate required for the power station and associated services as described in Schedule-A, (the “**Station Premises**”); and (b) the real estate required for the lines and transmission towers of the Dedicated Transmission System, as described in Schedule-A (the “**Line ROW**”), and in respect of which the right of way shall be procured by the Supplier under and in accordance with this Agreement (collectively, the “**Site**”). For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby acknowledged and agreed that references to the Site shall be construed as references to the real estate required for the Power Station as set forth in Schedule-A.

10.2 Line ROW

10.2.1 The Supplier shall procure and maintain the Line ROW at its own risk and cost. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the minimum width of the right of way to be acquired shall conform to the provisions of Schedule-A.

10.2.2 The Supplier agrees and undertakes to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the Utility and its officers, servants, agents and Government Instrumentalities against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense of whatever kind and nature, in connection with the acts or omissions of the Supplier in the procurement of Line ROW save and except any loss, damage, cost and expense relating to any act or omission of the Utility.

10.3 Access rights of the Utility and others

The Supplier shall allow free access to the Site at all times for the authorised representatives of the Utility, Senior Lenders, and the Utility’s Engineer, and for the persons duly authorised by any Government Instrumentality to inspect the Power Station and to investigate any matter within their authority, and upon reasonable notice, the Supplier shall provide to such persons reasonable assistance necessary to carry out their respective duties and functions.

10.4 Geological and archaeological finds

It is expressly agreed that mining, geological or archaeological rights do not form part of the licence granted to the Supplier under this Agreement and the Supplier hereby acknowledges that it shall not have any mining rights or interest in the underlying minerals, fossils, antiquities, structures or other remnants or things either of particular geological or archaeological interest and that such rights, interest and property on or under the Station Premises shall vest in and belong to the Utility or the concerned Government Instrumentality. The Supplier shall take all **reasonable precautions** to prevent its workmen or any other person from removing or **damaging such interest or property and shall inform the Utility forthwith** of the discovery thereof and comply with such instructions as the Utility

or the concerned Government Instrumentality may reasonably give for the removal of such property. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that any expenses incurred by the Supplier hereunder shall not be reimbursed by the Utility. It is also agreed that the Utility shall procure that the instructions hereunder are issued by it or the concerned Government Instrumentality within a reasonable period so as to enable the Supplier to continue its Construction Works with such modifications as may be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 11
CONSTRUCTION OF THE POWER STATION^f

11.1 Obligations in respect of construction

The Supplier shall, as soon as may be:

- (a) submit to the Utility its plant configuration and time schedule for completion of the Project in accordance with the Project Completion Schedule as set forth in Schedule-E; and
- (b) **undertake, do and perform all such acts, deeds and things as may be necessary or required for completion of construction in accordance with this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits.**

11.2 Construction of the Power Station

11.2.1 The Supplier shall complete construction of the Power Station as specified in Schedule-B, and in conformity with the Specifications and Standards set forth in Schedule-C.

For projects which are already operational, the Supplier shall ensure conformity to the Specifications and Standards in addition to other compliance as required under this Agreement latest by Scheduled Supply Completion Date as per the Agreement.

11.2.2 In the event that the Supplier fails to achieve any Project Milestone within a period of 90 (ninety) days from the date set forth for such Project Milestone in Schedule-E, unless such failure has occurred due to Force Majeure or for reasons attributable to the Utility, it shall pay Damages to the Utility in a sum calculated at the rate of 0.2% (zero point two per cent) of the amount of Performance Security for delay of each day until such Project Milestone is achieved; provided that if any or all Project Milestones or the Scheduled Completion Date are extended in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the dates set forth in Schedule-E shall be deemed to be modified accordingly; provided further that in the event COD is achieved on or before the Scheduled Completion Date, the Damages paid under this Clause 11.2.2 shall be refunded by the Utility to the Supplier, but without any interest thereon; provided also that in the event the Supplier agrees and undertakes to supply from an alternate source, the whole or

^f In case the Power Station is under construction on the Bid Date, or has been completed prior to that date, all provisions in respect of construction of the Power Station shall apply only to the extent they can be applied prospectively to the construction undertaken after such date, and this Power Supply Agreement shall be deemed to be modified accordingly. In particular, the relevant provisions of Clauses 4.1, this Article 11, Articles 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20, Clauses 22.4 and 22.5, and Schedules B, C, E, F, G and I shall be deemed to be modified to the extent necessary for and in respect of events that shall have occurred prior to COD of this Agreement.

¹⁷ May be fixed keeping in view the scope and nature of the Project and in accordance with Good Industry Practice. This provision may be suitably modified alongwith Schedule-E in cases where the Power Station is already under construction. The period should, as far as possible, conform with the provisions of the RFQ-DBFOO.

part of the entitlement of the Utility from electricity that would have been produced from Contracted Capacity during the period between the Scheduled Completion Date and COD, and on the terms specified in this Agreement, the Damages payable under this Clause 11.2.2 shall be reduced in the same proportion that such supply shall bear to the entitlement of the Utility in supply from Contracted Capacity. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that in the event the Power Station is not completed and COD does not occur within 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the Scheduled Completion Date, unless the delay is on account of reasons attributable to the Utility or due to Force Majeure, the Utility shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement.

- 11.2.3 Type 1 Projects shall be required to undertake & ensure all necessary activities to commence supply of power in accordance with the timelines & obligation under this Agreement. In the event of delay, unless such failure has occurred due to reasons attributable to the Utility, the Supplier shall pay Damages to the Utility at the amount specified at Clause 14.2 of Article 14 of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that in the event COD does not occur within 120 (one hundred and twenty) days from the Scheduled Supply Commencement Date specified under this agreement, unless the delay is on account of reasons attributable to the Utility or due to Force Majeure, the Utility shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12
MONITORING OF CONSTRUCTION

12.1 Quarterly progress reports

During the Construction Period, the Supplier shall, no later than 7 (seven) days after the close of each quarter, furnish to the Utility and the Utility's Engineer a quarterly report on progress of the Construction Works and shall promptly give such other relevant information as may be required by the Utility's Engineer.

12.2 Inspection

During the Construction Period, the Utility's Engineer shall inspect the Power Station at least once a quarter and make a report of such inspection (the "Inspection Report") stating in brief the defects or deficiencies, if any, with particular reference to the Project Completion Schedule, Scope of the Project and Specifications and Standards. It shall send a copy of the Inspection Report to the Utility and the Supplier within 7 (seven) days of such inspection and upon receipt thereof, the Supplier shall rectify and remedy the defects or deficiencies, if any, stated in the Inspection Report. Such inspection or submission of Inspection Report by the Utility's Engineer shall not relieve or absolve the Supplier of its obligations and liabilities hereunder in any manner whatsoever.

12.3 Delays during construction

If the Supplier does not achieve any of the Project Milestones or the Utility's Engineer shall have reasonably determined that the rate of progress of Construction Works is such that the Power Station is not likely to be completed by the Scheduled Completion Date, it shall notify the Supplier to this effect, and the Supplier shall, within 15 (fifteen) days of such notice, by a communication inform the Utility's Engineer in reasonable detail about the steps it proposes to take to expedite progress and the period within which it shall achieve COD.

12.4 Video recording

During the Construction Period, the Supplier shall provide to the Utility for every calendar quarter, a video recording, which will be compiled into a 3 (three) hour digital video disc or any substitute thereof, covering the status and progress of Construction Works in that quarter. The first such video recording shall be provided to the Utility within 30 (thirty) days of the Appointed Date and thereafter, no later than 15 (fifteen) days after the close of each quarter.

ARTICLE 13
COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

13.1 Tests

13.1.1 No later than 30 (thirty) days prior to the likely completion of any Unit of the Power Station, the Supplier shall notify the Utility's Engineer of its intent to subject such Unit to Tests. The date and time of each of the Tests shall be determined by the Supplier, and notified to the Utility and the Utility's Engineer who may designate its representative to witness the Tests, and in the event the Utility Engineer delays the Tests hereunder, the Utility shall impose exemplary penalties on the Utility Engineer and shall ensure that Tests are completed in time either by the Utility Engineer or any substitute thereof.

13.1.2 All Tests shall be conducted in accordance with Schedule-F at the cost and expense of the Supplier. The Utility's Engineer shall observe, monitor and review the results of the Tests to determine compliance of the Power Station with Specifications and Standards and if it is reasonably anticipated or determined by the Utility's Engineer during the course of any Test that the performance of the Power Station does not meet the Specifications and Standards, it shall have the right to require the Supplier to remedy and rectify the defects or deficiencies. Upon completion of each Test, the Supplier shall provide to the Utility copies of all Test data including detailed Test results.

13.2 Completion Certificate

13.2.1 Upon completion of Construction Works, and the Supplier determining the Tests to be successful in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, it shall forthwith issue to the Utility a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-G (the "Completion Certificate").

13.2.2 Tests in respect of Station Heat Rate shall be deemed to be successful only if the Tests establish that the Station Heat Rate is equal to or lower than the rate specified in the Specifications and Standards. Provided, however, that in the event the Tests establish that the actual Station Heat Rate exceeds the specified Station Heat Rate by upto 2% (two per cent)¹⁸ thereof, the Tests shall be deemed to be successful as if the Power Station has achieved the specified Station Heat Rate.

13.3 Provisional Certificate

13.3.1 The Supplier may issue a provisional certificate of completion substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-G (the "Provisional Certificate") if the Tests are successful and any Unit, including its interconnection with the Grid, can be safely and reliably placed in commercial operation in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 13.3.1 though certain works or things forming part thereof are outstanding and not yet complete. In such an event, the Provisional Certificate shall have appended thereto a list of outstanding items (the "Incomplete Works").

¹⁸ This figure may be substituted by 10% (ten per cent) for all bids received on or before December 31, 2016 or where a Power Station shall have achieved COD prior to that date.

13.3.2 Upon issue of such Provisional Certificate, the provisions of Article 14 shall apply to the Unit specified therein.

13.4 Synchronisation

13.4.1 At least 30 (thirty) days prior to the likely synchronisation of the Power Station to the Grid, the Supplier shall notify the [Utility/Utility's Engineer]¹⁹ and the RLDC or SLDC, as the case may be, of its intent to undertake such synchronisation.

13.4.2 Subject to the provisions of Clause 13.4.1, the Power Station may be synchronised with the Grid when it meets all the conditions specified in the Grid Code and Applicable Laws.

13.5 Completion of Incomplete Works

13.5.1 All Incomplete Works, including any shortfall in Contracted Capacity or Station Heat Rate, shall be completed or rectified, as the case may be, by the Supplier within 180 (one hundred and eighty) days of the date of issue of the Provisional Certificate and for any delay thereafter, other than for reasons solely attributable to the Utility or due to Force Majeure, the Utility shall be entitled to recover Damages from the Supplier to be calculated and paid for each day of delay until all items are completed, at the lower of, (a) 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Performance Security, and (b) 0.2% (zero point two per cent) of the cost of completing such items as estimated by the Utility's Engineer.

13.5.2 Upon completion of all Incomplete Works, the Supplier shall issue the Completion Certificate. Failure of the Supplier to complete all the Incomplete Works within the time set forth in Clause 13.5.1 for any reason, other than conditions constituting Force Majeure or for reasons solely attributable to the Utility, shall entitle the Utility to terminate this Agreement.

13.6 Omitted

¹⁹ Prior to inviting bids, the Utility may delete either "Utility" or "Utility's Engineer", as the case may be. A similar choice may also be exercised with respect to Clause 15.11.

²⁰ The number of Units may be determined by the Utility prior to inviting Bids keeping in view the nature and scope of the Project as well as its own requirements.

ARTICLE 14
ENTRY INTO COMMERCIAL SERVICE

14.1 Commercial Operation Date (COD)

14.1.1 The Power Station or any Unit thereof, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be complete when the Completion Certificate or the Provisional Certificate, as the case may be, is issued under the provisions of Article 13. The commercial operation date of the Power Station or any Unit, as the case may be, shall be the date on which the Power Station or such Unit is deemed fit for generating electricity and supplying it to the Grid upon issuance of such Completion Certificate or the Provisional Certificate (the "COD"). The Power Station or any Unit thereof shall enter into commercial service on COD whereupon the Supplier shall be entitled to demand and collect the Tariff in accordance with the provisions of Article 21. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that if the Power Station is substantially completed but COD is delayed for reasons attributable to the Utility, 15% (fifteen per cent) of the Fixed Charge shall be due and payable hereunder as if COD has occurred for the Power Station or any Unit thereof, as the case may be, in addition to the extension of Concession Period under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that for determination of Tariff under Article 21, COD of the first Unit shall be deemed to be the COD of the Power Station.

14.1.2 Omitted

14.2 Damages for delay

Subject to the provisions of Clause 11.2, if COD does not occur prior to the 61st (sixty first) day after the Scheduled Completion Date/ Scheduled Supply Commission Date, unless the delay is on account of reasons attributable to the Utility or due to Force Majeure, the Supplier shall pay Damages to the Utility in a sum calculated at the rate of 0.5% (zero point five per cent) of the amount of Performance Security for delay of each day until COD is achieved.

14.3 Sale of electricity prior to COD

The Supplier may, at its cost and expense, supply electricity to the Grid prior to COD; provided, however, that any revenues thereof may be appropriated by the Supplier upto a ceiling equivalent to 150% (one hundred and fifty per cent) of the Fixed Charge²¹ and any revenues in excess thereof shall be due and payable by the Supplier to the Utility. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event the Contracted Capacity constitutes only a part of the Installed Capacity, the revenue share

²¹ This may be substituted by 125% (one hundred and twenty five per cent) in case the Fuel source is a Coal Mine/Blocks or the Power Station is situate at the pit head of a Mine.

payable hereunder shall be first apportioned and appropriated by the Utility to the extent due in respect of the Contracted Capacity and the balance, if any, may be retained by the Supplier.

ARTICLE 15
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

15.1 O&M obligations of the Supplier

15.1.1 During the Operation Period, the Supplier shall operate and maintain the Power Station in accordance with this Agreement either by itself, or through the O&M Contractor and if required, modify, repair or otherwise make improvements to the Power Station to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits, and conform to Specifications and Standards and Good Industry Practice. The obligations of the Supplier hereunder shall include:

- (a) ensuring safe, smooth and uninterrupted supply of electricity from the Power Station, including prevention of loss or damage thereto, during normal operating conditions;
- (b) undertaking operation and maintenance of the Power Station in an efficient, coordinated and economical manner, in compliance with the Grid Code, Central Electricity Authority (Grid Standards) Regulations, 2010, Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010 and Applicable Laws;
- (c) procuring that the Availability of the Power Station is not less than the Normative Availability;
- (d) minimising disruption to operation of the Power Station in the event of accidents or other incidents affecting the safety and operation of the Power Station by providing a rapid and effective response and maintaining liaison with emergency services of the State;
- (e) operation and maintenance of all communication, control and administrative systems necessary for efficient operation of the Power Station and for providing safe and uninterrupted supply of electricity to the Utility;
- (f) maintaining a public relations unit to interface with and attend to suggestions from Project affected persons, government agencies, media and other agencies;
- (g) complying with Safety Requirements;
- (h) operation and maintenance of all Project Assets diligently and efficiently and in accordance with Good Industry Practice; and
- (i) maintaining reliability in operating the Power Station.

15.1.2 If the Supplier fails to comply with any directions issued by the Commission, the RLDC or the SLDC, as the case may be, and is liable to pay a penalty under the provisions of Applicable Laws, such penalty shall be borne solely by the Supplier, and shall not be claimed from the Utility. For the avoidance of doubt, payment of any penalty under the provisions of Applicable Laws shall be in addition to, and independent of the Damages payable under this Agreement.

15.2 Maintenance Requirements

The Supplier shall procure that at all times during the Operation Period, the Power Station conforms to the maintenance requirements set forth in Schedule-H and the Maintenance Manual (the “**Maintenance Requirements**”).

15.3 Maintenance Manual

15.3.1 No later than 90 (ninety) days prior to the Scheduled Completion Date, the Supplier shall evolve an operation and maintenance manual (the “**Maintenance Manual**”) for the regular and preventive maintenance of the Power Station in conformity with the Specifications and Standards, Maintenance Requirements, Safety Requirements and Good Industry Practice, and shall provide 5 (five) copies thereof to the Utility. The Maintenance Manual shall be revised and updated once every 3 (three) years.

15.3.2 Without prejudice to the provision of Clause 15.3.1, the Maintenance Manual shall, in particular, provide for life cycle maintenance, routine maintenance and restorative maintenance which may be reasonably necessary for maintenance and repair of the Project Assets, including replacement thereof, such that its overall condition conforms to Good Industry Practice.

15.4 Maintenance Programme

15.4.1 On or before COD and no later than 45 (forty five) days prior to the beginning of each Accounting Year during the Operation Period, as the case may be, the Supplier shall provide to the Utility its proposed annual programme of preventive, urgent and other scheduled maintenance (the “**Maintenance Programme**”) to comply with the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual and Safety Requirements.

15.4.2 Any maintenance carried out by the Supplier as per the Maintenance Programme under this Clause 15.4 and as notified to the Utility under the provisions of Clause 21.5.4 shall be deemed to be scheduled maintenance (the “**Scheduled Maintenance**”). For the avoidance of doubt, any closure, suspension or reduction of Contracted Capacity arising out of Scheduled Maintenance shall be deemed as Non-Availability of Contracted Capacity.

15.5 Safety, breakdowns and accidents

The Supplier shall ensure safe conditions at the Power Station, and in the event of unsafe conditions, damage, breakdowns and accidents, it shall follow the relevant operating procedures and undertake removal of obstruction and debris without delay. Such procedures shall conform to the provisions of this Agreement, Applicable Laws, Applicable Permits and Good Industry Practice.

15.6 De-commissioning due to Emergency or Forced Outage

15.6.1 If, in the reasonable opinion of the Supplier, there exists an Emergency or Forced Outage, as the case may be, which warrants de-commissioning or shut down of the whole or **any part** of the Power Station, the Supplier shall be entitled to de-

commission or shut down the whole or any part of the Power Station for so long as such Emergency or Forced Outage and the consequences thereof warrant; provided that such de-commissioning or shut down and particulars thereof shall be notified by the Supplier to the Utility, the RLDC and the SLDC without any delay, and the Supplier shall diligently carry out and abide by any reasonable directions that the Utility, the RLDC or the SLDC may give for dealing with such Emergency or Forced Outage.

- 15.6.2 The Supplier shall re-commission the Power Station or any part thereof as quickly as practicable after the circumstances leading to its de-commissioning or shut down have ceased to exist or have so abated as to enable the Supplier to re-commission the Power Station and shall notify the Utility of the same forthwith.

15.7 Unit closure

- 15.7.1 Save and except, as provided in Clause 15.6, the Supplier shall not shut down or de-commission any Unit of the Power Station comprising the Contracted Capacity for undertaking maintenance or repair works, not forming part of the Maintenance Programme, except with the prior written approval of the Utility's Engineer. Such approval shall be sought by the Supplier through a written request to be made to the Utility's Engineer, and a copy thereof furnished to the Utility, at least 7 (seven) days before the proposed closure of such Unit and shall be accompanied by particulars thereof. Within 3 (three) days of receiving such request, the Utility's Engineer shall grant permission with such modifications as it may deem reasonable and necessary in conformity with the Maintenance Manual and Maintenance Programme, and a copy of such permission shall be sent to the Utility.

- 15.7.2 Upon receiving the permission pursuant to Clause 15.7.1, the Supplier shall be entitled to shut down or de-commission the designated Unit for the period specified therein, and in the event of any delay in re-commissioning such Unit, the Supplier shall pay Damages to the Utility calculated at the rate of 2% (two per cent) of the Average Daily Fixed Charge for each day of delay until the Unit has been re-commissioned for generation.

15.8 Unscheduled Maintenance

Any maintenance or repair of the Power Station not forming part of Scheduled Maintenance shall be deemed to be unscheduled maintenance (the "Unscheduled Maintenance"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that any de-commissioning or shut down of the whole or any part of the Power Station under the provisions of Clause 15.6 shall be deemed to be Unscheduled Maintenance. It is further agreed that any reduction of generating capacity arising out of Unscheduled Maintenance shall be deemed as Non-Availability of Contracted Capacity. Provided, however, that the loss or reduction in Availability shall be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is reasonably required by the aforesaid events.

15.9 Damages for breach of maintenance obligations

In the event that the Supplier fails to repair or rectify any defect or deficiency which causes reduction in Availability, it shall be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement and the Utility shall be entitled to recover Damages, to be calculated and paid for each day of delay until the breach is cured, 2% (two per cent) of the Average Daily Fixed Charge or such smaller sum as the Utility may, in its discretion determine upon prompt compliance of its obligations by the Supplier. Recovery of such Damages shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Utility under this Agreement, including the right of Termination thereof.

15.10 Restoration of loss or damage to the Power Station

Save and except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, in the event that the Power Station or any part thereof suffers any loss or damage during the Contract Period from any cause whatsoever, the Supplier shall, at its cost and expense, rectify and remedy such loss or damage forthwith so that the Power Station conforms to the provisions of this Agreement.

15.11 Modifications to the Power Station

The Supplier shall not carry out any material modifications to the Power Station save and except where such modifications are necessary for the Power Station to operate in conformity with the Specifications and Standards, Maintenance Requirements and Applicable Laws; provided that the Supplier shall notify the [Utility/Utility's Engineer] of the proposed modifications along with particulars thereof at least 15 (fifteen) days before commencing work on such modifications and shall reasonably consider any suggestions that the [Utility/Utility's Engineer] may make within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving the Supplier's proposal.

15.12 Excuse from performance of obligations

The Supplier shall not be considered in breach of its obligations under this Agreement if the Non-Availability of the whole or any part of the Contracted Capacity of the Power Station is on account of any of the following for the duration thereof:

- (a) an event of Force Majeure;
- (b) measures taken to ensure the safety of the Power Station except when unsafe conditions occurred because of failure of the Supplier to perform its obligations under this Agreement; or
- (c) compliance with a request from the Utility or the directions of any Government Instrumentality, the effect of which is to close all or any part of the Power Station:

Provided, that any such Non-Availability and particulars thereof shall be notified by the Supplier to the Utility and the Utility's Engineer without any delay:

Provided further that the Supplier shall ensure and procure Availability of all unaffected parts of the Contracted Capacity of the Power Station, provided they can be operated safely.

15.13 Safety Requirements

The Supplier shall at all times comply with the provisions of this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits for securing the safety of the Power Station and the persons present in the premises thereof. In particular, the Supplier shall develop, implement and administer a surveillance and safety programme for providing a safe environment on or about the Power Station (the "Safety Requirements").

ARTICLE 16

MONITORING OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**16.1 Monthly status reports**

During Operation Period, the Supplier shall, no later than 7 (seven) days after the close of each month, furnish to the Utility and the Utility's Engineer a monthly report stating in reasonable detail the condition of the Power Station including its compliance or otherwise with the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual, Maintenance Programme and Safety Requirements, and shall promptly give such other relevant information as may be required by the Utility and the Utility's Engineer. In particular, such report shall separately identify and state in reasonable detail the defects and deficiencies that require rectification.

16.2 Inspection

The Utility's Engineer shall, with prior intimation to the Supplier, inspect the Power Station once every six months. It shall make a report of such inspection (the "O&M Inspection Report") stating in reasonable detail the defects or deficiencies, if any, with particular reference to the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual and the Maintenance Programme, and send a copy thereof to the Utility and the Supplier within 7 (seven) days of such inspection.

16.3 Remedial Measures

The Supplier shall repair or rectify the defects or deficiencies, if any, set forth in the O&M Inspection Report or in the monthly report referred to in Clause 16.1 and furnish a report in respect thereof to the Utility within 30 (thirty) days of receiving the O&M Inspection Report or furnishing the monthly report, as the case may be; provided that where the remedying of such defects or deficiencies is likely to take more than 30 (thirty) days, the Supplier shall submit progress reports of the repair works once every week until such works are completed in conformity with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 17
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

17.1 Key Performance Indicators²²

Without prejudice to the obligations specified in this Agreement, the Supplier shall operate the Contracted Capacity of the Power Station such that it achieves or exceeds the performance indicators specified in this Article 17 (the “**Key Performance Indicators**”)

17.2 Availability

The Supplier shall procure that during the Operation Period, the Availability of Contracted Capacity of the Power Station is not less than the Normative Availability and Incentives and Damages in relation to Availability shall be payable or recoverable, as the case may be, by the Utility in accordance with the provisions of Article 21.

17.3 Monthly status report

During Operation Period, the Supplier shall, no later than 7 (seven) days after the close of each month, furnish a monthly report to the Utility stating in reasonable detail the compliance with the Key Performance Indicators specified in this Article 17 along with an analysis of the reasons for failures, if any, and the strategies for addressing the same and for otherwise improving the operational performance of the Power Station. The monthly report shall include a quantification of the Damages calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

17.4 ISO certification

17.4.1 The Supplier shall, within 12 (twelve) months from COD, achieve and thereafter maintain throughout the Contract Period, **ISO 18001:2006** and **ISO 9001:2000** certifications or a substitute thereof for all the facilities at the Power Station, and shall provide a certified copy thereof to the Utility forthwith.

17.4.2 In the event of default in obtaining the certifications specified in Clause 17.4.1, the Supplier shall, within 15 (fifteen) days thereof, submit to the Utility an action plan that sets out the actions proposed to be taken by the Supplier for rectifying its deficiencies and obtaining such certifications.

17.4.3 If the period of default in obtaining the ISO certifications under this Clause 17.4 shall exceed a continuous period of 3 (three) months, the Supplier shall pay Damages to the Utility in an amount equal to 0.5% (zero point five per cent) of the Average Daily Fixed Charge for every 1 (one) month of default beyond the aforesaid period of 3 (three) months.

²² Additional Key Performance Indicators may be specified, as necessary, to reflect project-specific requirements.

ARTICLE 18
ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY

18.1 Installed Capacity

The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that it shall set up and operate the Power Station with an installed capacity of MW (the “**Installed Capacity**”)²³ which shall include Committed Capacity and Merchant Capacity in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

18.2 Contracted Capacity

Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, the Supplier shall dedicate a generating capacity of 600 MW to the Utility. However, Utility has the right to reduce the contracted capacity based on its demand with prior written notice not later than 30 days prior to commencement of every Accounting Year. The said reduced capacity shall become the contracted capacity for the said Accounting Year for all the purposes hereunder (the “**Contracted Capacity**”) and the Contracted Capacity shall at all times be operated and utilised in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Further the Parties agree that the Utility may also seek additional Contracted Capacity during any Accounting Year by giving a 30 days prior written notice to the Seller.

18.3 Committed Capacity

The Parties expressly acknowledge and undertake that the Contracted Capacity hereunder alongwith similar capacity contracted between the Supplier and other Distribution Licensees for supply of electricity in accordance with the provisions of Section 63 of the Act shall at all times be dedicated for production of electricity and supply thereof to the Utility and/or other Distribution Licensees with whom such agreements have been signed (the “**Committed Capacity**”) and shall be utilised in accordance with the instructions of the Utility and/or such Distribution Licensees, save and except as provided in this Agreement.

18.4 Omitted

²³ By way of illustration, a Power Station may have an Installed Capacity of 1,000 MW (Clause 18.1), of which 300 MW could be Contracted Capacity (Clause 18.2) under a Power Supply Agreement with one Utility and if two such agreements for 250 MW each are signed with other Utilities, the total Committed Capacity would be 800 MW (Clause 18.3), of which 160 MW (20% of 800 MW) would be Open Capacity (Clause 18.4). The balance capacity of 200 MW shall be Merchant Capacity (Clause 18.7).

18.5 Sale of unutilised Committed Capacity

18.5.1 In the event that any part of the entitlement of the Utility to the Contracted Capacity is not utilised by the Utility or its nominees, the same shall be deemed to be Committed Capacity, but only for the period when it is not being utilised or is not scheduled for utilisation by the Utility. If any Contracted Capacity, deemed as Committed Capacity hereunder, is utilised for production of electricity and sale thereof to any other Distribution Licensee specified in Clause 18.3, the Fixed Charge due and payable for and in respect of such Contracted Capacity shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 18.5.2, be recovered by the Supplier from such Distribution Licensee as if the electricity has been supplied to the Utility. If such Contracted Capacity is not utilised for any Distribution Licensee hereunder, the Supplier may use the whole or part thereof as Open Capacity, provided that the use of Allocated Coal, if any, for production of electricity from such Open Capacity shall be governed by the provisions of Clause 22.6. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that supply of electricity to a nominee of the Utility shall be subject to provision of adequate payment security either by the nominee or by the Utility. The Parties further agree that in the event any such Contracted Capacity remains unsold hereunder, the Fixed Charge in respect thereof shall be due and payable by the Utility to the Supplier.

18.5.2 Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 18.5.1, the Fixed Charge due and payable by the Utility to the Supplier, for and in respect of the Contracted Capacity utilised for production of electricity and sale thereof to other Distribution Licensees or Buyers, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be waived and no Fixed Charge shall, therefore, be due or payable by the Utility in respect thereof; provided that the Utility may, in its sole discretion, agree to pay to the Supplier such proportion of the waived Fixed Charge, and in such manner, as it may determine from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that that the Supplier may, at its own risk and cost, give such discount as it deems fit on the Fixed Charge payable by the Distribution Licensees or Buyers, as the case may be.

18.5.3 In the event that any part of the Committed Capacity is not utilised by the Distribution Licensees specified in Clause 18.3, the Supplier shall offer the same, with a notice of at least 3 (three) working days, to the Utility and other such Distribution Licensees upon payment of Tariff, and only upon failure of the Utility and the other Distribution Licensees to communicate acceptance of such supply within such 3 (three) working days, the Supplier may sell the same to Buyers in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

18.6 Substitute Supply

In the event the Availability of the Power Station is reduced on account of Scheduled Maintenance, Unscheduled Maintenance or Force Majeure, the Supplier may, with prior consent of the Utility, which consent the Utility may deny in its sole discretion or convey acceptance with such conditions as it may deem fit, supply electricity from any alternative source, including Merchant Capacity, if any, and such supply shall, for payment of Fixed Charge and Fuel

Charge, be deemed to be supply under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

18.7 Merchant Capacity

Any generating capacity in excess of the Committed Capacity and forming part of the Installed Capacity shall be deemed to be merchant capacity (the "Merchant Capacity") which may be utilized by the Supplier in such manner as it deems fit, and the provisions of this Agreement, save and except the provisions relating to Allocated Coal, shall not apply to such excess capacity. For the avoidance of doubt, use of Allocated Coal for Merchant capacity shall be governed by the provisions of Clause 22.6.

ARTICLE 19
UTILITY'S ENGINEER

19.1 Appointment of Utility's Engineer

19.1.1 Subject to the provisions of Clause 19.1.2, the Utility shall appoint a consulting engineering firm substantially in accordance with the selection criteria set forth in Schedule-I, to be the Utility's consultant under this Agreement (the "Utility's Engineer"). The appointment shall be made no later than 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of this Agreement and shall be for a period of 3 (three) years. On expiry or termination of the aforesaid appointment, the Utility shall appoint a Utility's Engineer for a further term of 3 (three) years in accordance with the provisions of Schedule-I, and such procedure shall be repeated after expiry of each appointment.

19.1.2 The Parties expressly agree that in the event two or more Utilities have entered into long-term power supply agreements with the Supplier, which agreements are similar to this Agreement, they may in their discretion appoint a common firm to discharge the functions of the Utility's Engineer under their respective agreements. In the event no common firm is appointed by such Utilities, the Utility which contracts the largest volume of capacity in the Power Station shall appoint the Utility's Engineer to discharge the functions specified hereunder. Copies of all communications received by the Supplier from the Utility's Engineer and the replies thereto shall be sent forthwith by the Supplier to all Utilities who have not engaged the Utility's Engineer.

19.2 Duties and functions

19.2.1 The Utility's Engineer shall discharge its duties and functions substantially in accordance with the terms of reference set forth in Schedule-I.

19.2.2 The Utility's Engineer shall submit regular periodic reports (at least once every quarter) to the Utility in respect of its duties and functions set forth in Schedule-I.

19.2.3 A true copy of all communications sent by the Utility to the Utility's Engineer and by the Utility's Engineer to the Utility shall be sent forthwith by the Utility's Engineer to the Supplier.

19.2.4 A true copy of all communications sent by the Utility's Engineer to the Supplier and by the Supplier to the Utility's Engineer shall be sent forthwith by the Utility's Engineer to the Utility.

19.3 Remuneration

The remuneration, cost and expenses of the Utility's Engineer shall be paid by the Utility which appoints the Utility's Engineer.

19.4 Termination of appointment

The Utility may, in its discretion, terminate the appointment of the Utility's Engineer at any time, but only after appointment of another Utility's Engineer in accordance with Clause 19.1.

19.5 Authorised signatories

The Utility shall require the Utility's Engineer to designate and notify to the Utility and the Supplier up to 2 (two) persons employed in its firm to sign for and on behalf of the Utility's Engineer, and any communication or document required to be signed by the Utility's Engineer shall be valid and effective only if signed by any of the designated persons; provided that the Utility's Engineer may, by notice in writing, substitute any of the designated persons by any of its employees.

19.6 Excuse from appointment of Utility's Engineer

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event that a Utility has contracted the lower of, (a) 25% (twenty five per cent) of the Installed Capacity; and (b) 200 (two hundred) megawatts, it shall not appoint a Utility's Engineer under this Article 19.

19.7 Interim arrangement

In the event that the Utility does not appoint a Utility's Engineer, or the Utility's Engineer so appointed has relinquished its functions or defaulted in discharge thereof, the Utility may, in the interim, designate and authorise any person to discharge the functions of the Utility's Engineer in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, save and except that such person shall not exercise any functions relating to review, comment, approval or inspection as specified in this Agreement for and in respect of the Utility's Engineer, and such functions shall be discharged as and when an Utility's Engineer is appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this Clause 19.7 shall in any manner restrict the rights of the Utility to enforce compliance of the provisions of this Agreement.

Part IV
Financial Covenants

ARTICLE 20
FINANCIAL CLOSE

20.1 Financial Close

20.1.1 The Supplier hereby agrees and undertakes that it shall achieve Financial Close within 180 (one hundred and eighty) days²⁴ from the date of this Agreement and in the event of delay, it shall be entitled to a further period not exceeding [185 (one hundred and eighty five)] days, subject to payment of Damages to the Utility in a sum calculated at the rate of 0.05% (zero point zero five per cent) of the Performance Security for each day of delay; provided that the Damages specified herein shall be payable every week in advance and the period beyond the said 180 (one hundred and eighty) days shall be granted only to the extent of Damages so paid; provided further that no Damages shall be payable if such delay in Financial Close has occurred as a result of any default or delay by the Utility in procuring satisfaction of the Conditions Precedent specified in Clause 4.1.2 or due to Force Majeure. For the avoidance of doubt, the Damages payable hereunder shall be in addition to the Damages, if any, due and payable under the provisions of Clause 4.3.

20.1.2 The Supplier shall, upon occurrence of Financial Close, notify the Utility forthwith, and shall have provided to the Utility 3 (three) true copies of the Financial Package and the Financial Model, duly attested by a Director of the Supplier, along with 3 (three) soft copies of the Financial Model in MS Excel version or any substitute thereof, which is acceptable to the Senior Lenders.

20.2 Termination due to failure to achieve Financial Close

20.2.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, but subject to Clause 28.6.1, in the event that Financial Close does not occur, for any reason whatsoever, within the period set forth in Clause 20.1.1 or the extended period provided thereunder, all rights, privileges, claims and entitlements of the Supplier under or arising out of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by, and to have ceased with the concurrence of, the Supplier, and the Agreement shall be deemed to have been terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties. Provided, however, that in the event the Parties have, by mutual consent, determined the Appointed Date to precede the Financial Close, the provisions of this Clause 20.2.1 shall not apply.

20.2.2 Upon Termination under Clause 20.2.1, the Utility shall be entitled to encash the Bid Security and appropriate the proceeds thereof as Damages; provided, however, if Financial Close has not occurred due to Force Majeure or as a result of the Utility being in default of any of its obligations under Clause 4.1.2, it shall, upon Termination, release the Bid Security or Performance Security, as the case may be, forthwith along with the Damages due and payable under Clause 4.2.

²⁴ This period should conform with the period specified in Clause 4.1.3.

ARTICLE 21

TARIFF

21.1 Tariff

21.1.1 The Utility shall pay to the Supplier tariff comprising the sum of Fixed Charge and Fuel Charge payable by the Utility to the Supplier for Availability and for supply of electricity, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement (the “Tariff”):

21.1.2 As a part of the Tariff, the Utility shall pay to the Supplier an amount, determined in accordance with the provisions of this Article 21, as the Fixed Charge for Availability of the Power Station to the extent of Normative Availability thereof (the “Fixed Charge”).

21.2 Base Fixed Charge

21.2.1 The Parties agree that the fixed charge shall, in accordance with the offer of the Supplier for the Base Year, be Rs. (Rupees ...) ⁴ per kWh, to which the amount, if any, determined in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 21.2.2 or 21.2.3, as the case may be, shall be added or deducted, as the case may be, and the sum thereof (the “Initial Fixed Charge”) shall be revised annually in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21.2.4 to determine the base fixed charge for the relevant Accounting Year (the “Base Fixed Charge”).

21.2.2 In the event the Completion Certificate specifies a Station Heat Rate that is lower than the Station Heat Rate specified in Schedule-C, the Initial Fixed Charge shall be increased such that for every improvement of 1% (one per cent) as compared to the Station Heat Rate specified in Schedule-C, the amount specified in Clause 21.2.1 shall be increased by 1.5% (one point five per cent) thereof. Provided, however, that in case the source of Fuel is situated within 100 (one hundred) kilometres of the Power Station, such increase shall be restricted to 1% (one per cent) and if the Fuel is procured from overseas or from the open domestic market, such increase shall be the lower of, (a) 2.5% (two point five per cent) for every improvement of 1% (one per cent); and (b) actual costs.

21.2.3 In the event the actual Station Heat Rate is higher than the Station Heat Rate specified in the Completion Certificate the Initial Fixed Charge shall be decreased such that for every increase of 1% (one per cent) as compared to the Station Heat Rate specified in Schedule-C, the amount specified in Clause 21.2.1 shall be decreased by 2% (two per cent) thereof. Provided, however, that in case the source of Fuel is situated within 100 (one hundred) kilometres of the Power Station, such decrease shall be restricted to 1.5% (one point five per cent) and if the Fuel is procured from overseas or from the open domestic market, such decrease shall be the lower of, (a) 3% (three per cent) for every reduction of 1% (one per cent) in SHR; and (b) actual costs.

⁴ This amount shall be the amount specified in the Bid. In case of Fuel sourced from Coal Mine/Blocks, the amount shall be the lower of the amount specified in the Bid and ceiling amount provided by the Utility.

21.2.4 The Initial Fixed Charge shall be deemed to be the Base Fixed Charge for the Accounting Year in which Scheduled Supply Commencement Date occurs, and for each subsequent Accounting Year, the applicable Base Fixed Charge shall be determined by decreasing the Base Fixed Charge for the immediately preceding Accounting Year by [2% (two per cent)]²⁵ thereof. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, the Base Fixed Charge for the first Accounting Year in which COD occurs shall be the Initial Fixed Charge, and for the second and third Accounting Years subsequent to the Accounting Year in which COD occurs, shall be a sum equal to [98% (ninety eight per cent) and 96.04% (ninety six point zero four per cent)] respectively of the Initial Fixed Charge.

21.3 Indexed Fixed Charge

The Base Fixed Charge determined for each Accounting Year in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21.2 shall be revised annually to reflect 30% (thirty per cent) of the variation in WPI occurring between January 31 immediately preceding the Bid Date and January 31 immediately preceding the Accounting Year for which such revision is undertaken (the “Indexed Fixed Charge”). For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, if (a) the Bid Date occurs in February 2015; (b) Scheduled Supply Commencement Date occurs in May 2019; and (c) WPI increases by 20% (twenty per cent) between January 31, 2015 and January 31, 2019, the Indexed Fixed Charge for the Accounting Year commencing from April 1, 2019 shall be 106% (one hundred and six per cent) of the Base Fixed Charge for that Accounting Year.

21.4 Computation of Fixed Charge

21.4.1 Subject to the provisions of this Clause 21.4, the Base Fixed Charge, as corrected for variation in WPI Index in accordance with Clause 21.3 shall be the Fixed Charge payable for Availability in each month of the relevant Accounting Year.

21.4.2 Upon occurrence of a shortfall in the Minimum Fuel Stock, Availability shall be deemed to be reduced in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21.5.2.

²⁵ May be fixed between 1% (one per cent) and 3% (three per cent).

- 21.4.3 In the event that any shortfall in supply of electricity to the Utility occurs on account of deficiency in transmission between the Point of Grid Connection and Delivery Point, Availability shall be deemed to be reduced in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21.5.3 and the Non-Availability arising as a consequence thereof shall, for the purposes of payment of Fixed Charge, be deemed to be Availability to the extent of 50% (fifty per cent) of the Non-Availability hereunder. Provided, however, that the Supplier may, in its sole discretion, Despatch the Power Station to the extent of full or part Non-Availability hereunder for supply to other Distribution Licensees or Buyers, as the case may be, and to the extent of such Despatch, the Utility shall not be liable to payment of any Fixed Charge due and payable in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 21.4.3. Provided further that the provisions of this Agreement for and in respect of Tariff and Revenue Share shall apply to such supply. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that if such deficiency in transmission is caused by an action or omission attributable to the Supplier, it shall not be reckoned for the purposes of computing Availability hereunder.
- 21.4.4 The obligations of the Utility to pay Fixed Charges in any Accounting Year shall in no case exceed an amount equal to the Fixed Charge due and payable for and in respect of the Normative Availability of 90% (ninety per cent) computed with reference to the entitlement of the Utility in Contracted Capacity (the “**Capacity Charge**”). Provided, however, that in the event of Despatch of the Power Station beyond such [90% (ninety per cent)], Incentive shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21.6.1. For the avoidance of doubt, the Capacity Charge referred to herein shall be equal to and computed with reference to the maximum Availability of [90% (ninety per cent)]²⁶ of the Contracted Capacity.
- 21.4.5 Pursuant to the provisions of Clause 21.4.4, the Supplier shall not, , be entitled to receive payment of Fixed Charge for Availability exceeding [90% (ninety per cent)] thereof and in the event it supplies electricity to the Utility in excess of such [90% (ninety per cent)], such excess supply shall be eligible only for payment of Fuel Charge excluding cost of transmission charges, save and except the payment of Incentive due under the provisions of Clause 21.4.4.

21.5 Declaration of Availability

- 21.5.1 Unless otherwise notified by the Supplier, the declared Availability shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 21.5.2, be deemed to be 100% (one hundred per cent) thereof at all times.
- 21.5.2 In the event Fuel stocks decline below the Minimum Fuel Stock, Availability shall be deemed to be reduced proportionate to the reduction in Minimum Fuel Stock, and shall be deemed as Non-Availability on account of Fuel Shortage. Provided that the Utility may, in its sole discretion, Despatch the Power Station for the full or part Non-Availability hereunder and to the extent of such Despatch, the Utility shall pay the full Fixed Charge due and payable in accordance with this

²⁶ 72% (seventy two per cent) may be substituted by 76.5% (seventy six point five per cent) in Clauses 21.4.4 and 21.4.5 if the Contracted Capacity is increased from 80% to 85%.

Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, if the actual stock of Fuel is 80% (eighty per cent) of the Minimum Fuel Stock at the commencement of any day, the Availability for that day shall be deemed to be 80% (eighty per cent) and the Non-Availability on account of Fuel Shortage shall be notified by the Supplier to the Utility accordingly.

- 21.5.3 In the event that any shortfall in supply of electricity to the Utility occurs on account of any deficiency in transmission between the Point of Grid Connection and Delivery Point, the Availability shall be deemed to be reduced to the extent of reduction in transmission of electricity, and the reduction referred to hereinabove shall be deemed as Non-Availability on account of deficiency in transmission. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, the Parties agree that if such deficiency in transmission is equal to 20% (twenty per cent) of the entitlement of the Utility in the Contracted Capacity, the Availability shall be deemed to be 80% (eighty per cent) and the Non-Availability hereunder shall be notified by the Supplier to the Utility forthwith.
- 21.5.4 The Supplier shall notify, no later than 15 (fifteen) days prior to the commencement of a month, its maintenance schedule for that month and any reduction in Availability arising as a result thereof. The Supplier shall, as soon as may be, notify any modifications of its maintenance schedule and shall confirm, with or without modifications, the reduction in Availability no later than 48 (forty eight) hours prior to its occurrence.
- 21.5.5 In the event that the Availability at any time is determined to be lower than 100% (one hundred per cent) of the Contracted Capacity or the reduced Availability notified hereunder, an event of mis-declaration of Availability (the “**Mis-declaration**”) shall be deemed to have occurred. In such an event, the Availability for the relevant month shall, for the purposes of payment of Fixed Charge, be deemed to be reduced by the same proportion that Availability bears to Mis-declaration, as if the Mis-declaration had occurred for a period of one month. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that deductions on account of Mis-declaration shall be made from the subsequent payments due to the Supplier under this Agreement.
- 21.5.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 21.5.5, any reduction in Availability arising out of de-commissioning due to Emergency or a Force Majeure Event or any cause specified in Clause 15.6 shall not be deemed to be Mis-declaration if the Supplier shall have notified the Utility in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 15.6 or 28.5, as the case may be.

21.6 Incentive and Damages

- 21.6.1 In the event that the Availability in any month exceeds the Normative Availability, the Supplier shall, in lieu of a Fixed Charge, be entitled to an Incentive which shall be calculated and paid at the rate of 50 % (fifty per cent) of the Fixed Charge for Availability in excess of Normative Availability. Provided, however, that any Incentive hereunder shall be due and payable only to the extent of Despatch of the Power Station. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, in the event the Availability in any month shall exceed the Normative Availability by 3% (three per cent) of the Contracted Capacity but the Despatch

during that month shall exceed 1% (one per cent) of the entitlement of the Utility in the Contracted Capacity, the Incentive payable hereunder shall be restricted to such 1% (one per cent) only.

21.6.2 In the event that Availability in any month is less than the Normative Availability, the Fixed Charge for such month shall be reduced to the extent of shortfall in Normative Availability and in addition, any reduction below the Availability of 85% (eighty five per cent) shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 21.7, be multiplied by a factor of 0.25 (zero point two five) to determine the Damages payable for such reduction in Availability. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the Damages to be deducted for any reduction below the aforesaid Availability of 85% (eighty five per cent) shall be 25% (twenty five per cent) of the Fixed Charge which is reduced on account of shortfall in Availability below such 85% (eighty five per cent).

21.6.3 The Parties expressly agree that within 30 (thirty) days of the close of every Accounting Year, the cumulative monthly Availability for such year shall be determined and the Incentive or Damages, as the case may be, shall be computed with reference to the Normative Availability for that year. The amount so arrived at shall be adjusted against the Incentives or Damages determined for the respective months of the year and the balance remaining shall be adjusted in the following Monthly Invoice.

21.7 Scheduled Maintenance

The period of closure for Scheduled Maintenance shall be deemed as Non-Availability in accordance with the provisions of Clause 15.4.2 and no Fixed Charge shall be due or payable for and in respect of such Non-Availability. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the Damages specified in Clause 21.6.2 shall not apply for and in respect of the Non-Availability hereunder.

21.8 Fuel Charge

The Utility shall pay to the Supplier, as part of Tariff, a Fuel Charge to be determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 22.

21.9 Taxes and duties

21.9.1 The Parties expressly agree that the Tariff shall be inclusive of all taxes and duties. It is further agreed that the Supplier shall pay all taxes and duties, including the taxes and duties specified in Clauses 21.9.2, in accordance with Applicable Laws.

21.9.2 The Tariff and Incentives payable by the Utility under this Article 21 shall be inclusive of Service Tax, Electricity Duty, Value Added Tax or General Sales Tax, Custom Duty on Fuel or ~~any replacement~~ thereof, if applicable, and any Service Tax, Electricity Duty, Value Added Tax or General Sales Tax and Custom Duty on ~~fuel thereon shall be paid by the Supplier.~~

21.9.3 Any payment to be made by the Utility shall be subject to any tax deduction at source, if required to be made by the Utility as per Applicable Laws.

21.10 Billing and Payment

21.10.1 Commencing from the month following the month in which COD occurs, the Supplier shall, upon issuance of Regional Energy Account (REA) / State Energy Account (SEA) certifying the availability and energy scheduled for such and each succeeding month (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day), submit in triplicate to the Utility, an invoice in the agreed form (the “**Monthly Invoice**”) signed by the authorised signatory of the Supplier setting out the computation of the Fixed Charge and Fuel Charge to be paid by the Utility to the Supplier in respect of the immediately preceding month in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Supplier may raise the Monthly Invoice through email (during office hours) / courier / hand delivery. In case, the Monthly Invoice is raised through email, it shall be ensured that the original invoice is received by the Utility within 5 working days from the date of invoice raised. In case of non- receipt of original invoice as per above timelines, the date of receipt of Invoice shall stand revised to the date of receipt of original invoice by Utility. Either Party may raise an Invoice on the other Party (Supplementary Invoice) for payment / adjustment / recovery in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

21.10.2 The Supplier shall, with each Monthly Invoice submit, (a) a certificate that the amounts claimed in the invoice are correct and in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement; (b) proof of Availability for the period billed, comprising evidence of communications regarding the extent of Non-Availability from time to time; (c) official documents in support of the variation in WPI as specified in Clause 21.3; (d) detailed calculations of the Fixed Charge for Availability in accordance with this Article 21; (e) detailed calculations of the Fuel Charge, in respect of the electricity dispatched, computed in accordance with Article 22; (f) detailed calculations of the Incentives and/or Damages in accordance with Clause 21.6; (g) details in respect of taxes/duties payable/reimbursable in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; (h) details of the Fixed Charge to be adjusted by the Supplier in respect of sale of power to Buyers; (i) details in respect of Damages or Incentives payable in respect of Key Performance Indicators in accordance with the provisions of Article 17; (j) adjustments, if any, on account of revision of the inter-state and intra-state transmission charges referred to in Clause 5.5 and accordance with Clause 21.13; (k) proportionate adjustment on account of transmission losses to be determined in accordance with Clause 5.6; and (l) the net amount payable under the Monthly Invoice.

21.10.3 The Utility shall, within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of a Monthly Invoice in accordance with Clause 21.10.1 (the “**Payment Due Date**”), make payment of the amount claimed directly, through electronic transfer, to the nominated bank account of the Supplier, save and except any amounts which it determines as not payable or disputed (the “**Disputed Amounts**”). The aforesaid Payment Due Date shall also be applicable for the Supplementary Invoice. It is to clarify that Date of receipt of Invoice shall be considered as T0 and Due Date for Payment shall be T0+30 days.

21.10.4 All Damages and any other amounts due and payable by the Supplier in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement may be deducted from the Tariff due and

payable to the Supplier and in the event the deductions hereunder exceed the Tariff in that month, the balance remaining shall be deducted from the Tariff due and payable to the Supplier for the immediately following month.

21.11 Disputed Amounts

21.11.1 The Utility shall, within 10 (ten) days of receiving an invoice, notify the Supplier of the Disputed Amounts, with particulars thereof. Within 7 (seven) days of receiving such notice, the Supplier shall present any information or evidence as may reasonably be required for determining that such Disputed Amounts are payable. The Utility may, if necessary, meet a representative of the Supplier for resolving the dispute and in the event that the dispute is not resolved amicably, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply. For the avoidance of doubt, even if a dispute is resolved amicably, any amount paid after the Payment Due Date shall be deemed as delayed payment for the purposes of payment of interest thereon. For the avoidance of doubt, the Utility shall be entitled to raise a dispute regarding any Disputed Amounts, whether due or already paid in accordance with this Agreement, at any time.

21.11.2 If any amount is payable by either Party to the other Party upon determination of a dispute regarding any Disputed Amount under the Dispute Resolution Procedure, such amount shall be deemed to be payable on the date when it first became due under this Agreement, and interest for the period of delay shall be due and payable at the rate specified in Clause 38.4.

21.12 Discount for early payment

The Parties expressly agree that in the event the Utility pays the Tariff within 5 (five) days of the date of submission of the invoice thereof, it shall be entitled to deduct 1% (one per cent) of the amount comprising the Tariff by way of discount for early payment.

ARTICLE 22

FUEL CHARGE

22.1 Station Heat Rate

22.1.1 The heat energy input, in kCal, required for generation and supply of 1 (one) kWh of electricity at the Point of Grid Connection, after accounting for auxiliary consumption and transmission losses, if any, as determined by Tests and specified in the Provisional Certificate or Completion Certificate, as the case may be, shall be the net station heat rate of the Power Station (the "Station Heat Rate" or "SHR"). Provided that the SHR shall be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Clause 24.4, to account for any reduction in Despatch. Provided further that the aforesaid SHR shall be deemed to be increased by [0.15% (zero point one five per cent) per annum on each successive anniversary of COD] and the number so arrived at shall be the applicable SHR for that year. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, the Parties expressly agree that if Tests determine that the Station Heat Rate at the Point of Grid Connection is say [2450] kCal per kWh²⁷, it shall be assumed that such Station Heat Rate has been derived after accounting for auxiliary consumption and transmission losses.

Note: Conversion of fuel into electricity shall be computed on the basis of the Station Heat Rate which must conform to predetermined specifications. The agreement also provides for incentives in the form of an enhanced Fixed Charge if the Supplier is able to improve on the pre-specified Station Heat Rate for ensuring greater efficiency in the interest of saving fuel.

22.2 Fuel Charge

22.2.1 The Utility shall pay to the Supplier for and in respect of the Fuel utilised for generation of a kWh of electricity for supply thereof to the Utility, a fuel charge determined from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 22.2.1 and expressed in Rupees per kWh (the "Fuel Charge"). The Parties agree that the Fuel Charge as on the Bid Date shall be deemed to be Rs. and paise.... (Rupees and paise....) per kWh, which represents the lower of the Bid submitted by the Supplier and the amount determined in pursuance of the provisions of Clause 22.2.2 as on the Bid Date[£]. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supplier represents and warrants that the Fuel Charge referred to hereinabove conforms with the provisions of Clause 22.2.3 and comprises [(a) Rs. and paise
....(Rupees and paise) per kWh on account of cost of Fuel, (b) Rs. and paise (Rupees and paise) per kWh on account of transportation, (c) Rs. and paise(Rupees and paise) per kWh on account of washing, (d) Rs. and paise (Rupees and paise) per kWh on account of crushing charges, and (e) Rs. and paise (Rupees and paise) per kWh on account of other charges as specified in the RFP-DBFOO][¶], and any error or misrepresentation herein, as and when detected, shall entitle the Utility to reduce the Fuel Charge correspondingly and recover any excess payments made in the past along with interest at the rate specified in Clause 38.4.

22.2.2 Pursuant to the provisions of Clause 22.2.1, the Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that the figure arrived at by dividing the product of SHR and the Landed Fuel

Cost per kilogram of Fuel by the Average GCV per kilogram of coal shall be deemed to be the Fuel Charge hereunder. The Parties further agree that the Fuel Charge for electricity generated from [Allocated Coal, Coal Mine/Blocks, Imported Fuel] and the Fuel, if any, from AFSA shall be determined separately, and unless specified to the contrary, Fuel Charge shall be deemed to be based on Allocated Coal, Coal Mine/Blocks and Imported Fuel, as the case may be.

Explanation:

Landed cost of Fuel shall be the weighted average price of Fuel, in Rs. per kilogram, which is due and payable by the Supplier for procuring Fuel in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.2.3, and shall include the cost of transportation thereof as specified in Clauses 22.2.4 and 22.2.5 and the cost of washing, if any, as specified in Clause 22.2.6 [and the cost of crushing as specified in Clause 22.2.7 and the cost of other charges, if any, as specified in Clause 22.2.8] (the "Landed Fuel Cost"). Provided, however, that the Landed Fuel Cost shall in no case exceed the actual cost incurred by the Supplier. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that in the event of any deviation from the GCV specified in [Clause 22.2.3/ the FSA or AFSA, as the case may be,] the Landed Fuel Cost shall be deemed to be adjusted and modified such that the Fuel Charge payable by the Utility shall be the same as if the GCV is in accordance with the value specified in [Clause 22.2.3/ the FSA or AFSA, as the case may be].

²⁷ This figure may be substituted by 2,350 for all bids received on or before December 31, 2016 or where a Power Station shall have achieved COD prior to that date. A similar substitution may also be made in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule-C.

⁴ The Selected Bidder shall, prior to execution of this Agreement, satisfy the Utility that the Fuel Charge, as on the Bid Date, conforms with the provisions of Clause 22.2.

²⁸ Clause 22.2.1 (d) and (e) will be applicable only in the case of Fuel procured from Coal Mine/Blocks.

22.2.3 The cost of Fuel forming part of the Landed Fuel Cost shall be determined in accordance with the following explanation:²⁸

Explanation:

[(a)²⁹ For the Allocated Coal supplied by CIL/SCCL [through Letter of Assurance/ FSA arranged by the Utility], the price of Fuel shall be deemed to be the lower of, (i) the indicative price of Fuel which shall be computed from the Fuel Charge, as specified in the Bid; and (ii) 101% (one hundred and one per cent)³⁰ of the price payable by the Supplier to CIL, and in case of Additional Fuel Supply Arrangement for domestic Fuel, the price thereof shall be the lower of, (i) the current price of similar Fuel sold by CIL through e-auction or any substitute thereof; and (ii) actual cost of procurement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that if the indicative price as computed hereunder from the Fuel Charge specified in the Bid shall be lower than 101% (one hundred and one per cent) of the price payable by the Supplier to CIL, the proportion by which the amount computed from the Bid is lower than the aforesaid 101% (one hundred and one per cent) of CIL price shall apply at all times for determining the price of Fuel.] The Parties further agree that the amount specified in Clause 22.2.1 is equivalent to or less than the aforesaid 101% (one hundred and one per cent) of the amount payable to CIL. The Supplier accordingly represents and warrants that the aforesaid amount has been derived from CIL's notified price of Rs. (Rupees) per tonne and GCV of ... kCal/kg as on the Bid Date and the cost of fuel specified in Clause 22.2.1 shall be revised only in proportion to the revision in CIL price as compared to the rate specified hereinabove.

²⁸ Depending upon the choice of Fuel source, only the applicable Sub-clause may be re-numbered and retained, and the remaining Sub-clauses should be omitted. However, in case the Fuel to be procured under Sub-clause (a) is to be supplemented by imported Fuel, the Utility may retain both Sub-clause (a) and Sub-clause (c). Where considered necessary, the Utility may specify the proportion or ceiling of imported Fuel. In all cases, the Utility shall firm up these Clauses, including the provisions in square parenthesis in Clauses 22.1.1, 22.2.1, Explanation to Clause 22.2.2 and Clause 22.3.8, prior to issue of Bidding Documents so that all bidders offer their bids on a level playing field and on the same parameters.

²⁹ Sub-clause (a) may be used when Coal linkage is to be provided by CIL or its subsidiaries.

³⁰ 1% (one per cent) has been added to cover transit losses in transportation of Fuel.

[(b)³¹ The price of Fuel procured from Coal Mine/Blocks shall be the indicative price of Fuel in Rs./tonne which shall be derived from the cost of Fuel in Rs./kWh forming part of the Fuel Charge specified in the Bid. The price of Fuel so determined** hereunder shall be increased for every Accounting Year subsequent to COD, at a compounded annual rate of 2% (two percent), and the amount so arrived at shall be revised annually to reflect 60% (sixty per cent) of the variation in WPI occurring between January 31 immediately preceding the Bid Date and January 31 immediately preceding the Accounting Year for which such revision is undertaken³². For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the price of Fuel referred to hereinabove shall include all costs for and in respect of Fuel, including taxes, royalties, applicable reserve price, or any other charges in connection with procurement or production of Fuel. By way of illustration, if

(i) the price of Fuel specified hereinabove is assumed as 80 paise (eighty paise),

(ii) the WPI between the two aforesaid dates, the latter being 5 (five) years after the first such date increases by 30% (thirty per cent), and (iii) the relevant Accounting Year falls immediately after the Accounting Year in which COD occurred, the price of Fuel in the aforesaid relevant Accounting Year following COD shall be 96.29 paise (ninety six point two nine paise).]

[(c)³³ For imported Fuel, its price, Free on Board (FOB), shall be computed as the lower of, (i) the cost arrived at on the basis of the arithmetic mean of coal indices comprising (a) API4 (South Africa), (b) Coalfax (Australia), and (c) Global Coal (Australia), or any substitute thereof³⁴, or any index that the Parties may mutually agree upon, and (ii) the actual cost. For the avoidance of doubt, the indices referred to herein shall be reckoned with reference to the date on which the Fuel is loaded at the port of origin, as evidenced by the documents to be furnished by the relevant shipping company.]

[(d)³⁵ The price of Fuel procured from Captive Mines situated outside India, or from a long-term fuel supply contract in respect thereof, shall be the lower of, (i) the indicative price of the Fuel at the normative GCV applicable to the Index named herein, and in case more than one Index is used the arithmetic mean thereof, as the case may be, Free on Board (FOB), as specified in the Bid, in US cents; and (ii) 80% (eighty per cent)/ 85% (eighty five per cent)/ 90% (ninety per

³¹ Sub-clause (b) may be used when the Supplier is sourcing Fuel from Coal Mine/Blocks. In this case, the bidders may be asked to indicate the break-up of their bid price into Fixed Charge and Fuel Charge. However, Sub-clause (b) may be used only if it conforms with the extant policy of the Central Government in respect of use of coal from such Coal Mine/Blocks.

** Price of fuel so arrived shall not be more than Run-of-Mine (ROM) price of coal quoted for said block during the Coal Mine/Block auction plus Rs. 100 per metric tonne as basis on which the coal Mine/Block has been awarded to the bidder along with escalation as per prescribed formula.

³² For the purposes for revision the reference made to captive mines in the Coal Mine/Blocks Tender Document shall be constituted as reference to Coal Mine/Blocks.

³³ Sub-clause (c) may be used when all or part of the Fuel is to be imported for Contracted Capacity.

³⁴ The Utility may either specify the aforesaid indices or substitute the same by other indices. It may, in its discretion, also specify a single index in the bid documents.

³⁵ Sub-clause (d) may be used when the Power Station is based entirely on imported coal procured from Captive Mines situated outside India. In this case, the bidders may be asked to indicate the break-up of their bid price into Fixed Charge and Fuel Charge. The Utility may, in its discretion, also specify the floor for the Fuel Charge for this purpose.

cent)³⁶ of the price of Fuel computed with reference to the arithmetic mean of API4 Index (South Africa)³⁷ or a substitute thereof as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, for a period of 180 (one hundred eighty) days immediately preceding the date which is one month prior to the Bid Date, and the price of Fuel so determined in US cents shall be increased every year at a compounded annual rate of 4% (four per cent), commencing from the Accounting Year following the Accounting Year in which the Bid was received. The Parties further agree that the price of Fuel shall be converted into Indian rupees at the commencement of every quarter and the exchange rate used for this purpose shall be the mean of the buying and selling rate at the beginning of such quarter as notified by the State Bank of India or any substitute thereof. The Parties also agree that the supplier of Fuel shall be deemed to be a Contractor for the purposes of Article 28, and any change in law or taxes occurring in the jurisdiction where the Captive Mines are situated shall be deemed to be a Change in Law affecting the Supplier and its Associate, if any, under the provisions of Article 34. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supplier represents and warrants that the Fuel Charge referred to hereinabove comprises of US cents ... (US cents) per kWh on account of cost of Fuel.]

22.2.4 The total cost of transportation of domestic Fuel, forming part of the Landed Fuel Cost, shall be the lower of, (a) [110% (one hundred and ten per cent)]³⁸ of the freight payable to the Indian Railways for transportation by rail, and (b) the actual cost of transportation. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the amount specified in Clause 22.2.1 is equivalent to or less than the aforesaid 110% (one hundred and ten per cent) of the amount payable to the Indian Railways. The Supplier represents and warrants that the aforesaid amount has been derived from the railway freight rate of Rs..... (Rupees) per tonne as on the Bid Date and the transportation charge specified in Clause 22.2.1 shall be revised only in proportion to the revision in rail freight as compared to the rate specified hereinabove. [Provided that in case the Supplier carries Fuel from its Coal Mine/Blocks, the cost of transportation shall be the lower of (a) the benchmark cost of transportation specified by the Utility in the RFP-DBFOO and (b) the cost of transportation specified by the Bidder in the Bid. The cost of transportation shall be revised in proportion to the increase in the cost of transportation by rail, road and other modes as applicable, by Indian Railways, concerned authorities as compared to applicable cost of transportation of Indian Railways, concerned authorities as on Bid Due Date.]³⁹.

22.2.5 The total cost of transportation of imported Fuel, forming part of the Landed Fuel Cost, shall be the lower of, (a) the indicative cost of transportation as specified in the Bid, in US cents, and (b) [20% (twenty per cent)] of the price of Fuel, as specified in the Bid, to which 110% (one hundred and ten per cent) of the freight payable to the Indian Railways shall be added for inland transportation, if any, and the total freight charges so determined as on the Bid Date shall be revised from time to time to reflect the variation occurring in the Freight Index:

³⁶ The chosen figure may be retained by the Utility prior to invitation of Bids and the remaining figures may be omitted.

³⁷ A substitute Index may be specified by the Utility prior to invitation of Bids.

³⁸ 10% (ten per cent) has been added to reflect the estimated cost of loading, unloading and local transportation. This may be modified by the Utility as per project-specific requirements.

³⁹ In the event Fuel is to be procured from Coal Mine/Blocks, the words in square parenthesis shall be retained and the remaining words shall be excluded. In all other cases, the words in square parenthesis may be omitted.

Provided that the Supplier shall normally undertake shipment of Fuel, comprising no less than 90% (ninety per cent) of its annual import, under long term contracts which have a duration of one year or more, and the cost of transportation hereunder shall be computed and paid at the rate specified in such contracts.

Provided further that the freight charges payable under such long term contracts shall not exceed the lower of, (i) the freight charge determined as on the Bid Date and adjusted to reflect the variation in Freight Index from time to time, and (ii) the average freight payable under similar contracts entered into during a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days preceding the date of that contract, and where information relating to such contracts is not available, then 90% (ninety per cent) of the amount computed under sub-clause (i) hereinabove.

Provided also that the cost of transportation due and payable by the Utility to the Supplier shall in no case exceed the actual cost incurred by the Supplier.

Explanation:

For the purposes of this Clause 22.2.5, Freight Index for shipping shall be computed by assigning a weightage of [40% (forty per cent) and 60% (sixty per cent) respectively] or such relative weightage as the Parties may with mutual agreement determine from time to time, to the Baltic Dry Index and the Singapore 380 CST Bunker Fuel Price Index, or any substitute thereof as the Parties may mutually agree, and determining the arithmetic mean of such indices for a period of 3 (three) calendar months preceding the month in which Fuel is loaded on a ship, and in the case of transportation by rail, the freight charges shall always be deemed to be equal to 110% (one hundred and ten per cent) of the freight payable to the Indian Railways.

22.2.6 In the event washing of coal is required under Applicable Laws, the cost of washing shall be included in the Landed Fuel Cost and such cost shall be lower of, (a) the average cost of washing incurred by CIL for similar washing and (b) the actual cost paid by the Supplier. Provided, however, that in case the washery is operated by the Supplier, the cost of washing as certified by the Statutory Auditor of the Supplier shall be deemed to be the actual cost paid by the Supplier for the purposes of this Clause 22.2.6. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the amount specified in Clause 22.2.1 is equivalent to or less than the aforesaid cost incurred by CIL. The Supplier represents and warrants that the aforesaid amount has been derived from the washing rate of Rs..... (Rupees) per tonne as on the Bid Date and the washing charge specified in Clause 22.2.1 shall be revised only in proportion to the increase in the average CIL cost of Rs. (Rupees) per tonne as compared to the rate specified hereinabove. [Provided that in case of Coal Mine/Blocks, the cost of washing shall be the lower of, (a) the benchmark washery charges as specified by the Utility in the RFP- DBFOO, and (b) the washery charges specified by the Bidder in the Bid; and the washing charge shall be revised only in proportion to the increase in the average CIL cost as compared to the average CIL cost as on Bid Due Date.]⁴⁰

⁴⁰ In the event Fuel is to be procured from Coal Mine/Blockss, the words in square parenthesis shall be retained and the remaining words shall be excluded. In all other cases, the words in square parenthesis may be omitted.

[22.2.7 Provided that in case of Coal Mine/Blocks, the cost of crushing shall be the lower of (a) the benchmark crushing charges, as specified by the Utility in the RFP-DBFOO and (b) the crushing charges, specified by the Bidder in the Bid. The Crushing charge shall be revised only in proportion to the increase in the average CIL cost as compared to the average CIL cost as on Bid Due Date.

22.2.8 Provided that in case of Coal Mine/Blocks, the cost of each of the other charges shall be the lower of (a) the benchmark of each of the other charges, as specified by the Utility in the RFP-DBFOO and (b) the charges of each of the other charges, specified by the Bidder in the Bid. The charges of each of the other charges shall be revised in proportion to the increase in the charges by the CIL/CERC/SERC/Appropriate Authority, as the case may be, as compared to charges as on Bid Due Date.]⁵

22.3 Determination of GCV

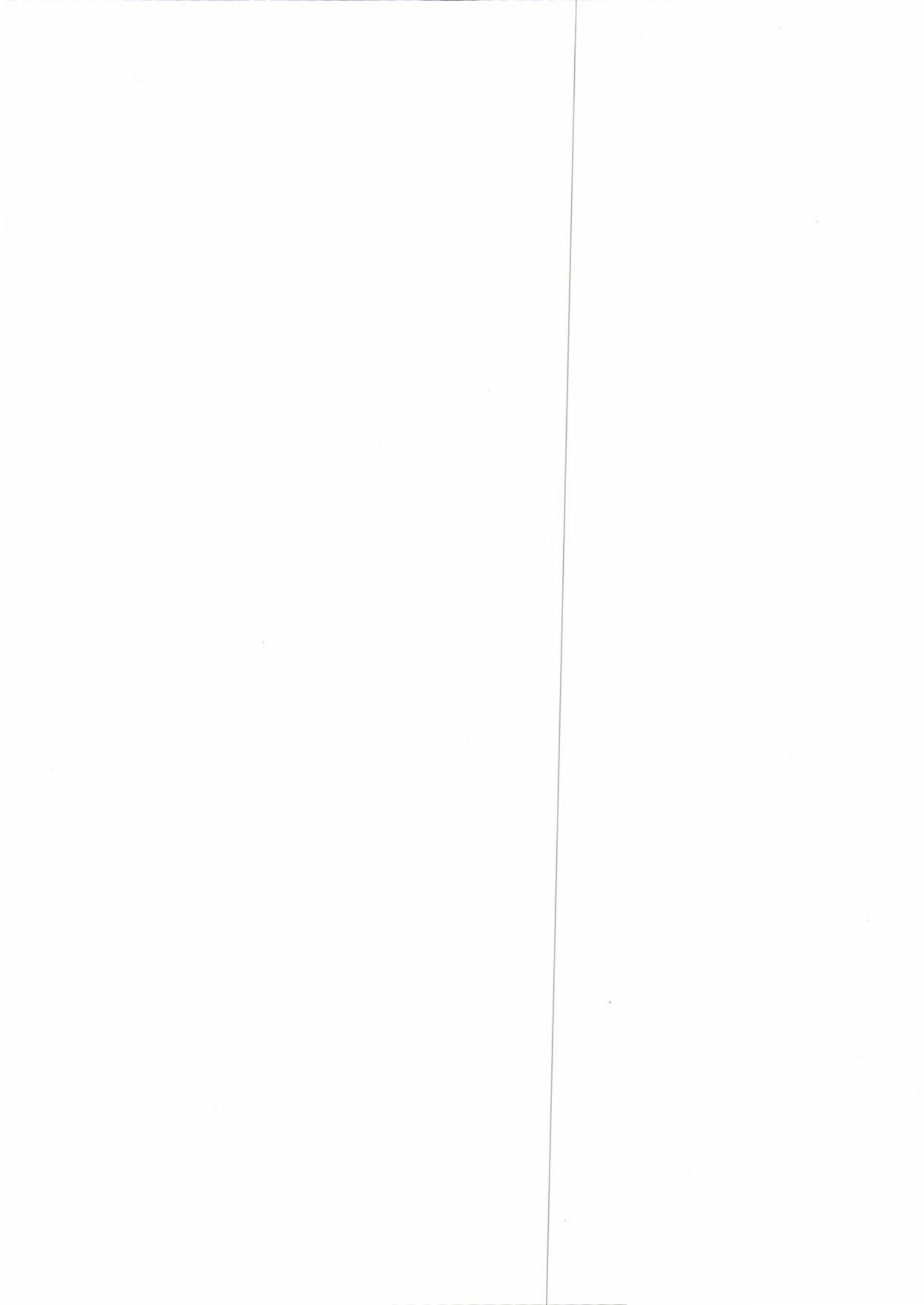
22.3.1 The weighted average of the GCV of Fuel received during any month at the Power Station shall be reckoned as the average GCV (the "Average GCV") for the purposes of this Article 22 and shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 22.2.2, apply for computing the applicable element of the Landed Fuel Cost and the Fuel Charge payable for the use of such Fuel. For the avoidance of doubt, the Average GCV hereunder shall be computed separately for Allocated Coal, any Fuel procured under AFSA and any other Fuel, as the case may be, for the purposes of determining the Fuel Charge.

22.3.2 Subject to the provisions of Clause 22.3.7, the Average GCV of Fuel shall be determined in accordance with the certification and classification provided by the supplier of Fuel in accordance with the provisions of the FSA. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that in the event the certification provided by the supplier of Fuel refers to a band of GCV, the mean value of such band shall be reckoned as the GCV for purposes hereof. The Parties further agree that the Average GCV determined in accordance with such certification shall form the basis of computation of Fuel Charge, save and except as provided in Clause 22.3.7. [The Parties also agree that in respect of Fuel procured from Coal Mine/Blocks, Captive Mine, the aforesaid classification and certification shall be provided by the operator of such mine.]

22.3.3 The Supplier shall collect random samples of Fuel in accordance with the applicable codes of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) immediately following its arrival and storage at the Power Station and all the samples so collected during the preceding 24 (twenty four) hours shall be tested by the Supplier at 1100 hours each day to determine the GCV thereof, and the results of such testing shall be conveyed forthwith to the Utility for its information and record with such particulars as the Utility may require.

22.3.4 One-half of the quantity of each sample collected in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.3.3 shall be stored and made available for testing thereof by the Utility or the Utility's Engineer at any time within a period of 1 (one) month from the date of sampling at the Power Station.

⁵ In the event Fuel is to be procured from Coal Mine/Blocks, the words in square parenthesis shall be retained and the remaining words shall be excluded. In all other cases, the words in square parenthesis may be omitted.



- 22.3.5 The Fuel received at the Power Station shall be stored in stacks, in quantities of about 5 (five) tonnes each or a multiple thereof, not exceeding 100 (one hundred) tonnes, and numbered in a manner that can correlate the stacks with the samples drawn in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.3.3. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the Supplier may, with prior consent of the Utility, substitute the storage and stacking methodology in such manner as may conform with Good Industry Practice.
- 22.3.6 For determining the actual GCV of Fuel, the Utility or the Utility's Engineer, as the case may be, shall be entitled to inspect the relevant records of the Supplier, and may, at its own cost, conduct or cause to be conducted, sampling and testing of stored Fuel in accordance with Good Industry Practice, to determine its conformity with the Specifications and Standards and also with the tests conducted by the Supplier pursuant to the provisions of Clause 22.3.3. The Supplier shall provide such assistance as the Utility may reasonably require for such sampling and testing. In the event of a dispute relating to the procedure and outcome of any sampling or testing, the Parties shall remit such tests to a reputed independent laboratory or agency and in the event that the Parties fail to agree on appointment of an independent agency within 7 (seven) days of the notice of dispute issued by a Party, the independent laboratory or agency shall be specified by the Appropriate Commission.
- 22.3.7 If the sampling pursuant to Clause 22.3.6 demonstrates that the actual GCV determined for any month is more than the GCV reported by the Supplier to the Utility or the Average GCV determined in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.3.2, as the case may be, the Average GCV for that month shall be deemed to be the lower of the GCV determined by such sampling and the Average GCV determined pursuant to the provisions of Clause 22.3.2, and in the event of any Dispute relating to sampling, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.
- 22.3.8 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article 22, the Parties expressly agree that the Utility shall not be liable to any payments in respect of the cost of Fuel, if such payments exceed the amounts due and payable in accordance with the provisions of the [clause 22.2.3/the FSA or AFSA, as the case may be,] in respect of the price of Fuel or the GCV thereof and any additional burden in this behalf shall at all times be borne by the Supplier.

22.4 Fuel Supply Agreement

- 22.4.1 Prior to the Appointed Date, the Supplier shall have executed an agreement with a supplier of Fuel for supply of Fuel sufficient for generating electricity at no less than [55% (fifty five per cent)] of the Contracted Capacity during each month for a period of at least [20 (twenty) years] commencing from COD⁴¹, substantially in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.5 (the "Fuel Supply Agreement" or "FSA") or shall have executed all the agreements for the Coal Mine/Blocks under Applicable Laws]. Upon execution of the FSA between the Supplier and the supplier of Fuel, the same shall be assigned by the Supplier in favour of the Utility prior to the Appointed Date. [Provided, however, that the provisions of this

⁴¹ This may be fixed between 7 (seven) to 20 (twenty) years depending on the term of the Agreement

Clause 22.4.1 shall not apply in respect of Fuel procured at the prevailing market prices in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or the fuel sourced from Coal Mine/Blocks.] For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the rights of the Utility arising from such assignment shall be limited to procuring that the Allocated Coal is used only in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and for no other purpose.

22.4.2 Omitted

22.4.3 The Fuel procured under the FSA shall be utilised by the Supplier for production of electricity to be supplied to the Utility as part of the Contracted Capacity and only the surplus, if any, may be used for Open Capacity, subject to the provisions of Clause 22.6.

22.4.4 Upon expiry of the FSA, the Supplier shall make best efforts to renew the same or execute a substitute thereof, failing which the provisions of Clauses 22.9 and 22.10 shall apply.

22.5 Terms of FSA

[The FSA executed in pursuance of Clause 22.4.1 shall, for and in respect of the supply of Allocated Coal for production of electricity from the Contracted Capacity, include the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The minimum annual quantity of Fuel to be supplied under the FSA shall be sufficient for generating electricity for Despatch of at least [55% (fifty five per cent)] of the Contracted Capacity during each month (the "MACQ");
- (b) the FSA shall specify the grade of Fuel comprising GCV and ash content, which shall not be changed materially without mutual consent of the Supplier and the supplier of Fuel;
- (c) the FSA shall specify the methodology for testing and weighment of Fuel prior to its delivery to the Supplier and shall provide for a dispute resolution mechanism in the event of disputes on any aspect of the FSA;
- (d) supply of MACQ under FSA shall commence at least 30 (thirty) days prior to COD;
- (e) in the event the supplier of Fuel proposes to blend imported Fuel with domestic Fuel, the provisions of Sub-clause (b) above shall apply;
- (f) the right of the supplier of Fuel to terminate the FSA for a material breach thereof by the Supplier shall be subject to the Utility's rights to substitute the Supplier and cure the breach;
- (g) the Supplier shall have the right and obligation to assign all its rights, interests and obligations under the FSA in favour of the Utility with the consent of the supplier of Fuel in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the FSA; and

- (h) upon occurrence of a Supplier Default under this Agreement, the Utility shall, without any further approval or consent of the Supplier, have the right to assign or seek assignment of the FSA to its nominee in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the FSA, and upon the Utility exercising its right hereunder, the Supplier shall cease to have any right or title to procure Allocated Coal from the supplier of Fuel.]⁴²

22.6 Use of Allocated Coal for Buyers

22.6.1 Upon the Supplier meeting its obligations for and in respect of the supply of electricity to the Utility as part of the Contracted Capacity, it may generate electricity from Allocated Coal for sale thereof to Buyers subject to payment of Revenue Share to the Utility, in an amount equal to the higher of, (a) Fixed Charge and (b) 30% (thirty per cent) of the gross sale revenue accrued from Buyers for each kWh of electricity sold to any Buyer. Provided that the Utility may, in its sole discretion, reduce the Revenue Share to such extent and in such manner as it may determine from time to time.

22.6.2 In the event the Supplier uses the Allocated Coal in breach of the provisions of Clause 22.6.1 or diverts any Contracted Capacity to Buyers, save and except as provided in this Agreement, it shall pay to the Utility Damages equal to the higher of, (a) twice the Fixed Charge; and (b) the entire sale revenue accrued from Buyers. For the avoidance of doubt, no Fixed Charge or any amount in lieu thereof shall be due or payable to the Supplier for and in respect of any electricity sold hereunder.

22.6.3 The Supplier shall furnish to the Utility, within 7 (seven) days of completion of each month, a statement of receipts from Capacity under clauses 22.6 and the Revenue Share therefrom, substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-M.

22.6.4 The Supplier shall, for each Accounting year, consolidate the statements in respect of Revenue Share from Capacity under clause 22.6 and provide 2 (two) copies thereof, duly certified by the Statutory Auditor, to the Utility within 60 (sixty) days of the close of that Accounting Year.

22.6.5 Payments for and in respect of Revenue Share for any month shall be due and payable by the Supplier within 7 (seven) days of the close of that month.

22.7 Minimum Fuel Stock

The Supplier shall at all times maintain a minimum stock of Allocated Coal and Fuel from AFSA, if any, which is sufficient for full production of electricity from Contracted Capacity for supply thereof to the Utility for a continuous period of 7 (seven) days (the "Minimum Fuel Stock").

22.8 Fuel Shortage

⁴² This Clause 22.5 may be suitably modified to reflect project-specific requirements. Where necessary, Clause 22.4.1 may also be suitably modified to address project-specific requirements.

- 22.8.1 In the event the Supplier anticipates a shortfall in the production of electricity for supply to the Utility from Contracted Capacity on account of a shortfall in supply of Fuel, and/or delays in transportation thereof, for reasons beyond the control of the Supplier (the “**Fuel Shortage**”), the Supplier shall, as soon as practicable but in any event no later than 7 (seven) days from the date when it anticipated the Fuel Shortage, notify the Utility of the nature, extent and period of Fuel Shortage and the reasons thereof.
- 22.8.2 In the event of any Fuel Shortage hereunder, the Fixed Charge payable for and in respect of any Non-Availability arising as a result thereof shall be equal to 70% (seventy per cent) of the Fixed Charge computed in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21.4.2. [For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that no Fixed Charge shall be due or payable in respect of Non-Availability arising as a result of shortfall in supply of Fuel from any Coal Mine/Blocks or Captive Mine owned or operated by the Supplier or its Associate.]

22.9 Additional Fuel Supply Arrangement

- 22.9.1 In the event of Fuel Shortage, the Supplier shall make best efforts to identify, as soon as may be possible, additional source(s) of fuel supply and transportation to meet such Fuel Shortage (the “**Additional Fuel Supply Arrangement**” or “**AFSA**”). The Supplier shall notify the Utility of the details of the Landed Fuel Cost under the AFSA and provide such other information as the Utility may require, for demonstrating that the AFSA is based on best prices available for supply and transportation of such fuel. The Supplier shall, with the concurrence of the Utility submit the AFSA for review and approval of the Appropriate Commission.
- 22.9.2 The Supplier shall procure Fuel under the AFSA only with prior approval of the Utility, which approval the Utility may deny in its sole discretion. Provided, however, that if the Utility approves part supply of Fuel under the Additional Fuel Supply Arrangement, it shall, in consultation with the Supplier, approve such additional costs as may be applicable for purchase of Fuel in comparatively smaller quantities and such costs shall be considered as part of the Landed Fuel Cost in determining the Fuel Charges.

22.10 Fuel Charge under AFSA

- 22.10.1 If the Supplier enters into an AFSA in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.9, the Fuel Charge payable by the Utility for any electricity produced from such Fuel shall be determined on the basis of Landed Fuel Cost to be computed in accordance with this Article 22.
- 22.10.2 In the event the Supplier fails to procure Fuel under an AFSA, or such AFSA is not approved in full or part by the Utility or the Commission, as the case may be, the Fixed Charge payable for and in respect of any Non-Availability as a result thereof shall be equal to 70% (seventy per cent) of the Fixed Charge computed in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21.4.2

22.11 Reporting of Fuel stock

22.11.1 The Supplier shall, no later than 1100 hours on each day, provide a statement to the Utility setting out (a) the opening stock of Fuel at 0000 hrs of the preceding day (b) the arrival of fresh stocks, if any during the preceding day, (c) the consumption of Fuel during the preceding day; and (d) the closing stock on the preceding day at 2400 hrs.

22.11.2 The Supplier shall, no later than 1100 hours on each day, provide a statement to the Utility setting out the quantities and the average GCV of the Allocated Coal, any Fuel procured under AFSA and any other Fuel, as the case may be, which were utilised for generation of electricity during the preceding day. Based on such average GCV, the consumption of respective Fuels and the electricity generated during the preceding day, the Supplier shall compute and specify the actual SHR for such preceding day.

22.12 Improvement in SHR

22.12.1 In the event the statements provided under Clause 22.11 during the course of any quarter establish that the actual SHR is better than the SHR specified in the Completion Certificate and the difference between the actual SHR and specified SHR exceeds 1% (one per cent) of the specified SHR, the specified SHR shall be reduced by one-half of such difference and the SHR so determined shall be the specified SHR of the Power Station for purposes of this Agreement, including for determination of the Fuel Charge under this Article 22. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, if the specified SHR of the Power Station is 2,200 and the actual SHR is 2,160, the specified SHR shall be revised and fixed at 2,180.

22.12.2 Upon revision of SHR pursuant to the provisions of Clause 22.12.1, the Fixed Charge shall be increased in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21.2.2 as if such SHR is specified in the Completion Certificate.

22.13 Cost of Transmission Charge:

Cost of Transmission Charge shall be payable upto Normative Availability level i.e. 90% in line with Clause 21.4.4 of this Agreement even in the cases when actual energy scheduled in a month is more than normative availability (90%). In the case where the availability declared by the Supplier is less than the Normative Availability during a month, then Supplier shall be obliged to bear the cost of transmission charge for shortfall i.e. difference between Normative Availability & Actual Availability. Whereas, in the case when Utility schedules power less than the availability actually declared by the Supplier during the month, Utility shall be obliged to bear the cost of transmission charge to the extent of difference between lower of Actual or Normative Availability less Energy Scheduled by Utility.

It is further clarify that, after connectivity and GNA regulations, 2021 becomes effective,. In case, Utility pay the transmission charges on behalf of supplier, the supplier shall reimburse same to Utility or Utility shall adjust the same from monthly energy Bills.

ARTICLE 23

PAYMENT SECURITY

23.1 Omitted

23.2 Letter of Credit

23.2.1 The Utility shall, no later than 30 (thirty) days prior to the likely date of COD, provide to the Supplier, an unconditional, revolving and irrevocable letter of credit for an amount equivalent to one month Energy Bill at normative availability (the "Letter of Credit"), which may be drawn upon by the Supplier for recovery of payment due against the Monthly Invoice in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Letter of Credit shall be substantially in the form specified in Schedule-L and shall come into effect on COD/ Scheduled Supply Commission Date, and shall be modified once every year to reflect the revision in Fixed Charge in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

⁴³ 50% (fifty per cent) may, in the discretion of the Utility, be substituted by 30% (thirty per cent) in the case of a second or subsequent power project based on a similar PSA-DBFOO.

- .23.2.2 All costs and expenses relating to opening and maintenance of the Letter of Credit shall be borne by the Utility.
- 23.2.3 In the event of Utility's failure to pay the Monthly Invoice before the 27th (twenty seventh) day of the month in which the relevant Payment Due Date occurs, the Supplier may, in its discretion, invoke the Letter of Credit for recovery of the amount due, whereupon Bank shall, without any reference to the Utility, pay the amount due upon the Supplier presenting the following documents, namely:
- (a) a copy of the Monthly Invoice which has remained unpaid; and
 - (b) a certificate from the Supplier to the effect that the Monthly Invoice is in accordance with this Agreement and that the amount due has remained unpaid.
- 23.2.4 In the event that the amount covered by the Letter of Credit is at any time less than the Minimum Monthly Payment or is insufficient for recovery of payment due against the Monthly Invoice, the Utility shall, within a period of 7 (seven) days from the date on which such shortfall occurred, cause the Letter of Credit to be replenished and reinstated to the extent specified in Clause 23.2.1. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the Letter of Credit shall not be revised solely on account of revision in Fixed Charge, except to give effect to such revision once every year.
- 23.2.5 The Parties may, by mutual agreement, substitute the Letter of Credit by an unconditional and irrevocable bank guarantee or any equivalent instrument as may be mutually agreed upon.

23.3 Recovery from sale of Contracted Capacity

- 23.3.1 In the event the Supplier is unable to recover its Tariff through the the Letter of Credit, as the case may be, and if the Tariff or part thereof remains unpaid for a period of 1 (one) month from the Payment Due Date, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Supplier shall have the right to sell the whole or part of the Contracted Capacity to any Buyer for recovery of its dues from the Utility. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that the Supplier shall be entitled to appropriate the revenues from sale hereunder for recovering the Tariff due and payable to it for sale of such Contracted Capacity to the Utility and the surplus remaining, if any, shall be appropriated for recovery of its dues from the Utility. The Parties further agree that the Supplier shall be entitled to use Allocated Coal for production of electricity and sale hereunder.

23.3.2 The sale of Contracted Capacity pursuant to Clause 23.3.1 shall not extinguish any liability of the Utility or any claim that the Supplier may have against the Utility, save and except to the extent of amounts recovered under the provisions of Clause 23.3.1.

23.3.3 Supply of electricity to the Utility in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be restored no later than 7 (seven) days from the day on which the Utility pays, or is deemed to have paid, the arrears due to the Supplier in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and renews the Letter of Credit.

23.4 Payment security for Termination

The Parties agree and acknowledge that upon Termination and on failure of the Utility to make the Termination Payment within 30 (thirty) days of demand by the Supplier, amount shall be appropriated every month from the Letter of Credit submitted by Utility and paid to the Supplier until discharge of the Termination Payment and any interest thereon. For the avoidance of doubt, the Utility expressly agrees and undertakes that Letter of Credit shall be replenished until its liability for an in respect of the Termination Payment is fully discharged.

ARTICLE 24
DESPATCH OF CONTRACTED CAPACITY

24.1 Despatch of Contracted Capacity

- 24.1.1 The Utility shall, in accordance with Applicable Laws and Regulations thereunder, issue instructions to the Supplier for production of electricity and despatch thereof to the Grid during such period and in such volume as it may specify in its instructions (the “**Despatch**”). Provided that the Utility shall not Despatch in excess of its entitlement in the Contracted Capacity, unless mutually agreed between the Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the Utility may, in its discretion, direct the Supplier to Despatch on its behalf, all or part of the Contracted Capacity, in favour of the third parties designated by it from time to time on the express understanding that the payment therefor shall be made by the Utility to the Supplier as if the electricity has been Despatched in favour of the Utility. The Parties further agree that any additional cost incurred by the Supplier for Despatch to such third parties shall be due and payable by those third parties.
- 24.1.2 Pursuant to the provisions of Clause 24.1.1, the Supplier shall plan the production and Despatch of electricity and convey its availability for scheduling thereof by the SLDC or RLDC, as the case may be, and shall supply electricity in accordance with the provisions of the Grid Code and the Act.
- 24.1.3 Scheduling and supply of electricity from Open Capacity may be undertaken by the Supplier in such manner as it may determine in conformity with the Grid Code.
- 24.1.4 In the event the Supplier schedules any electricity, produced from Contracted Capacity, for sale to Buyers in breach of this Agreement, the Supplier shall pay Damages equal to the higher of: (a) twice the Fixed Charge; and (b) the entire sale revenue accrued from Buyers. For the avoidance of doubt, no Fixed Charge or any amount in lieu thereof shall be due or payable to the Supplier for and in respect of any electricity sold hereunder.

24.2 Settlement of UI charges

- 24.2.1 All payments due to or from the Supplier on account of any unscheduled interchange in terms of the UI Regulations (the “**Unscheduled Interchange**” or “**UI**”) shall be solely to the account of and borne by the Supplier, save and except as provided in Clauses 24.2.2 and 24.2.3.
- 24.2.2 Subject to the provisions of the Applicable Laws, the Utility shall have the first right to Despatch, in the form of UI, any surplus electricity generated from the entitlement of the Utility in the Contracted Capacity by utilising the Fuel procured under Clause 22.4, and 90% (ninety per cent) of the revenues accruing from such UI charges, after deducting an amount equal to the Tariff payable for such electricity, shall be paid by the Supplier to the credit of the Utility and the balance remaining may be appropriated by the Supplier.

24.2.3 Subject to the provisions of Clause 24.2.2, the Supplier may, in addition to the scheduling under Clause 24.1, supply electricity produced from the unutilised Contracted Capacity specified in Clause 18.5, and in such an event the Fixed Charge due and payable by the Utility to the Supplier for and in respect of the Contracted Capacity utilised hereunder shall be deemed to be waived and shall not be payable by the Utility. Provided, that the Parties may with mutual agreement reduce the Fixed Charge to be waived hereunder to such extent as they may determine. Provided further that in the event the Supplier uses the Fuel procured under and in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.4, it shall also pay the cost of Fuel and the Revenue Share specified therein.

24.3 Overriding powers of the Utility

24.3.1 Upon occurrence of a Supplier's Default, the Utility may, in its discretion, direct the Supplier to stop any or all its sale of electricity to Buyers from and in respect of Contracted Capacity, and to sell all such electricity to the Utility in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Upon receipt of any directions hereunder from the Utility, the Supplier shall comply forthwith and issue despatch and scheduling instruction to the RLDC and SLDC in conformity with the directions of the Utility.

24.3.2 In the event the Supplier does not comply with the directions of the Utility issued in pursuance of Clause 24.3.1, the Utility may issue directions to the RLDC and SLDC to undertake despatch and scheduling in accordance with such instructions as the Utility may issue hereunder from time to time.

24.3.3 The Supplier shall, prior to the Appointed Date, furnish a certified true copy of this Agreement to the RLDC and SLDC and obtain a receipt thereof. By furnishing a copy of this Agreement to the RLDC and SLDC, the Supplier shall be deemed to have agreed and undertaken to abide by the provisions of this Clause 24.3 and to have given irrevocable instructions to the RLDC and SLDC to carry out all the directions given by the Utility hereunder. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that the provisions of this Clause 24.3 shall remain in force and effect until the Vesting Certificate is issued under and in accordance with the provisions of Clause 32.5.

24.3.4 The exercise of any overriding powers by the Utility under this Clause 24.3 shall not in any manner affect or diminish the liability and obligation of the Utility to make payments to the Supplier for the electricity supplied or the Availability of Contracted Capacity and the Utility shall, for this purpose, ensure and procure compliance of the provisions of Article 23. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Clause 24.3, the Utility shall not be entitled to issue any directions hereunder nor shall the RLDC and SLDC comply with such directions to the extent and for the period during which Utility is in material breach of the provisions of Article 23 or of its payment obligations to the Supplier under this Agreement, and in such an event the provisions of Clause 23.3 shall apply.

24.4 Ramp up of Despatch

In the event the Utility Despaches less than 2% (two per cent) of its entitlement in the Contracted Capacity at any time and requires ramping up of generation thereafter, it shall allow a period of 8 (eight) hours to the Supplier for reaching Availability equal to such entitlement in the Contracted Capacity and shall make an additional payment on account of increase in SHR computed in accordance with the provisions of Schedule-C for and in respect of different levels of generation during the course of ramping up. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that in the event the Supplier fails to reach such Availability within 8 (eight) hours, the shortfall thereof shall be deemed to be Mis-declaration under the provisions of Clause 21.5.5. The Parties further agree that the liability of the Utility hereunder shall at all times be reckoned with reference to its entitlement in the Contracted Capacity.

24.5 Proportionate Availability:

- 24.5.1 The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of the applicable Law regarding Availability including, in particular, to the provisions of the ABT and Grid Code relating to intimation of Availability and the matters incidental thereto.
- 24.5.2 In case the Contracted Capacity of a Unit/Contracted Capacity as a whole is a part of the installed capacity of a power station; in the event of Availability from the Project in a Settlement Period being less than 100%, the capacity available to Utility for despatch shall be reduced proportionately. However, the Supplier has the option to offer more than such reduced capacity for despatch by Utility but not lower than such "Proportionate Availability". The Supplier shall prove such Proportionate Availability by using readings of meters at Generators for each Settlement Period and Energy Output of the Project up to Contracted Capacity.
- 24.5.3 In case the Supplier fails to establish Utility's proportionate right as per provisions of this Agreement, the Supplier shall be liable to be penalised. Such penalty shall be higher of: (a) twice the Fixed Charge; and (b) the entire sale revenue accrued from Buyers. For the avoid of doubt, no Fixed Charge or any amount in lieu thereof shall be due or payable to the Supplier for and in respect of any electricity sold hereunder. In case the Supplier is unable to maintain the schedule for ensuring proportionate availability due to restrictions imposed by Regulatory Authority, the Utility may, upon request of the Supplier relax the applicability of provisions of Proportionate Availability.

ARTICLE 25

OMITTED

ARTICLE 26 INSURANCE

26.1 Insurance during Contract Period

The Supplier shall effect and maintain at its own cost, during the Construction Period and the Operation Period, such insurances for such maximum sums as may be required under the Financing Agreements and Applicable Laws, and such insurances as may be necessary or prudent in accordance with Good Industry Practice. The Supplier shall also effect and maintain such insurances as may be necessary for mitigating the risks that may devolve on the Utility as a consequence of any act or omission of the Supplier during the Contract Period.

26.2 Insurance Cover

Without prejudice to the provisions contained in Clause 26.1, the Supplier shall, during the Operations Period, procure and maintain Insurance Cover including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Loss, damage or destruction of the Project Assets at replacement value;
- (b) comprehensive third party liability insurance including injury to or death of personnel of the Utility or others caused by the Project;
- (c) the Supplier's general liability arising out of the Supply Contract;
- (d) liability to third parties for goods or property damage;
- (e) workmen's compensation insurance; and
- (f) any other insurance that may be necessary to protect the Supplier and its employees, including all Force Majeure Events that are insurable at commercially reasonable premiums and not otherwise covered in items (a) to (e) above.

26.3 Notice to the Utility

No later than 45 (forty five) days prior to commencement of the Construction Period or the Operation Period, as the case may be, the Supplier shall by notice furnish to the Utility, in reasonable detail, information in respect of the insurances that it proposes to effect and maintain in accordance with this Article 26. Within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of such notice, the Utility may require the Supplier to effect and maintain such other insurances as may be necessary pursuant hereto, and in the event of any difference or disagreement relating to any such insurance, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.

26.4 Evidence of Insurance Cover

All insurances obtained by the Supplier in accordance with this Article 26 shall be maintained with insurers on terms consistent with Good Industry Practice. Within 15 (fifteen) days of obtaining any insurance cover, the Supplier shall furnish to

the Utility, notarised true copies of the certificate(s) of insurance, copies of insurance policies and premia payment receipts in respect of such insurance, and no such insurance shall be cancelled, modified, or allowed to expire or lapse until the expiration of at least 45 (forty five) days after notice of such proposed cancellation, modification or non-renewal has been delivered by the Supplier to the Utility .

26.5 Remedy for failure to insure

If the Supplier shall fail to effect and keep in force all insurances for which it is responsible pursuant hereto, the Utility shall have the option to either keep in force any such insurances, and pay such premia and recover the costs thereof from the Supplier, or in the event of computation of a Termination Payment, treat an amount equal to the Insurance Cover as deemed to have been received by the Supplier.

26.6 Waiver of subrogation

All insurance policies in respect of the insurance obtained by the Supplier pursuant to this Article 26 shall include a waiver of any and all rights of subrogation or recovery of the insurers thereunder against, *inter alia*, the Utility, and its assigns, successors, undertakings and their subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, insurers and underwriters, and of any right of the insurers to any set-off or counterclaim or any other deduction, whether by attachment or otherwise, in respect of any liability of any such person insured under any such policy or in any way connected with any loss, liability or obligation covered by such policies of insurance.

26.7 Supplier's waiver

The Supplier hereby further releases, assigns and waives any and all rights of subrogation or recovery against, *inter alia*, the Utility and its assigns, undertakings and their subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, successors, insurers and underwriters, which the Supplier may otherwise have or acquire in or from or in any way connected with any loss, liability or obligation covered by policies of insurance maintained or required to be maintained by the Supplier pursuant to this Agreement (other than third party liability insurance policies) or because of deductible clauses in or inadequacy of limits of any such policies of insurance.

26.8 Application of insurance proceeds

The proceeds from all insurance claims, except life and injury, shall be paid to the Supplier and it shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clause 31.3, apply such proceeds for any necessary repair, reconstruction, reinstatement, replacement, improvement or development of the Power Station, and the balance remaining, if any, shall be applied in accordance with the provisions contained in this behalf in the Financing Agreements.

26.9 Compliance with conditions of insurance policies

The Supplier expressly acknowledges and undertakes to fully indemnify the Utility from and against all losses and claims arising from the Supplier's failure to comply with conditions imposed by the insurance policies effected in accordance with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

27.1 Audited accounts

- 27.1.1 The Supplier shall maintain books of accounts recording all its receipts (including Tariff, revenues from sale of power to the Utility, other Distribution Licensees and Buyers, and all incomes derived/collected by it from or on account of the Power Station and/or sale of electricity from the Power Station), income, expenditure, payments, assets and liabilities, in accordance with this Agreement, Good Industry Practice, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits. The Supplier shall provide 2 (two) copies of its Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and Profit and Loss Account, along with a report thereon by its Statutory Auditors, within 90 (ninety) days of the close of the Accounting Year to which they pertain and such audited accounts, save and except where expressly provided to the contrary, shall form the basis of payments by either Party under this Agreement. The Utility shall have the right to inspect the records of the Supplier during office hours and require copies of relevant extracts of books of accounts, duly certified by the Statutory Auditors, to be provided to the Utility for verification of basis of payments, and in the event of any discrepancy or error being found, the same shall be rectified and such rectified account shall form the basis of payments by either Party under this Agreement.
- 27.1.2 The Supplier shall, within 30 (thirty) days of the close of each quarter of an Accounting Year, furnish to the Utility its unaudited financial results in respect of the preceding quarter, in the manner and form prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India for publication of quarterly results by the companies listed on a stock exchange.
- 27.1.3 On or before the thirty-first day of May each Year, the Supplier shall provide to the Utility, for the preceding Accounting Year, a statement duly audited by its Statutory Auditors giving summarised information on (a) receipts on account of Tariff, (b) revenues from sale of electricity to Distribution Licensees and Buyers, and (c) such other information as the Utility may reasonably require.

27.2 Appointment of auditors

- 27.2.1 The Supplier shall appoint, and have during the subsistence of this Agreement as its Statutory Auditors, a firm chosen by it from the mutually agreed list of 5 (five) reputable firms of chartered accountants (the “Panel of Chartered Accountants”), such list to be prepared substantially in accordance with the criteria set forth in Schedule-N. All fees and expenses of the Statutory Auditors shall be borne by the Supplier.
- 27.2.2 The Supplier may terminate the appointment of its Statutory Auditors after a notice of 45 (forty five) days to the Utility, subject to the replacement Statutory Auditors being appointed from the Panel of Chartered Accountants.
- 27.2.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Utility shall have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint at its cost from time to time

and at anytime, another firm (the “**Additional Auditors**”) from the Panel of Chartered Accountants to audit and verify all those matters, expenses, costs, realisations and things which the Statutory Auditors are required to do, undertake or certify pursuant to this Agreement.

27.3 Certification of claims by Statutory Auditors

Any claim or document provided by the Supplier to the Utility in connection with or relating to receipts, income, payments, costs, expenses, accounts or audit, and any matter incidental thereto shall be valid and effective only if certified by its Statutory Auditors. For the avoidance of doubt, such certification shall not be required for exchange of information in the normal course of business.

27.4 Set-off

In the event any amount is due and payable by the Utility to the Supplier, it may set-off any sums payable to it by the Supplier and pay the balance remaining. Any exercise by the Utility of its rights under this Clause 27.4 shall be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to it under this Agreement or otherwise.

27.5 Dispute resolution

In the event of there being any difference between the findings of the Additional Auditors and the certification provided by the Statutory Auditors, such Auditors shall meet to resolve the differences and if they are unable to resolve the same, such Dispute shall be resolved by the Utility by recourse to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

Part V
Force Majeure and Termination

ARTICLE 28
FORCE MAJEURE

28.1 Force Majeure

As used in this Agreement, the expression “Force Majeure” or “Force Majeure Event” shall, save and except as expressly provided otherwise, mean occurrence in India of any or all of Non-Political Event, Indirect Political Event and Political Event, as defined in Clauses 28.2, 28.3 and 28.4 respectively, if it affects the performance by the Party claiming the benefit of Force Majeure (the “Affected Party”) of its obligations under this Agreement and which act or event (a) is beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party, and (b) the Affected Party could not have prevented or overcome by exercise of due diligence and following Good Industry Practice, and (c) has Material Adverse Effect on the Affected Party.

28.2 Non-Political Event

A Non-Political Event shall mean one or more of the following acts or events:

- (a) act of God, epidemic, extremely adverse weather conditions, lightning, earthquake, landslide, cyclone, flood, volcanic eruption, chemical or radioactive contamination or ionising radiation, fire or explosion (to the extent of contamination or radiation or fire or explosion originating from a source external to the Site);
- (b) strikes or boycotts (other than those involving the Supplier, Contractors or their respective employees/representatives, or attributable to any act or omission of any of them) interrupting supplies and services to the Power Station for a continuous period of 24 (twenty four) hours and an aggregate period exceeding 7 (seven) days in an Accounting Year, and not being an Indirect Political Event set forth in Clause 28.3;
- (c) any failure or delay of a Contractor but only to the extent caused by another Non-Political Event **and which** does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the Supplier by or on behalf of such Contractor;
- (d) Omitted ;
- (e) any judgement or order of any court of competent jurisdiction or statutory authority made against the Supplier in any proceedings for reasons other than (i) failure of the Supplier to comply with any Applicable Law or Applicable Permit, or (ii) on account of breach of any Applicable Law or

Applicable Permit or of any contract, or (iii) enforcement of this Agreement, or (iv) exercise of any of its rights under this Agreement by the Utility;

- (f) the discovery of geological conditions, toxic contamination or archaeological remains on the Station Premises that could not reasonably have been expected to be discovered through an inspection of the Station Premises; or
- (g) any event or circumstances of a nature analogous to any of the foregoing.

28.3 Indirect Political Event

An Indirect Political Event shall mean one or more of the following acts or events:

- a) an act of war (whether declared or undeclared), invasion, armed conflict or act of foreign enemy, blockade, embargo, riot, insurrection, terrorist or military action, civil commotion or politically motivated sabotage;
- b) any political or economic upheaval, disturbance, movement, struggle or similar occurrence which could not have been anticipated or foreseen by a prudent person and which causes the construction or operation of the Project to be financially unviable or otherwise not feasible;
- c) industry-wide or State-wide strikes or industrial action for a continuous period of 24 (twenty four) hours and exceeding an aggregate period of 7 (seven) days in an Accounting Year;
- d) any civil commotion, boycott or political agitation which prevents generation or transmission of electricity by the Supplier for an aggregate period exceeding 7 (seven) days in an Accounting Year;
- e) failure of the Utility to permit the Supplier to continue the Construction Works, with or without modifications, in the event of stoppage of such works after discovery of any geological or archaeological finds or for any other reason;
- f) any failure or delay of a Contractor to the extent caused by any Indirect Political Event and which does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the Supplier by or on behalf of such Contractor;
- g) any Indirect Political Event that causes a Non-Political Event; or
- h) any event or circumstances of a nature analogous to any of the foregoing.

28.4 Political Event

A Political Event shall mean one or more of the following acts or events by or on account of any Government Instrumentality:

- (a) Omitted ;
- (b) compulsory acquisition in national interest or expropriation of any Project Assets or rights of the Supplier or of the Contractors;
- (c) unlawful or unauthorised or without jurisdiction revocation of, or refusal to renew or grant without valid cause, any clearance, licence, permit, authorisation, no objection certificate, consent, approval or exemption required by the Supplier or any of the Contractors to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements; provided that such delay, modification, denial, refusal or revocation did not result from the Supplier's or any Contractor's inability or failure to comply with any condition relating to grant, maintenance or renewal of such clearance, licence, authorisation, no objection certificate, exemption, consent, approval or permit;
- (d) any failure or delay of a Contractor but only to the extent caused by another Political Event and which does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the Supplier by or on behalf of such Contractor; or
- (e) any event or circumstance of a nature analogous to any of the foregoing.

28.5 Duty to report Force Majeure Event

28.5.1 Upon occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Affected Party shall by notice report such occurrence to the other Party forthwith. Any notice pursuant hereto shall include full particulars of:

- (a) the nature and extent of each Force Majeure Event which is the subject of any claim for relief under this Article 28 with evidence in support thereof;
- (b) the estimated duration and the effect or probable effect which such Force Majeure Event is having or will have on the Affected Party's performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) the measures which the Affected Party is taking or proposes to take for alleviating the impact of such Force Majeure Event; and
- (d) any other information relevant to the Affected Party's claim.

28.5.2 The Affected Party shall not be entitled to any relief for or in respect of a Force Majeure Event unless it shall have notified the other Party of the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event no later than 7 (seven) days after the Affected Party knew, or ought reasonably to have known, of its occurrence, and shall have given particulars of the probable material effect that the Force Majeure Event is likely to have on the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

28.5.3 For so long as the Affected Party continues to claim to be materially affected by such Force Majeure Event, it shall provide the other Party with regular (and not less than weekly) reports containing information as required by Clause 28.5.1, and such other information as the other Party may reasonably request the Affected Party to provide.

28.6 Effect of Force Majeure Event on the Supply Contract

28.6.1 Upon the occurrence of any Force Majeure Event prior to the Appointed Date, the period set forth in Clause 4.1 for fulfilment of Conditions Precedent and in Clause 20.1 for achieving Financial Close and satisfying the Conditions Precedent shall be extended by a period equal in length to the duration of the Force Majeure Event.

28.6.2 At any time after the Appointed Date, if any Force Majeure Event occurs:

- (a) before COD, the Contract Period and the dates set forth in the Project Completion Schedule shall be extended by a period equal in length to the duration for which such Force Majeure Event subsists; or
- (b) after COD, whereupon the Supplier is unable to transmit electricity to the Grid despite making best efforts or it is directed by the Utility, RLDC or SLDC or any Government Instrumentality to suspend generation or transmission during the subsistence of such Force Majeure Event, the Contract Period shall be extended by a period equal in length to the period during which the Supplier was prevented from generating or transmitting electricity on account thereof; provided that in the event of reduction in generation on account of partial inability or suspension, as the case may be, which cause the Availability on any day is to decline below 80% (eighty per cent) of the Average Daily Availability, the Utility shall extend the Contract Period in proportion to the loss of such Availability due to Force Majeure. For the avoidance of doubt, loss of 25% (twenty five per cent) in Availability for 4 (four) days as compared to the Average Daily Availability shall entitle the Supplier to extension of 1 (one) day in the Contract Period.

28.7 Allocation of costs arising out of Force Majeure

28.7.1 Upon occurrence of a Force Majeure Event after the Appointed Date, the costs incurred and attributable to such event and directly relating to the Contracted Capacity of the Power Station (the "Force Majeure Costs") shall be allocated and paid as follows:

- (a) upon occurrence of a Non-Political Event and Indirect Political Event, the Parties shall bear their respective Force Majeure Costs and neither Party shall be required to pay to the other Party any costs thereof; and
- (b) upon occurrence of a Political Event, all Force Majeure Costs attributable to such Political Event shall be borne by the Supplier.

28.7.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Clause 28.7, if during the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Contracted Capacity or part thereof is deemed Available in accordance with the provisions of Clause 5.1.4, the Utility shall not be liable to make any payments towards Force Majeure Costs in respect thereof to the Supplier under this Clause 28.7.

28.7.3 Save and except as expressly provided in this Article 28, neither Party shall be liable to the other Party in respect of any loss, damage, cost, expense, claims, demands and proceedings relating to or arising out of occurrence or existence of any Force Majeure Event or exercise of any right pursuant hereto.

28.8 Termination Notice for Force Majeure Event

If a Force Majeure Event subsists for a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days or more within a continuous period of 365 (three hundred and sixty five) days, either Party may in its discretion terminate this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the other Party without being liable in any manner whatsoever, save as provided in this Article 28, and upon issue of such Termination Notice, this Agreement shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, stand terminated forthwith; provided that before issuing such Termination Notice, the Party intending to issue the Termination Notice shall inform the other Party of such intention and grant 15 (fifteen) days time to make a representation, and may after the expiry of such 15 (fifteen) days period, whether or not it is in receipt of such representation, in its sole discretion issue the Termination Notice.

28.9 Termination of Fuel supply

In the event of Termination for Force Majeure Event, the Supplier shall cease to be entitled to the supply or production of Allocated Coal to the extent allocated or utilised for the Contracted Capacity, and the provisions of FSA to the extent thereof shall be held in abeyance until the use of such Allocated Coal for any other purpose, utility or buyer is authorized by the Central Government.

28.10 Excuse from performance of obligations

If the Affected Party is rendered wholly or partially unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement because of a Force Majeure Event, it shall be excused from performance of such of its obligations to the extent it is unable to perform on account of such Force Majeure Event; provided that:

- (a) the suspension of performance shall be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is reasonably required by the Force Majeure Event;

- (b) the Affected Party shall make all reasonable efforts to mitigate or limit damage to the other Party arising out of or as a result of the existence or occurrence of such Force Majeure Event and to cure the same with due diligence; and
- (c) when the Affected Party is able to resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement, it shall give to the other Party notice to that effect and shall promptly resume performance of its obligations hereunder.

28.11 Omitted

⁴⁴ This Clause may be omitted, at the discretion of the Utility, prior to invitation of bids

ARTICLE 29

COMPENSATION FOR BREACH OF AGREEMENT**29.1 Compensation for default by the Supplier**

In the event of the Supplier being in material breach or default of this Agreement, it shall, upon receipt of the demand supported by necessary particulars thereof, pay to the Utility by way of compensation, all direct costs suffered or incurred by the Utility as a consequence of such material breach or default; provided that no compensation shall be payable under this Clause 29.1 for any material breach or default in respect of which Damages are expressly specified and payable under this Agreement or for any consequential losses incurred by the Utility. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the compensation payable under this Article 29 shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, or derogation of, Termination Payment, if any. The Parties further agree that the non-defaulting Party shall make all reasonable efforts to mitigate or limit the costs and damage arising as a result of breach of Agreement by the other Party.

29.2 Compensation for default by the Utility

In the event of the Utility being in material breach or default of this Agreement at any time after the Appointed Date, it shall, upon receipt of the demand supported by necessary particulars thereof, pay to the Supplier by way of compensation, all direct costs suffered or incurred by the Supplier as a consequence of such material breach or default; provided that no such compensation shall be payable for any material breach or default in respect of which Damages have been expressly specified in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, compensation payable may include interest payments on debt, O&M Expenses and all other costs directly attributable to such material breach or default but shall not include loss on account of Tariff, revenues from sale of electricity to other Distribution Licensees and Buyers, and other revenues, debt repayment obligations, or any consequential losses, and for determining such compensation, information contained in the Financial Package may be relied upon to the extent it is relevant.

29.3 Extension of Contract Period

In the event that a material breach or default of this Agreement causes delay in achieving COD or leads to reduction in the realisation of Fixed Charge, as the case may be, the Utility shall, in addition to payment of compensation under Clause 29.2, extend the Contract Period, such extension being equal in duration to the period by which COD was delayed or the payment of Fixed Charge was reduced on account thereof, as the case may be; and in the event of reduction in Fixed Charge where the daily collection is less than 80% (eighty per cent) of the Average Daily Fixed Charge, the Utility shall, in addition to payment of compensation hereunder, extend the Contract Period in proportion to the loss of Fixed Charge on a daily basis. For the avoidance of doubt, loss of 25% (twenty five per cent) in the realisation of Fixed Charge, as compared to the Average Daily Fixed Charge, for 4 (four) days shall entitle the Supplier to extension of 1 (one) day in the Contract Period.

ARTICLE 30
SUSPENSION OF SUPPLIER'S RIGHTS

30.1 Suspension upon Supplier Default

- 30.1.1 Upon occurrence of a Supplier Default, the Utility shall be entitled, subject to Applicable Laws and without prejudice to its other rights and remedies under this Agreement including its rights of Termination hereunder, to suspend all rights of the Supplier under the Fuel Supply Agreement relating to the Supplier's right to receive Allocated Coal, produce electricity therefrom and collect revenues from sale of such electricity (the "Suspension"), save and except as provided in Clause 31.3.3.
- 30.1.2 During the period of Suspension, the Utility shall pay to the Supplier 20% (twenty per cent) of the Fixed Charge due and payable to the Supplier for and in respect of the Contracted Capacity.
- 30.1.3 During the period of Suspension hereunder, all rights and liabilities vested in the Supplier in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to vest therein and the Supplier undertakes to indemnify the Utility for all costs incurred during such period.

30.2 Revocation of Suspension

Upon the Supplier having cured the Supplier Default within a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the date of Suspension, the Utility shall revoke the Suspension forthwith and restore all rights of the Supplier under this Agreement.

30.3 Substitution of Supplier

At any time during the period of Suspension, the Lenders' Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, shall be entitled to substitute the Supplier under and in accordance with the Substitution Agreement, and upon receipt of notice thereunder from the Lenders' Representative, the Utility shall withhold Termination for a period not exceeding 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of Suspension, for enabling the Lenders' Representative to exercise its rights of substitution on behalf of Senior Lenders.

30.4 Termination

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event that Suspension is not revoked within 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of Suspension hereunder, this Agreement shall, upon expiry of the aforesaid period, be deemed to have been terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties and all the provisions of this Agreement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to such Termination as if a Termination Notice had been issued by the Utility upon occurrence of a Supplier Default.

ARTICLE 31
TERMINATION

31.1 Termination for Supplier Default

31.1.1 Subject to Applicable Laws and save as otherwise provided in this Agreement, in the event that any of the defaults specified below shall have occurred, and the Supplier fails to cure the default within the Cure Period set forth below, or where no Cure Period is specified, then within a Cure Period of 90 (ninety) days, the Supplier shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement (the "Supplier Default"), unless the default has occurred as a result of any breach of this Agreement by the Utility or due to Force Majeure. The defaults referred to herein shall include the following:

- (a) The Performance Security has been encashed and appropriated in accordance with Clause 9.2 and the Supplier fails to replenish or provide fresh Performance Security within a Cure Period of 15 (fifteen) days;
- (b) subsequent to the replenishment or furnishing of fresh Performance Security in accordance with Clause 9.2, the Supplier fails to meet any Condition Precedent or cure the Supplier Default, as the case may be, for which whole or part of the Performance Security was appropriated, within a Cure Period of 120 (one hundred and twenty) days;
- (c) the Supplier does not achieve the latest outstanding Project Milestone or the Scheduled Completion Date, as the case may be, due in accordance with the provisions of Schedule-E and continues to be in default for 180 (one hundred and eighty) days;
- (d) the Supplier is in breach of the Maintenance Requirements or the Safety Requirements, as the case may be;
- (e) the Supplier has failed to make any payment to the Utility within the period specified in this Agreement;
- (f) a breach of the Fuel Supply Agreement or any other Project Agreements by the Supplier has caused a Material Adverse Effect;
- (g) the Supplier uses the Allocated Coal in breach of this Agreement and fails to pay Damages in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.6.2;
- (h) the Supplier creates any Encumbrance in breach of this Agreement;
- (i) the Supplier repudiates this Agreement or otherwise takes any action or evidences or conveys an intention not to be bound by the Agreement and fails to pay Damages in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.6.2;
- (j) the Supplier schedules electricity, produced from Contracted Capacity, for sale to Buyers in breach of this Agreement and fails to pay Damages in accordance with the provisions of Clause 24.1.4;

- (k) a Change in Ownership has occurred in breach of the provisions of Clause 5.3;
- (l) the Supplier fails to achieve a monthly Availability of 70% (seventy per cent) for a period of 6 (six) consecutive months or for a cumulative period of 6 (six) months within any continuous period of 18 (eighteen) months, save and except to the extent of Non-Availability caused by (i) a Force Majeure Event, (ii) an act or omission of the Utility, not occurring due to any default of the Supplier or (iii) shortfall in the Minimum Fuel Stock occurring for reasons not attributable to the Supplier;
- (m) there is a transfer, pursuant to law either of (i) the rights and/or obligations of the Supplier under any of the Project Agreements, or of (ii) all or part of the assets or undertaking of the Supplier, and such transfer causes a Material Adverse Effect;
- (n) an execution levied on any of the assets of the Supplier has caused a Material Adverse Effect;
- (o) the Supplier is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the Supplier or for the whole or material part of its assets that has a material bearing on the Project;
- (p) the Supplier has been, or is in the process of being liquidated, dissolved, wound-up, amalgamated or reconstituted in a manner that would cause, in the reasonable opinion of the Utility, a Material Adverse Effect;
- (q) a resolution for winding up of the Supplier is passed;
- (r) any petition for winding up of the Supplier is admitted by a court of competent jurisdiction and a provisional liquidator or receiver is appointed and such order has not been set aside within 90 (ninety) days of the date thereof or the Supplier is ordered to be wound up by a court except for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction; provided that, as part of such amalgamation or reconstruction, the entire property, assets and undertaking of the Supplier are transferred to the amalgamated or reconstructed entity and that the amalgamated or reconstructed entity has unconditionally assumed the obligations of the Supplier under this Agreement and the Project Agreements; and provided that:
 - (i) the amalgamated or reconstructed entity has the capability and operating experience necessary for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements;
 - (ii) the amalgamated or reconstructed entity has the financial standing to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements and has a credit worthiness at least as good as that of the Supplier as at the Appointed Date;
 - (iii) each of the Project Agreements remains in full force and effect; and

- (iv) such amalgamation or reconstruction is approved by the Commission.
- (s) any representation or warranty of the Supplier herein contained which is, as of the date hereof, found to be materially false, incorrect or misleading or the Supplier is at any time hereafter found to be in breach thereof;
- (t) the Supplier submits to the Utility any statement, notice or other document, in written or electronic form, which has a material effect on the Utility's rights, obligations or interests and which is false in material particulars;
- (u) the Supplier has failed to fulfil any obligation, for which failure Termination has been specified in this Agreement;
- (v) the Supplier issues a Termination Notice in violation of the provisions of this Agreement; or
- (w) the Supplier commits a default in complying with any other provision of this Agreement if such default causes or may cause a Material Adverse Effect on the Utility.

31.1.2 Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies which the Utility may have under this Agreement, upon occurrence of a Supplier Default, the Utility shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier; provided that before issuing the Termination Notice, the Utility shall by a notice inform the Supplier of its intention to issue such Termination Notice and grant 15 (fifteen) days to the Supplier to make a representation, and may after the expiry of such 15 (fifteen) days, whether or not it is in receipt of such representation, issue the Termination Notice, subject to the provisions of Clause 31.1.3.

31.1.3 The Utility shall, if there be Senior Lenders, send a copy of its notice of intention to issue a Termination Notice referred to in Clause 31.1.2 to inform the Lenders' Representative and grant 15 (fifteen) days to the Lenders' Representative, for making a representation on behalf of the Senior Lenders stating the intention to substitute the Supplier in accordance with the Substitution Agreement. In the event the Utility receives such representation on behalf of Senior Lenders, it shall, in its discretion, either withhold Termination for a period not exceeding 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of such representation or exercise its right of Suspension, as the case may be, for enabling the Lenders' Representative to exercise the Senior Lenders' right of substitution in accordance with the Substitution Agreement:

Provided that the Lenders' Representative may, instead of exercising the Senior Lenders' right of substitution, procure that the default specified in the notice is cured within the aforesaid period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days, and upon such curing thereof, the Utility shall withdraw its notice referred to above and restore all the rights of the Supplier:

Provided further that upon written request from the Lenders' Representative and the Supplier, the Utility shall extend the aforesaid period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days by such further period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days, as the Utility may deem appropriate.

31.2 Termination for Utility Default

31.2.1 In the event that any of the defaults specified below shall have occurred, and the Utility fails to cure such default within a Cure Period of 120 (one hundred and twenty) days or such longer period as has been expressly provided in this Agreement, the Utility shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement (the "Utility Default") unless the default has occurred as a result of any breach of this Agreement by the Supplier or due to Force Majeure. The defaults referred to herein shall include the following:

- (a) The Utility commits a material default in complying with any of the provisions of this Agreement and such default has a Material Adverse Effect on the Supplier;
- (b) the Utility has failed to make any payment to the Supplier, and the Supplier is unable to recover any unpaid amounts through the the Letter of Credit, within the period specified in this Agreement; or
- (c) the Utility repudiates this Agreement or otherwise takes any action that amounts to or manifests an irrevocable intention not to be bound by this Agreement.

31.2.2 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy which the Supplier may have under this Agreement, upon occurrence of a Utility Default, the Supplier shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Utility; provided that before issuing the Termination Notice, the Supplier shall by a notice inform the Utility of its intention to issue the Termination Notice and grant 15 (fifteen) days to the Utility to make a representation, and may after the expiry of such 15 (fifteen) days, whether or not it is in receipt of such representation, issue the Termination Notice.

31.3 Termination Payment

31.3.1 Upon Termination on account of a Supplier Default, the Supplier shall pay to the Utility, by way of Termination Payment, an amount equal to the Fixed Charge that would have been due and payable for Normative Availability for a period of 1 (one) year as if the Power Station had operated for such 1 (one) year from the date of Termination.

31.3.2 Upon Termination on account of a Utility Default, the Utility shall pay to the Supplier, by way of Termination Payment, an amount equal to the Fixed Charge that would have been due and payable for Normative Availability for a period of 6 (six) months as if the Power Station had operated for such 6 (six) months from the date of Termination.

- 31.3.3 Upon Termination or expiry of the Contract Period by efflux of time, the Fuel Supply Agreement or any other arrangement for production and supply of Allocated Coal shall cease to be effective and the Supplier shall have no right whatsoever to use such Allocated Coal for the Power Station without the express permission or authorisation by the Central Government in this behalf. Provided, however, that the Parties may mutually agree to a further extension of the Contract Period on the terms specified in this Agreement.
- 31.3.4 Termination Payment shall be due and payable within 15 (fifteen) days of a demand being made with the necessary particulars, and in the event of any delay, the defaulting Party shall pay interest at a rate equal to 3% (three per cent) above the Bank Rate on the amount of Termination Payment remaining unpaid; provided that such delay shall not exceed 90 (ninety) days. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that Termination Payment shall constitute full discharge by the Utility of its payment obligations in respect thereof hereunder.
- 31.3.5 The Supplier expressly agrees that Termination Payment under this Article 31 shall constitute a full and final settlement of all claims of the Supplier on account of Termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever and that the Supplier or any shareholder thereof shall not have any further right or claim under any law, treaty, convention, contract or otherwise.

31.4 Extension of Contract Period

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Utility may, at any time no earlier than 3 (three) years but no later than 2 (two) year prior to completion of the Contract period, by a notice issued to the Supplier in accordance with the Proviso of Clause 3.1.1, require an extension of the Contract Period as specified therein, and in the event of such extension, the Contract Period shall be deemed to be extended accordingly. Provided, however, that in the event an extension is not sought hereunder, the Utility shall pay to the Supplier the Termination Payment computed in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 31.3.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that in the event of an extension hereunder, the provisions of this Agreement, save and except the provisions for extension under Clause 3.1.1, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the extended Contract Period.

31.5 Restriction on use of Allocated Coal

- 31.5.1 Upon Termination, the Supplier shall not in any manner utilise the Allocated Coal, which is required for and linked to the Contracted Capacity and shall relinquish all rights and title to such Allocated Coal, as the case may be, in favour of the Utility for use or transfer thereof in such manner as it may determine. The Supplier further agrees and undertakes that it shall not despatch or schedule any electricity produced from such Allocated Coal or save and except in accordance with the instructions of the Utility. For avoidance of doubt, the Supplier agrees and confirms that its rights and obligations under the Fuel Supply Agreement shall be read as modified to the extent of the provisions of this Clause 31.5, save and except as provided in Clause 31.3.3.

- 31.5.2 Pursuant to the provisions of Clause 31.5.1, the Supplier agrees and undertakes to give irrevocable instructions and authority to the RLDC and SLDC not to entertain any instructions for despatch and scheduling that the Supplier may give after Termination for and in respect of the Contracted Capacity, save and except to the extent such instructions are expressly confirmed by the Utility.
- 31.5.3 Upon Termination, the Allocated Coal, if any, which is linked to or allocated for the Contracted Capacity shall, save and except as provided in Clause 31.3.3, be utilised solely in accordance with the instructions of the Utility and the Utility may, subject to Applicable Laws, allocate, transfer or divert such Allocated Coal in such manner as it may deem fit.

31.6 Instructions to RLDC and SLDC

- 31.6.1 The Supplier shall, prior to the Appointed Date, furnish a certified true copy of this Agreement to the RLDC and SLDC and obtain a receipt thereof. By furnishing such copy hereunder, the Supplier shall be deemed to have given irrevocable instructions and authority to the RLDC and SLDC to follow the instructions of the Utility in accordance with the provisions of this Article 31. The Supplier agrees and undertakes that it shall not in any manner challenge or revoke the provisions of this Article 31 or in any manner prevent the Utility, RLDC or SLDC from giving effect thereto.
- 31.6.2 The Utility agrees and undertakes to exercise its rights hereunder only to the extent of the Contracted Capacity and the use of Allocated Coal therefor, and the Supplier may supply electricity to other Distribution Licensees and Buyers in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

31.7 Survival of rights

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, but subject to the provisions of Clause 31.3.5, any Termination pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the accrued rights of either Party including its right to claim and recover money damages, insurance proceeds, security deposits, and other rights and remedies, which it may have in law or contract. All rights and obligations of either Party under this Agreement, including Termination Payments and Divestment Requirements, shall survive the Termination to the extent such survival is necessary for giving effect to such rights and obligations.

31.8 Substitution upon Termination

- 31.8.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Article 31, the Supplier shall, upon Termination on account of Utility Default, be entitled to offer and transfer, in whole or in part, its Contracted Capacity to any Distribution Licensee which has contracted any part of the Committed Capacity on the terms specified in this Agreement, and in the event no such Distribution Licensee agrees to accept such capacity, then any other Distribution Licensee, on the express condition that such transfer shall be subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 31.8. Provided, however, that the Supplier shall not at any time transfer its Contracted Capacity to more than 3 (three) Distribution Licensees.

- 31.8.2 In the event the Supplier proposes to offer and transfer its Contracted Capacity in accordance with the provisions of Clause 31.8.1, it shall give to each of the other Distribution Licensees who have an agreement for and in respect of the Committed Capacity, an offer of the proposed transfer setting out therein the principal terms of the offer along with a copy of this Agreement and such offer may not be revoked and shall remain effective for a period of 60 (sixty) days from the date of its receipt by the Distribution Licensee.
- 31.8.3 If any of the Distribution Licensees specified in Clause 31.8.2 notifies to the Supplier that it intends to acquire the whole or part of the Contracted Capacity, then the Supplier shall transfer, and such Distribution Licensee shall acquire, such whole or part of the Contracted Capacity in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 31.8.4 If the Distribution Licensees specified in Clause 31.8.2 do not notify their intention to acquire the whole or part of the Contracted Capacity within the offer period, the Supplier may transfer the Contracted Capacity to any Distribution Licensee within 90 (ninety) days from the expiry of the offer period and on the terms contained in this Agreement.
- 31.8.5 No transfer of the Contracted Capacity shall be effective unless the transferee shall have agreed in writing to be bound by all the provisions of this Agreement and shall have executed and delivered a Deed of Adherence, in the form acceptable to the Commission, and all other documents, necessary to validly effect the transfer under this Clause 31.8.
- 31.8.6 The Parties expressly agree that upon transfer of the Contracted Capacity in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 31.8, the obligation of the Utility to make a Termination payment shall be reduced to one half of the amount specified in Clause 31.3.
- 31.8.7 The Parties expressly agree that to the extent the Contracted Capacity is transferred to a Distribution Licensee in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 31.8, the Supplier shall be entitled to retain and utilise the Allocated Coal, proportionate to such Contracted Capacity, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Until the use of Allocated Coal commences under the provisions of this Clause 31.8.7, the Supplier may use the whole or part of such Allocated Coal for production of electricity and supply thereof to the Distribution Licensees who have contracted any part of the Committed Capacity and on the terms specified in this Agreement.
- 31.8.8 In the event that the whole or part of the Allocated Coal cannot be utilised in accordance with the provisions of Clause 31.8.7, it may be used for supply of electricity to Buyers in accordance with the provisions of Clause 22.6 upon payment of Revenue Share, on a proportionate basis, to the Distribution Licensees who have contracted part of the Committed Capacity. Provided, however, that the provisions of this Clause 31.8.8 shall apply and remain in force for a period not exceeding 6 (six) months from the date of Termination.
- 31.8.9 In the event that the whole or part of the Allocated Coal cannot be utilised in accordance with the provisions of this Clause 31.8, the supply and utilisation of

such whole or part of the Allocated Coal shall remain suspended, and if its utilisation is not restored within a period of 8 (eight) months from the date of Termination, the provisions of Clause 31.5 shall apply.

ARTICLE 32
DIVESTMENT OF RIGHTS AND INTEREST

32.1 Divestment Requirements

32.1.1 Upon Termination, the Supplier shall, save and except as provided in Clause 31.3.3, comply with and conform to the following Divestment Requirements:

- (a) execute such deeds of conveyance, documents and other writings as the Utility may reasonably require for conveying, divesting and assigning all the rights, title and interest of the Supplier in the Fuel Supply Agreement to the extent of Allocated Coal that was required for the Contracted Capacity; and
- (b) comply with all other requirements as may be prescribed or required under Applicable Laws for completing the divestment and assignment of all rights, title and interest of the Supplier in the Allocated Coal, free from all Encumbrances, absolutely unto the Utility or to its nominee.

32.1.2 Subject to the exercise by the Utility of its rights under this Agreement or under any of the Project Agreements to perform or procure the performance by a third party of any of the obligations of the Supplier, the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement, notwithstanding the issuance of any Termination Notice, until the Termination of this Agreement becomes effective in accordance with its terms.

32.2 Partial Divestment

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event the Contracted Capacity of the Power Station is less than 70% (seventy per cent of the Installed Capacity on the date of Termination, the Divestment hereunder shall be restricted to the same proportion that the Contracted Capacity bears to the Installed Capacity, but shall in no case be less than the volume of Allocated Coal allocated or attributable to the Contracted Capacity or the Utility, as the case may be, save and except as provided in Clause 31.3.3.

32.3 Inspection

Not earlier than 60 (sixty) days prior to Termination but not later than 15 (fifteen) days prior to the effective date of such Termination, the Utility's Engineer shall verify, after giving due notice to the Supplier specifying the time, date and place of such verification and/or inspection, compliance by the Supplier with the provisions of this Agreement.

32.4 Cooperation and assistance on transfer of Allocated Coal

The Parties shall cooperate on a best effort basis and take all necessary measures, in good faith, to achieve a smooth transfer of the rights and possessions over the Allocated Coal, in accordance with the provision of this Agreement so as to

protect the safety of and avoid undue delay or inconvenience to the Utility and other members of the public.

32.5 Vesting Certificate

The divestment of all rights, title and interest over the Allocated Coal, if any, shall be deemed to be complete on the date when all of the Divestment Requirements have been fulfilled, and the Utility shall, without unreasonable delay, thereupon issue a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-O (the “**Vesting Certificate**”), which will have the effect of constituting evidence of divestment by the Supplier of all of its rights, title and interest in the Allocated Coal, and their vesting in the Utility pursuant hereto. It is expressly agreed that any defect or deficiency in the Divestment Requirements shall not in any manner be construed or interpreted as restricting the exercise of any rights by the Utility or its nominee on, or in respect of, the Contracted Capacity on the footing that all Divestment Requirements have been complied with by the Supplier.

32.6 Divestment costs etc.

- 32.6.1 The Supplier shall bear and pay all costs incidental to divestment of all of the rights, title and interest of the Supplier in the with regard to Allocated Coal in favour of the Utility upon Termination, save and except that all stamp duties payable on any deeds or Documents executed by the Supplier in connection with such divestment shall be borne by the Utility.
- 32.6.2 In the event of any Dispute relating to matters covered by and under this Article 32, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.

Part VI
Other Provisions

ARTICLE 33
ASSIGNMENT AND CHARGES

33.1 Restrictions on assignment and charges

33.1.1 Subject to Clauses 33.2 and 33.3, this Agreement shall not be assigned by the Supplier to any person, save and except with the prior consent in writing of the Utility, which consent the Utility shall be entitled to decline without assigning any reason.

33.1.2 Subject to the provisions of Clause 33.2, the Supplier shall not create nor permit to subsist any Encumbrance, or otherwise transfer or dispose of all or any of its rights and benefits under this Agreement or any Project Agreement to which the Supplier is a party, except with prior consent in writing of the Utility, which consent the Utility shall be entitled to decline without assigning any reason.

33.2 Permitted assignment and charges

33.2.1 The restraints set forth in Clause 33.1 shall not apply to:

- (a) liens arising by operation of law (or by an agreement evidencing the same) in the ordinary course of business of the Power Station;
- (b) mortgages/pledges/hypothecation of goods/assets other than Project Assets and their related documents of title, arising or created in the ordinary course of business of the Power Station, and as security only for indebtedness to the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements and/or for working capital arrangements for the Power Station;
- (c) assignment of rights, interest and obligations of the Supplier to or in favour of the Lenders' Representative as nominee and for the benefit of the Senior Lenders, to the extent covered by and in accordance with the Substitution Agreement as security for financing provided by Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements; and
- (d) liens or encumbrances required by any Applicable Law.

33.2.2 The Supplier may mortgage, pledge, assign or hypothecate the Site and Project Assets to the Senior Lenders as security for their debt, save and except any allocation, linkage, entitlement, rights or title to the Allocated Coal required for the Contracted Capacity.

33.3 Substitution Agreement

33.3.1 The Lenders' Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, may exercise the right to substitute the Supplier pursuant to the agreement for substitution of the Supplier (the "Substitution Agreement") to be entered into amongst the Supplier, the Utility and the Lenders' Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-P.

33.3.2 Upon substitution of the Supplier under and in accordance with the Substitution Agreement, the Nominated Company substituting the Supplier shall be deemed to be the Supplier under this Agreement and shall enjoy all rights and be responsible for all obligations of the Supplier under this Agreement as if it were the Supplier; provided that where the Supplier is in breach of this Agreement on the date of such substitution, the Utility shall by notice grant a Cure Period of 120 (one hundred and twenty) days to the Supplier for curing such breach.

33.4 Assignment by the Utility

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Utility may, after giving 60 (sixty) days' notice to the Supplier, assign and/or transfer any of its rights and benefits and/or obligations under this Agreement to an assignee who is, in the reasonable opinion of the Utility, capable of fulfilling all of the Utility's then outstanding obligations under this Agreement and has the financial standing necessary for this purpose.

33.5 Approvals for assignment

Any assignment under this Article 33 shall be subject to the approvals and consents required therefor under Applicable Laws, including approval of the Commission. Provided, however, that the grant of any consent or approval under Applicable Laws shall not oblige the Utility to grant its approval to such assignment, save and except as provided herein.

ARTICLE 34 CHANGE IN LAW

34.1 Increase in costs

If as a result of Change in Law, the Supplier suffers an increase in costs or reduction in net after-tax return or other financial burden for and in respect of Contracted Capacity, the aggregate financial effect of which exceeds the higher of Rs. 1 crore (Rupees one crore)⁴⁵ and 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Capacity Charge in any Accounting Year, the Supplier may so notify the Utility and propose amendments to this Agreement so as to place the Supplier in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law resulting in increased costs, reduction in return or other financial burden as aforesaid. Upon notice by the Supplier, the Parties shall meet, as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 30 (thirty) days from the date of notice, and either agree on amendments to this Agreement or on any other mutually agreed arrangement:

Provided that if no agreement is reached within 90 (ninety) days of the aforesaid notice, the Supplier may by notice require the Utility to pay an amount that would place the Supplier in the same financial position that it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law, and within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice, along with particulars thereof, the Utility shall pay the amount specified therein; provided that if the Utility shall dispute such claim of the Supplier, the same shall be settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that this Clause 34.1 shall be restricted to changes in law directly affecting the Supplier's costs of performing its obligations under this Agreement.

34.2 Reduction in costs

If as a result of Change in Law, the Supplier benefits from a reduction in costs or increase in net after-tax return or other financial gains for and in respect of Contracted Capacity, the aggregate financial effect of which exceeds the higher of Rs. 1 crore (Rupees one crore) and 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Capacity Charge in any Accounting Year, the Utility may so notify the Supplier and propose amendments to this Agreement so as to place the Supplier in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law resulting in decreased costs, increase in return or other financial gains as aforesaid. Upon notice by the Utility, the Parties shall meet, as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 30 (thirty) days from the date of notice, and either agree on such amendments to this Agreement or on any other mutually agreed arrangement:

Provided that if no agreement is reached within 90 (ninety) days of the aforesaid notice, the Utility may by notice require the Supplier to pay an amount that would place the Supplier in the same financial position that it would have enjoyed had

⁴⁵ This amount may, in the discretion of the Utility, be suitably increased, but in no case exceeding an amount of Rs. 50 lakh for every Rs. 500 cr. of the estimated Total Project Cost. A similar modification should also be made in Clause 34.2.

there been no such Change in Law, and within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice, along with particulars thereof, the Supplier shall pay the amount specified therein to the Utility; provided that if the Supplier shall dispute such claim of the Utility, the same shall be settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that this Clause 34.2 shall be restricted to changes in law directly affecting the Supplier's costs of performing its obligations under this Agreement.

34.3 Protection of NPV

Pursuant to the provisions of Clauses 34.1 and 34.2 and for the purposes of placing the Supplier in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no Change in Law affecting the costs, returns or other financial burden or gains, the Parties shall rely on the Financial Model to establish a net present value (the "NPV") of the net cash flow and make necessary adjustments in costs, revenues, compensation or other relevant parameters, as the case may be, to procure that the NPV of the net cash flow is the same as it would have been if no Change in Law had occurred. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that for determination of NPV, the discount rate to be used shall be equal to the weighted average rate of interest at which the Supplier has raised the Debt Due under its Financing Agreements.

34.4 Restriction on cash compensation

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the demand for cash compensation under this Article 34 shall be restricted to the effect of Change in Law during the respective Accounting Year and shall be made at any time after commencement of such year, but no later than one year from the close of such Accounting Year. Any demand for cash compensation payable for and in respect of any subsequent Accounting Year shall be made after the commencement of the Accounting Year to which the demand pertains, but no later than 2 (two) years from the close of such Accounting Year.

34.5 No claim in the event of recovery from Buyers

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Utility shall not in any manner be liable to reimburse to the Supplier any sums on account of a Change in Law if the same are recoverable from the Buyers.

ARTICLE 35
LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

35.1 General indemnity

35.1.1 The Supplier shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the Utility and its officers, servants, agents, Government Instrumentalities and Utility owned and/or controlled entities/enterprises, (the “Utility Indemnified Persons”) against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims from third parties for any loss, damage, cost and expense of whatever kind and nature, whether arising out of any breach by the Supplier of any of its obligations under this Agreement or any related agreement or on account of any defect or deficiency in the provision of services to the Utility or sale by the Supplier to any Buyer or from any negligence of the Supplier under contract or tort or on any other ground whatsoever, except to the extent that any such suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims have arisen due to any negligent act or omission, or breach or default of this Agreement on the part of the Utility Indemnified Persons.

35.1.2 The Utility shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the Supplier against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims from third parties for any loss, damage, cost and expense of whatever kind and nature arising out of (a) defect in title and/or the rights, if any, of the Utility in the land comprised in the Site, and/or (b) breach by the Utility of any of its obligations under this Agreement or any related agreement, which materially and adversely affect the performance by the Supplier of its obligations under this Agreement, save and except that where any such claim, suit, proceeding, action, and/or demand has arisen due to a negligent act or omission, or breach of any of its obligations under any provision of this Agreement or any related agreement and/or breach of its statutory duty on the part of the Supplier, its subsidiaries, affiliates, contractors, servants or agents, the same shall be the liability of the Supplier.

35.2 Indemnity by the Supplier

35.2.1 Without limiting the generality of Clause 35.1, the Supplier shall fully indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Utility and the Utility Indemnified Persons from and against any and all loss and/or damages arising out of or with respect to:

- (a) failure of the Supplier to comply with Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits;
- (b) payment of taxes required to be made by the Supplier in respect of the income or other taxes of the Supplier’s contractors, suppliers and representatives; or
- (c) non-payment of amounts due as a result of materials or services furnished to the Supplier or any of its contractors which are payable by the Supplier or any of its contractors.

35.2.2 Without limiting the generality of the provisions of this Article 35, the Supplier shall fully indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Utility Indemnified Persons

from and against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, claims, demands, liabilities and damages which the Utility Indemnified Persons may hereafter suffer, or pay by reason of any demands, claims, suits or proceedings arising out of claims of infringement of any domestic or foreign patent rights, copyrights or other intellectual property, proprietary or confidentiality rights with respect to any materials, information, design or process used by the Supplier or by the Supplier's Contractors in performing the Supplier's obligations or in any way incorporated in or related to the Project. If in any such suit, action, claim or proceedings, a temporary restraint order or preliminary injunction is granted, the Supplier shall make every reasonable effort, by giving a satisfactory bond or otherwise, to secure the revocation or suspension of the injunction or restraint order. If, in any such suit, action, claim or proceedings, the Power Station, or any part thereof or comprised therein, is held to constitute an infringement and its use is permanently enjoined, the Supplier shall promptly make every reasonable effort to secure for the Utility a licence, at no cost to the Utility, authorising continued use of the infringing work. If the Supplier is unable to secure such licence within a reasonable time, the Supplier shall, at its own expense, and without impairing the Specifications and Standards, either replace the affected work, or part, or process thereof with non-infringing work or part or process, or modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing.

35.3 Notice and contest of claims

In the event that either Party receives a claim or demand from a third party in respect of which it is entitled to the benefit of an indemnity under this Article 35 (the "Indemnified Party") it shall notify the other Party (the "Indemnifying Party") within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the claim or demand and shall not settle or pay the claim without the prior approval of the Indemnifying Party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event that the Indemnifying Party wishes to contest or dispute the claim or demand, it may conduct the proceedings in the name of the Indemnified Party, subject to the Indemnified Party being secured against any costs involved, to its reasonable satisfaction.

35.4 Defence of claims

- 35.4.1 The Indemnified Party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to contest, defend and litigate any claim, action, suit or proceeding by any third party alleged or asserted against such Party in respect of, resulting from, related to or arising out of any matter for which it is entitled to be indemnified hereunder, and reasonable costs and expenses thereof shall be indemnified by the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party acknowledges in writing its obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Party in respect of loss to the full extent provided by this Article 35, the Indemnifying Party shall be entitled, at its option, to assume and control the defence of such claim, action, suit or proceeding, liabilities, payments and obligations at its expense and through the counsel of its choice; provided it gives prompt notice of its intention to do so to the Indemnified Party and reimburses the Indemnified Party for the reasonable cost and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party prior to the assumption by the Indemnifying Party of such defence. The Indemnifying Party shall not be entitled to settle or compromise any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding without the prior

written consent of the Indemnified Party, unless the Indemnifying Party provides such security to the Indemnified Party as shall be reasonably required by the Indemnified Party to secure the loss to be indemnified hereunder to the extent so compromised or settled.

- 35.4.2 If the Indemnifying Party has exercised its rights under Clause 35.3, the Indemnified Party shall not be entitled to settle or compromise any claim, action, suit or proceeding without the prior written consent of the Indemnifying Party (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- 35.4.3 If the Indemnifying Party exercises its rights under Clause 35.3, the Indemnified Party shall nevertheless have the right to employ its own counsel, and such counsel may participate in such action, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the Indemnified Party, when and as incurred, unless:
- (a) the employment of counsel by such party has been authorised in writing by the Indemnifying Party;
 - (b) the Indemnified Party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be a conflict of interest between the Indemnifying Party and the Indemnified Party in the conduct of the defence of such action;
 - (c) the Indemnifying Party shall not, in fact, have employed independent counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party, to assume the defence of such action and shall have been so notified by the Indemnified Party; or
 - (d) the Indemnified Party shall have reasonably concluded and specifically notified the Indemnifying Party either:
 - (i) that there may be specific defences available to it which are different from or additional to those available to the Indemnifying Party; or
 - (ii) that such claim, action, suit or proceeding involves or could have a material adverse effect upon it beyond the scope of this Agreement:

Provided that if Sub-clauses (b), (c) or (d) of this Clause 35.4.3 shall be applicable, the counsel for the Indemnified Party shall have the right to direct the defence of such claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding on behalf of the Indemnified Party, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of such counsel shall constitute legal or other expenses hereunder.

35.5 No consequential claims

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article 35, the indemnities herein provided shall not include any claim or recovery in respect of any cost, expense, loss or damage of an indirect, incidental or consequential nature, including loss of profit, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 36
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

36.1 Dispute resolution

36.1.1 Any dispute, difference or controversy of whatever nature howsoever arising under or out of or in relation to this Agreement (including its interpretation) between the Parties, and so notified in writing by either Party to the other Party (the “**Dispute**”) shall, in the first instance, be attempted to be resolved amicably in accordance with the conciliation procedure set forth in Clause 36.2.

36.1.2 The Parties agree to use their best efforts for resolving all Disputes arising under or in respect of this Agreement promptly, equitably and in good faith, and further agree to provide each other with reasonable access during normal business hours to all non-privileged records, information and data pertaining to any Dispute.

36.2 Omitted

36.3 Omitted

⁴⁶ Retain one and strike out the remaining places.

36.4 Adjudication by the Commission

36.4.1 Where any Dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement is not resolved mutually then such Dispute shall be submitted to adjudication by Appropriate Commission and the Commission may refer the matter for Arbitration as provided under Sec 86 of the Electricity Act. For disputes beyond the power conferred upon Appropriate Commission, such disputes shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the High Courts..

36.5 Omitted

ARTICLE 37 DISCLOSURE

37.1 Disclosure of Specified Documents

The Supplier shall make available for inspection by any person, copies of this Agreement, the Maintenance Manual, the Maintenance Programme and the Maintenance Requirements (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Specified Documents”), free of charge, during normal business hours on all working days at the Supplier’s Registered Office and the Power Station and shall provide copies of the same to any person upon payment of copying charges on a „no profit no loss” basis.

37.2 Disclosure of Documents relating to safety

The Supplier shall make available for inspection by any person copies of all Documents and data relating to safety of the Power Station, free of charge, during normal business hours on all working days, at the Supplier’s Registered Office and the Power Station. The Supplier shall make copies of the same available to any person upon payment of copying charges on a „no profit no loss” basis.

37.3 Withholding disclosure of Protected Documents

Notwithstanding the provisions of Clauses 37.1 and 37.2, but subject to Applicable Laws, the Utility shall be entitled to direct the Supplier, from time to time, to withhold the disclosure of Protected Documents (as defined herein below) to any person in pursuance of the aforesaid Clauses.

Explanation:

The expression Protected Documents shall mean such of the Specified Documents or documents referred to in Clauses 37.1 and 37.2, or portions thereof, the disclosure of which the Utility is entitled to withhold under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

ARTICLE 38
MISCELLANEOUS

38.1 Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of India, and the courts in the State shall have exclusive jurisdiction over matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

38.2 Waiver of immunity

Each Party unconditionally and irrevocably:

- (a) agrees that the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Agreement constitute commercial acts done and performed for commercial purpose;
- (b) agrees that, should any proceedings be brought against it or its assets, property or revenues in any jurisdiction in relation to this Agreement or any transaction contemplated by this Agreement, no immunity (whether by reason of sovereignty or otherwise) from such proceedings shall be claimed by or on behalf of the Party with respect to its assets;
- (c) waives any right of immunity which it or its assets, property or revenues now has, may acquire in the future or which may be attributed to it in any jurisdiction; and
- (d) consents generally in respect of the enforcement of any judgement or award against it in any such proceedings to the giving of any relief or the issue of any process in any jurisdiction in connection with such proceedings (including the making, enforcement or execution against it or in respect of any assets, property or revenues whatsoever irrespective of their use or intended use of any order or judgement that may be made or given in connection therewith).

38.3 Depreciation

For the purposes of depreciation under Applicable Laws, the property representing the capital investment made by the Supplier in the Project Assets shall be deemed to be acquired and owned by the Supplier. For the avoidance of doubt, the Utility shall not in any manner be liable in respect of any claims for depreciation to be made by the Supplier under Applicable Laws.

38.4 Delayed payments

- 38.4.1 The Parties hereto agree that payments due from one Party to the other Party under the provisions of this Agreement shall be made within the period set forth therein, and if no such period is specified, within 30 (thirty) days of receiving a demand along with the necessary particulars. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, in the event of delay beyond such period, the defaulting Party shall

38.4.2 pay interest for the period of delay calculated at a rate equal to 5% (five per cent) above the Bank Rate for first month of default, and recovery thereof shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Parties under this Agreement including Termination thereof. For avoidance of doubt, "Bank Rate" means the marginal cost of funds based lending rate for one year of the State Bank of India, as applicable on the 1st April of the financial year in which the period lies, and in the absence of marginal cost of funds based lending rate, any other arrangement that substitutes it, which the Central Government may, by notification, in the Official Gazette, specify: The rate of interest for the period of delay for the successive months of default shall increase by 0.5 percent for every month of delay provided that such rate shall not be more than 3 percent higher than the base rate at any time: Provided that if the period of default lies in two or more financial years, the base rate of Late Payment Surcharge shall be calculated separately for the periods falling in different years;

38.4.3 All payments shall be first adjusted towards interest for Delayed Payments and thereafter, towards monthly charges, starting from the longest overdue bill.

38.5 Waiver

38.5.1 Waiver, including partial or conditional waiver, by either Party of any default by the other Party in the observance and performance of any provision of or obligations under this Agreement:

- (a) shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or subsequent default hereof or of other provisions of or obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) shall not be effective unless it is in writing and executed by a duly authorised representative of the Party; and
- (c) shall not affect the validity or enforceability of this Agreement in any manner.

38.5.2 Neither the failure by either Party to insist on any occasion upon the performance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement or any obligation thereunder nor time or other indulgence granted by a Party to the other Party shall be treated or deemed as waiver of such breach or acceptance of any variation or the relinquishment of any such right hereunder.

38.6 Liability for review of Documents and drawings

Except to the extent expressly provided in this Agreement:

- (a) no review, comment or approval by the Utility or the Utility's Engineer of any Project Agreement, Document or drawing submitted by the Supplier nor any observation or inspection of the construction, operation or maintenance of the Power Station nor the failure to review, approve, comment, observe or inspect hereunder shall relieve or absolve the Supplier from its obligations, duties and liabilities under this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits; and
- (b) the Utility shall not be liable to the Supplier by reason of any review, comment, approval, observation or inspection referred to in Sub-clause (a)

above.

38.7 Exclusion of implied warranties etc.

This Agreement expressly excludes any warranty, condition or other undertaking implied at law or by custom or otherwise arising out of any other agreement between the Parties or any representation by either Party not contained in a binding legal agreement executed by both Parties.

38.8 Survival

38.8.1 Termination shall:

- (a) not relieve the Supplier or the Utility, as the case may be, of any obligations hereunder which expressly or by implication survive Termination hereof, including any rights and obligations under Article 35; and
- (b) except as otherwise provided in any provision of this Agreement expressly limiting the liability of either Party, not relieve either Party of any obligations or liabilities for loss or damage to the other Party arising out of, or caused by, acts or omissions of such Party prior to the effectiveness of such Termination or arising out of such Termination.

38.8.2 All obligations surviving Termination shall only survive for a period of 3 (three) years following the date of such Termination.

38.9 Entire Agreement

This Agreement and the Schedules together constitute a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the Parties on the subject hereof, and no amendment or modification hereto shall be valid and effective unless such modification or amendment is agreed to in writing by the Parties and duly executed by persons especially empowered in this behalf by the respective Parties. All prior written or oral understandings, offers or other communications of every kind pertaining to this Agreement are abrogated and withdrawn. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties hereto agree that any obligations of the Supplier arising from the Request for Qualification -DBFOO or Request for Proposal - DBFOO, as the case may be, shall be deemed to form part of this Agreement and treated as such.

38.10 Severability

If for any reason whatsoever, any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable or is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction or any other instrumentality to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected in any manner, and the Parties will negotiate in good faith with a view to agreeing to one or more provisions which may be substituted for such invalid, unenforceable or illegal provisions, as nearly as is practicable to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision. Failure to agree upon any such provisions shall not be subject to the Dispute Resolution Procedure set forth under this Agreement or otherwise.

38.11 No partnership

This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture or partnership between the Parties, or to impose any partnership obligation or liability upon either Party, and neither Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf

of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, the other Party.

38.12 Third parties

This Agreement is intended solely for the benefit of the Parties, and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create any duty to, standard of care with reference to, or any liability to, any person not a Party to this Agreement.

38.13 Successors and assigns

This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

38.14 Notices

Any notice or other communication to be given by any Party to the other Party under or in connection with the matters contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall:

- (a) in the case of the Supplier, be given by facsimile or e-mail and by letter delivered by hand to the address given and marked for attention of the person set out below or to such other person as the Supplier may from time to time designate by notice to the Utility; provided that notices or other communications to be given to an address outside the city specified in Subclause (b) below may, if they are subsequently confirmed by sending a copy thereof by registered acknowledgement due, or by courier, be sent by facsimile or e-mail to the number as the Supplier may from time to time designate by notice to the Utility.

{Attention:
Designation:
Address:
Fax No:
Email:}

- (b) in the case of the Utility, be given by facsimile or e-mail and by letter delivered by hand at the address given below and marked to the attention of the person set out below with a copy delivered to the Utility Representative or such other person as the Utility may from time to time designate by notice to the Supplier; provided that if the Supplier does not have an office in the same city as the Utility, it may send such notice by facsimile or e-mail and by registered acknowledgement due, or by courier.

{Name:
Designation:
Address:
Fax No:
Email:} ; and

- (c) any notice or communication by a Party to the other Party, given in accordance herewith, shall be deemed to have been delivered when in the normal course of post it ought to have been delivered and in all other cases, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the actual date of delivery; provided that in the case of facsimile or e-mail, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the working day following the date of its delivery.

38.15 Language

All notices required to be given by one Party to the other Party and all other communications, Documentation and proceedings which are in any way relevant to this Agreement shall be in writing and in English language.

38.16 Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in two counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall constitute an original of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 39
DEFINITIONS

39.1 Definitions

In this Agreement, the following words and expressions shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

“Accounting Year” means the financial year commencing from the first day of April of any calendar year and ending on the thirty-first day of March of the next calendar year;

“Act” means the Electricity Act, 2003;

“Additional Fuel Supply Arrangement” or AFSA” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 22.9.1;

“Affected Party” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 28.1;

“Agreement” or “Power Supply Agreement” means this Agreement, its Recitals, the Schedules hereto and any amendments thereto made in accordance with the provisions contained in this Agreement;

“Allocated Coal Linkage” shall mean [Insert coal linkage arranged by Utility]⁴⁷

“Applicable Laws” means all laws, brought into force and effect by GOI or the State Government including rules, regulations and notifications made thereunder, and judgements, decrees, injunctions, writs and orders of any court of record, applicable to this Agreement and the exercise, performance and discharge of the respective rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder, as may be in force and effect during the subsistence of this Agreement;

“Applicable Permits” means all clearances, licences, permits, authorisations, no objection certificates, consents, approvals and exemptions required to be obtained or maintained under Applicable Laws in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Power Station during the subsistence of this Agreement;

“Appointed Date” means the date on which all the Conditions Precedent are achieved, and every Condition Precedent is either satisfied or waived, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and such date shall be the date of commencement of the Contract Period;

“Arbitration Act” means the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and shall include modification to or any re-enactment thereof, as in force from time to time;

“Associate” or “Affiliate” means, in relation to either Party, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Party (as used in this definition, the expression “control” means, with respect to a person which is a company or

⁴⁷ To be retained only if coal is being sourced through Allocated Coal Linkage arranged by the Utility.

corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person, whether by operation of law or by contract or otherwise);

“**Availability**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 5.1.4 and the term “**Available**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Average Daily Availability**” means the Availability, in terms of percentage, determined for the month preceding the relevant Force Majeure Event;

“**Average Daily Fixed Charge**” means the amount arrived at by dividing the total Fixed Charge due and payable for the immediately preceding Accounting Year by 365 (three hundred and sixty five), and increasing the quotient thereof by 5% (five per cent); provided that the Average Daily Fixed Charge for any period prior to completion of the first Accounting Year following COD shall be a simple average of the Fixed Charge due and payable with respect to every day during the period between COD and the last day of the month preceding the date on which the event requiring calculation hereof occurred, and in the event that the Fixed Charge payable for any segment of the Power Station has not been realised for any reason, an assessment thereof shall be made by the Utility’s Engineer to form part of the Average Daily Fixed Charge for such period;

“**Average GCV**” shall have the meaning as set forth in clause 22.3.1;

“**Bank**” means a bank incorporated in India and having a minimum net worth of Rs. 1,000 crore (Rupees one thousand crore) or any other bank acceptable to Senior Lenders, but does not include a bank in which any Senior Lender has an interest;

“**Bank Rate**” means the marginal cost of funds based lending rate for one year of the State Bank of India, as applicable on the 1st April of the financial year in which the period lies, and in the absence of marginal cost of funds based lending rate, any other arrangement that substitutes it, which the Central Government may, by notification, in the Official Gazette, specify ;

“**Base Fixed Charge**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 21.2.1;

“**Base Year**” means the Accounting Year in which the Bid Date occurred;

“**Bid**” means the documents in their entirety comprised in the Bid submitted by the selected Bidder in response to the Request for Proposal -DBFOO in accordance with the provisions thereof and “**Bids**” shall mean the Bids submitted by any and all pre-qualified Bidders;

“**Bid Date**” means the last date on which the Bid may have been submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Request for Proposal-DBFOO;

“**Bid Security**” means the security provided by the Supplier to the Utility along with the Bid, in a sum of Rs. **** crore (Rupees **** crore)⁴⁸ in accordance with the Request for Proposal-DBFOO, and which is to remain in force until substituted by the Performance Security;

⁴⁸ This amount shall normally be equal to the amount specified in the Request for Proposal and may be calculated @ Rs. 5,00,000 (Rs. Five lakh) per MW of the likely Contracted Capacity. The Utility may, if deemed necessary, prescribe a higher Bid Security not exceeding 25% of the aforesaid amount. In case the likely Contracted Capacity is 500 MW or more, the Utility may reduce the Bid MOP/MPSA-DBFOO/ March 2019

Security, but not less than 25% of the aforesaid amount in any case.

“**Buyer(s)**” shall mean the third parties buying electricity from the Power Station, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and Applicable Laws;

“**CIL**” means Coal India Limited or any subsidiary thereof, and shall include any substitute or successor thereof;

“**COD**” or “**Commercial Operation Date**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 14.1.1;

“**Capacity Charge**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 21.4.4;

“**Captive Mine**” means a mine owned or operated by the Supplier or an Associate and from where Fuel is extracted for use at the Power Station, and includes a mine which is owned by a third party that has entered into a long-term agreement with the Supplier for dedicated supply of Fuel for use at the Power Station for a period not less than the term of the PPA following COD or 10 (ten)⁴⁹ years following COD, whichever is earlier. It is clarified that Captive Mine shall not include Coal Mine/Blocks

“**Change in Law**” means the occurrence of any of the following after the Bid Date:

- (a) the enactment of any new Indian law;
- (b) the repeal, modification or re-enactment of any existing Indian law;
- (c) the commencement of any Indian law which has not entered into effect until the Bid Date;
- (d) a change in the interpretation or application of any Indian law by a judgement of a court of record which has become final, conclusive and binding, as compared to such interpretation or application by a court of record prior to the Bid Date; or
- (e) any change in the rates of any of the Taxes that have a direct effect on the Project;

“**Change in Ownership**” means a transfer of the direct and/or indirect legal or beneficial ownership of any shares, or securities convertible into shares, that causes the aggregate holding of the promoters together with their Associates in the total Equity to decline below 26% (twenty six per cent) thereof during the term of the PPA or the period of 10 (ten) years following COD, whichever is earlier, or such lower proportion as may be permitted by the Utility upon substitution of the promoters of the Supplier by an entity having sufficient financial and technical capacity to discharge the obligations of the Supplier under this Agreement;

“**Coal Mine/Blocks**” shall mean Coal Mine/Blocks allocated through auction by Governmental Instrumentality as per provisions of Applicable Laws;

“**Commission**” means the Appropriate Commission or any successor thereof duly constituted under the Act;

“**Committed Capacity**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 18.3;

⁴⁹ This period may be fixed between 10 (ten) years and the period specified in Clause 3.1.1.

“**Company**” means the company acting as the Supplier under this Agreement;

“**Completion Certificate**” shall have the as meaning set forth in Clause 13.2.1;

“**Conditions Precedent**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 4.1.1;

“**Construction Period**” means the period beginning from the Appointed Date and ending on COD;

“**Construction Works**” means all works, equipment and things necessary to complete the Power Station in accordance with this Agreement and includes the Dedicated Transmission System, Sub-stations, conductors and other equipment;

“**Contract Period**” means the period starting on and from the Appointed Date and ending on the earlier of the [()] anniversary of the Appointed Date and the date of termination of the Agreement;

“**Contracted Capacity**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 18.2;

“**Contractor**” means the person or persons, as the case may be, with whom the Supplier has entered into any of the Fuel Supply Agreement, the O&M Contract, or any other material agreement or contract for construction, operation and/or maintenance of the Power Station or matters incidental thereto, but does not include a person who has entered into an agreement for providing financial assistance to the Supplier;

“**Cure Period**” means the period specified in this Agreement for curing any breach or default of any provision of this Agreement by the Party responsible for such breach or default and shall:

- (a) commence from the date on which a notice is delivered by one Party to the other Party asking the latter to cure the breach or default specified in such notice;
- (b) not relieve any Party from liability to pay Damages or compensation under the provisions of this Agreement; and
- (c) not in any way be extended by any period of Suspension under this Agreement;

provided that if the cure of any breach by the Supplier requires any reasonable action by the Supplier that must be approved by the Utility or the Utility’s Engineer hereunder, the applicable Cure Period shall be extended by the period taken by the Utility or the Utility’s Engineer to accord their approval;

“**DBFOO**” or “**Design, Build, Finance, Own and Operate**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Recital (A);

“**Damages**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Sub-clause (y) of Clause 1.2.1;

“**Debt Service**” means the sum of all payments on account of principal, interest, financing fees and charges due and payable in an Accounting Year to the Senior Lenders for and in respect of Debt Due under the Financing Agreements;

“**Dedicated Transmission System**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 11.2.1;

“Delivery Point” means MUL periphery in Gujarat where the electricity supplied under this Agreement is received by the Utility;

“Despatch” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 24.1.1;

“Dispute” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 36.1.1;

“Disputed Amounts” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 21.10.3;

“Dispute Resolution Procedure” means the procedure for resolution of Disputes as set forth in Article 36;

“Distribution Licensee” means a person who has been granted a licence under section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to distribute electricity as a distribution licensee;

“Divestment Requirements” means the obligations of the Supplier for and in respect of Termination as set forth in Clause 32.1;

“Document” or **“Documentation”** means documentation in printed or written form, or in tapes, discs, drawings, computer programmes, writings, reports, photographs, films, cassettes, or expressed in any other written, electronic, audio or visual form;

“Emergency” means a condition or situation that is likely to endanger the security of the individuals on or about the Power Station, including Buyers thereof, or which poses an immediate threat of material damage to any of the Project Assets;

“Encumbrances” means, in relation to the Power Station, any encumbrances such as mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, hypothecation, security interest, assignment, privilege or priority of any kind having the effect of security or other such obligations, and shall include any designation of loss payees or beneficiaries or any similar arrangement under any insurance policy pertaining to the Power Station, where applicable herein but excluding utilities referred to in Clause 11.1;

“Equity” means the sum expressed in Indian Rupees representing the paid up equity share capital of the Supplier for meeting the equity component of the Total Project Cost, and for the purposes of this Agreement shall include convertible instruments or other similar forms of capital, which shall compulsorily convert into equity share capital of the Company, and any interest-free funds advanced by any shareholder of the Company for meeting such equity component;

“Financial Close” means the fulfilment of all conditions precedent to the initial availability of funds under the Financing Agreements;

“Financial Default” shall have the meaning as set forth in Schedule-P;

“Financial Model” means the financial model adopted by Senior Lenders, setting forth the capital and operating costs of the Project and revenues therefrom on the basis of which financial viability of the Project has been determined by the Senior Lenders, and includes a description of the assumptions and parameters used for making calculations and projections therein;

“Financial Package” means the financing package indicating the total capital cost of the Power Station and the means of financing thereof, as set forth in the Financial Model and approved by the Senior Lenders, and includes Equity, all financial assistance specified in the Financing Agreements and Subordinated Debt, if any;

“Financing Agreements” means the agreements executed by the Supplier in respect of financial assistance to be provided by the Senior Lenders by way of loans, guarantees, subscription to non-convertible debentures and other debt instruments including loan agreements, guarantees, notes, debentures, bonds and other debt instruments, security agreements, and other documents relating to the financing (including refinancing) of the Total Project Cost, and includes amendments or modifications made in accordance with Clause 5.2.3;

“Fixed Charge” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 21.1.2;

“Force Majeure” or **“Force Majeure Event”** shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 28.1;

“Forced Outage” means an outage of the Power Station due to a fault or any other reason which was not anticipated and includes any trippings, breakdown or unscheduled shutdown and an Emergency;

“Fuel Charge” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 22.2.1;

“Fuel” means the coal⁵⁰ which is fit for use in generation of electricity at the Power Station;

“Fuel Shortage” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 22.8.1;

“Fuel Supply Agreement” or **“FSA”** shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 22.4.1;

“GOI” means the Government of India;

“Good Industry Practice” means the practices, methods, techniques, designs, standards, skills, diligence, efficiency, reliability and prudence which are generally and reasonably expected from a reasonably skilled and experienced operator engaged in the same type of undertaking as envisaged under this Agreement and which would be expected to result in the performance of its obligations by the Supplier in accordance with this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits in reliable, safe, economical and efficient

⁵⁰ Coal may be substituted by gas or lignite, as the case may be, in case the Power Station is to be set up as a gas-based or lignite-based facility. In that event, Clauses 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, Articles 18, 21, 22 and other relevant clauses, and the technical parameters, as specified in the relevant Schedules, may be modified suitably to reflect the parameters applicable to such gas-based or lignite-based power stations.

manner, and includes prudent utility practices generally accepted by electricity generating stations for ensuring safe, economic and efficient construction, operation and maintenance of the Power Station and for providing safe, economic, reliable and efficient supply of electricity;

“**Government**” means the Government of India or the Government of the State, as the case may be;

“**Government Instrumentality**” means any department, division or sub-division of the Government of India or the State Government and includes any commission, board, authority, agency or municipal and other local authority or statutory body, including Panchayat, under the control of the Government of India or the State Government, as the case may be, and having jurisdiction over all or any part of the Power Station or the performance of all or any of the services or obligations of the Supplier under or pursuant to this Agreement;

“**Grid**” means the high voltage backbone system of inter-connected transmission lines and sub-stations;

“**Grid Code**” means the Indian Electricity Grid Code 2010 or any substitute thereof;

“**Gross Calorific Value**” or “**GCV**” means the heat produced in kCal by complete combustion of one kilogram of coal expressed in kCal per Kg;

“**Incentive**” means a payment due to the Supplier, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, for any delivery, performance or outcome, as the case may be, which is better than the standards specified in respect thereof;

“**Incomplete Works**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 13.3.1;

“**Indemnified Party**” means the Party entitled to the benefit of an indemnity pursuant to Article 35;

“**Indemnifying Party**” means the Party obligated to indemnify the other Party pursuant to Article 35;

“**Indexed Fixed Charge**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 21.3;

“**Indirect Political Event**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 28.3;

“**Installed Capacity**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 18.1;

“**Insurance Cover**” means the aggregate of the maximum sums insured under the insurances taken out by the Supplier pursuant to Article 26, and includes all insurances required to be taken out by the Supplier under Clause 26.2 but not actually taken, and when used in the context of any act or event, it shall mean the aggregate of the maximum sums insured and payable or deemed to be insured and payable in relation to such act or event;

“**Key Performance Indicators**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 17.1;

“**LOA**” or “**Letter of Award**” means the letter of award referred to in Recital (D);

“**Landed Fuel Cost**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 22.2.2;

“**Lenders’ Representative**” means the person duly authorised by the Senior Lenders to act for and on behalf of the Senior Lenders with regard to matters arising out of or in relation to this Agreement, and includes his successors, assigns and substitutes;

“**Letter of Credit**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 23.2.1;

“**Line ROW**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 10.1;

[“**Linkage Coal**” shall mean the coal linkage provided by Coal India Limited or Singareni Collieries Company Limited at notified price for regulated sector of thermal power;]⁵¹

“**Maintenance Manual**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 15.3.1;

“**Maintenance Programme**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 15.4.1;

“**Maintenance Requirements**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 15.2;

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means a material adverse effect of any act or event on the ability of either Party to perform any of its obligations under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and which act or event causes a material financial burden or loss to either Party;

“**Merchant Capacity**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 18.7;

“**Minimum Fuel Stock**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 22.7; “**Mis-declaration**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 21.5.5;

“**Monthly Invoice**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 21.10.1;

“**Nominated Company**” means a company selected by the Lenders’ Representative and proposed to the Utility for substituting the Supplier in accordance with the provisions of the Substitution Agreement;

“**Non-Availability**” means any partial or total lack of Availability on account of Scheduled Maintenance or Unscheduled Maintenance or for any other reason, save and except to the extent arising out of an event described in Clause 15.8;

“**Non-Political Event**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 28.2;

“**Normative Availability**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 5.1.4;

“**O&M**” means the operation and maintenance of the Power Station and includes all matters connected with or incidental to such operation and maintenance, and provision of

⁵¹ To be retained only if the source of fuel is from Linkage Coal.

generating and transmission services and facilities in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

“O&M Contractor” means the person, if any, with whom the Supplier has entered into an O&M Contract for discharging O&M obligations for and on behalf of the Supplier;

“O&M Expenses” means expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Supplier or by the Utility, as the case may be, for all O&M including (a) cost of salaries and other compensation to employees, (b) cost of materials, supplies, utilities and other services, (c) premia for insurance, (d) all taxes, duties, cess and fees due and payable for O&M, (e) all repair, replacement, reconstruction, reinstatement, improvement and maintenance costs, (f) payments required to be made under the O&M Contract or any other contract in connection with or incidental to O&M, and (g) all other expenditure required to be incurred under Applicable Laws, Applicable Permits or this Agreement;

“O&M Inspection Report” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 16.2;

“Open Capacity” shall have the meaning as set forth in clause 18.4.1;

“Operation Period” means the period commencing from COD and ending on the Transfer Date;

“Panel of Chartered Accountants” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 27.2.1;

“Parties” means the parties to this Agreement collectively and **“Party”** shall mean any of the parties to this Agreement individually;

“Payment Due Date” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 21.10.3;

“Performance Security” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 9.1.1;

“Point of Grid Connection” means the point of interconnection at which the electricity generated by the Power Station is transferred to the Grid;

“Political Event” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 28.4;

“Power Station” means the generating station as described in Schedules A and B or a Unit thereof, and shall include the Dedicated Transmission System, Project Assets, Project Facilities, [Coal Mine/Blocks, Captive Mines and the allocation of Allocated Coal which is linked to or attached with the Project] [and any port or berth thereof with all the equipment installed for import of Fuel for the Project];

“Project” means the construction, operation and maintenance of the Power Station in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and includes all works, services and equipment relating to or in respect of the Scope of the Project;

“Project Agreements” means the documents and agreement relating to Fuel tie up for the period as specified by the power procurer;

“Project Assets” means all physical and other assets relating to and forming part of the Project including:

- (a) rights over the Site in the form of licence, Line ROW or otherwise;
- (b) tangible assets such as civil works and equipment including foundations, embankments, pavements, electrical systems, communication systems, relief centres, administrative offices and Sub-stations;
- (c) rights over Allocated Coal;
- (d) all rights of the Supplier under the Project Agreements;
- (e) financial assets, such as receivables, security deposits etc.;
- (f) insurance proceeds; and
- (g) Applicable Permits and authorisations relating to or in respect of the Power Station;

“Project Completion Schedule” means the progressive Project Milestones set forth in Schedule-E for completion of the Power Station on or before the Scheduled Completion Date;

“Project Milestones” means the project milestones as set forth in Schedule-E;

“Provisional Certificate” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 13.3.1;

“RLDC” means the Regional load Despatch Centre as specified in the Act;

“Re.”, “Rs.” or “Rupees” or “Indian Rupees” means the lawful currency of the Republic of India;

“Request for Proposal-DBFOO” or “RFP-DBFOO” shall have the meaning as set forth in Recital (C);

“Request for Qualification-DBFOO” or “RFP-DBFOO” shall have the meaning as set forth in Recital (B);

“Revenues” means all of the present and future funds, payment obligations, monies, claims, bills and any other property whatsoever which may from time to time be derived from or accrue to or be offered or due to the Utility in the form of cash receipts or receivables from any and all sources, save and except any capital receipts of the Utility for and in relation to any capital expenditure for creation of assets;

“Revenue Share” means and refers to the share of revenue from Open Capacity to be paid by the Supplier to the Utility in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

“SLDC” means the State Load Despatch Centre as specified in the Act;

“Safety Requirements” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 15.13;

“Supplementary Invoice” means an Invoice other than a Monthly Invoice raised by any of the Parties in accordance with provisions under this Agreement.

“Scheduled Supply Commencement Date” shall be the date as specified by the Utility; from which the Supplier shall be required to commence supply of Contracted Capacity

at Delivery Point on commercial basis in accordance with the provisions under this Agreement i.e. September- 2023

“Scheduled Completion Date” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 11.2.1;

“Scheduled Maintenance” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 15.4.2;

“Scope of the Project” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 2.1;

“Secured Obligations” means:

- (a) the amounts due to the Bank from the Utility in relation to the Letter of Credit;
- (b) obligations of the Utility for payment of Tariff and Incentives under and in accordance with this Agreement; and
- (c) obligation of the Utility to make Termination Payment under and in accordance with this Agreement upon termination thereof;

“Senior Lenders” means the financial institutions, banks, multilateral lending agencies, trusts, funds and agents or trustees of debenture holders, including their successors and assignees, who have agreed to guarantee or provide finance to the Supplier under any of the Financing Agreements for meeting all or any part of the Total Project Cost and who hold *pari passu* charge on the assets, rights, title and interests of the Supplier;

“Site” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 10.1;

“Specifications and Standards” means the specifications and standards relating to the quality, quantity, capacity and other requirements for the Power Station, as set forth in Schedule-C, and any modifications thereof, or additions thereto, as included in the design and engineering for the Power Station submitted by the Supplier to, and expressly approved by, the Utility;

“State” means the State or the Union Territory, as the case may be, in which the Utility is situate and **“State Government”** means the government of that State or Union Territory, as the case may be;

“Station Heat Rate” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 22.1.1;

“Station Premises” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 10.1;

“Statutory Auditors” means a reputable firm of chartered accountants acting as the statutory auditors of the Supplier under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, including any re-enactment or amendment thereof, for the time being in force, and appointed in accordance with Clause 27.2.1;

“Sub-station” means a station for transforming or converting electricity for the transmission thereof and includes transformers, converters, switchgears, capacitors, synchronous condensers, structures, cable and other appurtenant equipment and any buildings used for that purpose and the site thereof;

“Substitution Agreement” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 33.3.1;

“Supplier” shall have the meaning attributed thereto in the array of Parties as set forth in the Recitals;

“Supplier Default” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 31.1.1;

“Supply Contract” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 3.1.1;

“**Suspension**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 30.1;

“**Tariff**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 21.1.1;

“**Taxes**” means any Indian taxes including excise duties, customs duties, goods and service tax, value added tax, sales tax, local taxes, cess and any impost or surcharge of like nature (whether Central, State or local) on the goods, materials, equipment and services incorporated in and forming part of the Power Station charged, levied or imposed by any Government Instrumentality, but excluding any interest, penalties and other sums in relation thereto imposed on any account whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, Taxes shall not include taxes on corporate income;

“**Termination**” means the expiry or termination of this Agreement and the Supply Contract hereunder;

“**Termination Notice**” means the communication issued in accordance with this Agreement by one Party to the other Party terminating this Agreement;

“**Termination Payment**” means the amount payable, by the defaulting party to the other party, under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, upon Termination thereof;

“**Tests**” means the tests set forth in Schedule-F to determine the completion of Power Station in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

“**Total Project Cost**” means the capital cost incurred on construction and financing of the Contracted Capacity and shall be limited to the lower of:

- (a) the capital cost of the Contracted Capacity as set forth in the Financial Package; and
- (b) the actual capital cost of the Contracted Capacity upon completion of Construction;

“**Transfer Date**” means the date on which this Agreement and the Supply Contract hereunder expires pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement or is terminated by a Termination Notice;

“**UI Regulations**” means the CERC Unscheduled Interchange Regulations 2009 or any substitute thereof;

“**Unit**” means a unit of the Power Station which is equipped with a turbine and associated facilities for generation of electricity independently of other units at the Power Station;

“**Unscheduled Maintenance**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 15.8;

“**Utility**” shall have the meaning attributed thereto in the array of Parties as set forth in the Recitals;

“**Utility Default**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 31.2.1;

“**Utility’s Engineer**” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 19.1;

“Utility Representative” means such person or persons as may be authorised in writing by the Utility to act on its behalf under this Agreement and shall include any person or persons having authority to exercise any rights or perform and fulfil any obligations of the Utility under this Agreement;

“Vesting Certificate” shall have the meaning as set forth in Clause 32.5; and

“WPI” means the Wholesale Price Index for all commodities as published by the Ministry of Industry, GOI and shall include any index which substitutes the WPI, and any reference to WPI shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the WPI published for the period ending with the preceding month, save and except that for the purposes of annual revision of the Fixed Charge in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21.3, the revision due on April 1 of any year shall be computed with reference to WPI as on January 31 of that year, which WPI may be substituted by such alternative index or indices as the Parties may by mutual consent determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE DAY, MONTH AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

For and on behalf of THE UTILITY by:

THE COMMON SEAL OF SUPPLIER has been affixed pursuant to the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Supplier at its meeting held on the day of 20..... hereunto affixed in the presence of, Director, who has signed these presents in token thereof and, Company Secretary / Authorised Officer who has countersigned the same in token thereof[£]:

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)
(Fax No.)
(e-mail address)

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)
(Fax No.)
(e-mail address)

In the presence of:

1.

2.

[£] To be affixed in accordance with the articles of association of the Supplier and the resolution passed by its Board of Directors.

Schedules

SCHEDULE – A
(See Clause 10.1)

SITE OF THE PROJECT

1 The Site

Site of the Power Station shall include the land, buildings, structures and Line ROW as described in Annex-I of this Schedule A.

Annex - I
(Schedule-A)

Site for the Power Station⁵²

[Note: Through suitable drawings and description in words, the land, corridors for pipeline, roads, conveyor, ash ponds, dedicated transmission lines, housing colony for emergency staff, utilities and rail lines comprising the Site shall be specified briefly but precisely in this Annex-I. Part A of this Annex-I shall specify the Power Station and Part B shall specify the Line ROW. Part C hereof shall specify the Coal Mines/Blocks.]

Part A

Power Station

[Note: Through suitable drawings and description in words, the land, buildings and structures comprising the Power Station shall be described briefly but precisely.]

Part B

Line ROW

[Note: Through suitable description in drawings and words, the Line ROW for the Dedicated Transmission System shall be described briefly but precisely.]

Part C

Coal Mines/ Blocks

[Note: Through suitable drawings and description in words, describe the site of Coal Mine/Blocks.]

⁵² In the event the Power Station of any Bidder is already under construction or has been constructed, the provisions of this Annex-I may be specified in more generic terms to conform with Applicable Laws.

SCHEDULE – B
(See Clause 2.1)

DEVELOPMENT OF THE POWER STATION

1 Development of the Power Station

Development of the Power Station shall include construction of the Power Station as described in this Schedule-B.

2 Power Station

2.1 Power Station shall include construction of the Power Station as described in Annex-I of this Schedule-B.

2.2 Power Station shall be completed by the Supplier in conformity with the Specifications and Standards set forth in Annex-I of Schedule-C.

3 Dedicated Transmission System

3.1 Dedicated Transmission System shall include construction of the Dedicated Transmission System as described in Annex-II of this Schedule-B.

3.2 Dedicated Transmission System shall be completed by the Supplier in conformity with the Specifications and Standards set forth in Annex-II of Schedule-C.

Annex - I
(Schedule-B)

Description of Power Station⁵³

1 Capacity of the Power Station

1.1 The Power Station shall have a generating capacity of not less than MW.

1.2 The configuration of Units is given below:

(a) The number of Units shall not exceed

(b) The nameplate capacity of each Unit shall not be less than.....MW.

1.3 The Station Heat Rate of the Power Station shall conform with the provisions of Schedule-C.

2 Dedicated communication

The Power Station shall have a dedicated communication linkage with the Utility.

3 Specifications and Standards

The Power Station shall be constructed in conformity with the Specifications and Standards specified in Annex-I of Schedule-C.

4 Ramp Rates

All Units of the Power Station shall be capable of increasing or decreasing their output (generation level) by not less than 3% (three per cent) per minute. Such capability shall at all times be demonstrated during the Unit load of 50% (fifty per cent) or more.

5 Each Unit of the Power Station shall have the capacity to ramp up from a cold start and reach full capacity within a period of 8 (eight) hours from the time of each start.

6 Description of the Power Station[£]

The Power Station shall be constructed as briefly described below:

[Provide details of the proposed Power Station, including the boiler, steam turbine, turbo generator and other major equipments in each Unit. In particular, include the following:

A. Boiler

(i) Type

⁵³ In the event the Power Station of any Bidder is already under construction or has been constructed, the provisions of this Annex-I may be specified in more generic terms to conform with Applicable laws and the details may be filled up after the Bidder has been selected.

[£] The particulars in respect of blank spaces and Paragraph 6 shall be provided by the selected bidder after issue of Letter of Award and the same shall be included in the Agreement to be executed between the Parties.

- (ii) Number of steam generators with auxiliaries
 - (iii) Steaming capacity (BMCR) T/hr
 - (iv) Pressure at SH outlet $\text{kg/cm}^2(\text{abs})$
 - (v) Temperature at SH outlet $^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - (vi) Temperature at RH outlet $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- B. Seam Turbine**
- (i) Type
 - (ii) Number
 - (iii) TMCR output MW
 - (iv) VWO output MW
 - (v) Turbine inlet pressure at TMCR kg/cm^2
 - (vi) MS temperature at turbine inlet $^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - (vii) RH temperature at turbine inlet $^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - (viii) HP/LP by pass %
 - (ix) Boiler feed pump
 - (a) TDBFP No. Capacity(m^3/hr)
 - (b) MDBFP No. Capacity(m^3/hr)
- C. Condenser**
- (i) Type
 - (ii) Design cooling water temperature $^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - (iii) Tube material
 - (iv) Type of cooling water
 - (v) Condensate polishing plant No. Capacity
- D. Generator**
- (i) Number No
 - (ii) Capacity MVA
 - (iii) Power factor
 - (iv) Cooling
 - (a) Rotor
 - (b) Stator
- E. Specify the requirements of the Ministry of Environment and Forests]**

Annex - II
(Schedule-B)

Description of the Dedicated Transmission System⁵⁴

1. Dedicated Transmission System

- 1.1 The Dedicated Transmission System shall have a capacity to transmit.....MW.
- 1.2 The Dedicated Transmission System shall connect the Power Station to the Grid at the Point of Grid Connection located at in districtof the State where the Power Station is situated.
- 1.3 The Dedicated Transmission System shall be constructed as briefly described below:^f

1. Electrical System

(i)	Generator Transformer	No.	MVA
(ii)	Interconnecting transformer	No.	MVA
(iii)	Station transformer	No.	MVA
(iv)	Unit/ Auxiliary Transformer	No.	MVA

2. Switchyard

- (i) **KV switchyard**
- (a) Transformer Bays (No.)
- (b) Line Bays (No.)
- (c) Bus Section + Bus coupler (No.)
- (d) ICT bay (No.)
- (e) Transfer bay + Switchable shunt reactor (No.)

2 Specifications and Standards

The Dedicated Transmission System shall be constructed in conformity with the Specifications and Standards specified in Annex-II of Schedule-C.

⁵⁴ In the event a Dedicated Transmission System is required, this may be suitably reflected in this Annex-II. Where the Point of Delivery is at the Bus-bar of the Power Station, the contents of this Annex-II may be modified suitably.

^f The particulars of Paragraph 1 shall be provided by the selected bidder after issue of Letter of Award and the same shall be included in the Agreement to be executed between the Parties.

SCHEDULE- C
(See Clause 2.1 and 24.4)

SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS

1 Power Station

The Supplier shall comply with the Specifications and Standards set forth in Annex-I of this Schedule-C for construction of the Power Station.

2 Station Heat Rate

2.1 The Station Heat Rate, reckoned at the Point of Grid Connection shall, after accounting for auxiliary consumption and transmission losses, not exceed [2,300 (two thousand three hundred)⁵⁵ kCal per kWh] at 100% (hundred per cent) maximum continuous rating (MCR).

2.2 The Station Heat Rate of the Power Station shall be deemed to be higher in the event of reduction in generation below 85% (eighty five per cent) of the Committed Capacity. Such increase, as a proportion of the Station Heat Rate shall be deemed to be in accordance with the standard increase specified in Annex-III of this Schedule.

3 Dedicated Transmission System

The Supplier shall comply with the Specifications and Standards set forth in Annex-II of this Schedule-C for construction of the Dedicated Transmission System.

⁵⁵ This figure may be substituted by 2,350 for all bids received on or before December 31, 2016 or where a Power Station shall have achieved COD prior to that date.

Annex - I
(Schedule-C)

Specifications and Standards for the Power Station

1 Specifications and Standards

Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 2 of this Annex-I, the Power Station shall conform with the provisions of Central Electricity Authority Technical Standards for construction of Electrical Plants and Electrical Lines) Regulations 2010 which shall be deemed to be the Specifications and Standards (An authenticated copy of the same has been provided to the Supplier as part of the Bid documents.)

2 Additional Specifications and Standards

- 2.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the following additional Specifications and Standards shall apply to the Power Station, and for purposes of this Agreement, the aforesaid Specifications and Standards shall be deemed to be amended to the extent set forth below:

[Note: Additions to the provisions in the applicable Regulations shall be listed out here. Such additions shall be specified only if they are considered essential in view of project-specific requirements.]

- 2.2 The Power Station shall have the capacity to use the following mix of Fuel at the level of full Availability:

(a) Upto% (.... per cent) of the Fuel having an ash content of....% (..... per cent); and

(b) upto% (..... per cent) of the Fuel having an ash content of% (..... per cent).⁵⁶

⁵⁶ The proportion between (a) and (b) may be determined keeping in view the extent of imported Fuel likely to be utilised for the Power Station. The proportion of imported Fuel may be higher for Power Stations located near coastal areas while it may be negligible for Power Stations located at a pierhead.

Annex - II
(Schedule-C)

Specifications and Standards for the Dedicated Transmission System

1 Specifications and Standards

The Dedicated Transmission System shall conform with the Central Electricity Authority Technical Standards for construction of Electrical Plants and Electrical Lines) Regulations 2010 (An authenticated copy of the same has been provided to the Supplier as part of the Bid Documents.) and the following shall apply:

1.1 Grid Conditions at the Point of Grid Connection

(i) Voltage:	Nominal	kV	[]	
	Variation	%	[]	
(ii) Frequency:	Nominal	Hz.	[50]	
	Variation	As specified by CERC		

(i) Power Factor:	Nominal	[]	lag	
(ii) Basic Impulse Level (Peak)	kV	[]		

1.2 Fault Levels:

(i) 3 Phase	Maximum	kA	[]	
(ii) Clearance time	Maximum	ms	[]	

Annex - III
(Schedule-C)

Station Heat Rate

1 Increase in Station Heat Rate

Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 2 of this Annex-III, in the event the Utility Dispatches the Power Station at a level lower than 85% (eighty five per cent) of its entitlement in the Contracted Capacity, the SHR shall be deemed to be increased as specified below.

Station Heat Rate at different levels of Despatch⁵⁷

S. No.	Despatch as proportion of Utility's entitlement in Contracted Capacity	Increase in SHR (for super-critical turbine)	Increase in SHR (for sub-critical turbine)
1	85-100	Nil	Nil
2	75-84.99	1.25	2.25
3	65-74.99	2	4
4	55-64.99	3	6
5	45-54.99	4.5	9
6	35-44.99	7	13.5
7	25-34.99	10.5	21
8	15-24.99	14	30
9	5-14.99	19	40
10	Below 5	25	50

2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Annex-III, the benefit of an increase in SHR shall at all times be subject to an actual reduction in generation of electricity and in the event any reduction in Dispatch by the Utility is off-set by Dispatch to any other buyer, the benefit of an increase in SHR shall be computed only in respect of the remaining shortfall, if any.

3 Optimisation of SHR

The Supplier shall, following a reduction in Dispatches, back down individual Units or reduce generation therefrom in a manner that will optimise the SHR and reduce the Fuel charge. For this purpose, it shall comply with such instructions as the Utility may give from time to time.

⁵⁷ The table above may be suitably modified to reflect project-specific standards.

SCHEDULE –D
(See Clause 9.1)

PERFORMANCE SECURITY

The.....,
Distribution Company
[State of...]

WHEREAS:

- (A)(the “**Supplier**”) and [the Distribution Company] represented by and having its principal offices at (“**Utility**”) have entered into a Power Supply Agreement dated ... (the “**Agreement**”) whereby the Utility has agreed to the Supplier undertaking the construction and operation of the Power Station with a generating capacity of MW in the State of on design, build, finance, own and operate (the “**DBFOO**”) basis, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.
- (B) The Agreement requires the Supplier to furnish a Performance Security to the Utility in a sum of [Rs. cr. (Rupees crore)] (the “**Guarantee Amount**”) as security for due and faithful performance of its obligations, under and in accordance with the Agreement, during the Construction Period (as defined in the Agreement).
- (C) We, ... through our Branch at(the “**Bank**”) have agreed to furnish this Bank Guarantee by way of Performance Security.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bank hereby, unconditionally and irrevocably, guarantees and affirms as follows:

1. The Bank hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees¹ and undertakes to pay to the Utility upon occurrence of any failure or default in due and faithful performance of all or any of the Supplier’s obligations, under and in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, on its mere first written demand, and without any demur, reservation, recourse, contest or protest, and without any reference to the Supplier, such sum or sums upto an aggregate sum of the Guarantee Amount as the Utility shall claim, without the Utility being required to prove or to show grounds or reasons for its demand and/or for the sum specified therein.
2. A letter from the Utility, under the hand of an Officer not below the rank of a Superintending Engineer or equivalent, that the Supplier has committed default in the due and faithful performance of all or any of its obligations under and in accordance with the Agreement shall be conclusive, final and binding on the Bank. The Bank further agrees that the Utility shall be the sole judge as to whether the Supplier is in default in due and faithful performance of its obligations during the Contract Period under the Agreement and its decision that the Supplier is in default shall be final, and binding on the Bank, notwithstanding any differences between the Utility and the Supplier, or any dispute between them

pending before any court, tribunal, arbitrators or any other authority or body, or by the discharge of the Supplier for any reason whatsoever.

3. In order to give effect to this Guarantee, the Utility shall be entitled to act as if the Bank were the principal debtor and any change in the constitution of the Supplier and/or the Bank, whether by their absorption with any other body or corporation or otherwise, shall not in any way or manner affect the liability or obligation of the Bank under this Guarantee.
4. It shall not be necessary, and the Bank hereby waives any necessity, for the Utility to proceed against the Supplier before presenting to the Bank its demand under this Guarantee.
5. The Utility shall have the liberty, without affecting in any manner the liability of the Bank under this Guarantee, to vary at any time, the terms and conditions of the Agreement or to extend the time or period for the compliance with, fulfilment and/or performance of all or any of the obligations of the Supplier contained in the Agreement or to postpone for any time, and from time to time, any of the rights and powers exercisable by the Utility against the Supplier, and either to enforce or forbear from enforcing any of the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement and/or the securities available to the Utility, and the Bank shall not be released from its liability and obligation under these presents by any exercise by the Utility of the liberty with reference to the matters aforesaid or by reason of time being given to the Supplier or any other forbearance, indulgence, act or omission on the part of the Utility or of any other matter or thing whatsoever which under any law relating to sureties and guarantors would but for this provision have the effect of releasing the Bank from its liability and obligation under this Guarantee and the Bank hereby waives all of its rights under any such law.
6. This Guarantee is in addition to and not in substitution of any other guarantee or security now or which may hereafter be held by the Utility in respect of or relating to the Agreement or for the fulfilment, compliance and/or performance of all or any of the obligations of the Supplier under the Agreement.
7. Notwithstanding anything contained hereinbefore, the liability of the Bank under this Guarantee is restricted to the Guarantee Amount and this Guarantee will remain in force for the period specified in paragraph 8 below and unless a demand or claim in writing is made by the Utility on the Bank under this Guarantee, no later than 6 (six) months from the date of expiry of this Guarantee, all rights of the Utility under this Guarantee shall be forfeited and the Bank shall be relieved from its liabilities hereunder.
8. ~~The Performance Security shall cease~~ to be in force and effect when the Supplier shall have provided another Performance Security in substitution of this Performance Security and such substitution shall be repeated until the Vesting Certificate has been issued, and provided the Supplier is not in breach of this Agreement. Upon request made by the Supplier for release of the Performance Security alongwith the particulars required hereunder, duly certified by a statutory auditor of the Supplier, the Utility shall release the Performance Security forthwith.

9. The Bank undertakes not to revoke this Guarantee during its currency, except with the previous express consent of the Utility in writing, and declares and warrants that it has the power to issue this Guarantee and the undersigned has full powers to do so on behalf of the Bank.
10. Any notice by way of request, demand or otherwise hereunder may be sent by post addressed to the Bank at its above referred Branch, which shall be deemed to have been duly authorised to receive such notice and to effect payment thereof forthwith, and if sent by post it shall be deemed to have been given at the time when it ought to have been delivered in due course of post and in proving such notice, when given by post, it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was posted and a certificate signed by an officer of the Utility that the envelope was so posted shall be conclusive.
11. This Guarantee shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force and effect for a period of six months from the date hereof or until it is released earlier by the Utility pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement.

Signed and sealed thisday of ..., 20..... at

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
For and on behalf of
the BANK by:

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Code Number)
(Address)

NOTES:

- (i) The bank guarantee should contain the name, designation and code number of the officer(s) signing the guarantee.
- (ii) The address, telephone number and other details of the Head Office of the Bank as well as of issuing Branch should be mentioned on the covering letter of issuing Branch.

SCHEDULE –E
(See Clause 11.1)

PROJECT COMPLETION SCHEDULE

1 Project Completion Schedule⁵⁸

During Construction Period, the Supplier shall comply with the requirements set forth in this Schedule-E for each of the Project Milestones and the Scheduled Completion Date (the “**Project Completion Schedule**”). Within 15 (fifteen) days of the date of each Project Milestone, the Supplier shall notify the Utility of such compliance alongwith necessary particulars thereof.

2 Project Milestone-I

2.1 Project Milestone-I shall occur on the date falling on the [180th (one hundred and eightieth)] day from the Appointed Date (the “**Project Milestone-I**”).

2.2 Prior to the occurrence of Project Milestone-I, the Supplier shall have commenced construction of the Power Station and expended not less than 10% (ten per cent) of the Total Project Cost.

3 Project Milestone-II

3.1 Project Milestone-II shall occur on the date falling on the [550th (five hundred and fiftieth)] day from the Appointed Date (the “**Project Milestone-II**”).

3.2 Prior to the occurrence of Project Milestone-II, the Supplier shall have expended not less than 40% (forty per cent) of the Total Project Cost.

4 Scheduled Completion Date

The Scheduled Completion Date for completion of the Contracted Capacity of the Power Station shall be the [1,050th (one thousand and fiftieth)] day from the Appointed Date.

5 Extension of period

Upon extension of any or all of the Project Milestones or the Scheduled Completion Date, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Project Completion Schedule shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly.

⁵⁸ The dates for each milestone and the level of expenditure for each milestone may be determined as per project-specific requirements.

SCHEDULE-F
(See Clause 13.1.2)

TESTS

1 Schedule for Tests

- 1.1 The Supplier shall, no later than 60 (sixty) days prior to the likely completion of the Power Station, notify the Utility's Engineer and the Utility of its intent to subject the Power Station to Tests, and no later than 10 (ten) days prior to the actual date of Tests, furnish to the Utility's Engineer and to the Utility particulars of all works and equipment forming part of the Power Station.
- 1.2 The Supplier shall, in consultation with the Utility's Engineer, determine the date and time for each Test and notify the same to the Utility who may designate its representative to witness the Tests.

2 Tests

In pursuance of the provisions of Clause 13.1.2 of this Agreement, the Supplier shall carry out Tests for determining the compliance of the Power Station and Dedicated Transmission System with Specifications and Standards as specified in Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of this Schedule-F.

3 Power Station

3.1 Installed Capacity Test

The Supplier shall carry out or cause to be carried out, Tests specified in the Performance Test Code - 6 (PTC - 6) of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Standards (the "ASME Standards") to determine the capacity of turbo-generators, which capacity shall be deemed as the Installed capacity of the Power Station and specified as such in the Provisional Certificate or Completion Certificate, as the case may be.

Provided that the Installed Capacity Tests for and in respect of a Unit shall be deemed to be unsuccessful in the event that the generating capacity of such Unit is less than 95% (ninety five per cent) of its name plate capacity comprising the Maximum Continuous Rating.

3.2 SHR Test

The Utility's Engineer shall carry out, or cause to be carried out, Tests specified in the Performance Testing Code - 4 (PTC - 4) and Performance Test Code - 6 (PTC - 6) of ASME Standards for boilers and turbines respectively, and Tests specified in other applicable codes in respect of associated equipment, to determine the Station Heat Rate at 100% (hundred per cent) maximum continuous rating (MCR) of the Power Station, after accounting for auxiliary consumption and losses on the Dedicated Transmission System, if any, and the Station Heat Rate shall be lower of SHR so determined after including [2% (two per cent)]⁵⁹ increase to account for potential variations arising from temperature, humidity,

⁵⁹ This figure may be substituted by 5% (five per cent) for all bids received on or before December 31, 2016 or where a Power Station shall have achieved COD prior to that.

quality of coal and other unforeseen factors and 2,300⁶⁰ kCal per kWh, and the number so arrived at shall be specified as the Station Heat Rate in the Provisional Certificate or Completion Certificate, as the case may be.

4 Dedicated Transmission System

4.1 The Utility's Engineer shall carry out, or cause to be carried out, the tests specified in the Manual on Commissioning Procedure for Transmission Lines (Central Board of Irrigation and Power, Publication no. 292).

4.2 Structural Test for transmission towers and Sub-station structures:

All transmission towers and Sub-station structures shall be subjected to non-destructive testing of completed structures or part thereof, to be conducted or cause to be conducted by the Supplier in accordance with Good Industry Practice.

5 Common Tests

5.1 Visual and physical Test

The Utility's Engineer shall conduct a visual and physical check of the Power Station and Dedicated Transmission System to determine that all works and equipment forming part thereof conform to the provisions of this Agreement.

5.2 Tests for equipment:

Utility's Engineer shall conduct or cause to be conducted Tests, in accordance with Good Industry Practice, for determining the compliance of control equipment, signalling, telecommunication and metering equipment with Specification and Standards.

5.3 Trial run of Contracted Capacity:

A trial run of the Contracted Capacity shall be undertaken for a continuous period of 72 (seventy-two) hours for demonstrating the compliance of the Contracted Capacity with the provisions of this Agreement, including the design capacity of each circuit/facility. The trial run shall be conducted or caused to be conducted by the Supplier in consultation with the Utility's Engineer, the SLDC and the RLDC, as the case may be. In the event that testing of any circuit/facility cannot be carried out up to the design capacity, for any reason not attributable to the Supplier, the Supplier shall provide adequate data and justification of its design capacity such as design data, calculations, extrapolation and simulation, to enable the Utility's Engineer to determine the compliance thereof with the provisions of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, if any tripping occurs on account of reasons attributable to the Supplier, the Utility's Engineer may require the Supplier to repeat the trial run at the risk and cost of the Supplier.

⁶⁰ This figure may be substituted by 2,350 for all bids received on or before December 31, 2016 or where a Power Station shall have achieved COD prior to that date.

6 Agency for conducting Tests

All Tests set forth in this Schedule-F shall be conducted by the Supplier or such other agency or person as it may specify in consultation with the Utility's Engineer.

7 Completion/Provisional Certificate

Upon successful completion of Tests, the Supplier shall issue the Completion Certificate or the Provisional Certificate, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.

8 Tests during construction

Without prejudice to the provision of this Schedule-F, tests during construction shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Clause 13.1.1.

SCHEDULE –G
(See Clauses 13.2 & 13.3)

COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

1. I/We,(Name and Designation of the Managing Director of the Supplier), acting as the Supplier, under and in accordance with the Power Supply Agreement dated (the “Agreement”), for construction and operation of the Power Station with a capacity of MW on design, build, finance, own and operate (the “DBFOO”) basis, hereby certify that the Tests specified in Article 13 and Schedule-F of the Agreement have been successfully undertaken to determine compliance of the Power Station with the provisions of the Agreement, and I/We am/are satisfied that the Power Station can be safely and reliably placed in commercial service of the Utility and the Buyers thereof.
2. It is certified that the Power Station/Unit has an Installed Capacity of MW which includes the Contracted Capacity of MW.
3. It is further certified that the Station Heat Rate of the Power Station is
4. It is also certified that, in terms of the aforesaid Agreement, all works forming part of the Power Station/Unit..... have been completed, and the Power Station / Unit is ready for entry into commercial operation on this the ...day of ...20...

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
For and on behalf of
the SUPPLIER by:

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

- 1 I/We, (Name and Designation of the Managing director of the Supplier), acting as the Supplier, under and in accordance with the Power Supply Agreement dated . (the "Agreement"), for construction and operation of the Power Station with a capacity of MW on design, build, finance, own and operate (the "DBFOO") basis, hereby certify that the Tests specified in Article 13 and Schedule-F of the Agreement have been undertaken for the Power Station/Unit of the Power Station to determine compliance thereof with the provisions of the Agreement.

- 2 Construction Works forming part of the Power Station/Unit of the Power Station that were found to be incomplete and/or deficient have been specified in the list of Incomplete Works appended hereto, and we agree and undertake that we shall complete and/or rectify all such works in the time and manner set forth in the Agreement. I/We am/are satisfied that having regard to the nature and extent of such incomplete works, it would not be prudent to withhold commercial operation of the Power Station/Unit of the Power Station, pending completion thereof.

- 3 It is certified that the Power Station/Unit of the Power Station has an Installed Capacity of which includes the Contracted Capacity of MW.

- 4 It is further certified that the Station Heat Rate of the Power Station is

- 5 In view of the foregoing, I/We am/are satisfied that the Power Station/Unit of the Power Station can safely and reliably enter into commercial operation on this the day of 20....

:

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED
For and on behalf of
the SUPPLIER by:

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)

SCHEDULE – H
(See Clause 15.2)

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

1 Maintenance Requirements

- 1.1 The Supplier shall, at all times, operate and maintain the Power Station in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits. In particular, the Supplier shall, at all times during the Operation Period, conform to the maintenance requirements set forth in this Schedule-H (the “Maintenance Requirements”).
- 1.2 The Supplier shall repair or rectify any defect or deficiency set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Schedule-H within the time limit specified therein and any failure in this behalf shall constitute a breach of the Agreement. Upon occurrence of any breach hereunder, the Utility shall be entitled to recover Damages as set forth in Clause 15.9 of the Agreement, without prejudice to the rights of the Utility under the Agreement, including Termination thereof.

2 Repair/rectification of defects and deficiencies

The obligations of the Supplier in respect of Maintenance Requirements shall include repair and rectification of the defects and deficiencies in the manner and within the time limit expected of a prudent and diligent power producer in accordance with Good Industry Practice.

3 Emergency repairs/restoration

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Schedule-H, if any defect, deficiency or deterioration in the Power Station poses a hazard to safety or risk of damage to property, the Supplier shall promptly take all reasonable measures for eliminating or minimising such danger.

4 Periodic inspection by the Supplier

The Supplier shall, through its engineer, undertake a periodic visual inspection of the Power Station in accordance with the Maintenance Manual and maintain a record thereof in a register to be kept in such form and manner as the Utility’s Engineer may specify. Such record shall be kept in safe custody of the Supplier and shall be open to inspection by the Utility and the Utility’s Engineer at any time during office hours.

SCHEDULE -I
(See Clause 19.1)

APPOINTMENT OF UTILITY'S ENGINEER

1 Appointment of Utility's Engineer

- 1.1 The provisions of the Standard Request for proposal-DBFOO for selection of Technical Consultants, issued by the Ministry of Finance vide O. M. No. 24(23)/PF-II/2008 dated May 21, 2009, or any substitute thereof shall apply for selection of an experienced firm to discharge the functions and duties of a Utility's Engineer. Provided, however, that no entity which is owned or controlled by the Utility shall be eligible for appointment as the Utility's Engineer hereunder.
- 1.2 In the event of termination of a Utility's Engineer appointed in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1.1, the Utility shall appoint another firm of Technical Consultants forthwith or may engage a government-owned entity in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 5 of this Schedule-I.

2 Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Utility's Engineer shall substantially conform with Annex-I of this Schedule-I.

3 Fee and expenses

The fees, costs and expenses of the Utility's Engineer shall be borne by the Utility.

4 Substitution of Utility's Engineer

No later than 3 (three) years from the date of this Agreement, and every 3 (three) years thereafter, the Utility shall engage a Utility's Engineer for a further term of 3 (three) years in accordance with the provisions of Schedule-I.

5 Appointment of government entity as Utility's Engineer

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Schedule, the Utility may in its discretion appoint a government-owned entity as the Utility's Engineer; provided that such entity shall be a body corporate having as one of its primary function the provision of consulting, advisory and supervisory services for engineering projects; provided further that a government-owned entity which is owned or controlled by the State Government shall not be eligible for appointment as Utility's Engineer.

Annex - I
(Schedule-I)

Terms of Reference for Utility's Engineer

1 Scope

- 1.1 These Terms of Reference for the Utility's Engineer (the "TOR") are being specified pursuant to the Power Supply Agreement dated ... (the "Agreement"), which has been entered into between the Utility and ... (the "Supplier") for the Power Station with a capacity of MW in the State of ... on design, build, finance, own and operate (the "DBFOO") basis, and a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked as Annex-A to form part of this TOR.
- 1.2 This TOR shall apply to construction, operation and maintenance of the Power Station.

2 Definitions and interpretation

- 2.1 The words and expressions beginning with or in capital letters used in this TOR and not defined herein but defined in the Agreement shall have, unless repugnant to the context, the meaning respectively assigned to them in the Agreement.
- 2.2 References to Articles, Clauses and Schedules in this TOR shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be deemed to be references to the Articles, Clauses and Schedules of the Agreement, and references to Paragraphs shall be deemed to be references to Paragraphs of this TOR.
- 2.3 The rules of interpretation stated in Clauses 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of the Agreement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to this TOR.

3 Role and functions of the Utility's Engineer

- 3.1 The role and functions of the Utility's Engineer shall include the following:
- (i) review of the Documents as set forth in Paragraph 4;
 - (ii) review, inspection and monitoring of Construction Works as set forth in Paragraph 4;
 - (iii) observe Tests as set forth in Paragraph 4;
 - (iv) review, inspection and monitoring of O&M as set forth in Paragraph 5;
 - (v) review, inspection and monitoring of Divestment Requirements as set forth in Paragraph 6;
 - (vi) determining, as required under the Agreement, the costs of any works or services and/or their reasonableness;
 - (vii) determining, as required under the Agreement, the period or any extension thereof, for performing any duty or obligation;

- (viii) assisting the Parties in resolution of Disputes as set forth in Paragraph 8; and
- (ix) undertaking all other duties and functions in accordance with the Agreement.

3.2 The Utility's Engineer shall discharge its duties in a fair, impartial and efficient manner, consistent with the highest standards of professional integrity and Good Industry Practice.

4 Construction Period

4.1 The Utility's Engineer shall undertake a review of the Documents to be furnished by the Supplier for construction of the Power Station and send its comments/observations to the Utility and the Supplier within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such Documents. In particular, such comments shall specify the conformity or otherwise of such Documents with the Scope of the Project and Specifications and Standards. The Utility's Engineer shall review any modified Documents sent to it by the Supplier in pursuance thereof and furnish its comments within 7 (seven) days of receiving such Documents.

4.2 The Utility's Engineer shall review the monthly progress report furnished by the Supplier and send its comments thereon to the Utility and the Supplier within 7 (seven) days of receipt of such report.

4.3 The Utility's Engineer shall inspect the Construction Works and equipment once every quarter, and make out a report of such inspection (the "**Inspection Report**") setting forth an overview of the status, progress, quality and safety of construction, including the work methodology adopted and conformity of Construction Works and equipment with the Scope of the Project and the Specifications and Standards. In a separate section of the Inspection Report, the Utility's Engineer shall describe in reasonable detail the lapses, defects or deficiencies observed by it in the construction of the Power Station or in the equipment. The Utility's Engineer shall send a copy of its Inspection Report to the Utility and the Supplier within 7 (seven) days of the inspection.

4.4 The Utility's Engineer may inspect the Power Station more than once in a quarter if any lapses, defects or deficiencies require such inspections.

4.5 The Utility's Engineer shall observe all the Tests specified in Schedule-F prior to issue of Completion Certificate or Provisional Certificate, as the case may be. For carrying out its functions under this Paragraph 4.5 and all matters incidental thereto, the Utility's Engineer shall act under and in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 and Schedule-F.

5 Operation Period

5.1 In respect of the Documents received by the Utility's Engineer for its review and comments during the Operation Period, the provisions of Paragraph 4 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*.

- 5.2 The Utility's Engineer shall review the annual Maintenance Programme furnished by the Supplier and send its comments thereon to the Utility and the Supplier within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the Maintenance Programme.
- 5.3 The Utility's Engineer shall review the monthly status report furnished by the Supplier and send its comments thereon to the Utility and the Supplier within 7 (seven) days of receipt of such report.
- 5.4 The Utility's Engineer shall inspect the Power Station, once every six months, and make out an O&M Inspection Report setting forth an overview of the status, quality and safety of O&M including its conformity with the Key Performance Indicators and Maintenance Requirements. The Utility's Engineer shall send a copy of its O&M Inspection Report to the Utility and the Supplier within 7 (seven) days of the inspection.
- 5.5 The Utility's Engineer may inspect the Power Station more than once in a quarter, if any lapses, defects or deficiencies require such inspections.
- 5.6 The Utility's Engineer shall examine the request of the Supplier for closure of any section of the Power Station comprising Contracted Capacity for undertaking maintenance/repair thereof, keeping in view the need to minimise disruption in generation and the time required for completing such maintenance/repair in accordance with Good Industry Practice. It shall grant permission with such modifications, as it may deem necessary, within 3 (three) days of receiving a request from the Supplier. Upon expiry of the permitted period of closure, the Utility's Engineer shall monitor the re-opening of such section, and in case of delay, determine the Damages payable by the Supplier under Clause 15.9.
- 5.7 The Utility's Engineer shall monitor and review the curing of defects and deficiencies by the Supplier as set forth in Clause 16.3.

6 Termination

Upon Termination, the Utility's Engineer shall, in the presence of a representative of the Supplier, inspect the Power Station for determining compliance by the Supplier with the Divestment Requirements.

7 Determination of costs and time

- 7.1 The Utility's Engineer shall determine the costs, and/or their reasonableness, that are required to be determined by it under the Agreement.
- 7.2 The Utility's Engineer shall determine the period, or any extension thereof, that is required to be determined by it under the Agreement.

8 Assistance in Dispute resolution

- 8.1 When called upon by either Party in the event of any Dispute, the Utility's Engineer shall mediate and assist the Parties in arriving at an amicable settlement.
- 8.2 In the event of any disagreement between the Parties regarding the meaning, scope and nature of Good Industry Practice, as set forth in any provision of the

Agreement, the Utility's Engineer shall specify such meaning, scope and nature by issuing a reasoned written statement relying on good industry practice and authentic literature.

9 Other duties and functions

The Utility's Engineer shall perform all other duties and functions specified in the Agreement.

10 Miscellaneous

- 10.1 The Utility's Engineer shall notify its programme of inspection to the Utility and to the Supplier, who may, in their discretion, depute their respective representatives to be present during the inspection.
- 10.2 A copy of all communications, comments, instructions, Documents sent by the Utility's Engineer to the Supplier pursuant to this TOR, and a copy of all the test results with comments of the Utility's Engineer thereon shall be furnished by the Utility's Engineer to the Utility forthwith.
- 10.3 The Utility's Engineer shall obtain, and the Supplier shall furnish in 2 (two) copies thereof, all communications and reports required to be submitted, under this Agreement, by the Supplier to the Utility's Engineer, whereupon the Utility's Engineer shall send 1 (one) of the copies to the Utility along with its comments thereon and retain the other copy to be kept in its safe custody.
- 10.4 Upon completion of its assignment hereunder, the Utility's Engineer shall duly classify and list all Documents, results of tests and other relevant records, and hand them over to the Utility or such other person as the Utility may specify, and obtain written receipt thereof. Two copies of the said documents shall also be furnished in their editable digital format or in such other medium or manner as may be acceptable to the Utility.
- 10.5 Wherever no period has been specified for delivery of services by the Utility's Engineer, it shall act with the efficiency and urgency necessary for discharging its functions in accordance with Good Industry Practice.

SCHEDULE –L
(See Clause 23.2.1)

LETTER OF CREDIT

DATE:

TO: Limited (the “Supplier”)

FROM: (Specify the name and address of the bank issuing the Letter of Credit)[§]
(the “Bank”)

The Bank hereby issues this unconditional, irrevocable and revolving monthly letter of credit (the “**Letter of Credit**”) No.... in favour of the Supplier named above, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. On the instructions of the Utility, we hereby establish this Letter of Credit in favour of the Supplier in the maximum aggregate amount of Rs. ... (Rupees)^{§§} (the “**Monthly Payment**”), payable not more than once in a month upon notice received from the Supplier to this effect.
2. The Letter of Credit shall come into force with effect from, 20. and shall be valid and effective upto the 31st (thirty first) day of March, 20.... (indicate the year) falling after the year in which the Letter of Credit is issued (the “**Expiry Date**”), and shall be automatically and compulsorily renewed every year by the Bank, 2 (two) months prior to the date of expiry, for the period of the financial year that commences immediately after the Expiry Date, and shall continue to be so renewed until the end of the Contract Period. The date of expiry for the renewed period hereunder shall be deemed to be the Expiry Date for the purposes hereof.
3. This Letter of Credit provides security to the Supplier for the payment obligations of the Utility under a power supply agreement datedentered into between the Utility and the Supplier (the “**Power Supply Agreement**”) for supply of MW of electricity from the Power Station owned and operated by the Supplier in the State of
4. Any reference to the Power Supply Agreement or other agreement is for information only and does not in any way incorporate the terms and conditions of such Power Supply Agreement or agreement into the terms and conditions of this Letter of Credit.
5. The Supplier may draw upon this Letter of Credit by presenting a written demand for payment (by way of mail, courier or by hand) to the Bank along with the following documents:

[§] As provided in Article 27 of the Power Supply Agreement, the bank issuing the Letter of Credit should be the bank which has been appointed as the Default Escrow Bank under the Default Escrow Agreement.

^{§§} As provided in the Power Supply Agreement, this amount shall be equal to 20% of the annual Capacity Charge payable by the Utility to the Supplier. The Letter of Credit shall be modified and renewed once every year to reflect the revision in Fixed Charge in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

- (i) a copy of the Monthly Invoice (as defined in the Power Supply Agreement) issued by the Supplier to the Utility, any amounts whereof have remained unpaid; and
 - (ii) a certificate from the Supplier, under the hand of an Officer not below the rank of a Director of the Supplier, to the effect that the Monthly Invoice (as defined in the Power Supply Agreement) is in accordance with the Power Supply Agreement and that the amount due has remained unpaid and has not been disputed by the Utility.
6. The Bank shall honour such demand for payment, subject to it being compliant with the terms hereof, without inquiring whether the Supplier has a right as between itself and the Utility to make such demand. Payment hereunder shall be made within 2 (two) business days after receipt of the demand for payment.
7. If a demand for payment or the aforesaid accompanying documents do not conform to the provisions of this Letter of Credit, we shall give immediate notice to the Supplier that the demand for payment or the aforesaid documents, as the case may be, were not effected in accordance with the Letter of Credit, stating the reasons thereof and also specifying what the Supplier is required to do for making effective its demand for payment in accordance with the Letter of Credit.
8. The Expiry Date of this Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be automatically extended, 2 (two) months prior to its Expiry Date, without any act or deed, for an additional period of 1 (one) financial year from the respective Expiry Date, unless at least 180 (one hundred and eighty) days prior to any Expiry Date, the Bank gives notice in writing to the Supplier and the Utility that the Bank elects not to renew this Letter of Credit for any such additional period, in which case immediately after the Expiry Date of this Letter of Credit, the Bank shall cease to be the Default Escrow Bank under and in accordance with the provisions of the Default Escrow Agreement dated, entered into between the Bank, the Utility and the Supplier.
9. Partial drawal shall be permitted hereunder, provided that the maximum drawdown in any month shall not exceed the Monthly Payment.
10. The Utility shall cause the Letter of Credit to be replenished to the equivalent of Monthly Payment within 7 (seven) days of a drawdown.
11. All payments made under this Letter of Credit will be free and clear of, and without deduction for, any present or future fees, taxes, restrictions or conditions of any nature, and without setoff or counterclaim for any reason, except as required by law.
12. All costs and expenses in connection with this Letter of Credit are to be on account of the Utility.
13. Save and except as otherwise expressly stated, this Letter of Credit is subject to the International Standby Practice, ISP 98, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 590.

14. This Letter of Credit is governed by the Laws of India.
15. All notices, demand for payments and communications in regard to this Letter of Credit are to be given in writing at the addresses below:

To: (Name of Utility representative)
 (Designation)
 (Address, telephone and fax numbers)

To: (Name of the Bank representative)
 (Designation)
 (Address, telephone and fax numbers)

To: (Name of the Supplier representative)
 (Designation)
 (Address, telephone and fax numbers)

Signed and sealed this day of ..., 20... at .. .

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
 For and on behalf of
 the BANK by:

(Signature)
 (Name)
 (Designation)
 (Code Number)
 (Address)

NOTES:

- (i) **The Letter of Credit should contain the name, designation and code number of the officer(s) signing the Letter of Credit.**
- (ii) **The address, telephone number and other details of the Head Office of the Bank as well as of issuing Branch should be mentioned on the covering letter of issuing Branch.**

SCHEDULE –M
(See Clause 22.6)

REVENUE SHARE FROM SALE TO BUYER

Power Station:

Month:

Date	Sale under Clause 22.6		
	No. of units sold	Revenues realised (in "000 Rs.)	Revenue Share Due (in"000 Rs)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
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19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26			
27			
28			
29			
30			
31			
Total			

Total Revenue Share:

Remarks, if any:

SCHEDULE -N
(See Clause 27.2.1)

PANEL OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

1 Panel of Chartered Accountants

Pursuant to the provisions of Clause 27.2.1 of the Agreement, the Utility and the Supplier shall prepare a mutually agreed panel of 5 (five) reputable firms of Chartered Accountants having their registered offices in India (the “**Panel of Chartered Accountants**”). The criteria for preparing such Panel and the procedure to be adopted in this behalf shall be as set forth in this Schedule-N.

2 Invitation for empanelment

2.1 The Utility shall invite offers from all reputable firms of Chartered Accountants who have conducted statutory audit of the annual accounts of at least one hundred companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956/2013, including any re-enactment or amendment thereof, of which at least ten should have been public sector undertakings; and neither the firm nor any of its partners should have been disqualified or black-listed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or the Utility.

2.2 Interested and eligible firms shall be required to submit a statement of their capability including the bio-data of all the practising Chartered Accountants on its rolls. In particular, each firm shall be required to furnish year-wise information relating to the names of all companies with an annual turnover exceeding Rs. 25,00,00,000 (Rs. twenty five crore) whose annual accounts were audited by such firm in any of the preceding 5 (five) Accounting Years.

3 Evaluation and selection

The information furnished by each firm shall be scrutinised and evaluated by the Utility and 1 (one) point shall be awarded for each annual audit of the companies specified in Paragraph 2.2 above. 5 (five) firms scoring the highest points shall be included in the draft Panel of Chartered Accountants, which shall be conveyed to the Supplier for scrutiny and comments, if any. The Supplier shall be entitled to scrutinise the relevant records of the Utility to ascertain whether the selection of firms has been undertaken in accordance with the prescribed procedure and it shall send its comments, if any, to the Utility within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving the panel.

4 Mutually agreed panel

The Utility shall, after considering all relevant factors including the comments, if any, of the Supplier, finalise and constitute a panel of 5 (five) firms which shall be deemed to be the mutually agreed Panel of Chartered Accountants. A fresh panel shall be prepared, in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule-N, after completion of every 5 (five) years or such earlier period as may be agreed between the Utility and the Supplier.

SCHEDULE –O
(See Clause 32.5)

VESTING CERTIFICATE

- 1 [The Distribution Company] represented by and having its principal offices at (the “Utility”) refers to the Power Supply Agreement dated (the “Agreement”) entered into between the Utility and (the “Supplier”) for supply of MW of electricity from the Power Station owned and operated by the Supplier in the State of
- 2 The Supplier has transferred to the Utility all the Allocated Coal in its possession and has also assigned and transferred to the Utility all rights and title in the Allocated Coal and the Fuel Supply Agreement.
- 3 The Utility hereby acknowledges compliance and fulfilment by the Supplier of the Divestment Requirements set forth in Clause 32.1 of the Agreement on the basis that upon issue of this Vesting Certificate, the Utility shall be deemed to have acquired, and all title and interest of the Supplier in or about the Allocated Coal shall be deemed to have vested unto the Utility, free from any encumbrances, charges and liens whatsoever.
- 4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained hereinabove, it shall be a condition of this Vesting Certificate that nothing contained herein shall be construed or interpreted as waiving the obligation of the Supplier to rectify and remedy any defect or deficiency in any of the Divestment Requirements and/or relieving the Supplier in any manner of the same.

Signed this ... day of 20 ... at

AGREED, ACCEPTED AND
SIGNED

For and on behalf
Supplier by:

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)
(Fax No.)
(e-mail address)

In the presence of:

1.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

For and on behalf of
Utility by:

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)
(Fax No.)
(e-mail address)

2.

SCHEDULE -P
(See Clause 33.3.1)

SUBSTITUTION AGREEMENT

THIS SUBSTITUTION AGREEMENT is entered into on this the day of 20....

AMONGST

- 1 The Distribution Company represented by and having its principal offices at (hereinafter referred to as the “**Utility**” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its administrators, successors and assigns);
- 2 Limited, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/2013 and having its registered office at ..., (hereinafter referred to as the “**Supplier**” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its successors and permitted assigns and substitutes); and
- 3 (insert name and particulars of Lenders’ Representative) and having its registered office at , acting for and on behalf of the Senior Lenders as their duly authorised agent with regard to matters arising out of or in relation to this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “**Lenders’ Representative**”, which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its successors and substitutes);

WHEREAS:

- (A) The Utility has entered into a power supply agreement dated with the Supplier (the “**Power Supply Agreement**”) for supply of MW of electricity from the Power Station at in the State of , and a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked as Annex-A to form part of this Agreement.
- (B) Senior Lenders have agreed to finance the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Financing Agreements.
- (C) Senior Lenders have requested the Utility to enter into this Substitution Agreement for securing their interests through assignment, transfer and substitution of the Supply Contract to a Nominated Company in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Power Supply Agreement.
- (D) In order to enable implementation of the Project including its financing, construction, operation and maintenance, the Utility has agreed and undertaken to transfer and assign the Supply Contract to a Nominated Company in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Power Supply Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the respective covenants and agreements set forth in this Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In this Substitution Agreement, the following words and expressions shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

“**Agreement**” means this Substitution Agreement and any amendment thereto made in accordance with the provisions contained in this Agreement;

“**Financial Default**” means occurrence of a material breach of the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreements or a continuous default in Debt Service by the Supplier for a minimum period of 3 (three) months;

“**Lenders’ Representative**” means the person referred to as the Lenders’ Representative in the foregoing Recitals;

“**Nominated Company**” means a company, incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/2013, including any re-enactment or amendment thereof, selected by the Lenders’ Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, and proposed to the Utility for assignment/transfer of the Supply Contract as provided in this Agreement;

“**Notice of Financial Default**” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in Clause 3.2.1; and

“**Parties**” means the parties to this Agreement collectively and “**Party**” shall mean any of the Parties to this Agreement individually.

1.2 Interpretation

1.2.1 References to Lenders’ Representative shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, mean references to the Lenders’ Representative, acting for and on behalf of Senior Lenders.

1.2.2 References to Clauses are, unless stated otherwise, references to Clauses of this Agreement.

1.2.3 The words and expressions beginning with capital letters and defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning ascribed thereto herein, and the words and expressions used in this Agreement and not defined herein but defined in the Power Supply Agreement shall, unless repugnant to the context, have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Power Supply Agreement.

1.2.4 The rules of interpretation stated in Clauses 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of the Power Supply Agreement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to this Agreement.

2 ASSIGNMENT

2.1 Assignment of rights and title

The Supplier hereby agrees to assign the rights, title and interest in the Supply Contract to, and in favour of, the Lenders' Representative pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Power Supply Agreement by way of security in respect of financing by the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements.

3 SUBSTITUTION OF THE SUPPLIER

3.1 Rights of substitution

3.1.1 Pursuant to the rights, title and interest assigned under Clause 2.1, the Lenders' Representative shall be entitled to substitute the Supplier by a Nominated Company under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Power Supply Agreement.

3.1.2 The Utility hereby agrees to substitute the Supplier by endorsement on the Power Supply Agreement in favour of the Nominated Company selected by the Lenders' Representative in accordance with this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Senior Lenders or the Lenders' Representative shall not be entitled to operate and maintain the Power Station as Supplier either individually or collectively.

3.2 Substitution upon occurrence of Financial Default

3.2.1 Upon occurrence of a Financial Default, the Lenders' Representative may issue a notice to the Supplier (the "Notice of Financial Default") along with particulars thereof, and send a copy to the Utility for its information and record. A Notice of Financial Default under this Clause 3 shall be conclusive evidence of such Financial Default and it shall be final and binding upon the Supplier for the purposes of this Agreement.

3.2.2 Upon issue of a Notice of Financial Default hereunder, the Lenders' Representative may, without prejudice to any of its rights or remedies under this Agreement or the Financing Agreements, substitute the Supplier by a Nominated Company in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

3.3 Substitution upon occurrence of Supplier Default

3.3.1 Upon occurrence of a Supplier Default, the Utility shall by a notice inform the Lenders' Representative of its intention to issue a Termination Notice and grant 15 (fifteen) days time to the Lenders' Representative to make a representation, stating the intention to substitute the Supplier by a Nominated Company.

3.3.2 In the event that the Lenders' Representative makes a representation to the Utility within the period of 15 (fifteen) days specified in Clause 3.3.1, stating that it intends to substitute the Supplier by a Nominated Company, the Lenders' Representative shall be entitled to undertake and complete the substitution of the Supplier by a Nominated Company in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement within a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of such representation, and the Utility shall either withhold Termination or undertake Suspension for the aforesaid period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days; provided that upon written request from the Lenders' Representative and the

Supplier, the Utility shall extend the aforesaid period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days by a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days; provided further that the Lenders' Representative may at any time withdraw its representation hereunder and upon such withdrawal, the Utility may terminate this Agreement in accordance with the provisions hereof; provided further that the Lenders' Representative may at any time withdraw its representation hereunder and upon such withdrawal, the Utility may terminate this Agreement in accordance with the provisions hereof.

3.4 Procedure for substitution

- 3.4.1 The Utility and the Supplier hereby agree that on or after the date of Notice of Financial Default or the date of representation to the Utility under Clause 3.3.2, as the case may be, the Lenders' Representative may, without prejudice to any of the other rights or remedies of the Senior Lenders, invite, negotiate and procure offers, either by private negotiations or public auction or tenders for the take over and transfer of the Power Station including the Concession to the Nominated Company upon such Nominated Company's assumption of the liabilities and obligations of the Supplier towards the Utility under the Power Supply Agreement and towards the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements.
- 3.4.2 To be eligible for substitution in place of the Supplier, the Nominated Company shall be required to fulfil the eligibility criteria that were laid down by the Utility for shortlisting the Bidders for award of the Supply Contract; provided that the Lenders' Representative may represent to the Utility that all or any of such criteria may be waived in the interest of the Project, and if the Utility determines that such waiver shall not have any material adverse effect on the Project, it may waive all or any of such eligibility criteria.
- 3.4.3 Upon selection of a Nominated Company, the Lenders' Representative shall, request the Utility to:
- (a) accede to transfer to the Nominated Company the right to construct, operate and maintain the Power Station in accordance with the provisions of the Power Supply Agreement;
 - (b) endorse and transfer the Supply Contract to the Nominated Company, on the same terms and conditions, for the residual Contract Period; and
 - (c) enter into a Substitution Agreement with the Lenders' Representative and the Nominated Company on the same terms as are contained in this Agreement.
- 3.4.4 If the Utility has any objection to the transfer of Supply Contract in favour of the Nominated Company in accordance with this Agreement, it shall within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of proposal made by the Lenders' Representative, give a reasoned order after hearing the Lenders' Representative. If no such objection is raised by the Utility, the Nominated Company shall be deemed to have been accepted. The Utility shall thereupon transfer and endorse the Supply Contract within 15 (fifteen) days of its acceptance/deemed acceptance of the Nominated Company; provided that in the event of such objection by the Utility,

the Lenders" Representative may propose another Nominated Company whereupon the procedure set forth in this Clause 3.4 shall be followed for substitution of such Nominated Company in place of the Supplier.

- 3.4.5 The transfer of Contract hereunder to a Nominated Company may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and the Power Supply Agreement, be undertaken by transfer of no less than 75% (seventy five per cent) of the equity of the Supplier to the Nominated Company, and upon such transfer hereunder, the Supplier shall be deemed to be the Nominated Company under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Power Supply Agreement.

3.5 Selection to be binding

The decision of the Lenders" Representative and the Utility in selection of the Nominated Company shall be final and binding on the Supplier. The Supplier irrevocably agrees and waives any right to challenge the actions of the Lenders" Representative or the Senior Lenders or the Utility taken pursuant to this Agreement including the transfer/assignment of the Supply Contract in favour of the Nominated Company. The Supplier agrees and confirms that it shall not have any right to seek revaluation of assets of the Project or the Supplier"s shares. It is hereby acknowledged by the Parties that the rights of the Lenders" Representative are irrevocable and shall not be contested in any proceedings before any court or Utility and the Supplier shall have no right or remedy to prevent, obstruct or restrain the Utility or the Lenders" Representative from effecting or causing the transfer by substitution and endorsement of the Supply Contract as requested by the Lenders" Representative.

4 PROJECT AGREEMENTS

4.1 Substitution of Nominated Company in Project Agreements

The Supplier shall ensure and procure that each Project Agreement contains provisions that entitle the Nominated Company to step into such Project Agreement, in its discretion, in place and substitution of the Supplier in the event of such Nominated Company"s assumption of the liabilities and obligations of the Supplier under the Power Supply Agreement.

5 TERMINATION OF POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

5.1 Termination upon occurrence of Financial Default

At any time after issue of a Notice of Financial Default, the Lenders" Representative may by a notice in writing require the Utility to terminate the Power Supply Agreement forthwith, and upon receipt of such notice, the Utility shall undertake Termination under and in accordance with the provisions of Article 31 of the Power Supply Agreement.

5.2 Termination when no Nominated Company is selected

In the event that no Nominated Company acceptable to the Utility is selected and recommended by the Lenders' Representative within the period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days or any extension thereof as set forth in Clause 3.3.2, the Utility may terminate the Power Supply Agreement forthwith in accordance with the provisions thereof.

5.3 Realisation of Outstanding Debt

The Utility and the Supplier hereby acknowledge and agree that, without prejudice to their any other right or remedy, the Lenders' Representative is entitled to receive from the Supplier, without any further reference to or consent of the Supplier, the debt outstanding and due to the Senior Lenders upon Termination of the Power Supply Agreement.

6 DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

6.1 Duration of the Agreement

This Agreement shall come into force from the date hereof and shall expire at the earlier of Termination of the Power Supply Agreement or when no sum remains to be advanced, or is outstanding to the Senior Lenders, under the Financing Agreements.

7 INDEMNITY

7.1 General indemnity

7.1.1 The Supplier will indemnify, defend and hold the Utility and the Lenders' Representative harmless against any and all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense of whatever kind and nature arising out of any breach by the Supplier of any of its obligations under this Agreement or on account of failure of the Supplier to comply with Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits.

7.1.2 The Utility will indemnify, defend and hold the Supplier harmless against any and all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense arising out of failure of the Utility to fulfil any of its obligations under this Agreement, materially and adversely affecting the performance of the Supplier's obligations under the Power Supply Agreement or this Agreement, other than any loss, damage, cost and expense, arising out of acts done in discharge of their lawful functions by the Utility, its officers, servants and agents.

7.1.3 The Lenders' Representative will indemnify, defend and hold the Supplier harmless against any and all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense arising out of failure of the Lenders' Representative to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement, materially and adversely affecting the performance of the Supplier's obligations under the Power Supply Agreement, other than any loss, damage, cost and expense, arising out of

acts done in discharge of their lawful functions by the Lenders" Representative, its officers, servants and agents.

7.2 Notice and contest of claims

In the event that any Party hereto receives a claim from a third party in respect of which it is entitled to the benefit of an indemnity under Clause 7.1 or in respect of which it is entitled to reimbursement (the "Indemnified Party"), it shall notify the other Party responsible for indemnifying such claim hereunder (the "Indemnifying Party") within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the claim and shall not settle or pay the claim without the prior approval of the Indemnifying Party, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event that the Indemnifying Party wishes to contest or dispute the claim, it may conduct the proceedings in the name of the Indemnified Party and shall bear all costs involved in contesting the same. The Indemnified Party shall provide all cooperation and assistance in contesting any claim and shall sign all such writings and documents as the Indemnifying Party may reasonably require.

8 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

8.1 Dispute resolution

8.1.1 Any dispute, difference or claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement which is not resolved amicably shall be decided by reference to arbitration to a Board of Arbitrators comprising one nominee each of the Utility, Supplier and the Lenders" Representative. Such arbitration shall be held in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the International Centre for Alternate Dispute Resolution, New Delhi (the "Rules") or such other rules as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, and shall be subject to provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

8.1.2 The Arbitrators shall issue a reasoned award and such award shall be final and binding on the Parties. The place of arbitration shall be [Delhi/Mumbai/Chennai/Kolkata/Name of the place in the State]⁶³ and the language of arbitration shall be English.

8.2 Adjudication by the Commission

8.2.1 In the event a Dispute is required under Applicable Laws to be adjudicated upon by the Commission, such Dispute shall, instead of reference to arbitration under Clause 8.1, be submitted for adjudication by the Commission. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the adjudication hereunder shall not be final and binding until an appeal against such adjudication has been decided by the appellate tribunal, or no such appeal has been preferred within the time specified in the Applicable Law.

8.2.2 Where any dispute is referred by the Commission to be settled through arbitration, the procedure specified in Clause 8.1 shall be followed to the extent applicable.

⁶³ Retain one and strike out the remaining places.

9 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of India, and the courts in the State shall have jurisdiction over all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

9.2 Waiver of sovereign immunity

The Utility unconditionally and irrevocably:

- (a) agrees that the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Agreement constitute commercial acts done and performed for commercial purpose;
- (b) agrees that, should any proceedings be brought against it or its assets, property or revenues in any jurisdiction in relation to this Agreement or any transaction contemplated by this Agreement, no immunity (whether by reason of sovereignty or otherwise) from such proceedings shall be claimed by or on behalf of the Utility with respect to its assets;
- (c) waives any right of immunity which it or its assets, property or revenues now has, may acquire in the future or which may be attributed to it in any jurisdiction; and
- (d) consents generally in respect of the enforcement of any judgement or award against it in any such proceedings to the giving of any relief or the issue of any process in any jurisdiction in connection with such proceedings (including the making, enforcement or execution against it or in respect of any assets, property or revenues whatsoever irrespective of their use or intended use of any order or judgement that may be made or given in connection therewith).

9.3 Priority of agreements

In the event of any conflict between the Power Supply Agreement and this Agreement, the provisions contained in the Power Supply Agreement shall prevail over this Agreement.

9.4 Alteration of terms

All additions, amendments, modifications and variations to this Agreement shall be effectual and binding only if in writing and signed by the duly authorised representatives of the Parties.

9.5 Waiver

- 9.5.1 Waiver by any Party of a default by another Party in the observance and performance of any provision of or obligations under this Agreement:

- (a) shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or subsequent default hereof or of other provisions of or obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) shall not be effective unless it is in writing and executed by a duly authorised representative of the Party; and
- (c) shall not affect the validity or enforceability of this Agreement in any manner.

9.5.2 Neither the failure by either Party to insist on any occasion upon the performance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement or any obligation thereunder nor time or other indulgence granted by a Party to another Party shall be treated or deemed as waiver of such breach or acceptance of any variation or the relinquishment of any such right hereunder.

9.6 No third party beneficiaries

This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties and no other person or entity shall have any rights hereunder.

9.7 Survival

9.7.1 Termination of this Agreement:

- (a) shall not relieve the Parties of any obligations hereunder which expressly or by implication survive termination hereof; and
- (b) except as otherwise provided in any provision of this Agreement expressly limiting the liability of either Party, shall not relieve either Party of any obligations or liabilities for loss or damage to the other Party arising out of or caused by acts or omissions of such Party prior to the effectiveness of such termination or arising out of such termination.

9.7.2 All obligations surviving the cancellation, expiration or termination of this Agreement shall only survive for a period of 3 (three) years following the date of such termination or expiry of this Agreement.

9.8 Severability

If for any reason whatever any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable or is declared as such by any court of competent jurisdiction or any other instrumentality, the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected in any manner, and the Parties will negotiate in good faith with a view to agreeing to one or more provisions which may be substituted for such invalid, unenforceable or illegal provisions, as nearly as is practicable to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision. Failure to agree upon any such provisions shall not be subject to dispute resolution under Clause 8 of this Agreement or otherwise.

9.9 Successors and assigns

This Agreement shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

9.10 Notices

All notices or other communications to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing, shall either be delivered personally or sent by courier or registered post with an additional copy to be sent by facsimile or e-mail. The address for service of each Party, its facsimile number and e-mail address are set out under its name on the signing pages hereto. A notice shall be effective upon actual receipt thereof, save that where it is received after 5.30 (five thirty) p.m. on any day, or on a day that is a public holiday, the notice shall be deemed to be received on the first working day following the date of actual receipt. Without prejudice to the foregoing, a Party giving or making a notice or communication by facsimile or e-mail shall promptly deliver a copy thereof personally, or send it by courier or registered post to the addressee of such notice or communication. It is hereby agreed and acknowledged that any Party may by notice change the address to which such notices and communications to it are to be sent. Such change shall be effective when all the Parties have notice of it.

9.11 Language

All notices, certificates, correspondence and proceedings under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in English.

9.12 Authorised representatives

Each of the Parties shall by notice in writing designate their respective authorised representatives through whom only all communications shall be made. A Party hereto shall be entitled to remove and/or substitute or make fresh appointment of such authorised representative by similar notice.

9.13 Original Document

This Agreement may be executed in three counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE DATE FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
For and on behalf of
THE UTILITY by:

THE COMMON SEAL OF SUPPLIER has
been affixed pursuant to the resolution passed
by its Board of Directors at the meeting held
on the day of 20..... hereunto affixed
in the presence of, Director, who has
signed these presents in token thereof and
....., Company Secretary / Authorised
Officer who has countersigned the same in
token thereof⁶:

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)
(Fax No.)
(e-mail address)

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)
(Fax No.)
(e-mail address)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
For and on behalf of
SENIOR LENDERS by the Lenders' Representative:

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)
(Fax No.)
(e-mail address)

In the presence of:

- 1. 2.

⁶ To be affixed in accordance with the articles of association of the Supplier and the resolution passed by its Board of Directors.

Appendices

APPENDIX-I
LIST OF BID-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS[£]

A. Provisions with currency-based footnotes

Footnotes with “£” sign

1. Clause 5.5: Obligations relating to transmission charges.
2. Article 11: Construction of the Power Station: Also address all provisions mentioned in the footnote.
3. Clause 21.2.1: Base Fixed Charge.
4. Clause 22.2.1: Fuel Charge.
5. Power Supply Agreement: Signature page.
6. Schedule-B: Development of the Power Station: Annex-I: Paragraph 6 and Annex-II: Paragraph 1.3.
7. Schedule-J: Default Escrow Agreement: Signature page.
8. Schedule-K: Deed of Hypothecation: Signature page.
9. Schedule-P: Substitution Agreement: Signature page.
10. Appendix-I: List of Bid-specific provisions.

Note: The above footnotes marked “£” shall be removed prior to execution of the PSA-DBFOO.

Footnotes with “\$” or “\$\$” signs

1. Heading of the Power Supply Agreement.
2. Schedule-L: Letter of Credit: From; and Paragraph 1.

Note: Non-numerical footnotes marked “\$” or “\$\$” shall not be deleted. They shall remain in the PSA-DBFOO to be executed between the Parties.

B. Provisions where curly brackets are used

1. Clause 7.1 (m): Representations and warranties of the Supplier
2. Clause 38.14 (a) and (b): Notices

C. Provisions with blank spaces

1. Recitals: First line, Recitals 2 and D.
2. Clause 5.5: Obligations relating to transmission charges.
3. Clause 18.1: Installed Capacity.
4. Clause 21.2.1: Base Fixed Charge.
5. Clause 22.2: Fuel Charge.
6. Power Supply Agreement: Signature page.

Note: All blank spaces in Schedules shall be retained in the Power Supply Agreement to be executed between the Parties. These shall be filled up as and when the format of the respective Schedule is used.

[£] This Appendix-I contains a list of provisions that would need to be suitably modified for reflecting bid-specific provisions after the Supplier has been selected. This Appendix-I may be included in the draft Power Supply Agreement forming part of the Bid Documents. It may however, be deleted when the Power Supply Agreement is to be executed.

Note: The Table of Contents may also be suitably modified to reflect omission(s) and/or re-numbering of Bid-specific provisions.

APPENDIX-II
LIST OF PROJECT-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS⁶⁴

A. Provisions with serially numbered Footnotes (Fn)

1. First line of the Power Supply Agreement (Fn. 1).
2. Clause 3.1.1: The Supply Contract (Fn. 2)*: Also address definition of Contract Period and other timelines.
3. Clause 4.1.2: Conditions Precedent (Fn. 3)*.
4. Clause 4.1.3 (i) and (j): Conditions Precedent (Fn. 4 and 5)*.
5. Clause 5.2.3: Obligations relating to Project Agreements (Fn. 6).
6. Clause 9.1.1: Performance Security (Fn. 7)*.
7. Clause 11.2.1: Construction of the Power Station (Fn. 8)*: Also address Schedule-E.
8. Clause 13.2.2: Completion Certificate (Fn. 9): Also address paragraph 3.2 of Schedule-F.
9. Clause 13.4.1: Synchronisation (Fn. 10)*: Also address Clause 15.11.
10. Clause 14.3: Sale of electricity prior to COD (Fn. 11).
11. Clause 17.1: Key Performance Indicators (Fn. 12).
12. Clause 18.1: Installed Capacity (Fn. 13).
13. Clause 20.1.1: Financial Close (Fn. 14)*.
14. Clause 21.2.4: Base Fixed Charge (Fn. 15)*.
15. Clause 21.4.4: Computation of Fixed Charge (Fn. 16)*: Also address Clause 21.4.5.
16. Clause 22.1.1: Station Heat Rate (Fn. 17)*: Also address paragraph 2.1 of Schedule-C.
17. Clause 22.2.3: Fuel Charge (Fn. 18, 19*, 20*, 21*, 22*, 23*, 24*, 25* and 26*): Also address Clauses 22.1.1, 22.2.1, Explanation to Clause 22.2.2 and Clause 22.3.8 (refer Fn. 18).
18. Clause 22.2.4: Fuel Charge (Fn. 27 and 28)*.
19. Clause 22.5: Terms of FSA (Fn. 29)*: Also address Clause 22.4.1.
20. Clause 23.1.1: Default Escrow Account (Fn. 30).
21. Clause 34.1: Increase in costs (Fn. 32): Also address Clause 34.2.
22. Clause 39.1: Definitions of Captive Mine (Fn. 33), Fuel (Fn. 34), Project Agreements (Fn. 35) : Also address Clauses 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, Articles 18, 21 and 22 and other relevant clauses, and the technical parameters, as specified in the relevant Schedules (refer Fn. 34).
23. Appendix-II: List of Project-specific provisions (Fn. 44).

***Note:** The provisions to which these Footnotes relate also include square parenthesis or asterisks, which may be addressed simultaneously. Such square parenthesis or asterisks have not been listed in (B) or (C) below.

B. Provisions with square parenthesis

1. Clause 2.1 (a): Scope of the Project.
2. Clause 5.1.4 (Explanation): Obligations of the Supplier.
3. Clause 13.6: Phased completion of Power Station.

⁶⁴ This Appendix-II contains a list of provisions that would need to be suitably modified prior to issue of bid documents for reflecting project-specific provisions. This Appendix-II should be omitted before issuing the draft Power Supply Agreement, forming part of the Bid Documents.

4. Clause 14.1.2: Commercial Operation Date.
5. Clause 22.2.5: Fuel Charge.
6. Clause 22.3.2 and 22.3.8: Determination of GCV.
7. Clause 22.8.2: Fuel Shortage.
8. Clause 39.1: Definitions of Contract Period and Power Station.

C. Provisions with asterisks

1. Recitals: Recitals 1, A and B.
2. Clause 13.6: Phased completion of Power Station.
3. Clause 18.2: Contracted Capacity.

D. Schedules with Footnotes and square parenthesis

1. Schedules A, B and C relate to the physical and technical aspects of the Project and contain several Notes, Footnotes and square parenthesis. These Schedules require a comprehensive and integrated scrutiny for Project-specific customisation.
2. Schedule-D: Performance Security: Address; Recitals A and B.
3. Schedule-E: Project Completion Schedule: Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4; and Fn. 42.
4. Schedule-F: Tests: Paragraph 3.2 and Fn. 43.
5. Schedule-J: Default Escrow Agreement: Signature page.
6. Schedule-K: Deed of Hypothecation: Signature page.
7. Schedule-O: Vesting Certificate: Paragraph 1.

Note: The Table of Contents may also be suitably modified to reflect omission(s) and/or re-numbering of Project-specific provisions.



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 - Hon'ble Chairman
 - " Member
 - " Member
 - Secretary

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 Process
 28/07/2022

Ref: MUL/GERC/Petition/25072022

Date: 25.07.2022

The Secretary,

Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC)

6th Floor, GIFT ONE,

Road 5-C, Zone 5, GIFT CITY,

Gandhinagar-382355, Gujarat - India

G.E.R.C.	
Inward No.	4136
Date: 26 JUL 2022	

Sub.: Request for urgent listing of Petition filed by MPSEZ Utilities Ltd for seeking approval for Quantum and Deviations in Model Bidding Documents as per the Ministry of Power guidelines dated 06.03.2019 for procurement of Electricity for Long Term

Petition No. 2133/22.

Ref.: MUL Petition inward dated 13.07.2022

Dear Sir,

MPSEZ Utilities Ltd. ("**MUL**") had issued a bid for procurement of power on a medium-term basis through DEEP Portal as per approved quantum and deviations under Petition No. 2051 of 2022 by Hon'ble Commission vide its Order dated 20.05.2022. However, post Technical Qualification it is discovered that adequate bidders had not offered the required quantum of power as required by MUL and MUL had left with no other option but to cancel the entire bid process.

In light of the above, MUL now proposes to procure 600 MW RTC power under long-term basis for a period of 15 years i.e. from Oct-2022 to Sep-2037 through a competitive bidding process, extendable with mutual consent up to another 10 years, and accordingly, the Petition has been filed on 13.07.2022 before the Hon'ble Commission seeking approval for Quantum and Deviations in Model Bidding Documents as per the Ministry of Power guidelines dated 06.03.2019 for procurement of Electricity for Long Term. The Petition is yet to be listed for hearing.

In this regard, we would like to submit that MUL has to finalize the tender documents based on the outcome of the aforesaid Petition and initiate the tendering process for procurement of power, which takes considerable time to conclude.

Considering the above, it is humbly requested that the captioned Petition may kindly be listed for hearing before the Hon'ble Commission at the earliest.

MPSEZ Utilities Limited
 (Formerly MPSEZ Utilities Private Limited)
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It is requested that you may circulate this letter to the Hon'ble Chairman and the Hon'ble Members to avoid any inconvenience.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

For **MPSEZ Utilities Limited**



Authorised Signatory



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**BEFORE THE HON'BLE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY
COMMISSION AT GANDHINAGAR**

Filing No. _____

Case No. 2133 / 2022

IN THE MATTER OF

Petition under Section 86(1)(b) read with Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 along with "Guidelines for Procurement of Power by the Distribution Licensees" issued by Hon'ble GERC for seeking approval of the Quantum, and deviations from the Model Bidding documents as per the Ministry of Power guidelines dated 6th March 2019 for Procurement of 600 MW Power under Long Term from Power Stations set up on Design, Build, Finance, Own, and Operate (DBFOO).

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

MPSEZ Utilities Limited
Adani Corporate House, Shantigram,
Nr. Vaishno Devi Circle, S. G. Highway,
Khodiyar, Ahmedabad - 382 421

.....PETITIONER

The Petitioner humbly submits as under:

1. MPSEZ Utilities Limited (hereinafter referred to as "MUL" or "Petitioner") has filed a petition under Section 86(1)(b) read with Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 along with "Guidelines for Procurement of Power by the Distribution Licensees" issued by Hon'ble GERC for seeking approval of the Quantum, and deviations from the Model Bidding documents as per the Ministry of Power guidelines dated 6th March 2019 for Procurement of 600 MW Power under Long Term from Power Stations set up on Design, Build, Finance, Own, and Operate (DBFOO).
2. The Petition was registered as Petition no. 2133 / 2022 vide Hon'ble Commission letter no. GERC/Legal/2022/1347 dated 25.07.2022.
3. The matter was kept for hearing before Hon'ble commission on 03.08.2022 and Hon'ble Commission vide daily order dated 08.08.2022

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has directed the Petitioner to publish the Public Notice in the newspapers to invite view/comments/suggestions/objections of the stakeholders. The directions issued by Hon'ble commission in this regard is reproduced below:

"3.4. we hold that a public hearing shall be conducted to take into consideration the views/comments/suggestions/objections of the stakeholders before deciding the present matter. The Petitioner is, therefore, directed to issue a public notice in one daily Gujarati Newspaper and one English Newspaper having wide circulation in the State/National level stating that they have filed Petition No. 2133 of 2022 before the Commission for approval of Quantum and Deviations in Model Bidding Documents as per the Ministry of Power (MoP) Guidelines dated 06.03.2019 for procurement of 600 MW power under Long Term from Power Stations set up on Design, Build, Finance, Own and Operate (DBFOO) basis. The Petitioner is also directed to upload the present updated Petition with the all the documents on its website and invite comments and suggestions from the stakeholders on the Petition on affidavit on or before 15 days from the date of issuance of public notice. The Petitioner shall also state in the public notice that the stakeholders/objectors shall file their objections/suggestions in the Petition to the Secretary, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th Floor, GIFT ONE, Road 5C, 3 zone 5, GIFT City, Gandhinagar – 382355 in five copies along with affidavit in support of their submissions with a copy to the Petitioner within 15 days from the date of issuance of public notice and also mention in the public notice that the date of hearing is scheduled by the Commission is on 07.09.2022 at 11:30 A.M. Upon receipt of the comments/views/objections/suggestions from the stakeholders, the Petitioner is at liberty to file its reply, if any, to the Commission. The staff of the Commission is also directed to upload the Petition along with all relevant documents on the website of the Commission after compliance affidavit of issuing public notice and uploading of Petition is filed by the Petitioner along with copy of public notices issued by the Petitioner is provided to the Commission and invite comments/suggestions from the stakeholders. "

4. In compliance to the aforesaid directions of the Hon'ble Commission, Petitioner has published the Public Notice on 11.08.2022 in the Gujarati and English newspapers inviting views/comments/suggestions/objections from various stakeholders on its Petition for seeking approval

of the Quantum, and deviations from the Model Bidding documents as per the Ministry of Power guidelines dated 6th March 2019 for Procurement of 600 MW Power under Long Term from Power Stations set up on Design, Build, Finance, Own, and Operate (DBFOO).

5. The Petitioner is hereby submitting the copies (1 original + 4 Copies) of the notice published in the following newspapers before Hon'ble Commission for its consideration:
 - a) Newspaper–The Indian Express (All Editions in India) – Annexure-1
 - b) Newspaper–Gujarat Samachar (All Editions in Gujarat) – Annexure-2
6. As per directives of the Hon'ble Commission, Petitioner has also uploaded the petition in English on its website www.adaniports.com for inviting objections / suggestions from the stakeholders.
7. The Petitioner, therefore, humbly submits that it had complied with the directions given by Hon'ble commission in daily order dated 08.08.2022.

Place: Ahmedabad

Date: 22.08.2022



Mehul Rupera

(Authorized Signatory)

S. No. 5990/2022

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VIJAY C. SHAH
NOTARY
GOVT. OF INDIA

BEFORE THE HON'BLE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY
COMMISSION AT GANDHINAGAR

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Case No. 2133/2022

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IN THE MATTER OF

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.....PETITIONER

AFFIDAVIT

I, Mehul Rupera, son of Shri Tejpal Shantilal Rupera aged about 47 years, Director of MPSEZ Utilities Limited, Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Nr. Vaishno Devi Circle, S. G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad – 382 421, the Petitioner herein do solemnly affirm and state on oath as under :

1. That I am duly authorized by the Petitioner to swear this affidavit.
2. That the facts stated in the petition are based on the record and files of the Petitioner Company and they are true and correct to my knowledge, information and belief and I believe the same to be true.

Solemnly affirmed at Mundra on this 22nd day of August, 2022.

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DEPONENT



SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED
BEFORE ME
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VIJAY C. SHAH
NOTARY
GOVT. OF INDIA
22 AUG 2022

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

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SENSEX: 58,817.29 ▲ 357.8 (-0.06%) NIFTY: 17,534.75 ▲ 9.65 (0.06%) NIKKEI: 27,819.33 ▲ 180.63 HANG SENG: 19,610.84 ▲ 392.60 FTSE: 7,491.39 ▲ 3.24 DAX: 13,558.87 ▲ 23.50



GOLD

₹ 52,811



RUPEE

₹ 79.51/USD



OIL

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SILVER

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Note: Gold, silver rates as of 10:00 am on 11/08/2022. Rupee, oil, silver rates as of 10:00 am on 11/08/2022. DAX, Hang Seng, FTSE, Nikkei rates as of 10:00 am on 11/08/2022.

SECTOR WATCH CONSUMER INTERNET

Microsoft's ONDC bet: Eye on social e-commerce foray & better pricing

SOURYA ARENDRA BARKI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

MICROSOFT HAS become the first big tech company to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a government-backed project aimed at enabling small merchants and mom-and-pop stores in two parts of the country to access processes and technologies that are typically deployed by large e-commerce platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart.

The US software giant intends to introduce social e-commerce — group buying experience — in the Indian market, which would include a shopping app for Indian e-commerce along with their social circle, harnessing the ONDC network to discover the best pricing among retailers and sellers.

What is ONDC? It is an initiative aimed at promoting open networks for all aspects of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks. ONDC is to be based on open-source methodology, using open specifications and open network protocols independent of any specific platform. It is being developed as a counter to the current duopoly in the Indian e-commerce market, which is largely dictated by Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart.

Microsoft is joining the ONDC wagon means the project gets its first international marquee name ahead of its Bengaluru launch. Many participants are currently live on the ONDC network, offering a number of services in the e-commerce

Microsoft coming on board ONDC means that the government-backed project gets its first international marquee name

supply chain like buying, selling and logistics services.

How does ONDC work? The ONDC platform lies in the middle of the interfaces hosting the buyers and the sellers. So far, the buyer side interface is being hosted by Paytm, whereas the seller side interface is being hosted by players like GoFrugal, etc.

When a buyer searches for an item on the Paytm app, for where ONDC has gone live, the app will connect to the ONDC platform, which will connect it to seller side interfaces that will list all the sellers that have listed that particular item.

On the ONDC, there will be several other locked partners such as logistics service providers, enterprise resource planners, e-commerce's start-up hosting service providers, etc.

What issues will it solve? An ONDC strategy paper published earlier this year flagged the rising dominance of global players in India's e-commerce ecosystem, pointing out that the large quantum of investment required to build competitors to the integrated solutions offered by the big players has become a deterrent for digital marketplace. It also flagged the inability of marketplace sellers to move out of the platform ecosystem given that the value created by these small players is stored with the larger platforms.

Enterprises with a net worth of at least ₹100 crore who are willing to set up CNPNs by obtaining spectrum directly from the government can send their inputs for the demand study until September 9, the DoT said.

RESERVE BANK ISSUES GUIDELINES TO CURB MALPRACTICES

Digital lending norms: Direct credit to a/c, sans third party

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

AIMING TO curb rising malpractices in the digital lending ecosystem, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday issued guidelines for entities engaged in digital lending, with the norms stating that all digital loans must be disbursed and repaid through bank accounts of regulated entities only without passage through lending service providers (LSPs) or other third parties.

The norms issued on Wednesday by the Reserve Bank follow the recommendations of a working group for digital lending, whose report was made public last November.

The regulator classified digital lenders into three categories: entities regulated by the RBI and permitted to carry out lending

WORKING GROUP
RECOMMENDATIONS

The norms issued on Wednesday by the Reserve Bank follow the recommendations of a working group for digital lending, whose report was made public last November.

The regulator classified digital lenders into three categories: entities regulated by the RBI and permitted to carry out lending

business, entities authorised to carry out lending as per other statutory or regulatory provisions but not regulated by the RBI, and entities lending outside the purview of any statutory or regulatory provisions.

The latest regulatory framework is focussed on the digital lending ecosystem of RBI's regulated entities (REs) and LSPs engaged by them to extend credit facilitation services. As for entities falling in the second category, the respective regulator may consider formulating rules on digital lending, based on the recommendations of the working group, the RBI said for entities in the third category, the working group has suggested specific legislative and institutional interventions for consideration by the government to curb illegitimate lending.

Apart from direct disbursements and repayments of digital loans, the norms mandate that any fees

or charges payable to LSPs in the credit intermediation process shall be paid directly by the RE and not by the borrower.

A standardised key fact statement (KFS) must be provided to the borrower before executing the loan contract. The all-inclusive cost of digital loans in the form of annual percentage rate (APR) will have to be disclosed to borrowers. The APR shall also form part of KFS. Automatic increases in credit limit without the explicit consent of borrowers has been prohibited. The loan contract must provide for a cooling-off or look-up period during which borrowers can exit digital loans by paying the principal and the proportionate APR without any penalty.

All digital lending products extended by REs over merchant platforms involving short term credit or deferred payments must also be reported to credit bureaus by the REs. WITHFE

'PE/VC investments plummet 69% in July to \$3 billion'

Investments by private equity and venture capital (PE/VC) funds into Indian entities fell by 69% to \$3 billion during July, a report by IVCA and EY said

SLOWDOWN IN DEAL MAKING ACTIVITY can be seen in a global headwinds like recession and high interest rates in the developed world

ABSENCE OF LARGE DEALS was a cause for the shortfall, with

just six such deals of over \$100 million aggregating to \$2.2 billion

LOWEST INVESTMENTS FOR ANY MONTH IN a year were seen in July, which were also lower than the \$4.9 billion recorded across 118 deals in June

Buyouts — the only segment that recorded a growth — was the best performing deal type in July at \$1.8 billion across 9 deals, as against \$1.7 billion across 9 deals

40% Share of pure-play PE/VC investments

(excluding real estate and infrastructure sectors) within total investments, compared to 90% in July 2021 and 82% in June 2022

76% Fall seen in investments into start-ups — which had given a leg-up to the overall venture investing landscape in last 18 months — to \$820 million

74 PE/VC DEALS RECORDED LAST MONTH, AGAINST 134 DEALS IN THE YEAR-AGO PERIOD

Largest deal in July saw Edelweiss Infrastructure Yield Plus fund buy eight road assets of L&T for \$88 million

Source: IVCA & EY/PTI

INPUTS FROM ENTERPRISES WITH NET WORTH OF AT LEAST ₹100 CR Pvt 5G: DoT invites cos for study

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) on Wednesday invited stakeholders to participate in a demand study for direct assignment of spectrum for setting up 5G networks (CNPNs), also known as private 5G networks.

Enterprises with a net worth of at least ₹100 crore who are willing to set up CNPNs by obtaining spectrum directly from the government can send their inputs for the demand study until September 9, the DoT said.

These networks are typically set up by an enterprise or organisation like factories for their private use and are not accessible to the general public. The DoT had issued 'Guidelines for Private Non-Public Network License' in June with an aim to set up a regulatory framework for CNPNs. It said that enterprises setting up CNPNs will have to ensure there is no interference caused to any public network or any other licensed user of spectrum.

The norms call for enterprises wanting to obtain spectrum directly from the government to take a 10-year renewable licence, for which the

government won't charge any licence fee. An enterprise will have to pay a one-time non-refundable application processing fee of ₹5,00,000 and the licensee will be required to follow stipulated network security norms regarding procurement of telecom equipment from trusted sources. Eligible enterprises must submit details including ownership, net worth, requirement of spectrum in various bands, among other things. The DoT said that participation in the demand study will not enable the enterprises any claim for spectrum assignment. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

JSW Energy to buy Mytrah Energy's renewable portfolio for ₹10,530 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, AUGUST 10

SAJAN JINDAL-LED JSW Energy on Wednesday signed an agreement to acquire Mytrah Energy's 1,253 MW renewable energy portfolio for an enterprise value of about ₹10,530 crore. This is the largest acquisition by JSW Energy in a space where investment flows have been steadily rising over the last few months.

The deal is being executed through its wholly-owned subsidiary JSW Neo Energy, and will

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help the company achieve its renewable-led capacity growth target of 10 GW by FY25. Mytrah Energy's portfolio comprises 10 wind special purpose vehicles (SPVs) with a generation capacity of 1,331 MW and seven solar SPVs with a gen-

eration capacity of 422 MW, situated primarily in the southern, western and central parts of India. The assets have power purchase agreements and an average remaining life of 18 years, it said in a regulatory update.

The transaction, which is subject to Competition Commission of India and other customary approvals, is expected to be completed by November 15, 2022. The enterprise value of ₹10,530 crore is after adjusting for net current assets, subject to working capital and other adjustments. PE

BRIEFLY

Bank credit up

Mumbai: In the fortnight ended July 29, bank credit rose ₹4,525 to ₹123,69 lakh crore and deposits 9,145 to ₹169,71 lakh crore, as per data from the RBI's Scheduled Banks Statement of Position in India as on July 29.

Pilot licence

New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday issued guidelines for medical examinations to assess fitness of transgender persons who have applied for commercial pilot licence.

Alibaba stake

Tokyo: Softbank Group Corp said it would book a gain of \$34.1 billion by running its stake in Alibaba Group Holding 14.6% from 23.7% as the investment belief-moth looks to shore up its cash reserve to weather the market downturn. PTI

Oil India Q1 PAT

New Delhi: Oil India Ltd (OIL) reported a massive ₹2.9 crore increase in its profit after tax (PAT) for the quarter ended June 2022 at ₹1,555.49 crore against ₹579.94 crore during the year-ago quarter. ENS

US inflation slows from a 40-year peak but remains high

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 10

FALLING PRICES for gas, airline tickets and clothes helped give Americans a slight breather from the pain of high inflation last month, though overall price increases slowed only modestly from a four-decade high that was reached in June.

Consumer prices jumped 8.5 per cent in July as against a year earlier, the government said Wednesday, down from a 9.1 per cent year-over-year rise in June. On a monthly basis, prices were unchanged from June to July, the smallest such rise in more than two years. Much of the relief last month was felt by travelers: Hotel room costs fell 2.7 per cent from June to July, airlines nearly 8 per cent and rental car prices a whopping 9.5 per cent.

Last month's declines in travel-related prices helped lower so-called core inflation, a measure that excludes the volatile food and energy categories to provide a clearer picture of underlying inflation. Core prices rose just 0.3 per cent from June, the smallest month-to-month increase since March. And compared with a year ago,

Oil up, bond yields tumble

New York: Oil prices rose Wednesday as a lower-than-expected US inflation figure drove investors to riskier assets. As of 17:46 GMT, Brent rose 68 cents, or 0.7%, to \$96.99 and US WTI 83 cents, or 0.9%, to \$91.33.

Meanwhile, the yield on the two-year US Treasury fell to 3.14% from 3.27% late Tuesday and the 10-year yield to 2.76% from 2.78%. Wall Street, however, shot up, with the S&P 500 rising 1.9%, the Nasdaq composite index by 2.5%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average by 1.4%, as of 1:34 p.m. ET. Bitcoin rose 3.3% to top \$24,000. REUTERS & AP

core inflation amounted to 5.9 per cent in July, the same year-over-year increase as in June. All the July figures raised hope that inflation may have peaked after over a year of relentless increases. Still, core prices have slowed in the recent past only to re-accelerate in subsequent months.

FEARS OF FORCED TWITTER DEAL Musk sells \$6.9-bn worth Tesla stocks



Elon Musk, AP/IC

San Francisco: Tesla Inc chief executive Elon Musk sold \$6.9 billion worth of shares in the electric vehicle maker, saying the funds could be used to finance a potential Twitter deal if he loses a legal battle with the social media platform.

Shares of the microblogging site rose 3.5 per cent to \$44.35 in early trading, but were still significantly below Musk's offer price of \$54.20 per share. Musk in early July took up his April 25 pact to buy Twitter for \$44 billion. REUTERS

Two new Galaxy phones in Samsung's foldable offerings

SHRUTIDHAPALA
BANGALURU, AUGUST 10

SAMSUNG HAS expanded its foldable phone lineup with two new devices launched in Seoul, South Korea: the Galaxy Z Fold 4 which can open into a heavy tablet-size display — and the Galaxy Z Flip 4 with its iconic 'flip' design are likely to further cement Samsung's dominant position in the foldable segment.

"Through our unwavering focus and industry leadership, excitement for the foldables continues to grow. We've successfully transformed this category from a radical project to a mainstream device lineup enjoyed by millions worldwide," TM Roh, president and head of Mobile Experience Business at Samsung Electronics, said.

Both phones come with var-

The Galaxy Z Fold 4 and the Galaxy Z Flip 4 were launched in Seoul

ious improvements over the previous generation, including the latest Qualcomm flagship processor, letter carriers and battery life for users. Samsung has also improved multitasking on these phones.

Nearly 10 million foldable phones were shipped globally in 2021 and the South Korean player has a majority of the market. While players like Huawei, Oppo and Vivo have released foldable devices in the China market, these are not being sold globally, keeping Samsung's dominance in this segment unchallenged. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

MPSEZ UTILITIES LIMITED PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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ATTENTION

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SLOWDOWN IN DEALMAKING ACTIVITY can be the result of global headwinds like recession and high interest rates in the developed world.

ABSENCE OF LARGE DEALS was a cause for the shortfall, with just one such deal of over \$100 million aggregating to \$2.2 billion.

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Capex push: ₹1.16L-cr in two instalments released to states

Advance instalment along with monthly tax devolution from Centre

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THE CENTRE ON Wednesday released an advance instalment in addition to the regular monthly instalment of tax devolution to states totalling ₹1.16 lakh crore with an aim to increase capital and developmental expenditure.

"This is in line with the commitment of the government to strengthen the financial position of states to accelerate their capital and developmental expenditure. The Union Government has released two instalments of tax devolution to state governments amounting to ₹1,16,065.75 crore on 10th August, 2022, against normal monthly devolution of ₹58,332.86 crore," a Finance Ministry statement said.

The Centre had, in January, released an advance instalment of tax devolution to state governments amounting to ₹47,541 crore in addition to the regular devolution for the month, taking the total release amount to ₹90,882 crore. It had advanced the payment of an instalment of tax devolution of ₹47,541 crore in November 2021 also.

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losses arising due to implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) over five years since its rollout. This came to an end on June 30. Experts said that given the higher-than-anticipated non-excite tax revenues, tax devolution to states is expected to exceed the budget estimates. "Presuming that the amount devolved in July 2022 was half of the August 2022 figure, as the latter has been pegged at two monthly instalments, implies that a total of ₹3,318 trillion has been devolved in the first five months of FY2023, which is equivalent to 39% of the BE. We anticipate that central tax devolution will need to be as large as ₹5.3 trillion in FY2023, overshooting the FY2023 Budget Estimates, led by an expected upside in non-excite tax revenues," Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA said.

Given that capital spending and projects involve a considerable lead time, Nayar said, an early reassessment of the monthly amounts being shared with the states will help enable them to boost their capital spending. "In FY2022, a large part of the upside in tax devolution was backed into Q4, which resulted in a higher than expected government borrowings in that quarter but did not translate to higher spending," she said.

INPUTS FROM ENTERPRISES WITH NET WORTH OF AT LEAST ₹100 CR

Pvt 5G: DoT invites cos for study

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The norms call for enterprises wanting to obtain spectrum directly from the government to take a 10-year renewable licence, for which the government won't charge any licence fee. An applicant will have to pay a one-time non-refundable application processing fee of ₹5,00,000 and the licensee will be required to follow stipulated network security norms regarding procurement of telecom equipment from trusted sources.

JSW Energy to buy Mytrah Energy's renewable portfolio for ₹10,530 cr

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SAJAN JINDAL-LED JSW Energy on Wednesday signed an agreement to acquire Mytrah Energy's 1,753 MW renewable energy portfolio for an enterprise value of about ₹10,530 crore. This is the largest acquisition by JSW Energy in a space where investment flows have been steadily rising over the last few months.

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The transaction, which is subject to Competition Commission of India and other customary approvals, is expected to be completed by November 15, 2022. The enterprise value of ₹10,530 crore is after adjusting for net working capital and other adjustments. PE

BRIEFLY

Bank credit up
Mumbai: In the fortnight ended July 23, bank credit rose 14,529 to ₹123,699 lakh crore and deposits 9,148 to ₹169,714 crore, as per data from the RBI's Scheduled Banks Statement of Position in India as on July 25.

Pilot licence
New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday issued guidelines for medical examiners to assess fitness of transgender persons who have applied for commercial pilot licence.

Alibaba stake
Tokyo: Softbank Group Corp said it would book a gain of \$34.1 billion by cutting its stake in Alibaba Group Holding 14.6% from 23.7%, as the investment behemoth looks to shore up its cash reserve to weather the market downturn. PTI

Oil India Q1 PAT
New Delhi: Oil India Ltd (OIL) reported a massive 26% rise in its quarterly after-tax PAT for the quarter ended June 2022 at ₹1,555.40 crore against ₹507.94 crore during the year-ago quarter. BNS

US inflation slows from a 40-year peak but remains high

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 10

FALLING PRICES for gas, airline tickets and clothes helped give Americans a slight break from the pain of high inflation last month, though overall price increases slowed only modestly from a four-decade high that was reached in June.

Consumer prices jumped 8.5 per cent in July as against a year earlier, the government said Wednesday, down from a 9.1 per cent year-over-year rise in June. On a monthly basis, prices were unchanged from June to July, the smallest such rise in more than two years. Much of the relief last month was felt by travelers: Hotel room costs fell 2.7 per cent from June to July, airfares nearly 8 per cent and retail car prices a whopping 3.5 per cent.

Last month's declines in travel-related prices helped lower so-called core inflation, a measure that excludes the volatile food and energy categories to provide a clearer picture of underlying inflation. Core prices rose just 0.3 per cent from June, the smallest month-to-month increase since March. And compared with a year ago,

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How does ONDC work?

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What issues will it solve?
An ONDC strategy paper published earlier this year flagged the rising dominance of global players in India's e-commerce ecosystem, pointing out that the large quantum of investments required to build competitors to the integrated solutions offered by the big players has become an entry barrier for digital marketplace players. It also flagged the inability of marketplace players to move out of the platform ecosystem given that the value created by these small players is stored with the larger platform.

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Elon Musk, AP/IC

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- PETITIONER**
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SECTOR WATCH CONSUMER INTERNET

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SECTOR WATCH
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Microsoft's ONDC bet: Eye on social e-commerce foray & better pricing

SOURABHENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

MICROSOFT HAS become the first big tech company to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a government-backed project aimed at enabling small merchants and non-and-pop stores in some parts of the country in areas, processes and technologies that are typically deployed by large e-commerce platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart.

Microsoft coming on board ONDC means that the government-backed project gets its first international marquee name

supply chain like buying, selling and logistics services.

How does ONDC work?

The ONDC platform lies in the middle of the interfaces buying the buyers and the sellers. So far, the buyer side interface is being hosted by Paytm, whereas the seller side interface is being hosted by players like GoFrugal, etc. When a buyer searches for an item on the ONDC app, for where ONDC has gone live, the app will connect to the ONDC platform, which will connect it to the seller side interface that will list the products that will be sold. On the ONDC, there will be several other backend partners such as logistics service providers, enterprise resource planning, e-commerce store hosting service providers, etc.

What is ONDC? It is an initiative aimed at promoting open networks for all aspects of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks. ONDC is to be based on open-sourced methodology, using open specifications and open network protocols independent of any specific platform. It is being developed as a counter to the current monopoly in the e-commerce market, which is largely dictated by Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart. In May, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) went live with ONDC with a test run in cities like Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Bhopal, and Shillong where it plans to onboard 150 sellers.

What does Microsoft joining the platform mean and why is there on board? Microsoft is joining the ONDC wagon as the project gets its first international marquee name ahead of its Bengaluru launch. Many participants are currently live on the ONDC network, offering a number of services in the e-commerce

market. Microsoft's entry is seen as a significant move, given its global presence and its focus on digital transformation. The company's involvement is expected to bring in advanced technologies and best practices from its e-commerce ecosystem. This move is also seen as a signal of confidence in the ONDC platform and its potential to disrupt the current e-commerce market structure.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

RESERVE BANK ISSUES GUIDELINES TO CURB MALPRACTICES

Digital lending norms: Direct credit to a/c, sans third party

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AIMING TO curb rising malpractices in the digital lending ecosystem, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday issued guidelines for entities engaged in digital lending, with the norms stating that all digital loans must be disbursed and repaid through bank accounts of regulated entities only, without pass-through of lending service providers (LSPs) or other third parties.

The norms issued on Wednesday by the Reserve Bank follow the recommendations of a working group for digital lending, whose report was made public last November. "The concerns primarily relate to unbridled engagement of third parties, mis-selling, breach of data privacy, unfair business conduct, charging of exorbitant interest rates, and unethical recovery practices," the central bank said in the final guidelines.

WORKING GROUP
RECOMMENDATIONS

The norms issued on Wednesday by the Reserve Bank follow the recommendations of a working group for digital lending, whose report was made public last November.

The regulator classified digital lenders into three categories: entities regulated by the RBI and permitted to carry out lending

business, entities authorised to carry out lending as per either statutory or regulatory provisions and not regulated by the RBI and entities lending outside the purview of any statutory or regulatory provisions.

The latest regulatory framework is focused on the digital lending ecosystem of RBI's regulated entities (REs) and the LSPs engaged by them to extend credit facilities to borrowers. As for entities falling in the second category, the respective regulator may consider formulating rules on digital lending, based on the recommendations of the working group, the RBI said. For entities in the third category, the working group has suggested specific legislative and institutional interventions for consideration by the government to curb illegitimate lending.

Apart from direct disbursements and repayments of digital loans, the norms mandate that any fees or charges payable to LSPs in the credit intermediation process shall be paid directly by the RE and not by the borrower. A standardised key fact statement (KFS) must be provided to the borrower before executing the loan contract. The all-inclusive cost of digital loans in the form of annual percentage rate (APR) will have to be disclosed to borrowers. The APR shall also form part of KFS. Annualised increases in credit limit, without the explicit consent of borrowers, has been prohibited. The loan contract must provide for a cooling-off or lock-in period during which borrowers can exit digital loans by paying the principal and the proportionate APR without any penalty.

All digital lending products extended by REs over merchants extended by REs over merchants must also be reported to credit bureaus by the REs. WITH FE

Capex push: ₹1.16L-cr in two instalments released to states

Advance instalment along with monthly tax devolution from Centre

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THE CENTRE ON Wednesday released an advance instalment in addition to the regular monthly instalment of tax devolution to states totalling ₹1.16 lakh crore with an aim to increase capital and developmental expenditures.

This is in line with the commitment of the government to strengthen the hands of states to accelerate their capital and developmental expenditure. The Union Government has released two instalments of tax devolution to state governments amounting to ₹1,16,665.75 crore on 10th August, 2022, as against normal monthly devolution of ₹5,38,332.86 crore, a Finance Ministry statement said.

The Centre had, in January, released an advance instalment of tax devolution to state governments amounting to ₹47,541 crore in addition to the regular devolution for the month, taking the total release amount to ₹90,082 crore. It had advanced the payment of an instalment of tax devolution of ₹47,541 crore in November 2021 also.

Presently, 41 per cent of tax collected is devolved in 12 instalments during a financial year. The advance release of the tax devolution amount to states is expected to ease fiscal pressure of states and incentivise them for extra spending, especially after the end of the compensation mechanism under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, an official said. As per the GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017, the states were guaranteed compensation at the compounded rate of 14 per cent from the base year 2015-16 for

EASING PRESSURE

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lapses arising due to implementation of the taxation regime, for five years since its rollout. This came to an end on June 30. Experts said that given the higher-than-anticipated non-excite tax revenues, tax devolution to states is expected to overshoot the budget estimates.

"Presuming that the amount devolved in July 2022 was full of the August 2022 figure, as the latter has been pegged as two monthly instalments, implies that a total of ₹3.18 billion has been devolved in the first five months of FY2023, which is equivalent to 39% of the BE. We anticipate that central tax devolution will need to be as large as ₹3.9 billion in FY2023, overshooting the FY2023 Budget Estimates, led by an expected upside in non-excite tax revenues," Aarti Nayyar, chief economist, ICAI said. Given that capital spending and projects involve a considerable lead time, Nayyar said, an early reassessment of the monthly amounts being shared with the states will help enable them to boost their capital spending. "In FY2022, a large part of the tax devolution was backdated to Q4, which prevented the state governments from borrowing in that quarter but did not translate to higher spending," she said.

'PE/VC investments plummet 69% in July to \$3 billion'

Investments by private equity and venture capital (PE/VC) funds into Indian entities fell by 69% to \$3 billion during July, a report by IVCA and EY said.

SLOWDOWN IN DEALMAKING ACTIVITY can be the result of global headwinds like recession and high interest rates in the developed world.

ABSENCE OF LARGE DEALS was a cause for the shortfall, with

just six such deals of over \$100 million aggregating to \$2.2 billion in July, which were also lower than the \$4.9 billion recorded across 118 deals in June.

Buyouts — the only segment that recorded a growth — was the best performing deal type in July at \$1.6 billion across 5 deals, as against \$1.1 billion in July 2021 across 9 deals.

40% Share of pure-play PE/VC investments (excluding real estate and infrastructure sectors) within total investment rose to 90% in July 2021 and 82% in July 2022

76% Fall seen in investments into start-ups — which had given a leg-up to the overall venture investing landscape in last 18 months — to \$820 million

74 PE/VC DEALS IN JULY, AGAINST 134 DEALS IN THE YEAR-AGO PERIOD

Largest deal in July saw Edelweiss Infrastructure Yield Plus fund buy eight road assets of L&T for \$885 million

Source: IVCA & EY/PTI

INPUTS FROM ENTERPRISES WITH NET WORTH OF AT LEAST ₹100 CR Pvt 5G: DoT invites cos for study

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THE DEPARTMENT OF Telecommunications (DoT) on Wednesday invited stakeholders to participate in a demand study for direct assignment of spectrum for setting up captive non-public networks (CNPNs), also known as private 5G networks.

These networks are typically set up by an enterprise or organisation like factories for their private use and are not accessible to the general public. The DoT had issued Guidelines for Captive Non-Public Network license in June with an aim to set up a regulatory framework for CNPNs. It had said that enterprises setting up CNPNs will have to ensure there is no interference caused to any public network or any other licensed user of spectrum. The norms call for enterprises wanting to obtain spectrum directly from the government can send their inputs for the demand study until September 9, the DoT said.

The government won't charge any licence fee. An applicant will have to pay a 20-minute non-refundable application processing fee of ₹5,000 and the licensee will be required to follow stipulated network security norms regarding procurement of telecom equipment from trusted sources. Eligible enterprises must submit details including ownership, net worth, requirement of spectrum in various hands, and other details. The DoT said that participation in this demand study will not entitle the enterprises any claim for spectrum assignment. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

JSW Energy to buy Mytrah Energy's renewable portfolio for ₹10,530 cr

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SAJAN JINDAL-LED JSW Energy on Wednesday signed an agreement to acquire Mytrah Energy's 1,753 MW renewable energy portfolio for an enterprise value of about ₹10,530 crore. This is the largest acquisition by JSW Energy in a space where investments have been steadily rising over the last few months.

The deal is being executed through its wholly-owned subsidiary JSW Neo Energy

help the company achieve its renewable-led capacity growth target of 10 GW by FY25. Mytrah Energy's portfolio comprises 10 wind special purpose vehicles (SPVs) with a generation capacity of 1,331 MW and seven solar SPVs with a generation capacity of 422 MW, operating primarily in the southern, western and central parts of India. The assets have power purchase agreements and an average remaining life of 18 years, it said in a regulatory update.

The transaction, which is subject to Competition Commission of India and other custodian approvals, is expected to be completed by November 15, 2022. The enterprise value of ₹10,530 crore is after adjusting for net current assets, subject to net working capital and other adjustments. PE

BRIEFLY

Bank credit up

Mumbai: The fortnightly ended July 29, bank credit rose 14,526 in ₹12,76,691 lakh crore and deposits 9,143 to ₹16,17,163 crore, as per data from the RBI's Scheduled Banks Statement of Position in India as on July 29.

Pilot licence

New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday issued guidelines for medical examiners to assess fitness of foreign air pilots who have applied for commercial pilot licence.

Alibaba stake

Tokyo: SoftBank Group Corp said it would buy a 5.1% stake in Alibaba Group Holding to 14.6% from 23.7% as the investment believes cash looks to shore up its cash reserve to weather the market downturn. PTI

Oil India Q1 PAT

New Delhi: Oil India Ltd (OIL) reported a massive 206% rise in its profit after tax (PAT) for the quarter ended July 2022 at ₹1,55,49 crore against ₹50,794 crore during the year-ago quarter. BNS

US inflation slows from a 40-year peak but remains high

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FALLING PRICES for gas, airline tickets and clothes helped Americans a slight break from the pain of high inflation last month, though overall price increases slowed only modestly from a four-decade high that was reached in June.

Consumer prices jumped 8.5 per cent in July as against a year earlier, the government said Wednesday, down from 9.1 per cent year-over-year rise in June. On a monthly basis, prices were unchanged from June to July, the smallest such rise in more than two years. Much of the relief last month was felt by travelers: Hotel room costs fell 2.7 per cent from June to July, airlines nearly 8 per cent and rental car prices a whopping 9.5 per cent.

Last month's declines in travel-related prices helped lower so-called core inflation, a measure that excludes the volatile food and energy categories to provide a clearer picture of underlying inflation. Core prices rose just 0.3 per cent from June, the smallest month-to-month increase since March. And compared with a year ago,

Oil up, bond yields tumble

New York: Oil prices rose Wednesday as a lower-than-expected US inflation figure drew investors into riskier assets. As of 1746 GMT, Brent rose 68 cents or 0.7% to \$95.93 and US WTI 85 cents, or 0.9%, to \$91.33.

Meanwhile, the yield on the two-year US Treasury fell to 3.14% from 3.27% late Tuesday and the 10-year yield to 2.78% from 2.78%. Wall Street, however, shot up, with the S&P 500 rising 1.5%, the Nasdaq composite index by 2.5%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average by 1.4%, as of 1:34 p.m. ET. Bitcoin rose 3.3% to top \$24,000. REUTERS & AP

core inflation amounted to 5.9 per cent in July, the same year-over-year increase as in June. All told, the July figures raised hope that inflation may have peaked after a year of relentless increases. Still, core prices have slowed in the recent past only to re-accelerate in subsequent months.

FEARS OF FORCED TWITTER DEAL

Musk sells \$6.9-bn worth Tesla stocks

BENGALURU, AUGUST 10

San Francisco: Tesla Inc chief executive Elon Musk sold \$6.9 billion worth of shares in the electric vehicle maker, saying the funds could be used to finance a potential Twitter deal if he loses a legal battle with the social media platform.

"In the (hopefully unlikely) event that Twitter forces this deal to close "and" some equity partners don't come through, it is important to avoid an emergency sale of Tesla stock," he said in a tweet late on Tuesday.

Shares of the micrologging site rose 3.5 per cent to \$44.35 in early trading, but were still significantly below Musk's offer price of \$54.20 per share. Musk in early July tore up his April 25 pact to buy Twitter for \$44 billion. REUTERS

Two new Galaxy phones in Samsung's foldable offerings

SHRUTI DHAPOLA
BENGALURU, AUGUST 10

SAMSUNG HAS expanded its foldable phone lineup with two new devices launched in Seoul, South Korea: the Galaxy Z Fold 4 — which can open into a nearly tablet-size display — and the Galaxy Z Flip 4 with its iconic "flip" design, are likely to further cement Samsung's dominant position in the foldable segment.

"Throughout our ongoing focus on AI and industry leadership, excitement for the foldables continues to grow. We've successfully transformed this category from a radical project to a mainstream device lineup enjoyed by millions worldwide," TM Rhee, president and head of Mobile Experience Business at Samsung Electronics. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

The Galaxy Z Fold 4 and the Galaxy Z Flip 4 were launched in Seoul

Both phones come with various improvements over the previous generation, including the latest Qualcomm flagship processor, better cameras and battery life for users. Samsung has also improved multitasking on these phones.

Nearly 10 million foldable phones were shipped globally in 2021 and the South Korean player has a majority of the market. While players like Huawei, Oppo and Vivo have released foldable devices in the China market, these are not being sold globally, keeping Samsung's dominance in this segment unchallenged. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

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The advance release of the tax devolution amount in states is expected to ease fiscal pressure of states and incentivise them for extra spending, especially after the end of the compensation fund under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, an official said. As per the GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017, the states were guaranteed compensation at the compounded rate of 14 per cent from the base year 2015-16 for

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Meaning that the amount devolved in July 2022 was half of the August 2022 figure, as the latter has been pegged as two monthly instalments, implies that a total of ₹3.18 billion has been devolved in the first five months of FY2023, which is equivalent to 39% of the BE. We anticipate that central tax devolution will need to be as large as ₹3.9 trillion in FY2023, overshooting the FY2023 Budget Estimates, led by an expected upside in non-exercise tax revenues," Aditi Nayyar, chief economist, KRA said.

Given that capital spending and projects involve a considerable lead time, Nayyar said, an early reassessment of the monthly amounts being shared with states will help enable them to boost their capital spending. "In FY2022, a large part of the upside in tax devolution was backed in Q4, which helped in reducing sale government compensation at the end of the year but did not translate to higher spending," she said.

JSW Energy to buy Mytrah Energy's renewable portfolio for ₹10,530 cr

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help the company achieve its renewable-led capacity growth target of 10 GW by FY25.

Mytrah Energy's portfolio comprises 10 wind special purpose vehicles (SPVs) with a generation capacity of 1,331 MW and seven solar SPVs with a generation capacity of 422 MW, operating primarily in the southern, western and central parts of India. The assets have power purchase agreements and an average remaining life of 18 years, as per the regulatory update.

The transaction, which is subject to Competition Commission of India and other customary approvals, is expected to be completed by November 15, 2022. The enterprise value of ₹10,530 crore is after adjusting for net working assets, subject to net working capital and other adjustments. PE

BRIEFLY

Bank credit up

Mumbai: In the fortnight ended July 29, bank credit rose 14.52% to ₹123.69 lakh crore and deposits 9.14% to ₹168.7 lakh crore, as per data from the RBI's Scheduled Bank's Statement of Position in India as on July 29.

Pilot licence

New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday issued guidelines for medical examiners to assess fitness of transporter persons who have applied for commercial pilot licence.

Alibaba stake

Telaviv: SoftBank Group Corp said it would book a gain of \$341 billion by cutting its stake in Alibaba Group Holding to 14.6% from 23.7%, as the investment behemoth looks to shore up its cash reserve to weather the market downturn. PTI

Oil India Q1 PAT

New Delhi: Oil India Ltd (OIL) reported a massive 202% rise in its profit after tax (PAT) for the quarter ended June 2022 at ₹1,555.49 crore against ₹507.94 crore during the year-ago quarter. BNS

US inflation slows from a 40-year peak but remains high

ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON, AUGUST 10

FALLING PRICES for gas, airline tickets and clothes helped give Americans a slight break from the pain of high inflation last month, though overall price increases slowed only modestly from a four-decade high that was reached in June.

Consumer prices jumped 8.5 per cent in July as against a year earlier, the government said Wednesday, down from a 9.1 per cent year-over-year rise in June.

On a monthly basis, prices were unchanged from June to July, the smallest such rise in more than two years. Much of the relief last month was felt by travelers: Hotel room costs fell 2.7 per cent from June to July, airlines nearly 8 per cent and rental car prices a whopping 9.5 per cent.

Last month's declines in travel-related prices helped lower so-called core inflation, a measure that excludes volatile food and energy categories to provide a clearer picture of underlying inflation. Core prices rose just 0.3 per cent from June, the smallest monthly-to-month increase since March. And compared with a year ago,

Oil up, bond yields tumble

New York: Oil prices rose Wednesday as a lower-than-expected US inflation figure drove investors into riskier assets. As of 17:46 GMT, Brent rose 68 cents, or 0.7%, to \$96.99 and US WTI 83 cents, or 0.2%, to \$91.33.

Meanwhile, the yield on the two-year US Treasury fell to 3.14% from 3.27% late Tuesday and the 10-year yield to 2.76% from 2.78%.

Wall Street, however, shot up, with the S&P 500 rising 1.9%, the Nasdaq composite index by 2.5%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average by 1.4%, as of 1:34 p.m. ET. Bitcoin rose 3.3% to top \$24,000. REUTERS/AP

core inflation amounted to 5.9 per cent in July, the same year-over-year increase as in June.

All told, the July figures raised hope that inflation may have peaked after over a year of relentless increases. Still, core prices have slowed in the recent past only to re-accelerate in subsequent months. REUTERS

Two new Galaxy phones in Samsung's foldable offerings

SHRUTI DHAPOLA BANGALURU, AUGUST 10

SAMSUNG HAS expanded its foldable phone lineup with two new devices launched in Seoul, South Korea: the Galaxy Z Fold 4 — which can open into a nearly tablet-size display — and the Galaxy Z Flip 4, which is its iconic 'flip' design.

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Through an unwavering focus on design and industry leadership, excitement for the foldables continues to grow. We've successfully transformed this category from a radical project to a mainstream device lineup enjoyed by millions worldwide.

TM Roh, president and head of Mobile eXperience Business at Samsung Electronics. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Elon Musk Apes

Son Francisco: Tesla Inc chief executive Elon Musk sold \$5.9 billion worth of shares in the electric vehicle maker, saying the funds could be used to finance a potential Twitter deal if he loses a legal battle with the social media platform.

"In the (hopefully unlikely) event that I Twitter forces this deal to close 'and' some equity partners don't come through, it is important to avoid an emergency sale of Tesla stock," he said in a tweet late on Tuesday.

Shares of the microblogging site rose 3.5 per cent to \$44.35 in early trading, but were still significantly below Musk's offer price of \$54.20 per share. Musk's early July sale was up April 25 pact to buy Twitter for \$44 billion. REUTERS

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Elon Musk AP/PTI

San Francisco: Tesla Inc chief executive Elon Musk sold \$6.9-billion worth of shares in the electric vehicle maker, saying the funds could be used to finance a potential Twitter deal if he loses a legal battle with the social media platform.

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Both phones come with various improvements over the previous generation, including the latest Qualcomm flagship processor, better cameras and battery life for users. Samsung has also improved multitasking on these phones.

Nearly 10 million foldable phones were shipped globally in 2021 and the South Korean player has a majority of the market. While players like Huawei, Oppo and Vivo have released foldable devices in the China market, these are not being sold globally, keeping Samsung's dominance in this segment unchallenged. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

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SECTOR WATCH CONSUMER INTERNET

Microsoft's ONDC bet: Eye on social e-commerce foray & better pricing

SOURAVRENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

MICROSOFT HAS become the first big-tech company to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a government-backed project aimed at enabling small merchants and mom-and-pop stores in some parts of the country to access processes and technologies that are typically deployed by large e-commerce platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart.

The US software giant intends to introduce social e-commerce — group buying experience — in the Indian market, which would include a shopping app for Indian consumers along with their social circle, harnessing the ONDC network to discover the best pricing among retailers and sellers.

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How does ONDC work? The ONDC platform lies in the middle of the interfaces linking the buyers and the sellers. So far, the buyer side interface is being hosted by Paytm, whereas the seller side interface is being hosted by players like Goibibo, etc.

What is ONDC? It is an initiative aimed at promoting open networks from all aspects of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks. ONDC is to be based on open-source methodology, using open specific standards and open network protocols independent of any specific platform. It is being developed as a counter to the current monopoly in the Indian e-commerce market, which is largely dictated by Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart.

What does Microsoft mean and why else is there on board? Microsoft's joining the ONDC wagon means the project gets its first international marquee name ahead of 315 Bengaluru launch. Many participants who currently live on the ONDC network, offering a number of services in the e-commerce

RESERVE BANK ISSUES GUIDELINES TO CURB MALPRACTICES Digital lending norms: Direct credit to a/c, sans third party

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, AUG 10

AIMING TO curb malpractices in the digital lending ecosystem, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday issued guidelines for entities engaged in digital lending, with the norms stating that all digital loans must be disbursed and repaid through bank accounts of regulated entities only, without pass-through of lending service providers (LSPs) or other third parties.

The norms follow the recommendations of a working group for digital lending, whose report was made public last November. "The concerns primarily relate to unbridled engagement of third parties, mis-selling, breach of data privacy, unfair business conduct, charging of exorbitant interest rates, and unethical recovery practices," the central bank said in the final guidelines.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS



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The latest regulatory framework is focused on the digital lending ecosystem of RBI's regulated entities (REs) and the LSPs engaged by them to extend credit facilitation services. As for entities falling in the second category, the respective regulator may consider formulating rules on digital lending, based on the recommendations of the working group, the RBI said.

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Capex push: ₹1.16L-cr in two instalments released to states

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THE CENTRE on Wednesday released an advance instalment in addition to the regular monthly instalment of tax devolution to states totalling ₹1,16,665 crore with an aim to increase capital development expenditure.

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SLOWDOWN IN DEALMAKING ACTIVITY

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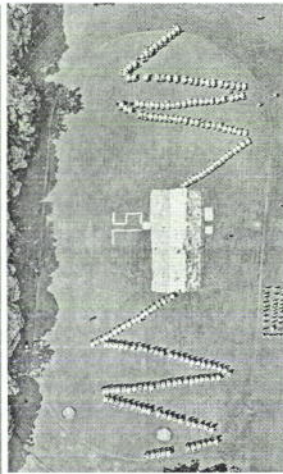
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કોંગ્રેસના કાળા કપડામાં ધરણાં મુદ્દે વડાપ્રધાનનો ટોણો

વિપક્ષ ગમે એટલો કાળો જાદુ કરે પણ જનતાનો વિશ્વાસ નહીં જીતી શકે : મોદી

વડાપ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીને ફરી એક વખત મહત્વનું એક સુવિધા આપવાનો પ્રયત્ન કરવામાં આવ્યો છે. વડાપ્રધાનના પાર્ટીમાં મોદીને આંતરિક કારણોને કારણે કેટલાક લોકો પેટ્રોલ-ડીઝલ મફતમાં આપવાની જાહેરાત પણ કરી શકે, આવા પગલાંથી બાળકોનું ભવિષ્ય ધીનવાઈ જશે...

એન્ટિક પ્રતિમાઓ પુરાતત્વ ખાતા દ્વારા પ્રમાણિત હતી

તમિલનાડુમાં ચોરાયેલી હજાર વર્ષ જૂની પ્રતિમાઓને પોલીસે શોધી કાઢી

તમિલનાડુના કોલ્કોટ્ટા જિલ્લામાં પુરાતત્વ ખાતા દ્વારા પ્રમાણિત હતી તમિલનાડુમાં ચોરાયેલી હજાર વર્ષ જૂની પ્રતિમાઓને પોલીસે શોધી કાઢી. આ પ્રતિમાઓને ચોરાયેલી હોવાનો ખબર મળ્યા પછી પોલીસે તપાસ કરી અને આ પ્રતિમાઓને શોધી કાઢી.

કાયદાની અડચણને આઠ વર્ષમાં (પહેલા પાનાનું આકૃતિ)

કાયદાની અડચણને આઠ વર્ષમાં (પહેલા પાનાનું આકૃતિ). આ પ્રતિમાઓને ચોરાયેલી હોવાનો ખબર મળ્યા પછી પોલીસે તપાસ કરી અને આ પ્રતિમાઓને શોધી કાઢી.

દેશના હલમા સીજેઆઈ તરીકે ન્યાયમૂર્તિ લલિતની નિમણૂક

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૨૮ વર્ષ અગાઉ બખાટકાર કરનારા બે બદમાશો ઝડપાયા

૨૮ વર્ષ અગાઉ બે બદમાશો ઝડપાયા. આ પ્રતિમાઓને ચોરાયેલી હોવાનો ખબર મળ્યા પછી પોલીસે તપાસ કરી અને આ પ્રતિમાઓને શોધી કાઢી.

પૌતાની ફરિયાદના આધારે બેને ડીએનએ ટેસ્ટ કરાવાયા

પૌતાની ફરિયાદના આધારે બેને ડીએનએ ટેસ્ટ કરાવાયા. આ પ્રતિમાઓને ચોરાયેલી હોવાનો ખબર મળ્યા પછી પોલીસે તપાસ કરી અને આ પ્રતિમાઓને શોધી કાઢી.

સીનિયર બિઝનેસમેન મારે મંતમ કરવો છે : સીજેઆઈ

સીનિયર બિઝનેસમેન મારે મંતમ કરવો છે : સીજેઆઈ. આ પ્રતિમાઓને ચોરાયેલી હોવાનો ખબર મળ્યા પછી પોલીસે તપાસ કરી અને આ પ્રતિમાઓને શોધી કાઢી.

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ગુરુવારથી રવિવાર દિવસ ત્રણ ગરમી પડવાની જિંદગીમાં હવામાન વિભાગની આગાહી : વૃદ્ધો-બિમારોને સાવચેતી રાખવાની સલાહ

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