



## Request For Proposal

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**Preparation of the Feasibility Report and  
Detailed Project Report for installation of the  
Lignite based Thermal Power Plant at  
Akrimota TPS (Expansion Project) at Nanichher and  
New Thermal Power Project in South Gujarat**

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## DISCLAIMER

This RFP is being issued by Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (hereinafter called “Authority”/ “GMDC”) to the Bidders/Service Providers interested in providing Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for the Lignite based thermal power plant at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat.

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## GLOSSARY

Abbreviation	Description
AoA	Articles of Association
BG	Bank Guarantee
CA	Chartered Accountant
CFA	Chartered Financial Analyst
CMA	Certified Management Accountant
CS	Composite Score
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DD	Demand draft
DPR	Detailed Project Report
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMD	Earnest Money Deposit
FIS	Financial Score
FM	Force majeure
FR	Feasibility Report
GMDC	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd
GOG	Government of Gujarat
GoI	Government of India
GW	Giga Watt
IPR	Intellectual Property Right
ITB	Instructions to Bidders
LD	Liquidated Damages
LOA	Letter of Award
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MoA	Memorandum of Association
MW	Mega Watt
NEFT	National Electronic Funds Transfer
NIT	Notice Inviting Tender
NTP	Notice to Proceed
POA	Power of Attorney
QCBS	Quality and Cost Based Selection
RFP	Request for Proposal
RTGS	Real Time Gross Settlement
SD	Security Deposit
SFMS	Structured Financial Messaging System
TDS	Tax Deducted at Source
TeS	Technical Score
ToR	Terms of Reference
TPS	Thermal Power Station

## DEFINITIONS

In this RFP, the following word (s), unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, shall have the meaning(s) assigned to them herein below:

1. **“GMDC”/Authority** shall mean the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. who shall appoint the Service Provider for the captioned work.
2. **“Bidder”** shall mean any firm or body corporate which is a Limited Liability Partnership registered under LLP act or a company under the Indian Companies Act 1956/2013 which submits a Bid to provide Services to GMDC along with Bid Security and RFP Fees as per the terms of this RFP within the stipulated time for submission of Bids. Consortiums are not permitted.
3. **“Bid/Proposal”** means the Bid submitted by the Bidder(s) in response to this RFP in accordance with the provisions hereof including Technical Bid and Price Bid along with all other documents forming part and in support thereof as specified in this RFP.
4. **“Bid Due Date”** means last date of Bid submission as set out in clause 1.5 of SECTION III
5. **“Consortium”** shall mean the group of legally constituted entities, who have come together to participate in captioned Service Provision work. A Consortium is not permitted to participate in this bidding.
6. **“Corrupt practice”** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under clause 8 of SECTION III.
7. **“Conflict of Interest”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 9 of SECTION III.
8. **“Composite Score”** shall mean score obtained by Service Provider as per the formula provided in clause 5.4.
9. **“Evaluation Process”** means steps of evaluation specified in clause 6 of SECTION III
10. **“EMD/ Bid Security”** means the Bid security/ earnest money deposit to be submitted by the Bidder as per clause 2.5 of SECTION III.
11. **“Financial Score”** shall mean score obtained by Service Provider as per the formula provided in clause 5.3 of SECTION III.
12. **“Letter of Award”** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under clause 7.1 of RFP SECTION III.
13. **“Package”** means the all the activities as per scope of work involved in the preparation of the Feasibility report, Detailed project report and the other studies (Optional and at discretion of GMDC) as mentioned in the RFP for each power station.
14. **“Parties”** means the parties to the Service Provision Agreement and “Party” means either of them, as the context may admit or require.
15. **“Pre-Qualification Criteria”** means criteria specified in clause 5.1 of SECTION III

16. **“Preferred Bidder”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 6.4 (ii) of RFP SECTION III.
17. **“Successful Bidder”** means the Preferred Bidder selected in terms hereof and to whom GMDC shall issue the Letter of Award in accordance with the provisions hereof and who shall undertake the Terms of Reference as per the terms specified in RFP.
18. **“Service Provider”** shall mean the successful Bidder who is selected by GMDC/Authority as per the process outlined in this RFP Document for assisting GMDC as per the Terms of Reference specified in this RFP.
19. **“Service Provision Agreement/Agreement/Contract”** is the agreement entered into between ‘Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (GMDC)’ and ‘Service Provider’ comprising of all terms and conditions stated in this RFP.
20. **“Service Provision Fees /Fees/Service Charges”** shall mean the charges payable by GMDC for the services rendered by the Service Provider as per captioned subject and as per the scope of work in this RFP.
21. **“Terms of Reference/Scope of Work”** means all the activities as per Terms of Reference or Scope of Work mentioned in the RFP which the Service Provider is required to carry out as part of its responsibility using Good Industry Practice. Detailed Terms of Reference are specified in SECTION II of RFP.
22. **“Technical Score”** shall mean score obtained by Service Provider as per the Technical Score system provided in clause 5.2 of RFP SECTION III.
23. **“Third Party”** means any Person other than GMDC and the Service Provider.

Any other term(s), not defined herein above but defined elsewhere in this RFP shall have the meaning(s) ascribed to such term(s) therein and shall be deemed to have been included in this Section.

## SECTION I: BACKGROUND

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (GMDC) is a leading Public Sector Mining and Minerals Company of Gujarat with operational experience of over 50 years. GMDC's product portfolio spans across mining, value added products and power. Its power portfolio also includes clean energy sources such as solar and wind besides thermal power.

GMDC's mining activities are spread across Gujarat in Districts of Kutch, Devbhoomi Dwarka, Panchmahal, Vadodara, Bhavnagar, Bharuch, Surat and Chhota Udepur. It is currently mining minerals like Lignite with five operational lignite mines, Bauxite (11 operating mines), Fluorspar, Manganese, Ball Clay, Silica Sand, Bentonitic Clay and Limestone. GMDC also value adds to minerals through works such as Pyrite removal from Lignite, Beneficiation of Bauxite, Beneficiation of Low-Grade Manganese and Beneficiation of Fluorspar. The Company has set up a 250 MW lignite based Thermal Power Station (TPS) at NaniChher (Akrimota) in Kutch as a forward integration, Wind power plant of 200.9 MW at Maliya, Jodiya, Godsar, Bhanvad, Bada, Verbal, Rojmal and Solar Power plant of 5 MW at Panandhro Project. GMDC's existing Metallic mineral portfolio includes Fluorspar, Manganese, Bauxite, and Multi metals in addition to other associated minerals like silica sand, Bentonite, Ball Clay and Limestone.

GMDC has undertaken a strategic transformation exercise over the last years with a view to achieve growth milestones, diversify its product portfolio, leverage existing assets, provide inputs to the industry and contribute to the growth of the state's economy.

As part of its strategic transformation exercise, GMDC is already in the process of expanding its mining operations by setting up new lignite - based projects in Kutch and South Gujarat. With the potential availability of lignite, GMDC intends to explore the feasibility of setting up expansion units of lignite based generation capacity at Akrimota TPS and new mine mouth units of lignite based generation capacity in south Gujarat. In case it is feasible, GMDC intends to install one unit of 250 MW capacity at Akrimota TPS and three new units of 250 MW each at South Gujarat. Thus, aggregate capacity at Akrimota TPS may get expanded to 500 MW, and in case of New thermal power project in South Gujarat aggregate capacity will be of 750 MW.

Pre-feasibility study for the lignite based thermal power plant at the Akrimota TPP expansion and new power station at South Gujarat has been concluded by GMDC. Further to the pre-feasibility study, a feasibility study and detailed project study need to be conducted for the extensive and elaborative outline of the proposed projects.

**Under this RFP, GMDC intends to appoint Service Providers for providing Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for installation of the Lignite based thermal power plant at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat.**

For the purpose of bidding, price bids are invited with Thermal Power Station (TPS) wise break-up i.e., Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat. Work is intended to be awarded to the best evaluated bidder under the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. However, GMDC reserves the right to award the work to a single party or to split the work TPS-wise amongst two parties as deemed necessary

without assigning any reason thereof. Details of the evaluation method are provided in the evaluation section.

The detailed scope of work for the bidders is included in the next section. Competent bidders are invited to participate in this bidding process to carry out the stipulated Scope of Work.

## SECTION II: TERMS OF REFERENCE/SCOPE OF WORK

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR), Deliverables and Timeline are specified in this section.

### 1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Preparation of the Feasibility Report (FR) and Detailed Project Report (DPR) to check the project feasibility and viability for the Lignite based thermal power plants at Nanicher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat and would cover the following scope of work:

#### 1.1. About Akrimota TPS (Expansion)

Akrimota Thermal Power Station is a 250 MW Lignite-based thermal power plant located in village Nanichher in Lakhpat Taluka, Kutch District, Gujarat and is owned & operated by GMDC. It has two units of 125 MW each, both of them commissioned in the year 2005. GMDC intends to set up the expansion units of 250 MW of lignite based generation capacity at Akrimota TPS.

The existing spare capacities of Balance Plant at ATPS like Lignite handling system, sea water intake system, condenser cooling water system, desalination, DM water system etc. can be utilized in the proposed expansion units at the Akrimota TPS after refurbishment/augmentation. Contingent and temporary civil works in addition to new Civil works like road diversion, fencing, repairs and strengthening of structures will also be required to isolate project area and existing operating area.

Savings in the EPC cost by utilizing the existing facilities and the associated refurbishment/Augmentation expenses need to be captured in the Feasibility report and Detailed project report by the successful bidder along with the detailed scope for utilizing the existing system/facilities as well as details of refurbishment/augmentation.

#### 1.2. New thermal power project in South Gujarat

GMDC is also exploring the feasibility of setting up the new mine mouth units of lignite based generation capacity at South Gujarat. In case it is feasible, GMDC intends to install three new units of 250 MW each at South Gujarat. Thus, aggregate capacity will be of 750 MW.

#### 1.3. Detailed Scope of Work

The broad scope of work proposed under this RFP is as follows:

Preparation of Feasibility report with working out various Business models/Options/Strategy and preparation of Detailed Project Report based on feasibility options selected and finer input data on engineering and other parameters etc. for development of the lignite based thermal power plants at Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat.

##### A. Feasibility Report

The scope of work for the preparation of a Feasibility Report (FR) will encompass the following, but is not limited to:

- a) Project Background

- b) Executive summary for the proposed power stations entailing all the critical parameters including project highlights
- c) Power Demand-Supply scenario analysis at the all India level and regional level particularly in the state of Gujarat & neighboring states and states likely to have deficit in the future. Opportunities and challenges for setting up power station in Gujarat given the demand and supply situation, Justification for setting up the power project with conclusion.
- d) Capacity and sizing of the plant and selection of the technology based on the economies of scale, supplier base and preferences, land requirement, efficiency variation at different sizes etc.
- e) Assessment of Site, Location and Land. Key criteria for site selection such as land, transport access, fuel proximity, water availability, proximity to grid, environmental considerations, any other options. Options for site and their assessment based on key criteria.
- f) Resource Assessment: Water - requirement, availability and sourcing; Fuel-requirement, availability, quality, sourcing and other key parameters; Distance of fuel with suitable sites and options for fuel transportation; Power evacuation, Start-up & Construction Power)
- g) List of all the Statutory clearances/permissions/permits required for the project from the state or Central government, Municipal corporations and any other authorities and its status.
- h) Civil / Structural Works including the site topography, powerhouse building structure etc. Preparation of the General arrangement and Layout Plan for the plant.
- i) Technical features of the main plant and equipment. Plant Mechanical systems including steam generator, Steam turbine, Boiler and auxiliaries, Boiler feed pump, condensing equipment, cooling towers, ESP, CHP, AHP, BoP etc. Plant Electrical system & Switchyard including the transforms, switchyard, bus bars etc.
- j) Control & Instrumentation systems
- k) Material Handling System (Lime, Gypsum, Ash & Oil)
- l) Water System & Plant Utility including water requirement, circulating water system, Water treatment system etc.
- m) Fire detection and Protection System for the complete power station, Firefighting systems, security control rooms, medical and ambulance facilities, workshops etc.
- n) Environmental aspects including water pollution, air pollution, noise pollution, afforestation, pollution control measures etc.
- o) Broad cost estimate & Project cost and its breakup including EPC cost, land cost, Interest During Construction etc. Financing options for setting up of the project. Impact of the Renewable Generation Obligations (RGO) on the proposed projects.
- p) Power purchase options available with GMDC, possible realization in terms of the sale price per unit including Fixed and variable tariff of the power from the project. Broad financial viability in terms of revenues and costs over the life of the project and returns in terms of IRR and NPV at approximate levels and Returns from the project.
- q) Timeframe for erection of the plant, commissioning and testing, key risks including environmental and forest.
- r) Suggestions on execution and operational contracts and business models.
- s) Any other element as may be required by GMDC related to FR.

## B. Detailed Project Report

DPR shall be prepared as per statutory guidelines and for getting various statutory clearances. The scope of work to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) will include all studies, investigations and will encompass the following, but is not restricted to:

- a) Project Background
- b) Executive summary for the proposed power stations entailing all the critical parameters including project highlights
- c) Need and Justification for setting up the power plant
- d) Project description including location and site details, site accessibility, land requirement, plant layout, water requirement, water availability and its transportation, fuel requirement, fuel transportation arrangement, ash generation and utilization plan, environmental aspects, power offtake arrangement, construction/start-up power requirements etc.
- e) Topographic survey including elevations, contours water bodies, vegetation, manmade structures etc.; Geotechnical Investigation including properties of soil earthworks and foundations for proposed structures, Socio-economic study including the analysis of the broader social and economic implications of the project.#
- f) Suitability of the power plant site and Selection of Technology for the plant including the followings:
  - i. Detailed technical aspects of the Boiler Turbine Generator (BTG) and its auxiliaries including Boiler Feed Pump, Regenerated heat cycles, condensing plant etc. technical aspects of Balance of Plant (BoP) and auxiliaries.
  - ii. Cooling water system and other water systems
  - iii. Electrical system and Equipment including the transforms, switchyard, bus bars, switchgears etc.
  - iv. Control and Instrumentation systems
  - v. Fuel (Lignite and fuel oil) handling system including storage, transportation, preparation and handling in the plant area.
  - vi. Bottom and fly ash handling system including recovery, transportation, storage and disposal; Effluent treatment plant
  - vii. Power evacuation arrangements including transmission system / sub-station, its cost estimation etc. Power evacuation plan from station including the substations auxiliary power distribution network, metering arrangement, pooling arrangement, lightening arrestors, transformers and associated infrastructure; transmission lines to evacuate power to the nearest CTU/STU substation; augmentation of the existing substations, if required.
  - viii. Flue Gas Desulfurization plant including technology to be adopted for reduction of the SO<sub>x</sub> and its advantages over the others. Time frame for completion of the system. Technical and Cost Factors for consideration on the EPC cost.
  - ix. Any other facilities associated with the power station
- g) Civil and structural Engineering aspects and various civil works of the project covering general features of the project site etc.
- h) Environmental and Pollution aspects including water pollution, air pollution, noise pollution, dust pollution, afforestation etc. Its environmental impact and pollution monitoring and control measures etc. Analysis of the Green belt.

- i) Methodology on Project Execution, Monitoring & Planning/Management including infrastructure facilities for construction and operation, manpower requirement, organisation structure and organisation charts, project management, quality assurance, spare parts management, inventory control system, project completion schedule etc.
- j) Project Financials and tariff including the followings:
  - i. Financial estimates and project cost with basis of estimates, break-up of project cost including Engineering and procurement cost, Land cost, Interest during construction, Financing charges etc.
  - ii. Phase-wise investment details indicating the funding pattern, source of funding, rate of interest, period of repayment etc.
  - iii. Cost of generation along with the assumptions and its basis. Levelized tariff bifurcated into fixed and variable charges for the sale of power in line with GERC Regulations.
  - iv. Sensitivity analysis developed to understand the impact of variations in major inputs parameters like cost, revenue, rate of interest etc. on the output parameters like IRR, RoI, RoCE, Payback period etc.
  - v. Financial Model to be developed for providing the financial projections; that shall cover the standard modules including capital expenditure, financing plan, operating costs and financial statements;
- k) Any other element as may be required by GMDC related to DPR
- l) To co-ordinate with the GMDC/other agency/consultant and to review the ToR for seeking environmental clearance and other studies conducted by them and include the same while finalizing DPR including EIA study and manpower requirement.

*# In case the selected bidder lacks proficiency in conducting these studies/tasks, Selected bidder may sublet the studies/tasks to the other competent agencies. However, the responsibility of the same lies with the selected bidder and it will remain accountable for ensuring that the sublet agencies perform their duties satisfactorily and in line with the GMDC requirements. If any issues arise regarding the subcontracted work such as delays, quality issues or failure to meet specifications, the selected bidder will be responsible for addressing these problems and ensuring the completion of the study within the specified timeframe.*

#### 1.4. Deliverables

The deliverables and timelines for completion of the study and submission of the reports both Feasibility study and Detailed project study is specified in table below:

##### A) Timelines for Submission of Feasibility Report

Milestone	Time line for Akrimota TPS (Expansion)	Time line for New thermal power project in South Gujarat
<b>Milestone-I</b> : Conduct Feasibility Study	T+ 8 weeks	T+ 8 weeks
<b>Milestone-II</b> : Submission of the Draft Feasibility Report	T+ 10 weeks	T+ 10 weeks
<b>Milestone-III</b> : Submission of the Final Feasibility Report	Within 02 weeks of receiving /observations comments from GMDC on the draft report	Within 02 weeks of receiving / observations comments from GMDC on the draft report

*T is date of acceptance of LOA by the selected Service Provider for Feasibility Report*

### B) Timelines for Submission of Detailed Project Report

Milestone	Time line for Akrimota TPS (Expansion)	Time line for New thermal power project in South Gujarat
<b>Milestone-I</b> : Conduct Study for DPR	T+ 8 weeks	T+ 8 weeks
<b>Milestone-II</b> : Submission of the Draft Detailed Project Report	T+ 10 weeks	T+ 10 weeks
<b>Milestone-III</b> : Submission of the Final Detailed Project Report	Within 02 weeks of receiving / observations comments from GMDC on the draft report	Within 02 weeks of receiving / observations comments from GMDC on the draft report

*T is date of Notice to Proceed (NTP) provided by client for Detailed Project Report*

The Service Provider/Successful Bidder is required to submit the FR and DPR as following:

- Draft reports - 05 copies for each site
- Final reports - 10 copies for each site
- Editable soft copy of FR, DPR and Financial Model prepared by the Service Provider/Successful Bidder

Presentation/Meetings/Discussion on the draft/final report to GMDC/Board of GMDC/GoG Officials as and when required. The above meetings will be held physically in Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar.

#### 1.5. Support from GMDC

GMDC shall provide all necessary information/authorization/documents/data, which shall include:

- Authorization to Agency for representing GMDC with various stakeholders (i.e., various Government offices) for execution of study. In case the selected bidder require assistance in coordinating with various stakeholders for the execution of the work, GMDC will assist in facilitating coordination with the said stakeholders.
- Statutory documents as required.
- All statutory payments will be in the scope of GMDC.

## SECTION III: INTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. Bidding Process

- a. GMDC has adopted a single stage two packet online bidding system separately for Technical Bid and Price Bid with evaluation as per Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method as detailed out in **RFP for** Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for the Lignite based thermal power plant at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat (the “Bidding Process”). Technical Bid shall be submitted physically whereas Price Bid shall be submitted online through <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com>. The Bidders are required to place pen drive comprising of soft copy of technical proposal/Bid as part of Technical Bid submission along with Physical copy. The Bids for which the Price Bid is submitted in hard copy / physical form/ pen drive shall be rejected as non-responsive. Complete Bid shall be submitted on or before the time and date fixed for submission of Bid (“**Bid Due Date**”). Bid delivered after Bid Due Date will be rejected.
- b. The Bidders need to offer its Bid which conforms to Terms of Reference and Terms and Conditions provided as part of this RFP Document.
- c. In a first step, evaluation of Technical Bid will be carried out as specified in clause 6.2 of SECTION III. Based on Technical evaluation, the Price Bids of only Bidder’s meeting Responsiveness Criteria, Pre-Qualification Criteria and Qualification criteria as specified in clause 6.2(a), 5.1 and 5.2 shall be opened.
- d. In the second stage, a Price Bid Evaluation of Technically Qualified Bidders will be carried out as per clause 5.3 and 6.2. The Bids will finally be ranked from the highest to lowest according to their combined technical and price scores (the “**Composite Score**”) derived based on Quality and Cost Based Selection method (the “QCBS”) specified in clause 5.4 of RFP SECTION III. The Bidder obtaining Highest Composite score shall be considered as Preferred Bidder (the “**Preferred Bidder**”).
- e. The evaluation shall be separately carried out for each package and each package may be awarded separately as per the terms specified in Bid Evaluation Section.

#### 1.1. Due Diligence

Bidders are encouraged to examine and familiarize themselves fully about the nature of assignment, scope of work, all instructions, forms, terms and conditions of RFP, local condition and any other matters considered relevant by them before submitting the Bid by paying a visit to the site, sending written queries to GMDC, and attending a Pre-Bid meeting.

#### 1.2. Acknowledgement by Bidder

By submitting the bid or proposal, the bidder acknowledges that it has:

- 1) Made a complete and careful examination of the RFP

- 2) Received all relevant information requested from GMDC;
- 3) Accepted the risk of inadequacy, error or mistake in the information provided in the RFP or furnished by or on behalf of GMDC relating to any of the matters referred to in clause 1.4 above; and
- 4) Acknowledged that it does not have a Conflict of Interest
- 5) Agreed to be bound by the undertakings provided by it under and in terms hereof.

GMDC shall not be liable for any omission, mistake or error in respect of any of the above or on account of any matter or thing arising out of or concerning or relating to the RFP or the Bidding Process, including any error or mistake therein or in any information or data given by GMDC.

### 1.3. Cost of Bidding

The Bidders shall be responsible for all of the costs associated with the preparation of their Bids and their participation in the Bid Process. GMDC will not be responsible or in any way liable for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bidding Process.

### 1.4. RFP Fee

- a) Bidder will need to submit nonrefundable RFP Document/Tender Fee of **INR 17,700/- (i.e. RFP fees of INR 15,000/- plus 18% GST)**. The RFP Document Fees shall be submitted (i) in the form of a Demand Draft in favour of **“Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited”** and payable at Ahmedabad along with the Bid as per marking and sealing section or (ii) by depositing the stated amount directly into GMDC bank account through NEFT/RTGS. In such a case, while submitting the online bid on nprocure, when Bidders are prompted to input the DD number, the Bidder may enter the NEFT/RTGS transaction number. Details for payment in favour of GMDC Limited through electronic mode is specified below:

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (GMDC)  
132 Feet Ring Road, Near University Ground Vastrapur, Ahmedabad.  
Bank Name: ICICI Bank Ltd, Ahmedabad Branch  
Account Number: 002405019379  
IFS Code: ICIC0000024

- b) Relaxation in terms of submission of RFP/Tender Processing Fee shall be given to the bidder who is holding valid Certificate issued under the MSME Act, 2006 on the date of submission of Tender/RFP.
- c) If payment is made through electronic mode, then Bidder shall submit the receipt of the same in the technical bid documents.
- d) If payment is to be made using a Demand Draft, then the Demand Draft should be on any scheduled commercial Bank in India as per list published by RBI. Bids that are not accompanied by the RFP fees in acceptable amount and form shall be considered non-responsive and shall be summarily rejected.

### 1.5. Schedule of Bidding

GMDC shall endeavor to adhere to the bidding schedule as specified in above. However, there may be changes due to unavoidable circumstances. Any change shall be informed by placing the Corrigendum on the website and n-procurement portal.

Sr. No.	Event Description	Date, Time and Address
1	Date from which RFP documents will be available	RFP shall be available from 15/12/2023 on <a href="http://www.gmdcltd.com">http://www.gmdcltd.com</a> & <a href="https://gmdctender.nprocure.com">https://gmdctender.nprocure.com</a>
2	Last date for receiving Pre-Bid queries/clarifications	Bidders may send their queries by 27/12/2023 up to 18:00 hrs to following contacts or reach out for any assistance. <b>Mr. Janardan Dave,</b> <b>General Manager (Power)</b> Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited Address: Khanij Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad - 380052 Email: <a href="mailto:jndave@gmdcltd.co.in">jndave@gmdcltd.co.in</a> OR <a href="mailto:power@gmdcltd.com">power@gmdcltd.com</a> Direct phone No: 07927912960 Office Contact No: 07927913200/3501, Extn: 1760 Mobile Phone No: 9725007570
3	Pre-Bid Meeting	The Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held at 11:30 hrs. on 02/01/2024 at GMDC office situated at Khanij Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad- 380052
4	Online Submission of Price Bid	The Price Bid is to be submitted online only at designated place on <a href="https://gmdctender.nprocure.com">https://gmdctender.nprocure.com</a> 17/01/2024 up to 17:00 hrs and (i) any submission of offline price bid (i.e., physical submission) or (ii) submission of price bid along with technical bid will lead to disqualification. A copy of instruments or information pertaining to RFP Fee and EMD paid may be required to be submitted online at the time of submission of Price bid. Technical Bid is not to be submitted online, but should be submitted in physical offline mode after the submission of the Price Bid at the designated address by the deadline mentioned.
5	Last Date and Time of Submission of Technical Bid, RFP Fees & EMD in Hard Copy	The Technical Bid is to be submitted offline, preferably after the due date for online submission of price bid but on or before 17/01/2024 up to 18:00 Hrs. at GMDC office situated at Khanij Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad- 380052, by Speed Post/RPAD/Hand delivery/Courier in sealed cover duly super scribed as mentioned in the RFP.
6	Opening of Technical Bid	On 17/01/2024 at 18:05 hrs onwards, at GMDC office
7	Opening of Price Bid	To be indicated to later after completion of Technical Evaluation
8	Signing of Agreement	After issuance of LOA

## 2. GENERAL

### 2.1. Bid Validity

- a) Bids shall remain valid for a period of not less than 180 days (One Hundred and Eighty days) from the Bid Due Date/Bid Submission Date (the “**Bid Validity Period**”). The Bid of the Bidder shall be considered non-responsive if such Bid is valid for a period less the Bid Validity Period.
- b) In exceptional circumstances, prior to expiry of the original Bid Validity period, authority may request the Bidders to extend the period of validity for a specified additional period. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting his Bid Security/EMD. A Bidder agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify his Bid but will be required to extend the validity of his Bid Security/EMD for the period of the extension, and in compliance with clause 2.5 of RFP SECTION III in all respects.

### 2.2. Numbers of Bids by Bidder

No Bidder shall submit more than one Bid pursuant to this RFP. If a Bidder submits or participates in more than one Bid, such Bids shall be disqualified.

### 2.3. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The Bidding Process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the Courts at Ahmedabad shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process.

### 2.4. Authority’s Right to Accept and Reject any Bids or all Bids

- a) Notwithstanding anything contained in this RFP, GMDC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the Bidding Process /Bid Evaluation Process and reject all Bids, at any time without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment, and without assigning any reasons thereof.
- b) It shall be deemed that by submitting the Bids, the Bidder agrees and releases GMDC, its employees, agents and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/ or performance of any obligations hereunder, pursuant hereto and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process and waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, any and all rights and/or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or in future.
- c) Without prejudice to the generality of Clause (a) and (b) above, GMDC reserves the right to reject any Proposal/Bid if:
  - i. Bid does not meet the Pre-qualification qualification criteria specified in this RFP
  - ii. at any time, a material misrepresentation is made or discovered, or
  - iii. The Bidder found to be indulging in Fraudulent and Corrupt Practices as defined in this RFP.

- iv. the Bidder does not provide, within the time specified by GMDC, the supplemental information sought by GMDC for evaluation of the Bid.
  - v. Bidder submits conditional Bid.
- d) If such disqualification / rejection occurs after the Bids have been opened and the Preferred Bidder as per award criteria gets disqualified / rejected, then GMDC reserves the right to consider the next best Preferred Bidder, or take any other measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of GMDC, including annulment of the Selection Process.

## 2.5. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security

- a) The bidder shall furnish, a separate Bid Security (also referred to as "Earnest Money Deposit" (EMD)/ Bid Security") for Captioned work as part of his Bid as per the given format. The Bid Security/EMD shall be sealed in a separate sealed envelope along with RFP Fees and super scribing "Earnest Money Deposit and RFP Fees ". An Earnest Money Deposit of amount **INR 3.5 lakh (INR Three Lakh Fifty Thousand)** shall be provided in favour of "**Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd**", in any one of the following forms/formats. The List of Approved Bank is provided in **Annexure 14:**
- i. Account payee Demand Draft /Banker's Cheque from any bank among the list of scheduled commercial Bank in India published by RBI.
  - ii. An irrevocable Bank Guarantee (the "**Bank Guarantee**"), payable at Ahmedabad from the banks approved by Government of Gujarat except the Co-operative banks as per the **Annexure 14** and valid for a period of 210 days (Two Hundred and Ten Days) from the Bid Due Date in the format prescribed in the bid documents. The validity of Bank Guarantee may be extended as may be mutually agreed between Authority and Bidder from time to time as per clause 2.1 of RFP SECTION III. In case Bidder intends to provide Bank Guarantee then it should be provided Compulsory e-Bank Guarantee Confirmation through ICICI Bank through SFMS<sup>1</sup> under our  
 Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (GMDC)  
 132 Feet Ring Road, Near University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad.  
 Bank Name: ICICI BANK LTD.  
 IFS Code: ICIC0000024  
 UIC GMDC530265584 for Field 7037
- b) Bidders holding and sharing valid Certificate issued under the MSME Act, 2006 on the date of submission of RFP are exempted from submission of EMD/ Bid Security
- c) Any bid not accompanied with valid Earnest Money Deposit and RFP fee in the acceptable amount, form and validity period will be summarily rejected by GMDC as being non-responsive and bids of such Bidder shall not be evaluated further.
- d) GMDC shall not be liable to pay any interest on the Bid Security/EMD deposit and the same shall be interest free. The EMD shall be furnished in Indian Rupees only.

<sup>1</sup>Structured Finance Messaging System (SFMS) is a RBI mandated Bank Guarantee Messaging System.

- e) The Bid Security of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned by GMDC, as promptly as possible on acceptance of the Bid of the Preferred Bidder or if and when GMDC cancels the Bidding Process. Bidders may by specific instructions in writing to GMDC give the name and address of the person in whose favour the said demand draft shall be drawn by GMDC for refund, failing which it shall be drawn in the name of the Bidder and shall be mailed to the address given on the Bid.
- f) The Preferred Bidder's EMD will be returned, without any interest, upon the Preferred Bidder signing the Agreement and furnishing the Performance Security in accordance with the provision thereof or if and when GMDC cancels the bidding.
- g) GMDC shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security as Damages inter alia in any of the events specified below. The Bidder, by submitting its Bid, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and confirmed that GMDC will suffer loss and damage on account of withdrawal of its Bid or for any other default by the Bidder during the period of Bid validity as specified in this RFP. No relaxation of any kind on Bid Security shall be given to any Bidder except for MSME qualified bidders.
- i. If a Bidder engages in a corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice as specified in clause 8 of this RFP SECTION III;
  - ii. If a Bidder withdraws its Bid during the Bid Validity Period as specified in this RFP and as extended by mutual consent of the respective Bidder(s) and GMDC;
  - iii. In the case of Successful Bidder, if it fails within the specified time limit -
    - 1) to sign and return the duplicate copy of LOA
    - 2) to sign the Agreement within the time period specified by GMDC.
    - 3) to furnish the Performance Security within the period prescribed therefore in the RFP; or
    - 4) In case the Successful Bidder, having signed the Contract, commits any breach thereof prior to furnishing the Performance Security.

### 3. DOCUMENTS AND PRE-BIDCONFERENCE

#### 3.1. Content of RFP

This RFP comprises the Disclaimer set forth hereinabove, the contents as listed below, and will additionally include any Addendum issued in accordance with clause 3.4.

##### **Notice Inviting RFP**

- SECTION I: Background  
 SECTION II: Terms of Reference/Scope of Work  
 SECTION III: Instructions to Bidders (ITB)  
 SECTION IV: Service Provision Fees & Payment Terms  
 SECTION V: Contract Terms & Conditions  
 SECTION VI: Annexure

### 3.2. Clarification to RFP Documents

- a) Bidders requiring any clarification on the RFP may notify GMDC in writing through email at the address provided in clause 1.5. They should send in their queries on or before the date mentioned in clause 1.5 in order to enable Authority to have adequate notice of the said queries so that the same can be addressed at the Pre-Bid Meeting or shortly later. GMDC shall endeavor to respond to the queries at short span of time prior to Bid Due Date. The responses to queries will be uploaded on website of GMDC <http://www.gmdcltd.com> and <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com>. GMDC is not bound to take cognizance of any queries raised after the date mentioned in the Bid Sheet Section for sending queries.
- b) GMDC shall endeavor to respond to the questions raised or clarifications sought by the Bidders. However, GMDC reserves the right not to respond to any question or provide any clarification, in its sole discretion, and nothing in this Clause shall be taken or read as compelling or requiring GMDC to respond to any question or to provide any clarification.
- c) GMDC may also on its own motion, if deemed necessary, issue interpretations and clarifications and amendment to RFP. All clarifications and interpretations issued by GMDC shall be deemed to be part of the Bidding Documents. Verbal clarifications and information given by Authority or its employees or representatives shall not in any way or manner be binding on GMDC.

### 3.3. Pre-Bid Meeting

- a) A pre-bid meeting would be held at time and an address specified in clause 1.5. Bidders shall bear their own cost of attending any pre-bid meeting.
- b) During the course of pre-bid meeting, the Bidders will be free to seek clarifications and make suggestions for consideration of GMDC. GMDC shall endeavor to provide clarifications and such further information as it may, in its sole discretion, considered appropriate for facilitating a fair, transparent and competitive Bidding Process.
- c) Clarifications/responses would be shared by uploading such responses online only at website of the Authority (i.e. <https://www.gmdcltd.com> and <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com>) if required in the form of an addendum and or corrigendum.
- d) Non-attendance at the pre-bid conference shall not be a cause for disqualification of a Bidder. However, terms and conditions of the Addendum(s) shall be legally binding on all the Bidders irrespective of their attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference.

### 3.4. Amendment of Bidding Documents

- a) At any time prior to the Bid Due Date, GMDC may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to clarifications requested by a Bidder, modify the RFP by the issuance of Addenda/corrigendum.

- b) Any Addendum/Corrigendum issued hereunder and shall be uploaded only on Authority website <https://www.gmdcltd.com> and <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com>
- c) In order to afford the Bidders a reasonable time for taking an Addendum into account, or for any other reason, GMDC may, in its sole discretion, extend the Bid Due Date.

#### 4. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

##### 4.1. Language of Bid

- a) The Bids and all related correspondence and documents in relation to the Bidding Process shall be in English language. All supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Bidders with the Bid may be in any other language provided that they are accompanied by translations in the English language, duly authenticated and certified by the Bidder.
- b) The Bidders shall ensure that any number mentioned in the Bid shall be followed by words in relation to such numerical format of the number, and in the event, there is a conflict in the numerical and the word format of the number, the number provided in words shall prevail.

##### 4.2. Bid Currency

All prices quoted in the Bid shall be quoted in Indian National Rupee(s) (INR).

##### 4.3. Format and Signing of Bid

- a) The Bidder shall provide all the information sought under this RFP. GMDC will evaluate only those Bids that are received in the required formats and complete in all respects.
- b) The Bid must be properly signed by the authorized signatory (the “Authorized Signatory”) as detailed below:
- by a duly authorized person holding the Power of Attorney, in case Bidder is either a Limited Company or a Limited Liability Partnership firm
- c) In case of the Bidder being company incorporated under Indian Companies Act 1956/2013, the Power of Attorney shall be supported by a Board Resolution in favour of the person vesting power to the person signing the Bid.

##### 4.4. Submission Format & Sealing and Marking of Proposals

- a) The original instruments of the Bid Security of the required value and in approved format as specified in clause 2.5 and RFP Fees as specified in clause 1.4 shall be sealed in an envelope on which the following shall be super scribed:

**“RFP for Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for installation of the Lignite based thermal power plant at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat - EMD and RFP Fees”**

b) **The Technical Bid** shall be submitted in **Hard copy**. The documents and format to be submitted for Technical Bid shall be as follows:

Sr. No	Annexure No.	Particulars
1	1	Letter of Bid Submissions signed by authorized signatory of Bidder
2	2	Bidder's Organization and Experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of registration in India, GSTIN certificate, PAN details <b>OR</b> Partnership deed, GSTIN registration, PAN details <b>OR</b> Incorporation certificate, MOA, AOA, GSTIN Registration, PAN details as may be applicable.</li> <li>• Documentary evidences for relevant work experience of completing the feasibility study and detailed project study of the Coal/Lignite based thermal power stations from the client such Relevant portion of Work Order/contract/Client work completion certificate to be submitted. For confidential engagements, bidder may submit sanitized details supported by CA certificate</li> </ul>
3	3	Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and Facilities to be provided by Authority
4	4	Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment/TOR
5	5	Team Composition and Task Assignments
6	6	Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Team and Support Staff
7	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory Auditor/Registered Chartered accountants statement specifying audited Turnover for last three year sending with FY 2022-23 as per clause 5.1(c)</li> <li>• Audited Financial statements for last three years ending with FY 2022-23 as per clause 5.1(c)</li> </ul>
8	8	Non Blacklisting certificate on Stamp Paper
9	9	Authorization of signatory in the form of Board Resolution/ or Power of Attorney (POA notarized and Applicable in case of bid not being signed by the person directly authorized by the firm), as applicable
10	10	Undertaking for information and document provided are true.
11	-	Original RFP documents issued along with updated addendums /amendments thereto, duly signed by the Bidder through its authorized signatory on all pages.
12	-	A pen drive comprising of soft copy of Technical Bid also to be submitted as part of Technical Bid. Bidders for whom a pen drive is not feasible, may send a password protected soft copy of Technical proposal through email strictly and only after due date of Physical Submission of Technical Proposal but not later than two working days of the Due Date of Technical Proposal.

The documents of Technical Bid shall be submitted in hard copy (physical submission) as per the list of submittals provided in table hereinabove of this RFP and should comprise of all documents required to be submitted as per the said Annexure. All documents of the technical proposal/Bid shall be placed and sealed in an envelope on which the following shall be super scribed:

**“RFP for Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for the installation of the Lignite based thermal power plant at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat - Technical Bid”**

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Both envelopes specified in sub clause (a) and (b) shall be placed in outer envelopes, super scribed and delivered by the Due date as per the address given:

**“RFP for Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for the installation of the Lignite based thermal power plant at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat - Bid Submission”.**

Addressed to:

**Mr. Janardan Dave,**

**General Manager (Power)**

**Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited**

Email: [jndave@gmdcltd.co.in](mailto:jndave@gmdcltd.co.in)

**Address: Khanij Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground,  
Vastrapur, Ahmedabad - 380052**

- a) Price Bid (Online) to be filled up at designated places only on <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com> as per the format provided in the **Annexure 11**.
- b) The Bidders are required to submit its Bids (i.e. Technical Bid and Price Bid) on or before the Bid Due Date specified in clause 1.5.

#### **4.5. Bid Due Date**

- a) The last date and time of submission of the Bids (the “Bid Due Date/Bid Submission Date”) is specified in clause 1.5.
- b) GMDC may, in its sole discretion, extend the Bid Due Date by issuing an Addendum uniformly for all Bidders as per clause 3.4. In such event, all rights and obligations of Authority and Bidders previously subject to the earlier deadline will thereafter be subject to the Bid Due Date as extended. Any such change in the Bid Due Date shall be notified to the Bidders by dissemination of requisite information in this behalf by uploading the Addenda on Authority website of GMDC <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com>.

#### **4.6. Late Submission**

- a) Physical submissions for Technical Bid and EMD & RFP fees received by GMDC after the specified time and Date of bid submission shall not be eligible for consideration and shall be summarily rejected.
- b) Authority shall not be responsible for any delay or non-receipt / non-delivery of any documents/ or technical issues pertaining to online Bid. The bidder is expected to take its registration for e-tendering well in time and complete all procedure relating to e submission well in time so that there is time for handling any technical glitches. Bidders who are not familiar with the procedure for online bidding may advantage of training made available by e-bidding platform nProcure. The contact details of

(n)Procure are as follows:

**(n)Code Solutions (A Division of GNFC Ltd.)**  
304, GNFC Infotower, Bodakdev,  
Ahmedabad - 380054. India  
Sales: 079- 4000 7323  
Support: 079- 4000 7300  
Email: [nprocure@ncode.in](mailto:nprocure@ncode.in)

#### 4.7. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids

- a) Bidder shall not be able to modify any part of its Bid after the Bid Due Date. In order to avoid forfeiture of Bid Security, a Bidder may withdraw his Bid after online submission thereof. The Bidder may online modify, substitute or withdraw its bid after submission, prior to the Bid Due Date and time.
- b) Any alteration/ modification in the Bid or additional information supplied subsequent to the Bid Due Date, unless the same has been expressly sought for by GMDC, shall be disregarded.

### 5. BID EVALAUTION CRITERIA

All bids must be considered responsive as described in **clause 6.2 (a)** in order to be considered fit to be evaluated. To be considered eligible and qualified, each Bidder should meet Eligibility Criteria and obtaining minimum **60 marks** in the technical scores specified hereunder will progress to the next stage of Price Bid opening. The Eligibility and Technical Score are described below.

#### 5.1. Pre-Qualification Criteria

A Bidder must meet Pre-Qualification Criteria are specified hereunder in order to qualify for next stage of evaluation.

- a) The Bidder shall be a legal entity registered in India under the relevant legislation.
- b) The bidder should have the experience of project development studies of at least 04 projects for coal/lignite based supercritical/subcritical thermal power projects having generation capacity of 250 MW or above during the last 07 (seven) years ended on 30.11.23 and out of the same at least 02 (two) such projects have been either taken up for construction or got commissioned by such clients to whom services were provided.
- c) The Bidder must have an average audited annual revenue/ turnover of INR 25 crore during the last three financial years ending with FY 2022-23.
- d) The Bidder should have positive net worth in last three years ending with FY 2022-23.
- e) Consortium is not permitted to participate in bidding process.
- f) The Bidder should not have been not have been blacklisted for participation in this RFP/tender as on bid submission date by any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) / Central or State Government in India / Central or State Government undertaking.

The Bidder shall need to submit No-Blacklisting Affidavit as per format specified in Annexure 8.

g) The Bidder should not have Conflict of Interest as per clause 9.

## 5.2. Technical Score Criteria

The Bids of the Bidders meeting Pre-Qualification criteria shall be considered for assessment and assigning of Technical Score. The Technical Score of the Bidder shall be evaluated as per Technical Score system provided hereunder.

Sr No.	Marking Heads	Marks	Sub-Marks
<b>A</b>	<b>Experience of Bidder</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>A.1</b>	<p>Experience involving carrying out of Feasibility study/Detailed project study of the &gt;250 MW Capacity Lignite/Coal based Thermal power project during the last 07 (Seven) years ended on 30.11.23 in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out of the above 05 projects, atleast 01 (one) should be in Gujarat State</li> <li>Out of the above 05 projects, atleast 02 (two) should be DPR studies</li> </ul>	15	03 marks for one assignment, Maximum 15 marks
<b>A.2</b>	<p>Cumulative Lignite/Coal based thermal power generation capacity [Each Project capacity &gt;250 MW] for which Feasibility study/Detailed project report study was carried out during the last 07 (Seven) years ended on 30.11.23 in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out of the above, at least 500 MW cumulative power generation capacity should be for Lignite based projects.</li> </ul>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 marks for <math>\geq 3000</math> MW</li> <li>08 marks for <math>\geq 2000</math> MW and <math>&lt;3000</math> MW</li> <li>06 marks for <math>\geq 1250</math> MW and <math>&lt;2000</math> MW</li> </ul>
<b>A.3</b>	Turnover of the Bidder	05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>05 Marks for <math>\geq</math>INR 75 Cr</li> <li>04 Marks for <math>\geq</math>INR 50 Cr and <math>&lt;</math>INR 75 Cr</li> <li>03 Marks for <math>\geq</math>INR 25 Cr and <math>&lt;</math>INR 50 Cr</li> </ul>
<b>A.4</b>	Total years of experience	05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>05 Marks for <math>\geq 15</math> years</li> <li>04 Marks for <math>\geq 10</math> years and <math>&lt; 15</math> years</li> <li>03 Marks for <math>\geq 5</math> years and <math>&lt; 10</math> years</li> </ul>
<b>B</b>	<b>Proposed Project Team/Manpower</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>B.1</b>	Team Leader	10	Each team member will be evaluated based on criteria
<b>B.2</b>	Project Development Expert	05	

Sr No.	Marking Heads	Marks	Sub-Marks
B.3	Technical Expert	05	specified in subsequent table and considering relevant experience
B.4	Financial Expert	05	
<b>C</b>	<b>Approach &amp; Methodology for proposed work based on Bidder's Presentation including team interviews</b>	<b>40</b>	
	<u>Final evaluation based on the following criteria:</u>		
C.1	Understanding and experience of conducting the study of the coal/Lignite based Thermal power plants	20	
C.2	Understanding of GMDC's context & scope of work	10	
C.3	Given the industry status, best practices, and objectives of GMDC, what is the suggested best fit approach and methodology for GMDC for conducting feasibility study at Akrimota TPS and New thermal power project in South Gujarat	10	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	
	<b>Qualifying marks</b>	<b>60</b>	

*For showcasing project references, relevant portion of Work Order/contract/Client completion certificate to be submitted. Different projects (with separate Work Orders and separate or additional scope) with the same client can be cited as separate projects.*

Experience of parent/ holding company and its subsidiaries or subsidiary company shall be acceptable.

Bidder must Score minimum **60 marks** out of total 100 marks in Technical Marking Section specified herein above. The bids of bidders obtaining lower **than 60 score** will be declared disqualified and not be processed further.

The Qualification and evaluation criteria for Proposed Team as specified in **C** of table hereinabove is specified below.

Position	Minimum Qualification, Experience and Responsibilities	Marking Criteria
Team Leader (TL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Graduate/Post Graduate in Engineering/Technology/Management or equivalent</li> <li>▪ Experience in working with any State/Central Government and/or Private Sector with relevant experience in Project inception, Land acquisition, Statutory authority coordination, R&amp;R and project development studies for at least 10 years preceding the proposal due date.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 to 15 years of experience: 05 marks</li> <li>• 16 to 20 years of experience: 08 marks</li> <li>• &gt;20 years of experience: 10 marks</li> </ul>

Position	Minimum Qualification, Experience and Responsibilities	Marking Criteria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Experience of working in at least 02 projects of the Lignite based thermal power plant</li> <li>▪ Team Leader will lead, coordinate and supervise the multidisciplinary team in preparation of FR and DPR.</li> </ul>	
Project Development Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Graduate/Post Graduate in Electrical/Mechanical/Civil Engineering/Technology</li> <li>▪ Experience in project development studies like FR, DPR, land acquisition, coal transportation, assistance to utilities for approval etc. for at least 10 years preceding the proposal due date.</li> <li>▪ Experience of working in at least 01 project of the Lignite based thermal power plant</li> <li>▪ He will be responsible for organising all feasibility study, clearances and investigations and providing technical assistance etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 to 15 years of experience: 03 marks</li> <li>• 15 to 20 years of experience: 04 marks</li> <li>• &gt;20 years of experience: 05 marks</li> </ul>
Technical Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Graduate/ Post Graduate in Electrical/ Mechanical/ Civil Engineering/ Technology with experience in working with Coal/ Lignite based thermal power plants for at least 10 years preceding the proposal due date.</li> <li>▪ He will be responsible for providing technical assistance for the studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 to 15 years of experience: 03 marks</li> <li>• 15 to 20 years of experience: 04 marks</li> <li>• &gt;20 years of experience: 05 marks</li> </ul>
Financial Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MBA Finance/CA/CFA/CMA with experience in Power Sector Financial modelling, Due diligence, Financial appraisal, for at least 10 years preceding the proposal due date.</li> <li>▪ He will be responsible for preparation of the financial models, tariff computations and for the financial appraisal of the projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 to 15 years of experience: 03 marks</li> <li>• 15 to 20 years of experience: 04 marks</li> <li>• &gt;20 years of experience: 05 marks</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- *Dual Education qualification will be an added advantage.*
- *Experience of working with the Lignite based thermal power plants and for the projects in the state of Gujarat for the similar works will be an added advantage.*
- *The above requirements are minimum list and GMDC reserves the right to request for any additional information. Additional experts/ support staff to support specific activities to be engaged as needed. The above members would be required by GMDC for all important meetings/ discussions.*

- *Notwithstanding anything stated above, GMDC reserves the right to assess the Bidder's capability and capacity to perform the work should the circumstances warrant such an assessment in the overall interest of GMDC.*
- *GMDC shall at its own discretion formulate sub-criteria for detailed evaluation. The decision of Evaluation Committee regarding allocation of marks shall be final and binding on the bidders and no clarification shall be provided.*

### 5.3. Evaluation of Price Bid and Financial Score

- The Price Bid of only Technically qualified (Bidders passing Responsiveness Tests and meeting Pre-Qualification Criteria and obtaining minimum 60 marks in the Technical score system as specified in clauses 6.2(a), 5.1 and 5.2 respectively) shall be opened.
- The Bidder shall be required to quote Lumpsum "Service Fees" (Fees exclusive of GST but inclusive of all other taxes, costs and expenses for executing the Scope/TOR as per the reference Price Bid format provided in Annexure 11.
- The Financial Score of each bidder based on its Consulting Fees shall be evaluated as follows:

$$\text{Financial Score (FiS)} = 100 \times \text{FiL}/\text{FiC}$$

Where;

FiL is the L1 (Lowest Bidder)'s Consulting Fees

FiC is the Consulting Fees quoted by Bidder

Bidder scoring Lowest charges shall be given 100 marks and other bidders shall be given marks proportionately.

- The Price Bid shall be opened separately.

### 5.4. Composite Score

- The Composite Score of the Bidder shall be determined by combining Technical and Financial Scores based on following formula.

$$\text{Composite Score (CS)} = \text{Technical Score (TeS)} * 0.70 + \text{Financial Score (Fis)} * 0.30$$

The technical experience has been assigned **70%** of weightage while price quote is assigned **30%** weightage.

- The Bidder obtaining the Highest Composite Score shall be generally declared as Preferred Bidder. Work is intended to be awarded to the best evaluated bidder under QCBS. However, GMDC reserves the right to award the work to a single party or to split the work Package/project-wise amongst two parties as deemed necessary without assigning any reason thereof. After negotiations at the discretion of GMDC, the LOA would be granted to the preferred bidder(s) who would then be the Successful Bidder(s) with whom the Agreement shall be signed.

## 6. EVALUTION PROCESS

### 6.1. Opening of Technical Bid

- (i) GMDC shall open the Technical Bids received to this RFP, at time, date and Place specified in clause 1.5 in the presence of the Bidders who choose to attend. The Bidders' representatives who are present at such opening shall sign a register evidencing their attendance as a witness to the Bids opening process.
- (ii) The Bidder's names, the presence or absence of requisite RFP Fees and Bid Security and such other details as Authority in its sole discretion may consider appropriate, shall be announced at the opening of Technical Bid.
- (iii) GMDC will subsequently examine and evaluate Technical Bids in accordance with the provisions set out hereunder in clause 6.2.

### 6.2. Evaluation of Technical Bid

The Bidders shall be required to submit documents as listed in this RFP document as per **clause 4.4** along with supporting documents. GMDC shall examine and evaluate the Technical Bids as per the evaluation steps specified below.

#### **a) Test of Responsiveness for EMD, RFP Fee, Timely and proper Submission**

- 1) Prior to evaluation of Technical Bids (i.e., Qualification Criteria), GMDC shall determine whether each Bid is responsive to the requirements of the RFP. A Bid shall be considered responsive only if:
  - (i) The Technical Bid is submitted in Hard copy and Price Bid online properly as per the terms of the RFP.
  - (ii) Technical Bid is accompanied by RFP fee and the EMD as specified in the clause 1.4 and 2.5 of ITB respectively.
  - (iii) Physical submission of Technical Bid, RFP fee and EMD is made within specified timeline.
  - (iv) The Bid and physical submissions are received by the Bid Due Date including any extension thereof pursuant hereto;
  - (v) It contains all the information (complete in all aspects) as requested in this RFP and/or Bid Documents (in formats same as those specified in the RFP);
  - (vi) It does not contain any conditionality; and
  - (vii) It is not non-responsive in terms hereof and any other conditions specified elsewhere in RFP.
- 2) GMDC reserves the right to reject any Bid which is non-responsive and no request for alteration, modification, substitution, or withdrawal shall be entertained by GMDC in respect of such Bid.
- 3) Evaluation of Pre-Qualification Criteria and document checks of only those Bidders shall be carried out whose Bids determined to be responsive.

#### **b) Assessment of Pre-Qualification Criteria**

- 1) GMDC shall examine and evaluate the Pre-qualification of each Technical Bid upon

determining its responsiveness as per sub clause (a) above.

- 2) The Bidder must meet Pre-Qualification Criteria specified in clause 5.1 and have submitted all documents as per clause 4.4 in order to qualify for next stage of assessment.
- 3) Assessment of technical bids to assign Technical Score of only those Bidders shall be carried out whose Bids are meeting Pre-Qualification Criteria and submitted all required documents pursuant to sub-clause 2) above.

#### **c) Determination of Technical Score**

- 1) GMDC shall examine and assign technical score to each pre-qualified Technical Bid as per Technical Marking System provided in clause 5.2 of ITB.
- 2) Responsive and Pre-Qualified Bidders may be called to make multi-media presentation on "Approach and Methodology" by GMDC at its sole discretion.
- 3) The Bids of the Bidder determined to be responsive, meeting Pre-Qualification criteria and securing minimum **score of 60 in Technical Score** shall be declared Technically Qualified Bids (the "Qualified Bids"/ "Qualified Bidder").
- 4) The Price Bids of only Qualified Bids shall be opened. Evaluation of Price Bids of only Qualified Bids shall be carried out.

#### **6.3. Opening of Price Bid and Financial Score**

- (i) The Price Bid shall be filled up by the Bidder as per E-Tendering at designated places through <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com> as per the indicative format specified in **Annexure 11** to this RFP.
- (ii) The Price Bids of only the Bidders determined to be Responsive and meeting the Pre-Qualification Criteria and obtaining required Technical Score in accordance with clause 6.2, 5.1 and 5.2 shall be opened in the presence of such of the Bidders and/or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.
- (iii) The time and date of opening of Price Bids shall be informed to the Bidders who are declared as Qualified Bidders pursuant to sub-clause 6.2(c) in advance. The Bidders' authorized representatives who are present shall be required to sign and record their attendance. The name of Bidder, bid rates, etc. will be announced at such opening.
- (iv) GMDC shall allot Financial Score to each eligible bid in accordance with the provision set forth in clause 5.3.

#### **6.4. Composite Score**

- (i) The Technical Score and Financial Score obtained by the Bidder shall be combined as per the formula provided in the clause 5.4.

- (ii) The Bidder achieving “Highest Composite Score” shall be generally declared as Preferred Bidder (the “Preferred Bidder”) and considered for award after following the due process including negotiation. Work is intended to be awarded to the best evaluated bidder under QCBS method. However, GMDC reserves the right to award the work to a single party or to split the work Package/project-wise amongst two parties as deemed necessary without assigning any reason thereof. The calculation of the Composite score shall be carried out based on process described in clause 5.4.

### 6.5. Clarification of Bids and Request for additional/missing information

To facilitate evaluation of Bids, GMDC may, at its sole discretion, seek in writing clarifications / documents / missing information in writing from any Bidder regarding its Bid. If the response from the Bidder is not received by GMDC before the expiration of the deadline prescribed in the written request, GMDC reserves the right to proceed with evaluation process at the total risk and cost of the Bidder.

### 6.6. Verification and Disqualification

- (i) GMDC reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents submitted by the Bidder in response to the RFP and the Bidder shall, when so required by GMDC, make available all such information, evidence and documents as may be necessary for such verification. Any such verification or lack of such verification, by GMDC shall not relieve the Bidder of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of GMDC there under.
- (ii) GMDC reserves the right to reject any Bid and/or forfeit the EMD if:
- At any time, a material misrepresentation in terms of misleading or false representation is made or uncovered, or
  - Bidder is blacklisted/banned by any Government Agency.
  - In case of fraudulent Bid and the Bidder found to be involved in fraudulent and corrupt practice as per RFP clause 8.
  - In case the Bidder has Conflict of Interest as per clause 9.
  - A Bidder makes an effort to influence Authority in its decisions on Evaluation process/Selection process.
  - While evaluating the Bid, if it comes to Authority’s knowledge expressly or implied, that some Bidders may have compounded in any manner whatsoever or otherwise joined to form an alliance resulting in distorting competitive price discovery or delaying the processing of proposal.
  - Record of poor performance such as abandoning the work, rescinding of contract for which the reasons are attributable to the non-performance of the Bidder, consistent history of litigation awarded against the applicant or financial failure due to bankruptcy.
  - A bidder who submits or participates in more than one Bid under this RFP.

Such misrepresentation/ improper response/blacklisting/record of poor performance shall lead to the disqualification of the Bidder. If such disqualification / rejection occurs after the Bids have been opened and the Preferred Bidder gets disqualified / rejected, then GMDC reserves the right to:

- a) Invite the remaining Bidders to submit their Bids or

- b) Take any such measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of GMDC, including annulment of the Bidding Process.
- (iii) In case it is found during the evaluation of Bids or at any time before signing of the Contract or after its execution and during the period of subsistence thereof, that one or more of the prequalification criteria/ Technical Score Criteria /conditions have not been met by the Bidder, or the Bidder has made material misrepresentation or has given any materially incorrect or false information, the Bidder shall be disqualified forthwith if not yet appointed as the Service Provider either by issue of the LOA or entering into of the Contract, and if the Successful Bidder has already been issued the LOA or has entered into the Contract, as the case may be, the same shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein or in this RFP, be liable to be terminated, by a communication in writing by GMDC to the Successful Bidder or the Service Provider, as the case may be, without GMDC being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Successful Bidder or the Service Provider. In such an event, GMDC shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the EMD or Performance Security, as the case may be, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to GMDC under the RFP and/or the Contract.

#### **6.7. Contacts during Bid Evaluation**

Bids shall be deemed to be under consideration immediately after they are opened and until such time GMDC makes official intimation of award/ rejection to the Bidders. While the Bids are under consideration, Bidders and/ or their representatives or other interested parties are advised to refrain, save and except as required under the Bidding Documents, from contacting by any means, GMDC and/ or their Service Providers/ employees/representatives on matters related to the Bids under consideration.

#### **6.8. Correspondence with Bidder**

Save and except as provided in this RFP, GMDC shall not entertain any correspondence with any Bidder in relation to acceptance or rejection of any Bid.

#### **6.9. Confidentiality**

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and recommendation for the Bidders shall not be disclosed to any person who is not officially concerned with the process or is not a retained professional advisor advising GMDC in relation to, or matters arising out of, or concerning the Bidding Process. GMDC will treat all information, submitted as part of the Bid, in confidence and will require all those who have access to such material to treat the same in confidence. GMDC may not divulge any such information unless it is directed to do so by any statutory entity that has the power under law to require its disclosure or is to enforce or assert any right or privilege of the statutory entity and/ or GMDC or as may be required by law or in connection with any legal process.

### **7. SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDER AND SIGNING OF AGREEMENT**

#### **7.1. Notification of Award**

- (i) Prior to expiry of the Bid Validity Period, Authority shall notify the Preferred Bidder(s) as the Successful Bidders through letter that his/their Bid has/have been accepted (the "Successful Bidder(s)"). This letter ("Letter of Award"/ "LOA") shall be

issued, in duplicate and shall specify the sum which GMDC shall pay to the Successful Bidder and sum that the Successful Bidder shall pay to Authority in consideration of Project scope as per the terms of Contract.

- (ii) Successful Bidder shall, within 07 (Seven) working days of the receipt of the LOA, sign and return the duplicate copy of the LOA in acknowledgement thereof. In the event the duplicate copy of the LOA duly signed by the Successful Bidder is not received by the stipulated date, GMDC may, unless it consents to extension of time for submission thereof, appropriate the Bid Security of such Bidder as damages on account of failure of the Successful Bidder to acknowledge the LOA, and the next Eligible and Qualified Bidder may be considered.

## 7.2. Signing of Agreement

- (i) After acknowledgement of the LOA as aforesaid by the Successful Bidder, it shall cause the Successful Bidder, subject to furnishing the performance security as per the RFP provisions, to execute/sign the Agreement within the 30 (thirty) days from the date of LOA (the “Execution Date”).
- (ii) The Draft copy of Agreement (the “Contract”) is specified in Section V of this RFP.
- (iii) The Successful Bidder shall get correct amount of Stamp Duty adjudicated (Stamp Paper of INR 300 denominations can be used), at Ahmedabad in accordance with applicable law, and submit the same in two copies duly stamped and executed within thirty (30) days from the date of Letter of Award. GMDC shall return one copy duly sealed and signed as a token of acceptance of the Contract. Stamp Duty, and any other charges as may be levied under applicable law, shall be paid by the Successful Bidder.
- (iv) After the signing of Agreement, the Successful Bidder shall be called the “Service Provider”.

## 7.3. Performance Security

- (i) The Successful Bidder shall furnish Performance Security to Authority for securing the due and faithful performance of its obligations under the Agreement, within 30 days from the LOA, in the form of Demand Draft or an unconditional and irrevocable bank guarantee (**Annexure 13**) for amount of equivalent to **10% (Ten percent) of Service Provision Fees (without GST) quoted for the Scope of Work** payable to GMDC by the Successful Bidders (the “**Performance Security**”) from the banks approved by the Government of Gujarat except cooperative banks (**Annexure 14**). Such performance Security shall be in favour of **Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.** and admissible and payable at Ahmedabad branch.
- (ii) The Service Provider shall maintain a valid and binding Performance Security for a Contract Period. The Service Provider shall ensure that the Performance Security shall subsist in full force and effect in terms hereof, throughout the Agreement Period and thereafter until expiry of three months. In case Contract Period is extended then the Service Provider shall have to renew Performance Security for a period of extended Contract Period.

- (iii) If the Bidder, fails to furnish the Performance Security, it shall be lawful for GMDC to forfeit the EMD and cancel the contract or any part thereof.
- (iv) GMDC shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the amount of the Performance Security in whole or in part:
  - a) in the event GMDC requires to recover any sum due and payable to it by the Service Provider including but not limited to Damages; and which the Service Provider has failed to pay in relation thereof; and
  - b) in relation to Service Provider's breach in accordance with the terms contained in the Agreement.
- (v) At any time during the Validity Period, the Performance Security has either been partially or completely been encashed by GMDC in accordance with the provision of the Agreement. The Service Provider shall within 15 (fifteen) days of such encashment either replenish, or provide a fresh performance security, as the case may be, failing which GMDC shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement.
- (vi) At the end of the Contract Period, the Performance Security shall be returned to the Service Provider without any interest, subject to any deductions which may be made by GMDC in respect of any outstanding dues under the terms of the Agreement.

#### **7.4. Commencement of Work/Assignment**

The Service Provider shall commence the Service Provision within one week of the acknowledgement/acceptance of LoA, or such other date as GMDC may permit. If the Service Provider fails to either sign the Agreement as specified in clause 7.2 or commence the assignment as specified herein, GMDC may invite the second ranked Bidder for negotiations. In such an event, the LOA or the Agreement, as the case may be, may be cancelled / terminated.

#### **7.5. Proprietary Data**

Subject to the provisions of clause 6.9, all documents and other information provided by GMDC or submitted by Bidder to GMDC shall remain or become the property of GMDC. Bidder and the Service Provider, as the case may be, are to treat all information as strictly confidential. GMDC will not return any Bid or any information related thereto. All information collected, analyzed, processed or in whatever manner provided by the Service Provider to GMDC in relation to the Service Provision Assignment pursuant to TOR shall be the property of GMDC.

#### **7.6. Tax Liability**

- (i) The rates quoted in Price Bid **Annexure 11** shall be inclusive of all taxes, duties, surcharge Levies etc. as applicable ("Price Quote") except applicable Goods and Service Tax. Applicable GST at the time of invoicing shall be reimbursed by GMDC.

- (ii) GMDC shall be entitled to deduct tax at source as may be applicable. The TDS certificate(s) shall be submitted as per the due date specified in the Income Tax Act.

## 8. FRAUD AND CORRUPT PRACTICES

- a) The Bidders and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the Bidding Process and subsequent to the issue of the LOA and during the subsistence of the Contract. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, or in the LOA or the Contract, GMDC may reject a Bid, withdraw the LOA, or terminate the Contract, without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder, if it determines that the Bidder or as the case may be, has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice in the Bidding Process. In such an event, GMDC shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the EMD, as the case may be, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to GMDC under the Bidding Documents and/ or the Contract, or otherwise. In case of cancellation of Contract, if already awarded, Authority shall be entitled to recover from the Bidder the amount of any loss arising from such cancellation in accordance with provisions of RFP document. Recoverable loss would be limited to the value of the contract.
- b) Without prejudice to the rights of GMDC under sub clause (a) hereinabove and the rights and remedies which GMDC may have under the LOA or the Contract or otherwise if a Bidder or Service Provider as the case may be, is found by GMDC to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice during the Bidding Process, or after the issue of the LOA or the execution of the Contract and/or otherwise, such Bidder or Service Provider shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or RFP issued by GMDC during a period of 2 (two) years from the date such Bidder or Service Provider as the case may be, is found by GMDC to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practices, as the case may be.
- c) For the purposes of this clause 8, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:
- (i) **“corrupt practice”** means (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the actions of any person connected with the Bidding Process (for avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of GMDC who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly, with the Bidding Process or the LOA or has dealt with matters concerning the Contract or arising there from, before or
- (ii) after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of GMDC, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the Bidding Process); or (ii) engaging in any manner

whatsoever, whether during the Bidding Process or after the issue of the LOA or after the execution of the Contract, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Project or the LOA or the Contract or otherwise, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical adviser of GMDC in relation to any matter concerning the Project;

- (iii) **“fraudulent practice”** means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or suppression of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the Bidding Process;
- (iv) **“coercive practice”** means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any person or property to influence any person’s participation or action in the Bidding Process;
- (v) **“undesirable practice”** means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by GMDC with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the Bidding Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and
- (vi) **“restrictive practice”** means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Bidders with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the Bidding Process.

## 9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a) The Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest that may affect the Selection Process or the Service Provision (the “Conflict of Interest”). Any Bidder found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. In the event of disqualification, GMDC shall forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security, if available, or as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to GMDC for, inter alia, the time, cost and effort of GMDC including consideration of such Bidder’s Proposal/Bid, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to GMDC hereunder or otherwise.
- b) GMDC requires that the Service Provider provides professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold GMDC’s interest paramount, avoid conflicts with other assignments or its own interests, and act without any consideration for future work. The Service Provider shall not accept or engage in any assignment that would be in conflict with its prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place it in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interests of GMDC.
- c) Without limiting the generality of the above, shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the Selection Process, if the relationship between two Bidders is established through common holding, either directly or through Associates, of at least 26% holding of equity/profit sharing in another company/firm, or in each other and other terms as specified hereunder;
- d) The Bidder, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof) and any other Bidder, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling ownership interest. Common controlling ownership interest for

Company, Limited Liability Partnership Firm is defined as follows. Associates of the Bidding firm shall mean Parent and/or Subsidiary and/or sister concerned firm having meaning specified in the **definition section**.

- (1) **If Bidder is a Company:** In such case, the Bidder (including its Associate or any shareholder thereof of Bidder and/or its Associates) possessing over 26% of the paid up and subscribed capital in its own company or Associate as the case may be, also holds:
  - a) more than 26% of the paid up and subscribed equity capital in the other Bidder, its Member or Associate of such other Bidder or Associates is Company; and/or
  - b) more than 26% of profit sharing in other Bidder or Associates such other Bidder or Associates is a Limited Liability Partnership firm. and/or
  
- (2) **If Bidder is a Limited Liability Partnership Firm:** In such case, the Bidder or its Partners or Associate having a profit sharing of more than 26% of such Bidder or its Partners or Associate as the case may be also holds;
  - a) more than 26% of the paid up and subscribed equity capital in the other Bidder or Associate of such other Bidder, its Member or Associates is Company; and/or
  - b) more than 26% of profit sharing in other Bidder or its Associates such other Bidder or its Associates is a Limited Liability Partnership firm. and/or
  
- e) a constituent of such Bidders is also a constituent of another Bidders; or.
- f) such Bidders receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy or grant from any other Bidder/s, or has provided any such subsidy to any other Bidders; or
- g) such Bidder has the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid as any other Bidders; or
- h) such Bidders has a relationship with another Bidders, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to each other's' information about, or to influence the Bid of either or each of the other Bidders; or
- i) there is a conflict among this and other Service Provision assignments of the Bidder (including its personnel and other members, if any) and any subsidiaries or entities controlled by such Bidder or having common controlling shareholders. The duties of the Service Provider will depend on the circumstances of each case. While providing services to GMDC for this particular assignment, the Service Provider shall not take up any assignment that by its nature will result in conflict with the present assignment; or
- j) Bidder shall furnish an affirmative statement as to the existence of, or potential for conflict of interest on the part of the Bidder due to prior, current contracts, engagements, or affiliations with Authority. Additionally, such disclosure shall address any and all potential elements (time frame for service delivery, resource,

financial or other) that would adversely impact the ability of the Bidder to complete the requirements as given in the RFP.

## 10. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) The Bidding Process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the Courts at Ahmedabad shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process.
- b) GMDC, in its sole discretion and without incurring any obligation or liability, reserves the right, at any time, to;
  - (i) Suspend and/ or cancel the Bidding Process and/ or amend and/ or supplement the Bidding Process or modify the dates or other terms and conditions relating thereto;
  - (ii) consult with any Bidder in order to receive clarification or further information;
  - (iii) retain any information and/ or evidence submitted to GMDC by, on behalf of, and/ or in relation to any Bidder; and/ or
  - (iv) Independently verify, disqualify, reject and/ or accept any and all submissions or other information and/ or evidence submitted by or on behalf of any Bidder.
- c) It shall be deemed that by submitting the Bid, the Bidder agrees and releases GMDC, its employees, agents and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/ or performance of any obligations hereunder, pursuant hereto and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process and waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, any and all rights and/or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or in future.
- d) **No Partnership:** Nothing contained in the RFP shall be construed or interpreted as constituting a partnership between the Parties. Neither Party shall have any authority to bind the other in any manner whatsoever other than as per provisions laid out in this Agreement.
- e) The Service Provider shall be deemed to be acting as an independent contractor of Authority and shall not be deemed an agent, legal representative, joint venture or partner of Authority. Neither party is authorized to bind the other to any obligation, affirmation or commitment with respect to any other person or entity.

## SECTION IV: SERVICE PROVISION FEES AND PAYMENT TERMS

### 1. SERVICE PROVISION FEES

- a) Authority hereby covenants to pay the Service Provision Fees to the Service Provider for the Scope of the Work /TOR specified in Section II of this Agreement and as per the payment terms specified in Sub-clause 2) of this section at agreed price specified hereunder for respective Package(s) awarded to the Bidder.

Particulars	Service Fees (Lumpsum) exclusive of GST for Akrimota expansion (INR lakh)	Service Fees (Lumpsum) exclusive of GST for New thermal power project in South Gujarat (INR lakh)	Total Service Fees (Lumpsum) exclusive of GST (INR lakh)
	(a)	(b)	(c) = (a) + (b)
Fees for Feasibility Report Study - A			
Fees for Detailed Project Report Study - B			
<b>Total (A + B)</b>			

- b) The Service Provision Fees specified in sub-clause (a) hereinabove represents the net amounts payable exclusive of GST but inclusive of all other applicable taxes, duties, surcharge, and levies. Applicable GST, over and above Service Provision Fees, at the time of invoicing shall be reimbursed by GMDC.
- c) The Service Provision Fees specified in sub-clause (a) hereinabove includes remuneration of Service Provider's staff, Travel expense, expense towards dine, hotel stay, office rents, conveyance, stationary and any other expense to be incurred for executing Terms of Reference.
- d) Separate Notice to proceed (NTP) will be provided for DPR once Feasibility Report is concluded/ approved by GMDC.

### 2. PAYMENT TERMS

- a) The payment shall be made as per the payment terms specified hereunder.
- b) Lump sum Service fees quoted by Bidder for the Scope of Work as per the Price Bid Format represents total service fees for execution of Scope of work. The payment for the Services Fees fixed for the selected Service Provider shall be paid on milestone completion basis as provided hereunder:

#### Payment for Submission of Feasibility Report

Milestone	Time line for Akrimota TPS (Expansion)	Time line for thermal power project in South Gujarat (New)	Payment Milestone - % of total Service provision fees

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<b>Milestone-I</b> :Conduct Feasibility Study	T+ 8 weeks	T+ 8 weeks	25%
<b>Milestone-II</b> : Submission of the draft Report to GMDC	T+ 10 weeks	T+ 10 weeks	50%
<b>Milestone-III</b> : Submission of the final Report to GMDC and acceptance of the report by GMDC	Within 02 weeks after receiving comments from GMDC	Within 02 weeks after receiving comments from GMDC	25%

*T is date of acceptance of LOA by the selected Service Provider for Feasibility Report*

#### Payment for Submission of Detailed Project Report

Milestone	Time line for Akrimota TPS(Expansion)	Time line for thermal power project in South Gujarat (New)	Payment Milestone - % of total Service provision fees
<b>Milestone-I</b> : Conduct Study for DPR	T+ 8 weeks	T+ 8 weeks	25%
<b>Milestone-II</b> : Submission of the Draft Detailed Project Report	T+ 10 weeks	T+ 10 weeks	50%
<b>Milestone-III</b> :Submission of the Final Detailed Project Report	Within 02 weeks after receiving comments from GMDC	Within 02 weeks after receiving comments from GMDC	25%

*T is date of Notice to Proceed (NTP) provided by client for Detailed Project Report*

- c) Detailed terms for payment under each of the above is further explained below.
- (i) The Service Provider shall submit invoices upon achieving milestone stated in sub-clause (b) hereinabove. Authority shall make payment within 30 days of submission of invoices upon verifying the milestone for which invoice is submitted subject to deduction of any damages pursuant to contract conditions.
  - (ii) Applicable GST, over and above approved Service Provision Fees, at the time of invoicing shall be reimbursed by GMDC. The risk of applicability of any taxes, duties and levies except GST, shall rest with the Service Provider.
  - (iii) GMDC shall be entitled to deduct tax at source as may be applicable. The TDS certificate(s) shall be submitted as per the due date specified in the Income Tax Act
  - (iv) GMDC shall also reserves the right to renegotiate/withhold or deduct the amount/proportion of payment in case of (i) non-deployment of key manpower and/ or (ii) other manpower not deployed exclusively for the project.

## SECTION V: CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

### **BETWEEN**

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., a company incorporated under Indian Companies act, 1953 and having its corporate office at Khanij Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad- 380052 (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority/GMDC” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its administrators, successors and assigns) of ONE PART;

### **AND**

\_\_\_\_\_, having its registered office at \_\_\_\_\_, hereunder referred to as the “**Service Provider**” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context include its successors and permitted assigns, of the OTHER PART.

GMDC and the Service Provider are hereinafter individually referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

### **WHEREAS**

- A. GMDC vide its Request for Proposal, dated \_\_\_\_ invited Bids from competent parties through transparent and competitive bidding process **RFP for Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for installation of the Lignite based thermal power plants at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat** as per the terms specified in RFP and this Agreement (hereinafter called the “**Project/Assignment/ Work/ Scope of Work**”):
- B. Pursuant to the evaluation of the bids received, GMDC has accepted the bid of the Service Provider dated \_\_\_\_\_ as per the terms and conditions specified in RFP documents, subsequent Addendum and terms specified in this Agreement and issued a Letter of Award (LOA) No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ accepting the particular Bid Proposal.
- C. The Service Provider has accepted the LOA by its letter dated \_\_\_\_\_, requiring inter alia the execution of the Contract. GMDC hereby agrees to appoint and avail services of Service Provider for **providing Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for installation of the Lignite based thermal power plants at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat.** on the terms, conditions and covenants hereinafter set forth in this 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 (GMDC and Service Provider) **hereby agree as follows:**

The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Agreement:

This Agreement along with all Annexure/schedule hereto.

1. Request for Proposal Document issued by GMDC in its entirety including all its parts/sections, annexure, corrigendum and Addendums thereto.
2. Letter of Acceptance (LOA) no. \_\_\_\_\_ issued on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Terms of Reference provided in RFP SECTION II.
4. Payment Terms provided in RFP SECTION IV.
5. Service Provider's Key Personnel specified in Schedule \_\_\_\_
6. Any relevant correspondence between the two parties that the signatories have agreed to include as part of the Contract for validating and clarifying any points in the Contract or by way of revised or improved understanding of any terms of the Contract as appended herein.

While all above documents are deemed to be part of the Agreement, in the event of any discrepancy / conflict in the terms of the above referred documents or interpretation thereof, the provisions of the more recent document, date wise, shall prevail over the older document.

## 1. GENERAL

### 1.1. Definition and Interpretation

- 1.1. In this Agreement, the following words and expressions shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, have the meaning hereinafter respectively ascribed to them hereunder:
  - a) **"Applicable Law"** means all the laws, acts, ordinances, rules, regulations, notifications, guidelines or bye-laws, in force and effect, as of the date hereof and which may be promulgated or brought into force and effect hereinafter in India, including judgments, decrees, injunctions, writs or orders of any court of record, as may be in force and effect during the subsistence of this Contract, including without limitation those laws/regulations applicable to the Project;
  - b) **"Applicable Clearances"** means all clearances, permits, no-objection certifications, exemptions, authorisations, consents and approvals required to be obtained or maintained under Applicable Law, in connection with the Project during the subsistence of this Agreement;
  - c) **"Authority"** or **"GMDC"** means the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd [including without limitation its authorized representatives];
  - d) **"Corrupt practice"** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under clause 8 of SECTION III.
  - e) **"Conflict of Interest"** shall have a meaning specified in clause 9 of SECTION III.
  - f) **"Contract"** means the Contract signed by the Parties and all the attached documents listed in Preliminary and the Annexures/schedules.
  - g) **"Contract Period"/" Agreement Period"** shall have a meaning specified in clause 2.4
  - h) **"Day"** means calendar day.
  - i) **"Dispute"** shall have a meaning specified in clause 9.1
  - j) **"Effective Date"** shall have meaning specified in clause 2.1.
  - k) **"EMD/ Bid Security"** means the Bid security/ earnest money deposit to be submitted by the Bidder as per clause 2.5 of SECTION III.

- l) **“Force Majeure”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 2.7.1.
- m) **“Insurance”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 3.1.1.
- n) **“Letter of Award”** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under clause 7.1 of RFP SECTION III
- o) **“Local Currency”** means Indian Rupees.
- p) **“Party”** means the “Authority” or the Service Provider, as the case may be.
- q) **“Parties”** means the parties to the Service Provision Agreement and “Party” means either of them, as the context may admit or require.
- r) **“Package”** means the all the activities as per scope of work involved in the preparation of the Feasibility report, Detailed project report and the other studies (Optional and at discretion of GMDC) as mentioned in the RFP for each power station.
- s) **“Performance Security”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 7.3.
- t) **“Personnel”** means professionals and support staff provided by the Service Providers and assigned to perform the Services or any part thereof;
- u) **“Services”/ “Scope of Services/Terms of Reference (TOR)”** means the work to be performed by the Service Provider pursuant to this Contract, as described in RFP SECTION II;
- v) **“Service provider”** shall mean the successful Bidder who is selected by GMDC/Authority as per the process outlined in this RFP Document for assisting GMDC as per the Terms of Reference specified in this RFP.
- w) **“Service Provision Agreement/Agreement/Contract”** is the agreement entered into between ‘Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (GMDC)’ and ‘Service Provider’ comprising of all terms and conditions stated in this RFP.
- x) **“Service Provision Fees /Fees/Service Charges”** shall mean the charges payable by GMDC for the services rendered by the Service Provider as per captioned subject and as per the Scope of work in this RFP.
- y) **“Team Leader”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 4.5
- z) **“Terms of Reference/Scope of Work”** means all the activities as per Terms of Reference or Scope of Work mentioned in the RFP which the Service Provider is required to carry out as part of its responsibility using Good Industry Practice. Detailed Terms of Reference are specified in SECTION II of RFP.
- aa) **“Third Party”** means any person or entity other than the “Authority”, or the Service Provider.

## 1.2. Principles of Interpretation

- a) The table of contents, numbers, headings and marginal headings in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of facilitating reference and shall not impact the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.
- b) Words importing Persons or Parties shall include firms, companies, corporations, trusts, associations and any organizations, having legal capacity to sue and be sued in their names.
- c) Words importing the singular also include the plural and vice versa where the context requires.
- d) Words importing one gender also include other gender.
- e) In case of ambiguities or discrepancies in this Agreement, the following shall apply:
  - (i) Between the Articles and the Schedules, the Articles shall prevail:

(ii) Between any value written in numerals and that in words, the latter shall prevail.

### **1.3. Relationship between Parties**

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relation of master and servant or of agent and principal as between GMDC and the Service Providers. The Service Provider shall, subject to this Agreement, have complete charge of Personnel performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

### **1.4. Rights and Obligations**

The mutual rights and obligations of GMDC and the Service Provider shall be as set forth in the Agreement, in particular:

- a) The Service Provider shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement; and
- b) GMDC shall make payments to the Service Provider in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

### **1.5. Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

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

### **1.6. 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.

### **1.7. Table of Content and Heading**

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.

### **1.8. Notices**

Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, telex, telegram or facsimile to such Party at the address specified hereunder.

If to Authority;

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd, Ahmedabad  
If to Service Provider;

\_\_\_\_\_

### 1.9. Location

The Services shall be performed at GMDC Corporate office Ahmedabad.

Authorised Representative:

- a) Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the “Authority” or the Service Provider may be taken or executed by the officials specified hereunder
- b) GMDC may, from time to time, designate one of its officials as GMDC Representative. Unless otherwise notified, GMDC Representative shall be: -----
- c) The Service Provider may designate one of its employees as Service Provider’s Representative. Unless otherwise notified, the Service Provider’s Representative shall be: -----

## 2. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

### 2.1. Effectiveness of Agreement

This Agreement shall come into force and effect on the date of this Agreement (the “Effective Date”).

### 2.2. Commencement of Services

The Service Provider shall commence the Services within a period of 7 (seven) days from the Effective Date, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

### 2.3. Termination of Agreement for failure to commence Services

If the Service Provider does not commence the Services within the period specified in Clause 2.2 above, GMDC may, by not less than 1 (one) weeks’ notice to the Service Provider, declare this Agreement to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration, this Agreement shall stand terminated and the Service Provider shall be deemed to have accepted such termination.

### 2.4. Expiration of Agreement

- a) Unless terminated earlier pursuant to clauses 2.3 or 2.8 hereof, this Agreement shall, unless extended by the Parties by mutual consent as per the sub clause (b) hereunder, the Agreement shall remain in force for a period of **12 months** from the Effective Date. Upon Termination, GMDC shall make payments of all amounts due to the Service Provider hereunder for which milestone achieved/services delivered.
- b) In case, the execution of TOR/ Scope of Work is delayed on account of Force Majeure, Election, Natural calamity, Force Majeure and delays due to transfers and non-joining of relevant Government officials, on occurrence of such events, the agreement period shall be extended for a period during which such period subsist. In case, the execution of Scope of work delayed due to reasons not attributable to the Service provider then the Contract Period shall be extended suitably. In case, the execution of Scope of work delayed due to reasons attributable to the Service

provider then the Contract Period shall be extended suitably subject to recovery of Liquidated damages as per clause 7.2.2.

## **2.5. Entire Agreement**

- a) This Agreement and the Annexes/ 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; provided, however, that the obligations of the Service Provider arising out of the provisions of the RFP shall continue to subsist and shall be deemed to form part of this Agreement.
- b) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of clause 2.5(a), on matters not covered by this Agreement, the provisions of RFP shall apply.

## **2.6. Modification of Agreement**

Modification of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including any modification of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. However, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification made by the other Party.

## **2.7. Force Majeure**

### **2.7.1. Definition**

- a) For the purposes of this Agreement, “Force Majeure” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, and which makes a Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances, and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, pandemic, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by government agencies.
- b) Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both (A) take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Agreement, and (B) avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.
- c) Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

### **2.7.2. No Breach of Agreement**

The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Agreement insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care, and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

### **2.7.3. Measures to be taken**

- a) A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfill its obligations hereunder with a minimum of delay.
- b) A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 14 (fourteen) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.
- c) The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

### **2.7.4. Extension of Time**

Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Agreement, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

### **2.7.5. Payments**

During the period of its inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Service Provider shall be entitled to be reimbursed for payment due up to the Services Delivered as per the payment terms specified in RFP Part IV.

### **2.7.6. Consultation**

Not later than 30 (thirty) days after the Service Provider has, as the result of an event of Force Majeure, become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures to be taken in the circumstances.

### **2.7.7. Suspension of Agreement**

GMDC may, by written notice of suspension to the Service Provider, suspend all payments to the Service Provider hereunder if the Service Provider shall be in breach of this Agreement or shall fail to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, due to the reasons within the control of the Service Provider, including the carrying out of the Services; provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the breach or failure, and (ii) shall provide an opportunity to the Service Provider to remedy such breach or failure within a period not exceeding 15 (fifteen) days after receipt by the Service Provider of such notice of suspension.

## 2.8. Termination of Agreement

### 2.8.1. Termination by Authority

GMDC may, by not less than 30 (thirty) days' written notice of termination to the Service Provider, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in this clause 2.8.1, terminate this Agreement if:

- a) The Service Provider fails to remedy any breach hereof or any failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to clause 2.7.7 hereinabove, within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as GMDC may have subsequently granted in writing;
- b) In the event of repeated non-deployment/ absence of manpower for unreasonable time then it shall be considered Service Provider's Event of Default. Non-remedy of such default in a reasonable time given by the Authority shall lead to Termination.
- c) The Service Provider becomes insolvent or bankrupt or enters into any agreement within its creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or goes into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;
- d) the Service Provider fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to clause 9 hereof;
- e) the Service Provider submits to GMDC a statement which has a material effect on the rights, obligations or interests of GMDC and which the Service Provider knows to be false;
- f) any document, information, data or statement submitted by the Service Provider in its Proposals, based on which the Service Provider was considered eligible or successful, is found to be false, incorrect or misleading;
- g) as the result of Force Majeure, the Service Provider is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than 60 (sixty) days; or

### 2.8.2. By Service Provider

The Service Provider may, by not less than 30 (thirty) days' written notice to GMDC, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in this clause 2.8.2, terminate this Agreement if:

- a) GMDC fails to pay any money due to the Service Provider pursuant to this Agreement and not subject to dispute pursuant to clause 9 hereof within 45 (forty-five) days after receiving written notice from the Service Provider that such payment is overdue;
- b) GMDC is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement and has not remedied the same within 30 (thirty) days (or such longer period as the Service Provider may have subsequently granted in writing) following the receipt by GMDC of the Service Provider's notice specifying such breach;

- c) as the result of Force Majeure, the Service Provider is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than 60 (sixty) days; or
- d) GMDC fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to clause 9 hereof.

### **2.8.3. Cessation of rights and obligations**

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to clauses 2.3 or 2.8 hereof, or upon expiration of this Agreement pursuant to clause 2.4 hereof, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, or which expressly survives such Termination; (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in clause 0 hereof; (iii) any right or remedy which a Party may have under this Agreement or the Applicable Laws.

### **2.8.4. Cessation of Services**

Upon termination of this Agreement by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to clauses 2.8.1 or 2.8.2 hereof, the Service Provider shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Service Provider and materials furnished by GMDC, the Service Provider shall proceed as provided respectively by clauses 3.7 or 3.8 hereof.

### **2.8.5. Payment upon Termination**

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to clauses 2.8.1 or 2.8.2 hereof, GMDC shall make the payments to the Service Provider as per provision set forth in RFP part IV hereof for Services performed prior to the date of termination. Provided that in case of incomplete milestone during such Termination, the payment for such incomplete milestone shall be made on pro rata basis.

### **2.8.6. Disputes about Events of Termination**

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in clauses 2.8.1 or 2.8.2 hereof has occurred, such Party may, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of notice of termination from the other Party, refer the matter to arbitration pursuant to clause 9 hereof, and this Agreement shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

## **3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER**

### **3.1. General**

#### **3.1.1. Standard of Performance**

The Service Providers shall perform the Services and carry out their obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and

effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Service Providers shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful advisers to GMDC, and shall at all times support and safeguard GMDC's legitimate interests in any dealings with Third Parties.

### **3.1.2. Terms of Reference**

The scope of Services to be performed by the Service Provider is specified in the Terms of Reference (the "TOR") at RFP SECTION II. The Service Provider shall provide the Deliverables specified therein in conformity with the time schedule stated therein.

### **3.1.3. Applicable Laws**

The Service Provider shall perform the Services in accordance with the Applicable Laws and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any Personnel and agents of the Service Provider, comply with the Applicable Laws.

### **3.1.4. Conflict of Interest**

The Service Provider shall not have a Conflict of Interest and any breach hereof shall constitute a breach of the Agreement.

### **3.1.5. Service Providers not to Benefit from Commission, Discounts etc.**

The remuneration of the Service Providers pursuant to Payment Terms specified in RFP SECTION IV hereof shall constitute the Service Provider's sole remuneration in connection with this Contract or the Services and, the Service Providers shall not accept for their own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations hereunder, and the Service Providers shall use their best efforts to ensure that Personnel and agents of service provider, similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

### **3.1.6. Service Providers and Affiliates not to engage in Certain Activities**

The Service Provider shall hold the GMDC's interest paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their corporate interests.

The clause shall not prohibit the Service Provider to serve competing clients and clients with potentially conflicting interests as well as counter-parties in merger, acquisition and alliance opportunities. However, in such cases the Service Provider agrees to a professional responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of Client information.

### **3.1.7. Confidentiality**

The Service Providers agree that themselves, Personnel and agents of Service Providers shall not, either during the term or after the expiration of this Contract, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Project, the Services, this Contract or GMDC's business or operations without the prior written consent of GMDC, provided however that this clause shall not apply to any

information (a) which already forms part of the public domain; or (b) which is received from a third party; or (c) which is independently developed; or (d) which is required to be submitted to any regulatory, statutory or governmental authority; (e) information related to project's scope and the Service Provider's role in executing this scope which the Service Provider may want to share as its credential.

### **3.2. Liability of the Service Provider**

- 3.2.1.** The Service Provider's liability under this Agreement shall be determined by the Applicable Laws and the provisions hereof.
- 3.2.2.** The Service Provider shall, subject to the limitation specified in clause 3.2.3, be liable to GMDC for any direct loss or damage accrued or likely to accrue due to deficiency in Services rendered by it.
- 3.2.3.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the aggregate maximum liability of the Service Provider under this Contract shall not exceed the fees received by the Service Provider under this Contract (including all types of liabilities).
- 3.2.4.** The Services in this assignment shall not be deemed investment, legal, regulatory, tax, accounting or other regulated advice. Service Provider does not supplant the GMDC's management or other decision-making bodies. While the Service Provider does not guarantee results, it agrees to make the best efforts to achieve the same. GMDC remains solely responsible for its decisions, actions, use of the Deliverables and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Neither party shall be responsible for any lost profits. Beyond the limits of liability set in the Agreement, neither party will be liable for any indirect, consequential, incidental, punitive or special damage

### **3.3. Accounting, Inspection and Auditing**

- (i) The Service Providers shall keep accurate and systematic accounts and records of the work performed by it under the Contract including details of all invoices raised and payments received and shall make the same available to GMDC as and when requested by GMDC.
- (ii) Any such inspection shall be subject to prior notice and conducted within reasonable office hours and limited to working papers and files relating to the assignment. Nothing herein shall obligate the Service Provider to disclose to Authority any documents or other material relating to the profitability or internal profit and loss/balance sheets associated with Service Provider's business, payroll information, or information or material that constitute, in the opinion of Service Provider's legal counsel, legally privileged documents or information that Service Provider is bound to maintain as confidential by written obligation to a third party
- (iii) The auditors or the representatives of the GMDC for the audit shall not be the Bidder's competitors.
- (iv) The audit shall not be conducted more than once in a calendar year and twice in entirety, and

- (v) Any findings during the audit shall be shared with GMDC and be discussed and agreed mutually with GMDC and Bidder for closure.

### **3.4. Service Providers' Actions requiring Authority's prior Approval**

The Service Providers shall obtain GMDC's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following actions:

- (i) Appointing such members of the Personnel as specified in Scope of Services not proposed as part of its Proposal;
- (ii) Entering into a subcontract for the performance of the Services as per provision of RFP.
- (iii) Any other action that may be specified by GMDC during the course of this Contract.

### **3.5. Reporting Obligations**

The Service Providers shall submit to GMDC the reports and documents specified in TOR specified in RFP SECTION II, within the time periods set forth in the said clause.

### **3.6. Documents Prepared by the Service Providers to be the Property of GMDC**

- (i) All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, documents, reports, frameworks, software, databases, content and documents prepared by the Service Providers solely in performing the Services under this Contract shall become and remain the property of GMDC, and the Service Providers shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to GMDC, together with a detailed inventory thereof.
- (ii) Any pre-existing Intellectual Property Right (IPR) developed by the Service Provider independent of the Contract, including know-how, questionnaires, assessments, modules, courses, frameworks, software, algorithms, databases, content, models, industry perspectives, designs, etc. ("Service Provider Tools"), for which the Service Provider at the time of signing of this Agreement has a legal right, or otherwise, if it does not have a legal right, which would meet the commonly used tests and criteria for IPR identification will be and remain owned by the Service Provider including any and all derivative works, modifications or enhancements of the same made before, during, and after the Contract. To the extent the Deliverables under this Contract include any Service Provider Tools, the Service Provider hereby grants GMDC a non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-sub licensable, worldwide, royalty-free license to use and copy the Service Provider Tools solely as part of the deliverables. GMDC agrees that, without Service Provider's prior written permission, it will not, or permit any third party to (a) access, copy or reverse engineer any Service Provider Tool or Deliverable, or (b) remove or circumvent security or technological safeguards, including notices, digital protection mechanisms, metadata, watermarks, or disclaimers provided with any Service Provider Tool or Deliverable,

### **3.7. Equipment and Materials Furnished by GMDC**

Equipment and materials made available to the Service Providers by GMDC, or purchased by the Service Providers with funds provided by GMDC, shall be the property of GMDC and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Service Providers shall make available to GMDC an inventory of such equipment and materials and shall dispose of such equipment and materials in accordance with GMDC's instructions. While in possession of such equipment and materials, the Service Providers, unless otherwise instructed by GMDC in writing, shall insure them at the expense of GMDC in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

### **3.8. Accuracy of Documents**

- (i) The Service Provider shall be responsible for accuracy of the documents drafted and/ or vetted and data collected by it directly or procured from other agencies/authorities, estimates and all other details prepared by it as part of these services. Subject to the provisions of clause 3.4, it shall indemnify GMDC against any inaccuracy in its work which might surface during implementation of the Project, if such inaccuracy is the result of any negligence or inadequate due diligence on part of the Service Provider or arises out of its failure to conform to good industry practice. The Service Provider shall also be responsible for promptly correcting, at its own cost and risk, the documents including any re-survey / investigations.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything, the Service Provider will have no obligation to independently verify information provided by GMDC or their service providers.
- (iii) Authority acknowledges and agrees that Service Provider shall not provide professional legal, accounting, or tax advice. However, the Service Provider agrees to peruse and assess the legal and regulatory provisions and framework in so far as they are required to carry out the main task as per the Scope of Work. This will include perusal, if so, required of contracts entered into by GMDC with its vendors and partners.

### **3.9. Insurance to be taken out by the Service Provider**

- (i) The Service Provider shall procure and maintain, at its own cost, Professional Liability Insurance or other appropriate insurance required as per the Good Industry Practice or Service Provider's own standard practices during the Contract Period (the "Insurance"). At the Authority's request, the Service Provider shall provide evidences of insurance covers or a certificate of all insurances maintained on request of Authority.
- (ii) The Service Provider shall indemnify the Authority for any liability pertaining to loss of any life, health, accidents, travel and any other losses to its personnel including agents/specialist deployed by the Service Provider to perform scope of work specified under this Contract.

- (iii) The Authority undertakes no responsibility in respect of any life, health, accident, travel and other insurance which may be necessary or desirable for the Personnel of the Service Provider / specialists associated with the Service Providers for the purposes of the Services, nor for any member of any such person

#### **4. SERVICE PROVIDER'S PERSONNEL**

##### **4.1. General**

The Service Provider shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel as specified in clause 5.2 (i.e., Technical Marking System) of SECTION III of this RFP and as may be required to carry out the Services.

##### **4.2. Deployment of Personnel**

- a) The designations, names and other particulars of each of the Service Provider's Key Personnel required in carrying out the Services are described in Technical Marking System of this RFP which is listed in Annexure 5.
- b) The Key Personnel listed in Annexure 5 of the Agreement are hereby approved by GMDC.
- c) If the Service Provider hereafter proposes to engage any person as Professional Personnel, it shall submit to GMDC its proposal along with a CV of such person in the form provided at Annexure of the RFP. GMDC may approve or reject such proposal within 14 (fourteen) days of receipt thereof. In case the proposal is rejected, the Service Provider may propose an alternative person for GMDC's consideration. In the event GMDC does not reject a proposal within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of receipt thereof under this, it shall be deemed to have been approved by GMDC.

##### **4.3. Substitution of Personnel**

GMDC expects all the Key Personnel as specified in the Proposal and Technical Marking section to be available during implementation of the Agreement. GMDC will not consider any substitution of Key Personnel except under compelling circumstances beyond the control of the Service Provider. Such substitution shall be subject to equally or better qualified and experienced personnel being provided to the satisfaction of GMDC.

##### **4.4. Working hours, Overtime, Leave etc.**

The working hours and leaves of the Personnel will be as per GMDC's policies. Any taking of leave by any Personnel for a period exceeding 7 days shall be subject to the prior approval of GMDC, and the Service Provider shall ensure that any absence on leave will not delay the progress and quality of the Services.

##### **4.5. Staffing**

- a) The person designated as the Team Leader, key personnel of the Service Provider's Personnel as specified in Technical Marking System shall be responsible for the

coordinated, timely and efficient functioning of the Personnel. In addition, Project Manager as specified in Technical Marking System shall act as Project Manager (the “Project Manager”) who shall be responsible for day to day performance of the Services.

- b) The Service Provider can hire external professional as technical expert who has qualification and experience as per RFP and under intimation to Authority. The Service Provider shall require to deploy all personnel for this assignment. The Service Provider shall deploy additional resources if it is required to perform Scope of Services specified in this this RFP.

## 5. OBLIGATIONS OF GMDC

### 5.1. Assistance in clearance

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, GMDC shall make best efforts to ensure that GMDC shall:

- a) provide the Service Provider and its Personnel with work permits and such other documents as may be necessary to enable the Service Provider or its Personnel to perform the Services;
- b) issue to officials, agents and representatives of GMDC all such instructions as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.

### 5.2. Payment

In consideration of the Services performed by the Service Provider under this Agreement, GMDC shall make to the Service Provider such payments and in such manner as is provided in clause 6 of this Agreement.

### 5.3. Documents and Other Support

GMDC will provide all necessary support as specified in clause 1.3 of Section II of the RFP.

## 6. PAYMENT TO THE SERVICE PROVIDER

Authority shall make payment to Service Provider as per the terms specified in SECTION IV of RFP.

## 7. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND PENALTY

### 7.1. Performance Security

- (a) For securing the due and faithful performance of the obligations of the Service Provider under this agreement, during the Agreement Period, the Service Provider, has in terms of the RFP and letter of award furnished to GMDC the required Performance Security dated \_\_\_\_ of amount \_\_\_\_ drawn in favour of “\_\_\_\_\_” from \_\_\_\_ Bank in the form of Bank Guarantee/DD and valid till \_\_\_\_ and admissible and payable at Ahmedabad branch , the receipt & veracity of which, is hereby acknowledged by GMDC (the “Performance Security”).

- (b) The Service Provider shall maintain a valid and binding Performance Security for a period of three months after the expiry of the Contract Period (“Validity Period”). The Service Provider shall ensure that the Performance Security shall subsist in full force and effect in terms hereof, throughout the Contract Period and thereafter until expiry of three months from end of Contract Period. In case Contract Period is extended then the Service Provider shall have to renew Performance Security for a period of extended Contract Period.
- (c) GMDC shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the amount of the Performance Security in whole or in part:
- (i) In the event GMDC requires to recover any sum due and payable to it by the Service Provider including but not limited to Damages; and which the Service Provider has failed to pay in relation thereof; and
  - (ii) In the event of the Service Provider’s breach and if such breach is not cured with the remedial period as per the terms of the Agreement.
  - (iii) If the Service Provider fails to purchase, renew and maintain in full force and effect, any or all of the insurances required under the Contract as per provisions of this Agreement.
- (d) Upon such encashment and appropriation from the Performance Security, the Service Provider shall, within 15 (fifteen) days replenish, in case of partial appropriation, to its original level the Performance Security and in case of appropriation of entire Performance Security to provide a fresh Performance Security and the Service Provider shall, within the time so granted replenish or furnish to GMDC a fresh Performance Security as aforesaid, failing which the same shall constitute a Service Provider’s breach and entitle Authority to terminate this Contract in terms hereof.
- (e) On the performance and completion of the Contract by expiry of its term in all respects the Performance Security shall be returned to the Service Provider without any interest, provided the Service Provider is not in default of the terms hereof and there are no outstanding dues of GMDC with the Service Provider.

## **7.2. Liquidated Damages**

### **7.2.1. Liquidated Damages for error/variation**

In case any error or variation is detected in the reports submitted by the Service Provider and such error or variation is the result of negligence or lack of due diligence on the part of the Service Provider, the consequential damages thereof shall be quantified by GMDC in a reasonable manner and recovered from the Service Provider by way of deemed liquidated damages, subject to a maximum of the 10% of Agreement Value/Contract Price/Service Provider’s Fees for the Project.

### **7.2.2. Liquidated Damages for delay**

- a) The Parties hereby agree that in case Service Provider fails to complete any of the deliverable as mentioned in the Payment Terms within the period specified therein, the Service Provider shall pay to GMDC fixed and agreed liquidated damages, @0.5% of the agreed fees of that component of deliverable/ milestone value, for each week of delay. Total liquidated damages not to be exceeded 10% of the total Service fees agreed as per contract agreement subject to sub clause herein below. More than 03 days will be counted as one week for determination of liquidated damages. Force majeure will be excluded from the timeline of the deliverables.
- b) Service Provider shall not be responsible for the delay due to Election, Natural calamity, Force Majeure and reasons not attributable to the Service Provider. Occurrence of such events shall be excluded from the timeline of milestones and calculations of Liquidated damages. However, the Service Provider shall take all precautions to adhere to the timeline.

### **7.2.3. Encashment and appropriation of Performance Security**

GMDC shall have the right to invoke and appropriate the proceeds of the Performance Security, in whole or in part, without notice to the Service Provider in the event of breach of this Agreement or for recovery of liquidated damages specified in this clause 7.2.

- 7.2.4.** In order to be able to perform the Services within the agreed timeframe and budget and to fulfil its responsibilities on a timely basis, Service Provider will rely on the GMDC's timely cooperation, including the GMDC making available relevant data, information and personnel, performing any tasks or responsibilities assigned to the GMDC and the GMDC notifying Service Provider of any issues or concerns the GMDC may have relating to the Services. During the course of the Services, priorities may shift, or unexpected events may occur which may necessitate changes to the Services. In this event, the parties will jointly discuss the anticipated impact on the Services and agree on any appropriate adjustments, including to the scope of work, timeframe and budget.

### **7.3. Penalty for Deficiency in Services**

In addition to the liquidated damages not amounting to penalty, as specified in clause 7.2, warning may be issued to the Service Provider for minor deficiencies on its part. In the case of significant deficiencies in Services causing adverse effect on the Project or on the reputation of GMDC and such deficiencies not cured within the reasonable cure period granted by the Authority then Authority may initiate penal actions as permitted under law

## **8. FARENESS AND GOOD FAITH**

### **8.1. Good Faith**

The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Agreement and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Agreement.

## 8.2. Operation of Agreement

The Parties recognize that it is impractical in this Agreement to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life of the Agreement, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this Agreement shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them, and that, if during the term of this Agreement either Party believes that this Agreement is operating unfairly, the Parties will use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but failure to agree on any action pursuant to this clause 8.2 shall not give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with clause 9 hereof.

## 9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### 9.1. Amicable Solution

- a) Save where expressly stated otherwise in this Agreement, any dispute, difference or controversy of whatever nature howsoever arising under, out of or in relation to the Agreement including incompleteness of the Services/ TOR /Payment between the Parties and so notified in writing by either Party to the other (the "**Dispute**") in the first instance shall be attempted to be resolved amicably by GMDC and Service Provider in accordance with the procedure set forth in sub-article (b) below.
- b) Either Party may require the Dispute to be referred to committee of two senior executives of each Authority and the Service Provider, for the time being for amicable settlement. Upon such reference, the committee shall meet at the earliest mutual convenience and in any event within 15 days of such reference to discuss and attempt to amicably resolve the Dispute. If the Dispute is not amicably settled within 15 (fifteen) days of such meeting between the two, either Party may refer the Dispute to an independent Dispute Review Expert (also referred to as adjudicator) who may be an impartial person of experience in legal / dispute matters and both parties mutually select Dispute Review Expert.
- c) Dispute Review Expert shall give a decision in writing within 28 days of receipt of Notification of the Dispute. Reimbursable expense pertaining to Dispute Review Expert shall be divided equally between GMDC and the Service Provider. Either Party may refer a decision of the Dispute Review Expert to the Arbitrators within 28 days of Dispute Review Experts written Decision as per the agreement. If neither party refers the dispute to the Arbitration within the next 28 days, the decision of Dispute Review Expert will be final and binding.

### 9.2. Arbitration

#### (a) Arbitrators

Any Dispute/questions/differences whatsoever, which may at any time arises between

the parties to this RFP and subsequent contract in connection with the RFP and subsequent contract or any matter arising out of or in relation thereto and which is not resolved amicably as provided in clause 9.1 shall be finally settled by binding Arbitration under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The Dispute shall be referred for the fast-track Arbitration to sole Arbitrator as per the provisions of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and subsequent amendment thereto (clause 29B of said act).

**(b) Place of Arbitration**

The place of arbitration shall be Ahmedabad. The Language of the Arbitration shall be in English only.

**(c) Procedure**

The procedure to be followed within the arbitration, including appointment of arbitrator / arbitral tribunal, the rules of evidence which are to apply shall be in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

**(d) Enforcement of Award**

Any decision or award resulting from arbitration shall be final and binding upon the Parties. The Parties hereto hereby waive, to the extent permitted by law, any rights to appeal or to review of such award by any court or tribunal. The Parties hereto agree that the arbitral award may be enforced against the Parties to the arbitration proceeding or their assets wherever they may be found and that a judgment upon the arbitral award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction in Ahmedabad only.

**(e) Fees and Expenses**

The fees and expenses of the arbitrators and all other expenses of the arbitration shall be initially borne and paid by respective Parties subject to determination by the arbitrators. The arbitrators may provide in the arbitral award for the reimbursement to the prevailing party of its costs and expenses in bringing or defending the arbitration claim, including legal fees and expenses incurred by Party.

**9.3. Performance during Dispute Resolution**

Pending the submission of and/or decision on a Dispute, difference or claim or until the amicable solution or arbitral award is published; the Parties shall continue to perform all of their obligations under this Agreement without prejudice to a final adjustment in accordance with such solution or award.

## SECTION VI: ANNEXURE

### Annexure 1: Letter of Bid Submission

{On Bidder's letterhead}

Dated:

To,

General Manager (Power),

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited,

Khanij Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground,

Vastrapur, Ahmedabad- 380052.

**Subject: Submission of Bid in response to RFP for Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for installation of the Lignite based thermal power plant at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat.**

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the technical services for [Insert title of assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Bid. We are hereby submitting our Bid, which includes this Technical Bid, and a Price Bid as follows.

**A. Physical submission of**

- (i) **Technical Bid- Pre-Qualification and Qualification documents and**
- (ii) **RFP Fee and EMD as per the requirement of the RFP**

**B. Online submission of Price Bid: Price Quote per the provisions of RFP.**

We are submitting our Bid in individual capacity. We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and accept that any misinterpretation contained in it may lead to our disqualification.

If negotiations are held during the period of validity of the Bid, i.e., before the date indicated in RFP, we undertake to negotiate on the basis of the proposed personnel. Our Bid/Proposal is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations.

We undertake, if our Bid is accepted, to initiate the technical services related to the assignment not later than the period specified in the RFP.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Firm:

Address:

## Annexure 2: Bidder's Organization and Experience

### A - Bidder's Organization

[Provide here a brief description of the background and organization of your firm/entity. The brief description should include ownership details, date and place of incorporation of the firm, objectives of the firm etc. The Bidder shall be a legal entity registered in India under the relevant legislation. In order to meet above requirements, the Bidder may submit any of the following documentary evidences as applicable. Certificate of registration in India along with RBI approval certificate, GSTIN certificate, PAN details **OR** Partnership deed, GSTIN registration, PAN details **OR** Incorporation certificate, MOA, AOA, GSTIN Registration, PAN details]

### B - Bidder's Experience

[Using the format below, provide information on each Assignment/job for which your firm, was legally contracted either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major partners within an association, for carrying out consulting Assignment/job similar to the ones specified in Technical Marking system set forth in the RFP (If possible, the Bidder shall specify exact assignment / job for which experience details may be submitted)]

Name of Employer:	Details
Details of Public Sector/Pvt. sector Employer	
Address:	
Country:	
Location within country:	
Assignment/job name	
Description of Project/Assignment	
Approx. value of the contract (in Rupees):	
Duration of Assignment/job (months):	
Total No of staff-months of the Assignment/job:	
Start date (month/year):	
Completion date (month/year):	
Name of associated Service Providers, if any:	
Name of senior professional staff of your firm involved and functions performed	
Description of actual Assignment/job provided by your staff within the Assignment/job:	

**Note:** Relevant portion of Work Order/contract/Client completion certificate/ CA certificate evidencing the Project Experience to be submitted.

### **Annexure 3: Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and Facilities to be provided by Authority**

#### **A - On the Terms of Reference**

[Suggest and justify here any modifications or improvement to the Terms of Reference you are proposing to improve performance in carrying out the Assignment/job (such as deleting some activity you consider unnecessary, or adding another, or proposing a different phasing of the activities). Such suggestions should be concise and to the point, and incorporated in your Bid/Proposal.]

#### **B - On Inputs and Facilities to be provided by the employer**

[Comment here on Inputs and facilities to be provided by GMDC]

#### Annexure 4: Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment/TOR

Technical approach, methodology and work plan are key components of the Technical Bid/Proposal. Bidders are suggested to present their Technical Proposal divided into the following three chapters:

- a) Approach and Methodology,
- b) Work Plan, and
- c) Organization and Staffing,

a) **Approach and Methodology**

As per the Technical Marking system and duly considering two different studies at two different locations.

- b) **Work Plan:** In this chapter, Bidder should propose the main activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by Authority). Bidder shall provide the separate work plan for conducting the study and submission of Feasibility Report (FR) and Detailed Project Report (DPR).

- c) **Organization and Personnel:** In this chapter, the Bidder should **propose and justify** the structure and composition of proposed team. Bidder should list the main disciplines of the assignment, the key expert responsible, and proposed technical and support personnel. The manpower requirement given in the RFP is an indicative minimum requirement. The Bidder should assess the specific and realistic manpower with reference to TOR.

### Annexure 5: Team Composition and Task Assignments

#### Staff Position as specified in Technical Marking criteria

Sr. No.	Position	Name of Staff	Position held in Bidder's Firm	Education Credentials	Area of Expertise	Years of Experience		Number of relevant projects completed
						(i) Total Exp. (ii) sector experience (iii) Relevant experience in Lignite TPPs		
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								
5.								

#### Support Staff (if any)

Sr. No.	Position	Name of Staff	Position held in Bidder's Firm	Education Credentials	Area of Expertise	Years of Experience		Any other information
						(i) Total Exp. (ii) sector experience (iii) Relevant experience in Lignite TPPs		
1.								
2.								

### Annexure 6: Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Experts and Support Staff

*(Summary of CV: Furnish a summary of the above CV. The information in the summary shall be precise and accurate. The information in the summary will have bearing on the evaluation of the CV)*

1. Proposed Position in the assignment:
2. Name of Firm [Insert name of firm proposing the expert]:
3. Name of Expert [Insert full name]:
4. Date of Birth: Citizenship:
5. Education [Indicate college/university and other specialized education of expert, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and dates of obtainment]:
6. Membership of Professional Associations:
7. Other Training [Indicate significant training since degrees under -Education were obtained]:
8. Languages [For each language indicate proficiency: good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing]:
9. Employment Record [Starting with present position, list in reversed order, every employment held. List all positions held by staff member since graduation, giving dates, names of employing organization, title of positions held and location of assignments. For experience period of specific assignment must be clearly mentioned, also give Employer references, where appropriate.]:

From [Year]: To [Year]:

Employer:

Positions held:

Sector:

10. Total Experience (Years): \_\_\_\_\_ (details to be given in point no 13)
11. Mineral/Mine Sector Experience (Years): \_\_\_\_\_ (details to be given in point no 13)
12. Detailed Tasks Assigned: [List all tasks to be performed under this Assignment/job]
13. Work Undertaken that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Tasks Assigned. Please provide project / assignment wise details.

[Among the Assignment/jobs in which the staff has been involved, indicate the following information for those Assignment/jobs that best illustrate staff capability to handle the tasks Listed under point 12. List of the assignment below should also match sr. no 10 and 11]

- (i) Name of Assignment/job or project:
- (ii) Year:
- (iii) Location:

- (iv) Employer:
- (v) Main project features:
- (vi) Positions held:
- (vii) Activities performed:
- (viii) Sector:

14. Any other Information (relevance of experience, relevance of qualification etc.)

15. Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

- I. This CV correctly describes my qualifications and my experience.
- II. I am not employed by the Executing /Implementing Agency.
- III. I am/I am not in regular full-time employment with the Bidder
- IV. I am willing to work on the project and I will be available for entire duration of the project assignment as per task assigned to me.
- V. I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this bio-data correctly describes me my qualification and my experience I am committed to undertake the assignment within the validity of Proposal.
- VI. I understand that any willful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

Date: [Days/Month/Year]

[Signature of expert or authorized representative of the firm]

Full name of authorized representative:

**Annexure 7: Turnover statement**

{On Statutory Auditor's/ Registered Chartered Accountant's letterhead}

I hereby declare that I have scrutinized and audited the financial statement of M/s\_\_\_\_\_. Following is the audited turnover for the last three years.

Years	Turnover from latest available Audited statements (INR. Crore)
FY 2020-21	
FY 2021-22	
FY 2022-23	

\_\_\_\_\_

(Signed and Sealed by the statutory auditor/Registered Chartered Accountant)

**Annexure 8: No Blacklisting certificate**

**(On a Stamp Paper of Value INR. 300)**

**Format for Affidavit certifying that the Entity/Promoter/s / Director/s  
of Bidder are not blacklisted**

**Non-Blacklisting Affidavit**

I M/s. .... (Name of the Bidder), (the names and addresses of the registered office) hereby certify and confirm that we or any of our promoter/s / director/s are not barred by Government of Gujarat (GoG) / any other entity of GoG or blacklisted by any state government or central government / department / Local Government / agency in India or from abroad from participating in Project/s, either individually or as member of a Consortium as on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid submission Date).

We further confirm that we are aware that our Bid for the captioned Project would be liable for rejection in case any material misrepresentation is made or discovered with regard to the requirements of this RFP at any stage of the Bidding Process or thereafter during the agreement period. Dated this ..... Day of ....., 2023.

Name of the Bidder

Signature of the Authorized person

Name of the Authorized Person

**Annexure 9: Format of power of attorney for authorizing Bidder’s Signatory  
(On a Stamp Paper of Value INR 300)**

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that we, .... [name of the firm], a FIRM incorporated under the \_\_\_\_\_ and having its Registered Office/ office at .... [Address of the Company firm] (hereinafter referred to as “Company/firm”):

WHEREAS in response to the RFP for\_\_\_\_\_ [Name of the Assignment] (“Project”), the Company/ firm is submitting Bid for the project and GMDC and is desirous of appointing an attorney for the purpose thereof.

WHEREAS the Company deems it expedient to appoint or authorize Mr.\_\_\_\_ son of \_\_ resident of \_\_\_\_\_, holding the post of \_\_\_\_\_ as the authorized signatory of the company/ firm in connection with the request for proposal titled (Name of the RFP) RFP Number: \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_, issued by the (Name of the other party) (the “RFP”) and to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Company the RFP documents and to comply with any other requirements connected to or arising from the RFP documents and/or from the RFP process for the firm/company in its name and on its behalf, that is to say:

To act as the Company’s/firm’s official representative for submitting the Bid Comprising Technical Bid and Price Bid for the said project and other relevant documents in connection therewith;

To sign all the necessary documents, papers, testimonials, applications, representations and correspondence necessary and proper for the purpose aforesaid RFP;

To RFP documents, receive and make inquiries, make the necessary corrections and clarifications to the Proposal and other documents, as may be necessary;

To do all such acts, deeds and things in the name and on behalf of the Company as necessary for the compliance of the requirements with any other requirements connected to or arising from the RFP documents and/or from the RFP process.

The common seal of [name of the company/firm] was here unto affixed pursuant to a resolution passed at the meeting of Committee of Directors held on --- Day of -----, 2023 in the presence of [name & designation of the person] and countersigned by [name & designation of the person] of the Company/firm of [name of the company]	<p style="text-align: center;">----- [name &amp; designation of the person]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----- [name &amp; designation of the person]</p>
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### Annexure 10: Undertaking

It is certified that the information furnished here in and as per the document submitted is true and correct and nothing has been concealed or tampered with. We have gone through all the conditions of RFP and we are liable to any punitive action for furnishing false information / documents.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

Signature  
(Company Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
In the capacity of duly authorized to sign bids for and on behalf of:

**Signed by**  
**Authorized Signatory with designation**

### Annexure 11: Indicative Format of Price Bid

(This is indicative format for Bidder's reference only. The PRICE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY at designated places through <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com>. Price Bid should not be submitted in hard copy AND/OR placed with Technical Bid. Prices submitted in hard copy and or placed with Technical Bid shall result in outright rejection of bid)

To,  
General Manager (Power),  
Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited,  
Khanij Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground,  
Vastrapur, Ahmedabad- 380052.

**Sub: Our Price Bid for RFP for Technical Services to GMDC for Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report to check the project feasibility and viability for installation of the Lignite based thermal power plant at Nanichher, Akrimota TPS (Expansion project) and New thermal power project in South Gujarat.**

Dear Sir,

After thoroughly reading and accepting the RFP terms, understanding the requirements and scope of work of the GMDC under this RFP, and its terms and conditions, we hereby agree to provide our services at the following rates:

Particulars	Service Fees (Lumpsum) exclusive of GST for Akrimota extension (INR lakh) (a)	Service Fees (Lumpsum) exclusive of GST for New thermal power project in South Gujarat (INR lakh) (b)	Total Service Fees (Lumpsum) exclusive of GST (INR lakh) (c)=(a)+(b)
Fees for Feasibility Report Study - A			
Fees for Detailed Project Report Study - B			
<b>Total [A + B]</b>			

**Notes:**

- (1) The Bidders shall be required to quote total Service Fess for execution of TOR specified in section II. Only the Total Price shall be considered for calculation of Financial Score as per Section 5.4.
- (2) The above quoted rates represent remuneration of Bidder's staff, Travel expense, expense towards dine, hotel stay, office rents, conveyance, stationary expense, incidentals, and any other expense to be incurred for executing Terms of Reference.

- (3) The service fees specified in the table above is exclusive of GST but inclusive of all other applicable taxes, duties, surcharges and levies. The Bidder to quote Service Fees in table above inclusive of all other taxes except applicable GST. Applicable GST, over and above approved Service Fees, at the time of invoicing shall be reimbursed by GMDC. The risk of applicability of any taxes, duties, and levies except GST, shall rest with the Agency.
- (4) Separate notice to Proceed (NTP) will be provided for DPR once Feasibility report is concluded/approved by GMDC
- (5) GMDC shall be entitled to deduct tax at source as may be applicable. The TDS certificate(s) shall be submitted as per the due date specified in the Income Tax Act.
- (6) Service Provision Fees shall be paid as per the payment terms specified in Part IV.

Each Bidder must quote his rates after thorough reading of this RFP document and Estimates of his cost thorough detailed due diligence of the site, statutory laws/regulations. **Authority reserves right to seek any clarifications regarding price quoted from bidders before any decisions.**

**Annexure 12:**  
**Format for Bank Guarantee for towards Bid security/Earnest Money Deposit**

**(On Non-Judicial Stamp paper to be submitted along with submission of bids)**

..... (Name of the Bank)  
 Address.....  
 Guarantee No.....  
 A/C ..... (Name of Bidder)  
 Date of Expiry.....  
 Limit to liability (currency & amount) .....  
 Invitation for RFP No..... Dated..... (bidding document)  
 For..... (Name of work)

**Subject: Earnest Money Deposit Bank Guarantee.**

Date.....202\_\_

To,  
 General Manager (Power),  
 Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.  
 Khanij Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground,  
 Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380052.

Dear Sir,

In consideration of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (hereinafter called "GMDC") which expression shall unless repugnant to the subject of context include his successors and assigns having agreed to exempt M/s..... (herein after called "Bidder") from demand under the terms and conditions of "Technical Bid Document" (hereinafter called the said "Bidding Document") issued by the GMDC vide RFP No. \_\_\_\_\_ for the work \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of the facilities) from Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Bid for the due fulfillment by the Bidder of the terms and conditions contained in the said Bidding Document on production of Bank Guarantee for INR \_\_\_\_\_ -  
 ( \_\_\_\_\_ only) (figure in words).

1. We the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Bank) hereinafter referred to as "Bank" having our registered office at \_\_\_\_\_ (address of Bank) do hereby undertake and agree to indemnify and keep indemnified GMDC to extent of INR \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ only) (figures in words) against any losses, damage cost, charges and expenses caused to or suffered by or that may be caused or suffered by GMDC by reason of any breach or breaches by the Bidder of any

of the terms and conditions contained in the said Bidding Document and unconditionally pay the amount claimed by GMDC on demand and without demur to the extent aforesaid.

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Bank) do hereby undertake to pay the amounts due and payable under the guarantee without any demur merely on a demand by you stating that the amount claimed is due by way of loss or damage caused to or would be caused or suffered by you by reason of any breach by the said Bidder of any of the terms or conditions contained in the said Bidding Document by reason of the Bidder's failure to fulfill the conditions of said Bidding Document. Any such demand on the Bank shall be conclusive as regards the amount due and payable by the Bank under this guarantee. However, our liability under this guarantee shall be restricted to an amount not exceeding INR \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Bank) further agree that GMDC shall be the sole judge of and as to whether the Bidder has committed any breach or breaches of terms and conditions of the said Bidding Document and the extent of loss, damages, costs, charges and expenses caused to or suffered by or that may cause to or suffered by GMDC on account hereof to the extent of the Bid Security required to be deposited by the Bidder in respect of the said document and the decision of GMDC that the Bidder has committed such breach or breaches and as to the amount or amounts of loss, damages, costs, charges, and expenses caused to or suffered by or that may be caused to or suffered by GMDC shall be final and binding on us.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Bank) further agree that guarantee herein contained shall remain in full force and effect during the period that would be taken for the performance on the said Bidding Document and that it shall continue to be enforceable till you certify that terms and conditions of the said Bidding Document have been fully and properly carried out by the said Bidder and accordingly discharge the guarantee. Unless a demand or claim under this guaranteed is made on us in writing on or before the (date) \_\_\_\_\_ we shall be discharged from all liability under this guarantee.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Bank) further agree with you that you have the fullest liberty without our consent and without affecting in any manner our obligations hereunder to vary any of the terms and conditions of the said Bidding Document or to extend time of performance by the said Bidder from time to time or to postpone for any time or from time to time any of the powers exercisable by you against the said Bidder and to forbear or enforce any of the terms and conditions relating to the said Bidding Document and we shall not be relieved from our liability by reason of any such variation or extension being granted to the said Bidder or for any forbearance act or omission on your part or any
6. Indulgence by you to the said Bidder or any such matter or thing whatsoever under the law relating to sureties would but for this provision have effect of so relieving us.
7. It shall not be necessary for GMDC to proceed against the Bidder before proceeding against the Bank and the Guarantee herein contained shall be enforceable against the Bank, notwithstanding any security which GMDC may have obtained from the Bidder at this time when proceeding is taken against Bank hereunder be outstanding or unrealized.

We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Bank) further undertake to unconditionally pay the amount claimed by GMDC merely on demand and without demur to the extent aforesaid.

8. We, the said Bank lastly undertake not to revoke this guarantee during its currency except with the previous consent of GMDC in writing.
9. This Guarantee will not be discharged due to the change in the constitution of the Bank or the said bidder.
10. The Bank has under its constitution power to give this guarantee and Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ who has signed it on behalf of the Bank have authority to do so.

Yours faithfully

For.....

(Name of the Bank)

Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove

- (I) Our liability under this Bank Guarantee shall not exceed **Rs \_\_\_\_\_/-**  
**(Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only)**
- (II) This Bank Guarantee is valid up to \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).
- (III) We are liable to pay the guarantee amount or any part thereof under this bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us a written claim or a demand on or before \_\_\_\_\_(Date).
- (IV) This bank guarantee is operative only when accompanied with SFMS advice from us.

Yours faithfully

For \_\_\_\_\_(Name of the Bank)

**Annexure 13:**  
**Format for Bank Guarantee for Performance Security**

**Name of the Bank** :  
**Address** :  
**Guarantee No** :  
**Name of Service Provider:** M/s \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Expiry** :  
**Limit to liability** : Rs \_\_\_\_\_/- (Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only)

**Ref:** RFP bearing \_\_\_\_\_ **No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Subject:**  
**Bank Guarantee towards Security Deposit.**

Date.....20\_\_

To,  
 General Manger (Power),  
 Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation limited  
 Khanij Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Near Gujarat University Ground,  
 Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380052.

Dear Sir,

In consideration of Gujarat Mineral Development GMDC (hereinafter called "GMDC") which expression shall unless repugnant to the subject of context include his successors and assigns having agreed to exempt M/s \_\_\_\_\_(hereinafter called "Service Provider") from demand under the terms and conditions of "Technical Bid Document" ( hereinafter called the said "Bidding Document") issued by the GMDC vide RFP \_\_\_\_\_ . **The present** Bank Guarantee is towards Security Deposit (SD)/Performance Security of Bid in terms of Clause No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Part – \_\_\_\_\_ of the afore-said bidding document for the due fulfillment by the Service Provider of the terms and conditions contained in the said Bidding Document on production of Bank Guarantee for Rs \_\_\_\_\_/- (Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only)

- 1) We the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Bank) hereinafter referred to as "Bank" having our registered office at \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby undertake and agree to indemnify and keep indemnified GMDC to extent of Rs \_\_\_\_\_/- (Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only) against any losses, damage cost, charges and expenses caused to or suffered by or that may be caused or suffered by GMDC by reason of any breach or breaches by the Service Provider of any of the terms and conditions contained in the said Bidding Document and unconditionally pay the amount claimed by GMDC on demand and without demur to the extent aforesaid
- 2) We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Bank) do hereby undertake to pay the amounts due and payable under the guarantee without any demur merely on a demand by you stating that the amount claimed is due by way of loss or damage caused to or would be caused or suffered by you by reason of any breach by the said Service Provider of any of the terms or conditions contained in the said Bidding Document by reason of the Service Provider's failure to perform according to the terms and conditions of said

Bidding Document. Any such demand on the Bank shall be conclusive as regards the amount due and payable by the Bank under this guarantee. However, our liability under this guarantee shall be restricted to an amount not exceeding Rs \_\_\_\_\_/- **(Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only).**

- 3) We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Bank) further agree that GMDC shall be the sole judge of and as to whether the Service Provider has committed any breach or breaches of terms and conditions of the said Bidding Document and the extent of loss, damages, costs, charges and expenses caused to or suffered by or that may cause to or suffered by GMDC on account hereof to the extent of the Bid Security required to be deposited by the Service Provider in respect of the said document and the decision of GMDC that the Service Provider has committed such breach or breaches and as to the amount or amounts of loss, damages, costs, charges, and expenses caused to or suffered by or that may be caused to or suffered by GMDC shall be final and binding on us.
- 4) We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Bank) undertake to pay to the GMDC any money so demanded notwithstanding any dispute or disputes raised by the said Service Provider (s) in any suit or proceeding pending before any forum of law relating thereto our liability under this present being absolute and unequivocal. The payment so made by us under this bond shall be a valid discharge of our liability for payment there under and the said Service Provider (s) shall have no claim against us for making such payment.
- 5) We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Bank) further agree that guarantee herein contained shall remain in full force and effect during the period that would be taken for the performance on the said Bidding Document and that it shall continue to be enforceable till you certify that terms and conditions of the said Bidding Document have been fully and properly carried out by the said Service Provider and accordingly discharge the guarantee. Unless a demand or claim under this guaranteed is made on us in writing on or before the (date) \_\_\_\_\_ we shall be discharged from all liability under this guarantee thereafter.
- 6) We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Bank) further agree with you that you have the fullest liberty without our consent and without affecting in any manner our obligations hereunder to vary any of the terms and conditions of the said Bidding Document or to extend time of performance by the said Service Provider from time to time or to postpone for any time or from time to time any of the powers exercisable by you against the said Service Provider and to forbear or enforce any of the terms and conditions relating to the said Bidding Document and we shall not be relieved from our liability by reason of any such variation or extension being granted to the said Service Provider or for any forbearance act or omission on your part or any indulgence by you to the said Service Provider or any such matter or thing whatsoever under the law relating to sureties would but for this provision have effect of so relieving us. The Bank further agrees that in case this guarantee is required for a longer period, the bank may extend the same.
- 7) We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Bank) further undertake to unconditionally pay the amount claimed by GMDC merely on demand and without demur to the extent aforesaid.
- 8) We, the said Bank lastly undertake not to revoke this guarantee during its currency except with the previous consent of GMDC in writing.
- 9) This Guarantee will not be discharged due to the change in the constitution of the Bank or the said Service Provider.

10) The Bank has under its constitution power to give this guarantee and Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ who has signed it on behalf of the Bank have authority to do so.

Yours faithfully

For.....

(Name of the Bank)

Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove

- (I) Our liability under this Bank Guarantee shall not exceed **Rs \_\_\_\_\_/-**  
**(Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only)**
- (II) This Bank Guarantee is valid up to \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).
- (III) We are liable to pay the guarantee amount or any part thereof under this bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us a written claim or a demand on or before \_\_\_\_\_(Date).
- (IV) This bank guarantee is operative only when accompanied with SFMS advice from us.

Yours faithfully

For \_\_\_\_\_(Name of the Bank)

**Annexure 14:**  
**List of Approved Banks for EMD and Performance Security if Bidder intends to submit Bank Guarantee**

**Finance Department, Government of Gujarat's GR No: FD/MSM/e-file/4/2023/0057/D.M.O dated 21/04/2023 specified list of Approved Banks as follows:**

Acceptance of Bank Guarantee as  
Security Deposit and Earnest  
Money Deposit.

**Government of Gujarat**

**Finance Department**

GR. No.: FD/MSM/e-file/4/2023/0057/D.M.O.

Date: 21/04/2023

Read: FD GR. No.: EMD/4/2022/0002/DMO Dt. 20/05/2022

**Preamble:**

Tendering authorities of the State Government and its Boards/Corporations/PSUs frequently take Bank Guarantee from the bidders towards Security Deposit and Earnest Money Deposit. The State Government had issued the list of eligible banks vide above read resolutions of this department dated 20/05/2022.

After careful consideration, the Government has decided to approve the list of Banks whose Bank Guarantees would be accepted for the purpose mentioned above. It has now been decided to resolve as follows:

**Resolution:**

Government Departments and State Government Boards / Corporations / PSUs would accept Bank Guarantee (towards Security Deposit and Earnest Money Deposit) issued by any of the banks included in the **Annexure I**, attached to this Resolution.

The tendering authority will be required to ascertain the authenticity of the Bank Guarantee and set up necessary internal control procedures.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat.

  
(S. Chhakehuak)

Additional Secretary (Budget)  
Finance Department

To,  
 The Secretary to His Excellency Governor of Gujarat, Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar  
 Principal Secretary to Hon. Chief Minister  
 PS to Hon. Finance Minister  
 PS to all Hon. Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers  
 PS to Chief Secretary  
 PS to Principal Secretary, Finance Department  
 PS to Secretary (EA), Finance Department  
 PS to Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Department  
 PS to Additional Secretary (B), Finance Department  
 All Administrative Departments, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar  
 System Manager, Finance Department for put up on GSWAN website  
 Select File DMO-Finance Department

### Annexure I.

Finance Department, GR. No.: FD/MSM/e-file/4/2023/0057/D.M.O.

Date: 21/04/2023

(A) Guarantees issued by the following banks will be accepted as SD/EMD on permanent basis:

❖ All Nationalized Banks

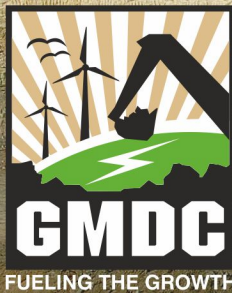
(B) Guarantees issued by the following Banks will be accepted as SD/EMD for the period up to March 31, 2024. The validity cut-off date in the GR is with respect to the date of issue of Bank Guarantee irrespective of the date of termination of Bank Guarantee.

Sr No	Name of Banks	Sr No	Name of Banks
1	AXIS Bank	17	Kotak Mahindra Bank
2	AU Small Finance Bank	18	South Indian Bank
3	Bandhan Bank	19	Standard Chartered Bank
4	BNP Paribas	20	Tamilnada Mercantile Bank
5	City Union Bank	21	Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
6	CSB Bank	22	The Kalapur Commercial Co-op. Bank
7	DBS Bank India Limited	23	Ahmedabad Mercantile Co-op. Bank
8	DCB Bank	24	Nutan Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd.
9	Equitas Small Finance Bank	25	Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd.
10	FEDERAL Bank	26	Saraswat Co-Operative Bank Ltd
11	HDFC Bank	27	SVC Co-Operative Bank LTD.
12	HSBC Bank	28	The Gujarat State Co-operative Bank
13	ICICI Bank	29	The Mehsana Urban Co-Op. Bank Ltd
14	IndusInd Bank	30	The Surat District Co-Operative Bank Ltd
15	Karnataka Bank	31	The Surat People's Co-Op. Bank Ltd
16	Karur Vysya Bank	32	Saurashtra Gramin Bank

All the eligible banks are instructed to collect the original documents/papers of guarantee from the concerned tendering authority.

  
 (S. Chhakhhuak)

Additional Secretary (Budget)  
 Finance Department



**Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.**  
(A Government of Gujarat Enterprise)

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