



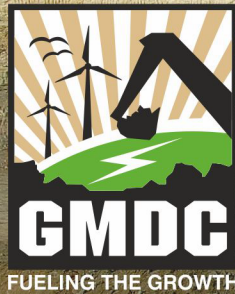
## **Request for Proposal for**

**Technical Services for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, Gujarat**

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## 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 a Single Bidder or a Consortium. Single Bidder or each member of Consortium should be a any registered firm or body corporate which is a Limited Liability Partnership registered under LLP act or a company under the Indian Companies Act 1956/2013 or registered under Society’s Registration Act XXI, 1860 or Proprietorship Firm 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. Consortium with maximum two members are 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 1.6 of SECTION III
5. **“Service Provider”** shall mean the successful Bidder who is selected by Authority/GMDC as per the process outlined in this RFP Document for assisting GMDC as per the Terms of Reference specified in this RFP.
6. **“Service Provision Agreement/Service 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.
7. **“Consortium”** shall mean the group of legally constituted entities, who have come together to participate in captioned Service Provision work. A Consortium is permitted to participate in this Project/Assignment.
8. **“Corrupt practice”** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under clause 8 of SECTION III.
9. **“Conflict of Interest”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 9 of SECTION III.
10. **“RFP TOR”** shall mean the Scope of Work under this RFP as detailed in SECTION II.
11. **“Service Provision Fees /Fees/Service Charges”** shall mean the charges payable by GMDC for the Technical Services rendered by the Service Provider.
12. **“Composite Score”** shall mean score obtained by Service Provider as per the formula provided in clause 5.4.
13. **“Pre-Qualification Criteria”** means criteria specified in clause 5.1 of SECTION III
14. **“Evaluation Process”** means steps of evaluation specified in clause 6 of SECTION III
15. **“EMD/ Bid Security”** means the Bid security/ earnest money deposit to be submitted by the Bidder as per clause 2.5 of SECTION III.
16. **Financial Score** shall mean score obtained by Service Provider as per the formula provided in clause 5.3 of SECTION III.
17. **Letter of Award** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under clause 7.1 of RFP SECTION III.

18. **“Parties”** means the parties to the Service Provision Agreement and **“Party”** means either of them, as the context may admit or require.
19. **“Preferred Bidder”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 6.4 (ii) of RFP SECTION III.
20. **“Price Bid”** shall mean the Total Service Fees quoted by the Bidder, calculation of which is defined as per clause 5.3 (c) of RFP SECTION III.
21. **“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.
22. **“Terms of Reference/Scope of Work/ Scope/ Service Provision 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 per the Good Industry Practice. Detailed Terms of Reference is specified in SECTION II of RFP.
23. **Technical Score** shall mean score obtained by Service Provider as per the Technical Score system provided in clause 5.2 of RFP SECTION III.
24. **“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 60 years. GMDC's product portfolio spans across mining, value added products and power. Its power portfolio includes clean energy sources such as solar and wind besides thermal power.

GMDC's mining activities are spread across Gujarat in Kutch, Devbhoomi Dwarka, Panchmahal, Vadodara, Bhavnagar, Bharuch, Surat and Chhotaudepur districts of the State. 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 at Nani Chher 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 Multimetals in addition to other associated minerals like silica sand, Bentonite, Ball Clay and Limestone.

GMDC has undertaken a strategic transformation exercise over the last year 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 six new lignite- based projects in Kutch and South Gujarat. Further, GMDC through its metal division also intends to expand and develop metal mining portfolio by developing existing metal mining projects and exploring new opportunities in metal mining sector in India. A number of other projects are in the pipeline based on identified thrust areas.

In relation to the same, GMDC plans to undertake development of a Critical Mineral project in Gujarat. The project envisaged includes mining, mineral processing, and tailings management, located in Chhota Udepur district, Gujarat over an area of over 500 hectares.

**Under this RFP, GMDC intends to appoint Service Provider for providing Technical Services for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for the abovementioned Critical Mineral project.**

Competent and eligible Agencies/Service providers are invited to participate in this bidding process for providing Technical Services pertaining to obtaining Forest and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project situated in Chhota Udepur district of Gujarat.

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

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR), Deliverables and Timeline are for obtaining Forest Clearance (FC) and Environment Clearance (EC) for the Critical Mineral project are specified in this section. GMDC's upcoming Critical Mineral project covers an area of more than 500 hectares in the Chhota Udepur district of Gujarat.

The project is in an advanced stage of planning, and as such technical inputs on an as-required basis are expected from the Service Provider for preparation of mine plan. Subsequently, the Service provider shall also assist GMDC in obtaining the EC and FC for the project. Thus, the scope of work is divided into two (2) phases.

### 1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Scope of Work of the Service Provider is divided into following two phases.

- **Phase 1:** Providing advisory on environment aspects for the upcoming critical mineral mining and processing operation in Chhota Udepur, Gujarat
- **Phase 2:** Assistance in obtaining EC and FC for the upcoming critical mineral mining and processing operation in Chhota Udepur, Gujarat

**Phase 1:** Service provider shall be providing advisory support to GMDC till GMDC obtains approval of mining plan. The mining plan shall be prepared by GMDC in-house and inputs may be sought from the Service Provider on the environmental aspects from time-to-time. Phase 1 of the scope of work shall be for a period of 12 months, or approval of mine plan by the competent authority, whichever is earlier.

Key activities in Phase 1 of the scope are defined as below:

- Analyze policies and notifications that may be issued from time-to-time by MoEF&CC, SEIAA, PCB, other statutory bodies and furnish views on impact of the same on the environmental aspects of the project.
- Analyze historical cases of EC and FC accorded to other actors in the mining and mineral processing domain and provide inputs regarding best practices in terms of ease of obtaining EC and FC.
- Act as subject matter experts on all matters related to Environment aspects associated with project.
- The Service Provider shall also attend all meetings as GMDC's environment expert during various stakeholder meetings to be organized by GMDC.
- Assist GMDC with technical inputs from prudent environment practices regarding storage, disposal, transport and handling of wastes generated during mining & processing of materials described as prescribed substances as per the extant laws and rules of India.
- Assist GMDC by providing suitable technical inputs for finalizing environment related decisions with respect to the business plan of the project.

- Assist GMDC in developing an indicative work plan for obtaining EC & FC, from the date of Mining Plan approval to the date of grant of EC & FC based on industry best practices.
- Support GMDC in any other areas pertaining to the environmental management of the project as required, on a case-to-case basis.
- Support GMDC in capacity building of GMDC's personnel in the abovementioned areas of work.
- Be responsible for providing advice relating to the environmental and EC-FC issues arising from or during the course of preparation and approval of the Mine Plan, which shall be prepared by GMDC for the project.

**Phase 2:** Phase 2 of the scope of work will begin upon GMDC obtaining approval of the mine plan. Phase 2 of the assignment is further divided in two (2) parts as defined below.

- **Part A – Forest Clearance:** Service Provider shall prepare a complete and comprehensive Forest Diversion Proposal (FDP) as per the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 with all amendments thereto, Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 and as per prevailing GOI Guidelines and current practice and procedure applicable under the laws of State of Gujarat Forest Department. Service provider shall also assist GMDC in obtaining Stage I (in principle approval) & Stage II (final approval) approvals for Forest Clearance for the Critical Mineral project.
- **Part B – Environment Clearance:** Service Provider shall prepare EIA as per the EIA notification 2006 and subsequent amendments/rules/ guideline thereto and assist GMDC in obtaining Environmental Clearance (EC) for the Critical Mineral project as per applicable laws.

Key Scope work for each of two parts is summarized below. Detailed activities to be undertaken by Service provider are placed subsequently.

### 1.1. Part A: Forest Clearance

Service Provider shall carryout all activities and tasks including coordination and follow-ups with concerned Govt departments for the preparation of FDP, its processing and assisting in obtaining Stage I and Stage II clearances.

Key scope of work for Forest Clearance is summarized below. Subsequently, detailed scope of work is described.

#### **Stage-I Forest Clearance (In principle approval):**

- 1) Preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal (FDP) and necessary details for online Submission of FDP
  - a. Preparation of Land Schedule for forest land and Forest Land Authentication in Project area
  - b. DGPS Survey of Forest Land and authentication by Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)

- c. Map preparation (This includes preparation of Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed to be diverted and also Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed to be diverted)
  - d. Tree enumeration & its Certificate
  - e. Cost benefit analysis
- 2) Compensatory Afforestation Land (CA Land): identification, allotment & preparation of Maps for CA land (details of CA land such as ownership proof, MoU/agreement executed between the present owner and the user agency, non-encumbrances certificate for the forest land)
  - 3) E-Filing of Forest Diversion Proposal
  - 4) Coordination for processing of FDP at various stages and Recommendation as well as it shall provide support for Essential details sought (EDS) by MOEF&CC.
  - 5) Stage-I Compliance & Grant of Stage-1 FC by MOEF&CC, New Delhi.

GMDC shall provide the Mining Plan approved by the competent authority, required for submission of FDP.

#### **Stage-II Forest Clearance (Final approval):**

- 1) Support in Compliance of conditions of Stage-I.
- 2) Support in CA land mutation in favor of Forest (i.e., Support in Transfer activities of CA land to forest dept.), obtaining FRA certificate and approval of Wildlife Management Plan.
- 3) Coordination and follow-up support for sanction and payment of premium amount for CA land and NPV.
- 4) Support in Processing & Approval of Stage II clearance.

Detailed activities to be carried out by the Service Provider are specified hereunder.

#### **1.1.1. Preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal (FDP) and necessary details for online Submission of FDP**

##### **A. Preparation of Land Schedule for forest land and Forest Land Authentication**

Preparation of Land Schedule for forest land and Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land is in the scope of the Service Provider.

- Identify forest land and Compensatory Afforestation land
- Preparing Land Schedule & layout Map of the Project area.
- Verification of Hal/Sabik records of Forest & Non-Forest land and authentication by concerned Tehsildar(s)/ authorities over Project area.
- Verification of DLC<sup>1</sup> status of forest land and authentication by competent authority.

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<sup>1</sup> District level Committee

- Collection of Cadastral Maps, Topo Sheets and Preparation of Project layout superimposed on concerned Geo- referenced village sheets, Forest land marked in distinct color.

#### **B. DGPS Survey of Forest Land and authentication by Odisha Space Applications Centre (ORSAC)**

DGPS Survey for the Forest land and or CA land required for the FC clearance is in the scope of the Service Provider.

- Coordinate with BISAG-N (i) to obtain BISAG-N known coordinates for establishing base point for undertaking DGPS survey and (ii) to get prepared DGPS Index map with land use with BISAG-N empaneled vendor.
- Coordinate with forest department/ competent authority and BISAG-N for verification of survey map with pillar posting.
- Upon verification, coordinate with forest department as well assist GMDC for carry out fixing of RCC pillar as per legal requirements. The cost of procuring and placing RCC Pillars at designated place shall be borne by GMDC.

#### **C. Map preparation**

- Coordinate and follow up with concerned Forest and Revenue Authorities for Authentication of the Forest Maps and Land schedule after Joint Site visit & acceptance of the same by competent authority of forest department.
- Preparation of Digitized location Map (on Topo Sheet)/ Revenue Map/Cadastral Sheets /Forest Demarcation Map/Compensatory Land Map. Geo Referencing and Digitization of different Maps as per the land Schedule & layout Map to be prepared.
- Prepare Map Showing detail land use of Forest Land and Statement showing the details of forest area involved, duly signed by competent authority of forest department to be prepared.
- Prepare Map showing detailed use of non-Forest land and Statement showing the details of non-forest area involved in the proposal and land schedule duly signed by Tahsildar.
- Prepare map showing details of Safety zone if so required.
- **Overall, under this task, the Service provider shall be required to prepare Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed to be diverted and also Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed to be diverted.**

#### **D. Obtaining required recommendations/ certificates**

- Coordinate and follow up with District Mining officer and District collector for obtaining No Objection Certificate for FRA if or as may be required for the Stage I approval.
- Obtain mineral reserves certificate in Forest and Non-Forest area if or as may be required for the Stage I approval.
- Project report preparation based on mining plan/details provided by GMDC including project cost, employment, project benefits as may be required for the Stage I approval.

## **E. Tree enumeration & its Certificate**

- Coordinate with competent authority of Forest department for sending required letter to Tehsildar, Revenue Officer and forester to carry out Tree enumeration Survey.
- Undertake Plot/Patch wise Tree Enumeration as per guideline on Forest Land and CA land.
- Preparation of Tree enumeration, list species wise & girth class wise and abstract of the trees plot/patch wise & authenticated by Forester and Tehsildar or concerned authorities/officials.
- Authenticated documents to be forwarded to DFO.
- Carry out unit calculation of trees enumerated.

## **F. Cost benefit analysis**

- Prepare Cost-Benefit Analysis Report as per the guidelines issued under forest (Conservation) Act 1980 / Rules and subsequent amendments thereto in prescribed Format.
- Preparing following undertaking for GMDC and get it counter signed by competent authority of Forest department.
  - Undertaking by the GMDC to bear the cost of Compensatory Afforestation
  - Undertaking by the GMDC to pay Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest
  - Undertaking by the GMDC to pay the Additional Net Present Value (NPV), if any, of the forest land involved.
  - Undertaking to bear the cost of fencing safety zone and afforestation. Service provider shall assist in following up with Industries and Mines Department, Government of Gujarat for ascertaining details of safety zone.

### **1.1.2. Compensatory Afforestation Land (CA Land)**

- Identify land for Compensatory Afforestation.
- Carryout DGPS Survey of CA land.
- Coordinate with forest department/ competent authority and BISAG-N for verification of survey map with pillar posting.
- Upon verification, coordinate with forest department as well assist GMDC for carry out fixing of RCC pillar as per legal requirements. The cost of procuring and placing RCC Pillars at designated place shall be borne by GMDC.
- Coordinate with competent authority for making recommendations for CA land.
- Coordinate with district Collector for sanctioning CA land
- Prepare details of non-forest land area if it is identified for compensatory afforestation along with map in appropriate scale showing the boundaries of adjoining forest areas with their use in distinct colors in the prescribed format.
- Prepare details of CA land such as ownership proof, MoU/agreement executed between the Present owner and the User Agency, non-encumbrances certificate for the forest land etc as required.

### 1.1.3. E-Filing of Forest Diversion Proposal and Processing at competent authority of forest department

- Assist GMDC in preparing application with requisite details.
- Prepare Justification for use of Forest area for the Project to be submitted by GMDC and get it countersigned by competent authority of forest department if so required.
- Assist GMDC in preparing Certificate for minimum use of forest land giving details of area and trees involved in alternatives examined and reasons duly countersigned by competent authority of forest department in the prescribed Format.
- Finalization of all Project maps, documents, compliance to scrutiny & all statutory requirements in DFO Office.
- Follow up with the DFO/ competent authority of forest department/ concerned or higher-level officer for preparation of the Site inspection report of the Forest Land involved in the Project Proposal by the DFO in prescribed format for the submission along with FDP.

### 1.1.4. Coordination for Processing of FDP at various stages and Recommendation as well as provide support for Essential details sought (EDS)

- Undertake all activities pertaining to follow up and coordination with concerned authorities/ officials for early processing of FDP at various stages as follows.
  - Submit copies of FDPs, Project maps, documents to the district Collector, DFO, RCCF, nodal officers and other officials as may be required.
  - Coordinate for site Inspection by RCCF/ or concerned officials and get prepared site inspection report.
  - Furnishing all information including financial outlay in prescribed format & obtaining technical approval of Nodal Officer for forwarding the proposal to State Govt. F&E Dept.
  - Coordinate for the scrutiny of the proposal and forwarding the proposal to MoEF Regional office, Gujarat
- Prepare report on Enumeration of standing trees in forest & CA land (species & diameter class wise)
- Preparation of abstract of enumerated trees as per the prescribed format for unit computation duly authenticated by the Revenue & Forest Dept. Govt. of Gujarat.
- Prepare detailed Scheme for Compensatory afforestation on identified non-forest area as the case may be duly signed by competent authority of Forest department for obtaining the approval of the CA scheme from the PCCF (Nodal).
- Prepare status of clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and amendments thereof wherever required.
- **Prepare detailed reclamation Plan, wherever required. It should be realistic exhaustive and complete in all respects along with relevant maps in distinct colours. It should also include the details of back filling, afforestation and execution of such works, wherever required.**

### 1.1.5. Support in obtaining Stage-I Compliance & Approval

- Obtaining recommendation from the Integrated Regional Office (IRO), MoEF&CC, Gandhinagar including field visit, if any.

- Preparation and submission of the PowerPoint Presentation for Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), MoEF&CC. Supporting GMDC in making presentation to MoEF&CC.
- Assist GMDC in submission of compliance of conditions imposed by State Govt. & Central Govt. Prepare different schemes as per conditions of the Stage-I clearance. These schemes should be approved by the DFO & RCCF.
- Follow up to obtain recommendation of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC).

#### 1.1.6. CA land mutation in favor of Forest, FRA certificate and Wildlife Management Plan

- Assist GMDC in payment of NPV Payment & CA land compensation payment. **All statutory payments such as NPV payment, the payments for CA land compensation etc. shall be made by GMDC.**
- Coordinate and follow up to obtain FRA Certificate under Forest Right Act (2006).
  - Assist GMDC in preparing application to Collector for approval of FRA.
  - Coordinate for conducting Gram Sabha and public hearing in different revenue villages for obtaining FRA certificate under Forest Right Act (2006). Coordinate for obtaining consent Resolution of Gram Sabha. **However logistic cost and refreshment cost for bringing relevant stakeholders to Gram Sabha shall be borne by GMDC.**
  - Coordinate and follow up for obtaining recommendation by District Revenue Officer, based on the report of Grama Sabha.
  - Coordinate and follow up with competent authority of forest department for issuance of NOC for FRA certificate. It is hereby clarified that the Scope of obtaining NOC for FRA 2006 including conducting Gram Sabha is in the scope of Service provider. However logistic cost and refreshment cost for bringing relevant stakeholders to Gram Sabha shall be borne by GMDC.
  - Coordinate and follow up with District collector for issuance of FRA certificate
- Prepare Wildlife Management Plan and scheme and submit it to competent authority for its approval. Further, follow up with concerned officials for obtaining its approval.
- **If required then prepare catchment area treatment plan, Stream of river protection plan, Avi- Fauna conservation Plan, Gap plantation Plan and Reclamation Plan etc and coordinate with government agencies for its approvals required for FC clearance.**

#### 1.1.7. Stage-II Forest Clearance

- Compliance of Stage-I stipulations including compliance of any incidental queries raked up at different level of the State Forest Dept./ MoEF&CC, New Delhi for obtaining Stage-II clearance.
  - Follow up for clearance Processing at various levels in state and central government.
- Follow up for issuance of Notification of the CA land mutated in favor of the state forest department as under Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Transfer of CA land in favor or Gujarat Forest Dept.
- Coordination for processing of Stage-II FC proposal at different level of State Forest Dept. and MoEF&CC and Issuance of Stage-II Forest Clearance by MoEF&CC.

## 1.2. Part B: Environment Clearance

### 1.2.1. Project Report Preparation & Site Visit

- Analysis of projects and planning for baseline studies and conducting of all studies and getting NOC for obtaining final EC approval.
- Visit to GMDC Corporate Office and project sites before the initiation of work and collection of all necessary information / data etc. It will be the responsibility of Successful Bidder to collect all the information during this visit.

### 1.2.2. Obtaining Environment Clearance

- Preparation of Form-1 and Pre-feasibility Report (PFR) for grant of ToR. Successful Bidder will fill all forms, applications, questionnaire and others since the application for Terms of Reference till the achievement of EC. Further, bidder will be responsible to compile all the issues pertaining to environmental/pollution aspects as & when required by statutory agencies.
- Grant of Terms of Reference (ToR) from MoEF&CC. All Necessary action as well as follow up with MOEF&CC, if any amendment or modification, require in ToR granted.
- 3 months (one season) Environment Baseline study as per deliberables.
- Meteorology data collection for 90 days, Ambient Air Quality-10 location, Soil Sampling-8 location, Water Sampling: 8-10 location, Noise Monitoring-10 location, Ecological & Socio-economic survey.
- Assessment of **Environmental & Social impacts** on various parameters and preparation of appropriate Environment management plan.
- Preparation of draft EIA/EMP report for public consultation.
- Providing technical assistance and support for Conducting Public consultations including Public Hearing.
- Preparation of Final EIA-EMP report incorporating public consultation proceedings.
- Submission of Draft EIA-EMP Report (Maximum 20 Copies in hard and soft in word as well as pdf format) (as per TOR, latest EIA Notification and further amendments) along with all necessary documents to Pollution Control Board as well as to other statutory agencies including the Members of the MOEF&CC EAC (Non-Coal Mining) Committee, New Delhi as per guidelines/ requirements. Preparation, Printing, Binding and submission of Summary (20 Copies in hard and soft in word as well as pdf format) of EIA-EMP Report in English as well as local Language as required. Translation in local language shall be the responsibility of bidder only. Further, Successful Bidder has to be responsible to coordinate with state Pollution Control Board and other statutory and Government bodies for all the necessary actions / arrangements at the venue of public hearing for the successful conduction and completion of public hearing.
- Submission of Application of ToR on Online Parivesh Portal of MOEF&CC and in hard copies in Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MOEF&CC), Gol – New Delhi.
- Reply to the queries raised by EAC (Non-Coal Mining)/MOEF&CC time to time till grant of Environmental Clearance for the Project.
- Successful Bidder has to bear all the expenses of his representative(s) towards visit to MOEF&CC, GMDC Corporate Office and Project or other areas from where he has to collect data/information etc.

- All incidental expenses for obtaining the environmental clearances (except public hearing) shall be borne by the consultant.

### 1.2.3. Additional Studies for obtaining EC

- i. Conducting Hydrogeological survey as per 14 February 2022 SOP of CGWA including modelling and obtaining NOC from CGWA.
- ii. Preparation and submission of wildlife conservation plan and obtaining its approval from PCCF Wildlife.
- iii. The Service Provider shall be required to carry out following studies for obtaining EC except Slope stability Report as may be required as per the TOR prescribed by MOEFCC.
  1. Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan/ Regional Wild Life Management Plan by a reputed institute along with Authentication of Flora & Fauna.
  2. Hydro-Geological Study Report
  3. Water Management Plan in case of Surface water sourcing
  4. Traffic Study Report to be prepared / vetted by reputed Institute.
  5. Surface water/ Drainage Conservation Plan
  6. River Protection Plan if required
  7. **Nalla /river / Canal/ Waterbody) Diversion Plan, impact study & its approval if applicable.**
  8. Riverine/ riparian eco-system conservation & management Plan.
  9. Baseline data on the health of population in the impact zone & Mitigation.
  10. Blast Vibration Study to be prepared / vetted by reputed Institute
  11. Management Plan for CPA/ SPA/ OPA; if applicable
  12. Preparation of Catchment Area Treatment Plan
  13. Ecosystem Services, Carrying Capacity, Cumulative impact assessment, subsidence studies etc.
  14. Any other study recommended by EAC (Non-Coal Mining)
- iv. Preparation of any other applicable reports and studies required for compliance of TOR
- v. Any incidental expenses for obtaining above approvals shall be borne by the consultant.

The Bidder shall build the cost of such studies in its Price bids.

**Preparing R&R scheme is in the scope of GMDC.**

## 2. DELIVERABLES

The deliverables and timelines of the Service Provider's scope is specified in table below.

### Phase 1:

- The Service Provider shall submit a Monthly Progress Report with focus on issues and resolution.

### Phase 2:

**Part 1: Preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal and to facilitate for obtaining Approval of diversion of Forest Land (Forest Clearance Stage - 1 and Stage - 2)**

Milestone	Timeline for Critical Mineral project
LOA	Say T
Commencement of Work	A
<b>Milestone 1:</b> Preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal (FDP) and necessary details for online Submission of FDP	A+ 3 months
<b>Milestone 2: Identification of</b> Compensatory Afforestation Land (CA Land) and preparing details as per clause 1.1.2)	A+ 5 months
<b>Milestone 3:</b> E-Filing of Forest Diversion Proposal and Processing at DFO level	A+ 6 months
<b>Milestone 4:</b> Processing of FDP at various stages and Recommendation	A+ 8 months
<b>Milestone 5:</b> Wildlife management Plan and if required then prepare and obtain approvals of catchment area treatment plan, Stream of river protection plan etc.	A+ 9 months
<b>Milestone 6:</b> Stage-I in principle approval	A+ 11 months
<b>Milestone 6:</b> CA land mutation in favor of Forest and obtaining FRA certificate.	A+ 13 months
<b>Milestone 7:</b> Support in obtaining Stage-II Forest Clearance (Final approval)	A+ 15 months
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 months</b>

"A" refers to 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 or such other date as GMDC may permit

## Part 2: Preparation of EIA and Assistance in obtaining EC

No.	Milestone	Timeline for Critical Mineral project
1	LOA	Say T
2	Commencement of Work	A
4	Preparation of feasibility Report containing all project information and assumptions relating to the project for EC related considerations	1 month from A
5	Successful submission of TOR Application to MOEFCC (EAC Non-Coal Mining)	3 months from A
6	Grant of TOR by MOEF&CC	5 months from A

7	Baseline Data Collection	Post Monsoon say Oct 24-Dec 24
8	Draft EIA submission to SPCB for public hearing	7 months from A
9	Support in Public Hearing	9 months from A
10	Preparation of other applicable reports and studies such as Wildlife conservation plan, CGWA NOC, and any other studies required for compliance of TOR or any other reports specified in Scope of Work which may be required as per the granted TOR.	11 months from A
10	Final EIA to MOEF	12 months from A
11	Presentation to MOEF&CC for EC	14 months from A
12	Grant of Final EC	<b>18 months from A</b>

*"A" refers to 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 or such other date as GMDC may permit.*

### **3. SUPPORT FROM GMDC**

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

- Authorization to the Service Provider for representing GMDC with various stakeholders (i.e., various Govt. offices) for execution of work.
- Mining Plan approved by competent authority
- Project Cost and Project details
- All statutory payments for obtaining EC and FC approvals including costs pertaining to CA land transfer and mutation in favor of State Forest department, NPV payment and cost pertaining to placing pillars shall be borne by GMDC. However, identification of CA land, suitability certificate, FRA NOC and coordination with Forest department for the Pillar Posting work shall be under the scope of the Service Provider.

## 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 cum Cost Based System (QCBS) Method as detailed out in **RFP for Technical Services for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, 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 the 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 cum Cost based 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**”).

#### 1.2. Due Diligence

- a. The 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 sending written queries to GMDC, and attending a Pre-Bid meeting.
- b. Additionally, all bidders may conduct a site visit to familiarize themselves with the conditions.
- c. Bidders who are interested to visit the site shall inform the officers mentioned below at least 1 (one) day before scheduled date of the site visit, along with the names and contact numbers of their representatives who would be participating in the site visit.

**Swagat Ray**

General Manager-PP&D

**Email:** [ppd@gmdcltd.com](mailto:ppd@gmdcltd.com)

- d. Bidders shall bear their own costs and make their own arrangements required for visiting the Site. GMDC will only facilitate their visit.

- e. A maximum of 4 (four) representatives from each Bidder shall be allowed to participate in the site visit. The representatives of the Bidder should carry a copy of their company identity card.

### **1.3. Acknowledgement by Bidder**

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

- 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 1.2 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.

### **1.4. 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.

### **1.5. 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 npccure, 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:

ICICI Bank, Ahmedabad Branch

Account Number: 002405019379

- b) If payment is made through electronic mode, then Bidder shall submit the receipt of the same in the technical bid documents.
- c) In case of Demand Draft Then Demand Draft shall be from any bank among the list of scheduled commercial Bank in India published by RBI. This demand Draft for RFP document shall be non-refundable. Bids that are not accompanied by the RFP fees in acceptable amount and form shall considered non- responsive and shall be summarily rejected.

## 1.6. Schedule of Bidding

Sr. No.	Event Description	Date, Time and Address
1	Date from which RFP documents will be available	RFP shall be available from <b>19<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> from website <a href="http://www.gmdcltd.com">www.gmdcltd.com</a> and <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 <b>8<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b> up to 17:00 hrs to following contacts or reach out for any assistance. <b>Mr Swagat Ray,</b> <b>General Manager (PP&amp;D)</b> Email: <a href="mailto:ppd@gmdcltd.com">ppd@gmdcltd.com</a> Address: Khanij Bhavan, 132 ft Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad
3	Pre-Bid Meeting	No Physical Pre-Bid meeting shall be held but Bidder's requiring clarifications may send their queries through email-on-email address specified <b>in sr. no. 2 above.</b>
4	Online Submission of Price Bid	The Price Bid is to be submitted online <b>only</b> at designated place on <a href="https://gmdctender.nprocure.com">https://gmdctender.nprocure.com</a> by <b>30<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b> up-to 18:00 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 it 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 <b>physical offline mode after the submission of the Price Bid</b> 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 off line, strictly after the due date for online submission of price bid but on or before <b>1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 up to 12:00 Hrs.</b> at GMDC office situated at Khanij Bhavan, 132-ft. Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380052, <b>by Speed Post/RPAD/Hand delivery/Courier</b> in sealed cover duly super scribed as mentioned in the RFP.
6	Opening of Technical Bid	On <b>2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 up to 13:00 Hrs.</b> at GMDC office

<b>7</b>	Opening of Price Bid	To be indicated to later after completion of Technical Evaluation
<b>8</b>	Signing of Agreement	Within 30 days from the date of issuance of LOA.

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.

## **2. GENERAL**

### **2.1. Bid Validity**

- a) Bids shall remain valid for a period of not less than 180 days (One Hundred and Eight 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:

- 1) Bid does not meet the Pre-qualification qualification criteria specified in this RFP
  - 2) at any time, a material misrepresentation is made or discovered, or
  - 3) The Bidder found to be indulging in Fraudulent and Corrupt Practices as defined in this RFP.
  - 4) the Bidder does not provide, within the time specified by GMDC, the supplemental information sought by GMDC for evaluation of the Bid.
  - 5) 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 8 lakh (INR eight Lakh)** 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 16.
  - 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 Approved Bank to Authority 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>2</sup> under our IFS Code: ICIC0000024 and UIC GMDC530265584 for Field 7037. Bank Name: ICICI BANK LTD.
- b) Exemption in submission of Bid Security/ EMD shall be granted as per the following provisions.
  - i. Bidders holding and sharing valid Certificate issued under the MSME Act, 2006 on the date of submission of Tender 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.

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<sup>2</sup>Structured Finance Messaging System (SFMS) is a RBI mandated Bank Guarantee Messaging System.

- 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.
- 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.
  - 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-BID CONFERENCE

#### 3.1. Content of RFP

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

#### Notice Inviting Tender

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 1.6. They should send in their queries on or before the date mentioned in clause 1.6 section III 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 Endeavour 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 1.6. 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 Authority (i.e., <http://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 <http://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:
  - (1) 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 a 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.
- d) The person not holding the DSC can sign the Bid provided the person not holding DSC should be duly authorized through Board resolution and Power of Attorney by the Bidding firm.

### 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 1.5 shall be sealed in an envelope on which the following shall be super scribed:  
**“RFP for Technical Services for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, 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 along with RBI approval certificate, GSTIN certificate, PAN details <b>OR</b> Partnership deed,</li></ul>

		<p>GSTIN registration, PAN details <b>OR</b> Incorporation certificate, MOA, AOA, GSTIN Registration, PAN details as may be applicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentary evidences for work experience of similar nature from the client such Relevant portion of Work Order/contract/Client completion certificate to be submitted. For confidential engagements, bidder may submit sanitized details supported by CA certificate <b>OR</b> Certificate from MD of the Service Provider firm.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and Facilities to be provided by Authority
<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment/TOR
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	Team Composition and Task Assignments
<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Team and Support Staff
<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory Auditor/Registered Chartered accountants statement specifying audited Turnover for last three Years</li> <li>• Audited Financial statements for last three years</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	No Blacklisting certificate on Stamp Paper
<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	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
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	Power of Attorney to Lead Member (Applicable in case of Consortium)
<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	Joint Bidding Agreement ((Applicable in case of Consortium)
<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	Undertaking for information and document provided are true.
<b>13</b>		Original RFP documents issued along with updated addendums /amendments thereto, duly signed by the Bidder through its authorized signatory on all pages.
		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 for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, Gujarat– EMD and RFP Fees –Technical Bid”***

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 for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, Gujarat –Bid submission”***

Addressed to:

**Mr. Swagat Ray, General Manager (PP&D)**

**Gujarat Mineral Development Corp.**

**Khanij Bhavan, 132-ft. Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380052**

- c) **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.
- d) 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 1.6.

**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 1.6.**
- 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 [www.gmdcltd.com](http://www.gmdcltd.com) and [gmdctender.nprocure.com](http://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 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:
- c) **n)Code Solutions (A Division of GNFC Ltd.)**  
**403, 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 EVALUATION 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. All Consortium Members must meet registration criterion specified in para above if the Bidder is a Consortium. The Bidder is required to provide Incorporation and Registration Certificate as evidences.
- b) The Bidder must have an average annual audited turnover of Rs 2 crore (INR Two Crore only) from consultancy Services for any two of the last three years. All Consortium Member together meet this requirement and individually meet Turnover requirements as per sub clause 5.1 f).
- c) The bidder should have experience of at least one assignment involving preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal and obtaining stage 1 and stage 2 clearances for any reputed private sector firm or any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)/ Central or State Government undertaking in last 7 (seven) years in India and progressing satisfactorily.
- d) The bidder should have experience of at least one assignment involving assistance in preparation and obtaining of Environment Clearance under applicable laws for reputed private sector firm or any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)/ Central or State Government undertaking in last 7 (seven) years in India and progressing satisfactorily.
- e) The Consortium is permitted to participate in this RFP. The maximum number of Consortium member is limited to 2. Consortium members together must meet all Pre-Qualification and qualification criteria specified in this RFP. Consortium Members should also meet pre-qualification criteria stated in clause 5.1 f) individually. The Bidder must meet the additional consortium criteria specified hereunder
  - (i) A Bidding Consortium is required to nominate one of the members as a Lead Member. The Lead Member shall be authorized to sign the Proposal/Bid on behalf of the Consortium and do all deeds and acts on behalf of the Consortium. The nomination should be supported by a Power of Attorney in favour of the Lead Member as per format Provided in Annexure 10.
  - (ii) An entity cannot be a member of more than one bidding Consortiums. An entity bidding as single Bidder cannot be a part of Consortium In such case Bids of the Bidders shall be considered non-responsive and rejected.

- (iii) Each member of the Consortium, if awarded the Contract pursuant to this RFP, shall be jointly and severally liable for the Score of work and discharging of all obligations resulting from this RFP document.
- (iv) **The Bidding Consortium shall provide a Joint Bidding Agreement between the consortium members specifying the followings** as per the format provided in Annexure11.
- 1) Convey the intent to enter into Consortium Agreement and subsequently perform all the obligations of the Consultant under this RFP, in case the Project is awarded to the Bidding Consortium;
  - 2) **Clearly outline the proposed roles and responsibilities, if any, of each member.**
  - 3) Include a statement to the effect that all members of the Consortium shall be liable jointly and severally for all obligations of the Consultant under this RFP during the Contract Period.
  - 4) **Include a statement that if contract is awarded then Consortium members shall sign the Consortium Agreement and share the copy with GMDC.**
  - 5) **The Tenure of the Consortium Agreement shall be coinciding with the Contract Period.** The Consortium shall continue to be in existence during the period of the contract and that any change will be subject to approval of the Authority (GMDC) only.
- f) In case of a Consortium, credentials of any of the members can be showcased for meeting eligibility and technical score criteria. However, each of the consortium members shall fulfil either criteria c) or criteria d) above individually and should not possess an annual audited turnover of less than Rs 50 lakh for any two of the last three years.
- g) With regards to Environment Clearance the Single Bidder or Lead member of the Consortium (in case Bidder is a Consortium) should have valid NABET accreditation in Category A for:
- Mining of minerals including opencast / underground mining, and
  - Mineral beneficiation
- h) The Bidder should not have been not have been blacklisted for participation in this 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 Anti Blacklisting Affidavit as per format specified in Annexure 8. All consortium members should provide this Affidavit in case Bidder is a Consortium.
- i) The Bidder should not have Conflict of Interest as per Clause 9. All consortium members should meet these criteria in case Bidder is a Consortium.

## 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 (Single Bidder/ Consortium 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>30</b>	
<b>A.1</b>	Experience involving preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal and obtaining stage 1 and stage 2 clearances/ wildlife clearance (completed/ ongoing) for reputed private sector firm or any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)/Central or State Government undertaking in last 7 (seven) years in India.	15	7.5 marks for each assignment, <b>Max 15 Marks</b>
<b>A2</b>	Experience involving assistance in preparation and obtaining of Environment Clearance under applicable laws for reputed private sector firm or any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)/ Central or State Government undertaking in last 7 (seven) years in India and progressing satisfactorily.	15	7.5 marks for each assignment, <b>Max 15 Marks</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Proposed Project Team/Manpower (only Team Leader and EIA Expert/EIA Coordinator shall be considered Key Manpower for Phase 1; while the entire team as described under shall be considered as Key Manpower for Phase 2)</b>	<b>30</b>	Each staff member will be evaluated based on criteria specified in subsequent table
<b>B.1</b>	Team Leader (Phase 1 & 2)	6	
<b>B.2</b>	EIA Expert/ EIA Coordinator (Phase 1 & 2)	4	
<b>B.3</b>	Ecology and Biodiversity Expert (Phase 2)	4	
<b>B.4</b>	Forest Expert (Phase 2)	4	
<b>B.5</b>	Revenue Expert with CA Land Experience (Phase 2)	4	
<b>B.6</b>	Wildlife expert (Phase 2)	4	
<b>B.7</b>	Social Scientist/ Socio Economic Expert/ Community Management Expert (Phase 2)	4	
<b>C</b>	<b>Approach &amp; Methodology for proposed work based on Bidder's Presentation</b>	<b>40</b>	
	Understanding and experience of preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal and obtaining stage 1 and stage 2 clearances/ wildlife clearance and compensatory afforestation	10	
	Understanding and experience of preparation of EIA/EMP and obtaining of EC for any mining project	10	
	Understanding of GMDC's context & scope of work & have grasp of the regulatory aspects of environmental management	10	
	Given the industry status, best practices, and objectives of GMDC, what is the suggested best fit approach and methodology- Overall adequacy and quality of proposed approach and methodology.	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.*

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 and Experience	Marking Criteria
Team Leader (TL)	Graduate /post Graduate having at least 15 years of total experience with relevant experience in handling at least two projects related to Forest Clearance/Preparation of FDPS <b>OR</b> Environment Clearance/preparation of EIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 years of experience: 2 marks</li> <li>• 16 to 20 years of experience: 4 marks</li> <li>• &gt;20 years of experience: 6 marks</li> </ul>
EIA Expert/ EIA Coordinator	Graduate (Environment Engineer)/Post Graduate (Environment science) / Phd (Environment Science) having at least 15 years of total experience with relevant experience of handling at least two Environment Clearance/preparation of EIA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 years of experience: 2 marks</li> <li>• &gt;15 years of experience: 4 marks</li> </ul>
Ecology and Biodiversity Expert	M.Sc./ PhD (Botany)/BTech (Environment) having at least 10 years of relevant experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 years of experience: 2 marks</li> <li>• &gt;10 years of experience: 4 marks</li> </ul>
Forest Expert	Graduate/ Post graduate with experience in working with Forest department of any State OR Central Government with relevant experience of processing/ preparing forest diversion proposals, with at least 15 years of experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 years of experience: 2 marks</li> <li>• &gt;15 years of experience: 4 marks</li> </ul>
Revenue Expert with CA Land Experience	Experience in working with Revenue department of any State OR Central Government with relevant experience with CA land, with at least 15 years of experience preferably in Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 years of experience: 2 marks</li> <li>• &gt;15 years of experience: 4 marks</li> </ul>
Wildlife Expert	Graduate from any recognized university having minimum 10 years' experience in working with forest department and relevant experience in preparing Wildlife Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 years of experience: 2 marks</li> <li>• &gt;10 years of experience: 4 marks</li> </ul>
Social Scientist/ Socio Economic	Masters in Social Work (MSW) / Master and/ Phd in Sociology / related field or Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 years of experience: 2 marks</li> </ul>

Expert/ Community Management Expert	Graduate in HR with Industrial Relations with experience in undertaking Socio-Economic Survey/ Community engagement / SIA Studies /related work, with at least 10 years of experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;10 years of experience: 4 marks</li> </ul>
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Above is a minimum list. Additional experts/ support staff to support specific activities to be engaged as needed.

**Credential of Parent/ subsidiary/ Sister concerns are allowed to meet qualification criteria specified in clauses 5.1 and 5.2 provided they meet following conditions.**

- (i) The bidder, if a subsidiary of another company, may claim such qualification only if the parent company has a more than 50% shareholding in it.
- (ii) Similarly, a bidder may claim such qualification from its subsidiary only if it has a more than 50% shareholding in the subsidiary.
- (iii) A bidder may claim credit from a sister concern only if the parent company holds a more than 50% shareholding in both the bidding company and sister concern.

If the firms are not in the nature of companies, then the determination of the relationship would be based on possessing a controlling stake. If bidding firm is a partnership firm, then determination of relationship is based percentage of profit sharing. In such case more than 50% of profit-sharing shall be considered eligible for claiming credit from Parent (Parent firm or common partners holds more than 50% profit sharing in bidding firm) / Subsidiary (Bidding firm or common partners holds more than 50% profit sharing in subsidiary firm) / Sister Concern (Parent firm holds more than 50% profit sharing in both bidding firm and sister concern firm).

Any claims of credit from Parent / Subsidiary /Sister Concern firm must be accompanied by a certificate by a registered chartered accountant clearly explaining how the Parent / Subsidiary /Sister Concern firm meets the above definition of the Parent/Subsidiary/ Sister Concern firm.

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

- (a) 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, 5.1 and 5.2 respectively) Bidders shall be opened.
- (b) The Bidder shall be required to quote a Monthly Service Fees for Phase 1 and Lumpsum Service Fees for Phase 2 of the TOR (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 13.
- (c) For evaluation of the Price Bid, the Total Service Fees shall be obtained by adding the Monthly Service Fees for Phase 1 for a period of 12 months, and the Lumpsum Service Fees for Phase 2, as follows:

**Total Service Fees = [(Monthly Service Fees for Phase 1) x 12] + [Lumpsum Service Fees for Phase 2]**

- (d) The Financial Score of each bidder based on total Service Fees shall be evaluated as follows:

**Financial Score (FiS) = 100 x FiL/FiC**

Where;

FiL is the L1 (Lowest Bidder)'s Service Provision Fees /Service Fees

FiC is the Service Provision Fees quoted by Bidder

Bidder quoting the Lowest Total Service Fees shall be given 100 marks and other bidders shall be given marks proportionately.

#### **5.4. Composite Score**

- (i) The Composite Score of the Bidder shall be determined by combining Technical and Financial Scores based on following formula;  
Composite Score (CS) = Technical Score (TeS) \* 0.70 + Financial Score (Fis) \* 0.30  
The technical experience has been assigned **70%** of weightage while price quote is assigned **30%** weightage.
- (ii) The Bidder obtaining the Highest Composite Score shall be generally declared as Preferred Bidder. After negotiations at the discretion of GMDC, the LOA would be granted to the preferred bidder who would then be the Successful Bidder with whom the Agreement shall be signed.
- (iii) In the event of any preferred bidders withdrawing or disqualifying for any reason, the respective Rank lists for shall be used to arrive at the next Preferred Bidder.

## **6. EVALUATION 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 1.6 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 1.5 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 13 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. Evaluation of 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.

#### **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 appropriate the EMD if:
  - at any time, a material misrepresentation in terms of misleading or false representation is made or uncovered, or
  - Bidder is blacklisted/barred 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 occur 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 2 (two) 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"). The Successful Bidder shall not be entitled to seek any deviation, modification or amendment in the Draft Agreement
- (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 Rs. 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 dispatch 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 **5% (Five percent) of Total Service Fees (without GST) quoted for the Scope of Work** payable to GMDC by the Successful Bidders (the "**Performance Security**") from Approved Bank to Authority. Such performance Security shall be in favour of **Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd** and admissible and payable at Ahmedabad branch from Approved Bank to Authority.
- (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 uncashed 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 Phase 1 of the Service within 2 (two) days of signing of the Service Agreement. 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’s 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;
  - A. 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 Firms defined as follows. Associates of the Bidding firm shall mean Parent and/or Subsidiary and/or sister concerned firm having meaning specified in **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
- B. a constituent of such Bidders is also a constituent of another Bidders; or.
- C. 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
- D. such Bidder has the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid as any other Bidders; or
- E. 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
- F. 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
- G. Bidder shall furnish an affirmative statement as to the existence of, or potential for conflict of interest on the part of the Bidder or any prospective subcontractor 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 RFP and as per the payment terms specified in Subclause 2) of this section at agreed price specified hereunder for **Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, Gujarat** to the Service Provider.

Scope of Work	Service Fees exclusive of GST (Rs lakh)
<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>Monthly Service Fees exclusive of GST (Rs lakh)</b>  <b>(A)</b>
Providing advisory on environment aspects for the project	
<b>Phase 2</b>	<b>Lumpsum Service Fees exclusive of GST (Rs lakh)</b>  <b>(B)</b>
Preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal and to facilitate obtaining Approval of diversion of Forest Land (Forest Clearance Stage -1 and Stage 2)	
Preparing EIA and other documentations and obtaining Environment Clearance	
<b>Total Lumpsum Service Fees for Phase 2</b>	
<b>Total Service Fees = {(A)*12}+(B)</b>	

- b) The Service Provision Fees specified in subclause a) hereinabove represent 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 subclause 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.

### 2. PAYMENT TERMS

#### 2.1. Payment Terms for the Scope of Work

- a) The payment shall be made by GMDC as per the payment terms specified hereunder.

**Phase 1:**

- b) For Phase 1, monthly payment as per the Monthly Service Fees quoted by the Bidder for Phase 1 of the Scope of Work shall be paid upon submission of the monthly progress report by the Service Provider to GMDC.
- c) The Service Provider shall submit monthly invoices upon submission of the monthly progress report as stated in sub clause hereinabove. The Service provider shall submit invoice at the end of each month. Authority shall make payment within 15 days of submission of invoices upon verifying the deliverables and subject to deduction of any damages pursuant to contract conditions.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) GMDC shall also reserves the right to renegotiate the amount/proportion of monthly payment in case of (i) non-deployment of key manpower is found and or (ii) key manpower is not deployed exclusively on the project.

**Phase 2:**

- g) Payment for the Lumpsum Service fees for Phase 2 quoted by Bidder for Phase 2 of the Scope of Work as per the Price Bid Format shall be paid partly on milestone completion basis and partly on monthly basis in the following proportions

<b>Particular</b>	<b>Proportion (%) of Lumpsum Service Fees for Scope of Forest Clearance (Stage 1 and Stage 2)</b>	<b>Proportion (%) of Lumpsum Service Fees for Assistance in Preparing EIA and other documentations and obtaining Environment Clearance</b>
Milestone based Payment	50%	50%
Monthly Payment	50%	50%

The detailed terms for payment under each of the above is further explained below.

**h) Payment Terms for Milestone based payment**

The payment for the Milestone based proportion shall be made as per the payment milestones specified hereunder.

- (i) **Assistance in Preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal and to facilitate obtaining Approval of diversion of Forest Land (Forest Clearance Stage -1 and Stage 2)**

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Payment Milestone</b>
<b>Milestone 1:</b> Preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal (FDP) and necessary details for online Submission of FDP	A+ 3 months	10%
<b>Milestone 2: Identification of</b> Compensatory Afforestation Land (CA Land) and preparing details as per clause 1.1.2)	A+ 5 months	10%
<b>Milestone 3:</b> E-Filing of Forest Diversion Proposal and Processing at DFO level	A+ 6 months	2.5%
<b>Milestone 4:</b> Processing of FDP at various stages and Recommendation	A+ 8 months	2.5%
<b>Milestone 5:</b> Wildlife management Plan and if required then prepare and obtain approvals of catchment area treatment plan, Stream of river protection plan etc.	A+ 9 months	2.5%
<b>Milestone 6:</b> Stage-I in principle approval	A+ 11 months	7.5%
<b>Milestone 6:</b> CA land mutation in favor of Forest and obtaining FRA certificate.	A+ 13 months	5%
<b>Milestone 7:</b> Support in obtaining Stage-II Forest Clearance (Final approval)	A+ 15 months	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 months</b>	<b>50%</b>

"A" refers to Commencement Date (which may be 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 or such other date as GMDC may permit

**(ii) Assistance in Preparing EIA and other documentations and obtaining Environment Clearance**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Payment Milestone</b>
1	Preparation of feasibility Report containing all project information and assumptions relating to the project for EC related considerations	1 month from A	5%
2	Successful submission of TOR Application to MOEFCC (EAC Non-Coal Mining)	3 months from A	5%
3	Grant of TOR by MOEF&CC	5 months from A	5%

4	Baseline Data Collection	Post Monsoon say Oct 24-Dec 24	2.5%
5	Draft EIA submission to SPCB for public hearing	7 months from A	2.5%
6	Support in Public Hearing	9 months from A	5%
7	Preparation of other applicable reports and studies such as Wildlife conservation plan, CGWA NOC, and any other studies required for compliance of TOR	11 months from A	5%
8	Final EIA to MOEF&CC	12 months from A	5%
9	Presentation to MOEF&CC for EC	14 months from A	5%
10	Grant of Final EC	18 months from A	10%
<b>Total</b>		<b>18 Months</b>	<b>50%</b>

- (i) The Service Provider shall submit invoices upon achieving milestone stated in sub clause hereinabove. Authority shall make payment within 15 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.

**i) Payment Terms for the proportion of Monthly Payment as part of Phase 2:**

- (i) GMDC shall make portion of payment of Service Provision fees under Monthly Payments partly on a monthly basis. The amount for such payment shall be arrived at by dividing total Monthly Service Fees (as specified in 2 b hereinabove) by total months stipulated in 2c) for the scope pertaining to Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance respectively, as applicable.
- (ii) The Service provider shall submit invoice at the end of each month. Authority shall make payment within 15 days of submission of invoices upon verifying the

deliverables and subject to deduction of any damages pursuant to contract conditions.

- (iii) 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.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) In case, the Scope of Work is not completed within by milestone timeline specified for Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance, and the amount equivalent to proportion of monthly payment for respective part of scope of work is exhausted then GMDC shall not make any further monthly payment
- (vi) GMDC shall also reserves the right to renegotiate the amount/proportion of monthly payment in case of (i)non-deployment of key manpower is found and or (ii)key manpower is not deployed exclusively on 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-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 for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, 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 for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, 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

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. **“Service Provider”** means any Bidder (Single/ Consortium) selected to provide the Services to GMDC under this Contract.
- e. **“Contract”** means the Contract signed by the Parties and all the attached documents listed in Preliminary and the Annexures/schedules.
- f. **“Contract Period”/“ Agreement Period”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 2.4
- g. **“Day”** means calendar day.
- h. **“Dispute”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 9.1
- i. **“Effective Date”** shall have meaning specified in clause 2.1.
- j. **“Force Majeure”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 2.7.1.
- k. **“Local Currency”** means Indian Rupees.
- l. **“Party”** means the “Authority” or the Service Provider, as the case may be, and **“Parties”** means both of them.
- m. **“Team Leader”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 4.5
- n. **“Performance Security”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 7.1.
- o. **“Personnel”** means professionals and support staff provided by the Service Providers and assigned to perform the Services or any part thereof;

- p. **“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;
- q. **“Sub-Service Providers/ Sub Contractor”** means any person or entity to whom/which the Service Provider subcontracts any part of the Services. Sub-contracting of entire ToR is not permitted. However, for any specific technical matter requiring advice/inputs from experts or specific agencies, the Service Provider may engage sub–Service Providers under intimation to Authority. The Service Provider can hire external professional as technical expert who has qualification and experience as per RFP and under intimation to Authority.
- r. **“Terms of Reference” (“TOR”)** are the description of scope of Service to be performed by the Service Provider. Detailed TOR is specified in RFP SECTION II;
- s. **“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;

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Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd, Ahmedabad

If to Service Provider;

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### **1.9. Location**

The Services shall be performed at GMDC Corporate office Ahmedabad.

### **1.10. 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: -----

### **1.11. Consortium Conditions (Applicable If Selected Service Provider is a Consortium)**

- a) In case, the Consultant is a Consortium then it shall submit a Consortium Agreement (the contract between the consortium members) comprising the terms specified in clause 5.1 (e) (iv) of Instruction to Bidder Section, within 20 days from LOA to Authority for its review which shall become part of this Agreement.

- b) The signatories of Agreement must be duly authorized.
- c) The Consortium shall perform all obligations and responsibilities of the Consultant specified in this Agreement during the Contract period and additionally adhere to the conditions specified hereunder.
  - (i) Each member of the Consortium shall be jointly and severally liable for the TOR/ Scope of Work and discharge of all obligations resulting from the Agreement.
  - (ii) Any modification in roles and responsibilities between consortium members during Contract Period shall be allowed only after approval from the Authority.
  - (iii) Any Dispute arising during Contract Period between the Consortium Member shall be resolved amicably without adversely impacting Project. If in Authority's opinion, Dispute between Consortium members is adversely impacting the Project then Authority may its sole discretion and in the interest of the Project (a) Terminate the Contract after due process and/or (2) Provide a binding solution.

## **2. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

### **2.1. Effectiveness of Agreement**

This Agreement shall come into force and effect on the date of Commencement of Services (the "Effective Date").

### **2.2. Commencement of Services**

The Service Provider shall commence the Services for Phase 1 of the TOR within 2 (two) days of signing of this Service Agreement or such other date as GMDC may permit, 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 2.9 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 Milestone period from the Effective Date as specified in Deliverable section of Scope of Work. 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 subsists. 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 until completion of Scope. 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 such Party's Sub-Service Provider 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 upto 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.

## **2.8. 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.

## **2.9. Termination of Agreement**

### **2.9.1. 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 2.9.1, 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 2.8 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

#### **2.9.2. 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 2.9.2, 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.

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

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Clauses 2.3 or 2.9 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 3.3 hereof; (iii) any right or remedy which a Party may have under this Agreement or the Applicable Laws.

#### **2.9.4. Cessation of Services**

Upon termination of this Agreement by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses 2.9.1 or 2.9.2 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 3.8 or 3.9 hereof.

#### **2.9.5. Payment upon Termination**

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Clauses 2.9.1 or 2.9.2 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.

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

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in Clauses 2.9.1 or 2.9.2 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 Sub-Service Providers or 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 Sub-Service Provider, as well as the Personnel and agents of the Service Provider and any Sub-Service Provider, comply with the Applicable Laws.

### **3.2. Conflict of Interest**

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

#### **3.2.1. 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 any Sub-Service Providers, as well as Personnel and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

#### **3.2.2. 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.

#### **3.2.3. Confidentiality**

The Service Providers agree that themselves, their Sub-Service Providers and the Personnel of either of them 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.

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

**3.3.1.** The Service Provider's liability under this Agreement shall be determined by the Applicable Laws and the provisions hereof.

**3.3.2.** The Service Provider shall, subject to the limitation specified in Clause 3.3.3, be liable to GMDC for any direct loss or damage accrued or likely to accrue due to deficiency in Services rendered by it.

**3.3.3.** 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).

**3.3.4.** 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

#### **3.4. 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.

#### **3.5. 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.

#### **3.6. 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.

#### **3.7. 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,

### **3.8. 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.

### **3.9. 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.

### **3.10. 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 sub-Service Provider/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 or its sub-contractors / sub-Service Providers / 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 Schedule \_\_\_\_.
- b) The Key Personnel listed in Schedule \_\_\_\_ 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, the Service Provider shall designate one of the Team Member 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.

#### **4.6. Sub-Contracting**

- a) Sub-contracting of entire ToR is not permitted. However, for any specific technical matter requiring advice/inputs from experts or specific agencies, the Service Provider may engage sub-Service Providers under intimation to Authority. Sub-contracting does not absolve the Service Provider from its obligations provided in this Agreement.
- b) All required Testing shall be carried out in NABL accredited lab.

### **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 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**

- (i) The Parties hereby agree that in case Agency fails to complete any of the deliverable as mentioned in Payment Terms within the period specified therein, the Agency shall pay to GMDC fixed and agreed liquidated damages, @0.5% of the agreed fees of that component of deliverable, 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 hereinbelow. Force majeure will be excluded from the timeline of the deliverables.
- (ii) The 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 Agency shall take all precautions to adhere to the timeline.
- (iii) If delay is not attributable for the Service provider (In case of delay for issuance of notification for CA land mutation and FRA certificate), then revised higher timeline will also be discussed with Service Provider and fixed based on guidance / provisions under the Act, and MoC specifications and directions.

### **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.

### **7.2.5. 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 IV: ANNEXURE

### Annexure 1: Letter of Bid Submission

{On letterhead of Single Bidder / Lead Member of the Consortium}

Dated:

To,

General Manager (PP&D),

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd

Khanij Bhavan,

132-Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur,

Ahmedabad- 380052.

**Subject: Submission of Bid in response to RFP for Technical Services for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, Gujarat.**

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting 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 consulting 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

[ To be provided by Single Bidder/ All members of Consortium if the Bidder is a Consortium]

### 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 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.

- 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).

- 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

[To be provided by Single Bidder/ All members of Consortium if the Bidder is a Consortium]

#### 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 (i) Total Exp. & (ii) sector experience	Number of relevant projects completed
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
1.							

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

**[To be provided by Single Bidder/ All members of Consortium if the Bidder is a Consortium]**

*(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

**[To be provided by Single Bidder/ All members of Consortium if the Bidder is a Consortium]**

{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 from consulting assignments/Services (excluding revenue from audited and taxation practice), for the last three years.

Years	Turnover (Rs. Crore)
<b>2020-21</b>	
<b>2021-22</b>	
<b>2022-23</b>	
<b>2023-24</b>	

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Annexure 8: No Blacklisting certificate**

[ To be provided by Single Bidder/ All members of Consortium if the Bidder is a Consortium]

(On a Stamp Paper of Value Rs 300)

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

**No-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 ....., 202\_.

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 Rs 300)**

**[ To be provided by Single Bidder/ All members of Consortium if the Bidder is a Consortium]**

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.

<p>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 -----, 20__ in the presence of [name &amp; designation of the person] and countersigned by [name &amp; designation of the person] of the Company/firm of [name of the company]</p>	<p>----- [name &amp; designation of the person]</p> <p>----- [name &amp; designation of the person]</p>
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## Annexure 10: Power of Attorney to Lead Member

### [ Applicable in case the Bidder is a Consortium]

Whereas the GMDC (the "Authority") has invited bids from interest parties for the Appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ (Project Name) (the "Project/ Assignment"). Whereas, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, (collectively the "Consortium") being Members of the Consortium are interested in bidding for the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal and other connected documents in respect of the Project, and Whereas, it is necessary for the Members of the Consortium to designate one of them as the Lead Member with all necessary power and authority to do for and on behalf of the Consortium, all acts, deeds and things as may be necessary in connection with the Consortium's bid for the Project and its execution.

NOW THEREFORE KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS We,  
M/s ..... having our registered office at ....., and  
M/s. ...., having our registered office at .....,  
(hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Principals") do hereby irrevocably designate, nominate, constitute, appoint and authorize M/s ....., having its registered office at ....., being one of the Members of the Consortium, as the Lead Member and true and lawful attorney of the Consortium (hereinafter referred to as the "Attorney") and hereby irrevocably authorise the Attorney (with power to sub-delegate) to conduct all business for and on behalf of the Consortium and any one of us during the bidding process and, in the event the Consortium is awarded the Contract, during the execution of the Project, and in this regard, to do on our behalf and on behalf of the Consortium, all or any of such acts, deeds or things as are necessary or required or incidental to the submission of its bid for the Project, including but not limited to signing and submission of all applications, bids and other documents and writings, accept the Letter of Award, participate in bidders' and other conferences, respond to queries, submit information/ documents, sign and execute contracts and undertakings consequent to acceptance of the bid of the Consortium and generally to represent the Consortium in all its dealings with the Authority, and/ or any other Government Agency or any person, in all matters in connection with or relating to or arising out of the Consortium's bid for the Project and/ or upon award thereof till the Agreement is entered into with the Authority. AND hereby agree to ratify and confirm and do hereby ratify and confirm all acts, deeds and things done or caused to be done by our said Attorney pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred by this Power of Attorney and that all acts, deeds and things done by our said Attorney in exercise of the powers hereby conferred shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by us/ Consortium.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE THE PRINCIPALS ABOVE NAMED HAVE EXECUTED THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY ON THIS ..... DAY OF ....., 20....

For ..... (Signature, Name & Title)

For ..... (Signature, Name & Title)

(Executants) (To be executed by all the Members of the Consortium)

**Annexure 11:Joint Bidding Agreement**

**[To be provided if Bidder is a Consortium]**

**The bidder is required to submit a Joint Bidding Agreement for Consortium as per the provisions stated in clause no 5.1 (e) (iv) of Instruction to Bidder section**

**Annexure 12:Undertaking**

**[ To be provided by Single Bidder/ All members of Consortium if the Bidder is a Consortium]**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 202\_.

Signature  
(Company Seal)

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

**Signed by**

**Authorized Signatory with designation**

### Annexure 13: 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 <http://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 (PP&D)  
Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd  
Khanij Bhavan,  
132-Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur,  
Ahmedabad- 380052.

**Sub: Our Price Bid for RFP for Technical Services for obtaining Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance for Critical Mineral project in Chhota Udepur, 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:

Scope of Work	Service Fees exclusive of GST (Rs lakh)
<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>Monthly Service Fees exclusive of GST (Rs lakh)</b> <b>(A)</b>
Providing advisory on environment aspects for the project	
<b>Phase 2</b>	<b>Lumpsum Service Fees exclusive of GST (Rs lakh)</b> <b>(B)</b>
Preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal and to facilitate obtaining Approval of diversion of Forest Land (Forest Clearance Stage -1 and Stage 2)	
Preparing EIA and other documentations and obtaining Environment Clearance	

<b>Total Lumpsum Service Fees for Phase 2</b>	
<b>Total Service Fees = {(A)*12}+(B)</b>	

Notes:

- (1) The Bidders shall be required to quote Total Service Fees for execution of TOR specified in section II. While Monthly Service Fees for Phase 1 of the Scope of Work and Lumpsum Service Fees for Phase 2 of Scope of Work (Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance) as specified in Scope of work has to be quoted separately, only the Total Service Fees as calculated above shall be taken into account 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 and any other expense to be incurred for executing Terms of Reference.
- (3) 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) 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.
- (5) Service Provision Fees shall be paid as per the payment terms specified in Part IV.

Each Bidder must quote his rates after through 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 14:**  
**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 Messrs..... (Name of Bidder)  
Date of Expiry.....  
Limit to liability (currency & amount) .....

Invitation For Tender No..... Dated..... (bidding document)  
For..... (Name of work)

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

Date.....202\_\_

To,  
General Manager (PP&D),  
Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.  
132 Ft Ring Road,  
Near University Ground  
Vastrapur,  
Ahmedabad.

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 Tender 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.
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Bank) further undertake to unconditionally pay the amount claimed by GMDC merely on demand and without demur to the extent aforesaid.
9. We, the said Bank lastly undertake not to revoke this guarantee during its currency except with the previous consent of GMDC in writing.
10. This Guarantee will not be discharged due to the change in the constitution of the Bank or the said bidder.
11. 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 15:**  
**Format for Bank Guarantee for Performance Security**

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

**Ref:** Tender bearing No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:**  
**Bank Guarantee towards Security Deposit.**

Date.....20\_\_

**To**  
**General Manger (PP&D),**  
**Gujarat Mineral Development GMDC.**  
**132 Ft Ring Road, Near University Ground**  
**Vastrapur, Ahmedabad.**

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 "Contractor/Service Provider") from demand under the terms and conditions of "Technical Bid Document" ( hereinafter called the said "Bidding Document") issued by the GMDC vide Tender \_\_\_\_\_. **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 Contractor/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 Contractor 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 Contractor of any of the terms or conditions contained in the said Bidding Document by reason of the Contractor'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 Contractor 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 Contractor in respect of the said document and the decision of GMDC that the Contractor 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 contractor (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 contractor (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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor or for any forbearance act or omission on your part or any indulgence by you to the said Contractor 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 contractor.
- 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 16:**  
**List of Approved Banks for EMD and Performance Security if Bidder intends to submit Bank Guarantee**

**Finance Department, Government of Gujarat's GR for the 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. Chhakhhuak)

Additional Secretary (Budget)

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	Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank
5	City Union Bank	21	Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
6	CSB Bank	22	The Kalupur 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

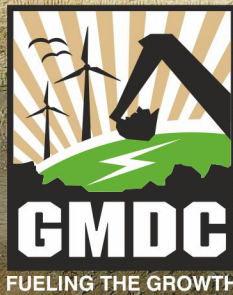
**All the eligible banks are instructed to collect the original documents/papers of guarantee from the concerned tendering authority.**

  
(S. Chhakchhuak)

Additional Secretary (Budget)

Finance Department

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