



General Terms & Conditions

1.1 Definitions:

In construing the Agreement, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

- 1.1.1 "Affiliate" shall mean with respect to any person, any other person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by or is under common control of such specified person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" means the direct or indirect beneficial ownership of more than fifty percent (50%) of the issued share capital, stock or other participating interest or the legal power to direct or cause the direction of the general management, of the company, partnership or other person in question, and "controlled" shall be construed accordingly;
- 1.1.2 "Agreement" shall mean the Purchase Order and the Seller's acceptance of the Purchase Order.
- 1.1.3"Claims" shall mean all claims, liabilities, costs, damages and expenses (including court costs and legal fees)
- 1.1.4 "Conditions" shall mean these General Terms and Conditions as provided under this document.
- 1.1.5 "Deleterious material", in the context of supply of Materials, shall mean any element, compound present in the goods which is not part of standard Specification or a typical assay as per the Purchase Order or Agreement and which is likely to cause or may in general probability cause harm or damage to the operations of the Purchaser and also restricts or affects performance of the goods as per the desired / industry / specified standards.
- 1.1.6 "Effective Date" shall mean the date of the Purchase Order:
- 1.1.7 "Material" shall mean the goods, equipment, or products (or parts thereof) to be purchased or to be supplied in accordance with this Agreement and/or as specified in the Purchase Order.
- 1.1.8 "Goods and Service Tax" means the Central Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017, the Integrated Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017, the Union Territory Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017, the

Goods and Service Tax (Compensation to States) Act 2017, the applicable State Goods and Service Tax Act as passed by the concerned State and all the rules made thereunder, relevant notifications, circulars, clarifications and orders issued thereunder and any amendments made thereto and any reference to Goods and Service Tax payable or cess payable means tax payable under any of the aforementioned laws.

1.1.8.1- Change in Law

If, after the date of execution of this Agreement, there is any change in law, excluding any change(s) as result of interpretation by competent authority, tribunal & Court, which results in a change in the rate of any Tax included in the

Supplier's prices or rates or the introduction of a new Tax and such change results in an increase or decrease in the cost to the Supplier of performing this Agreement then the Parties shall agree to a revision in pricing to reflect such change provided that:

- (a) the Party requesting such revision shall promptly (and in any case prior to submission of the Supplier's final invoice under this Agreement) but not later than 7 business days notify the other Party that such change in law has arisen; and
- (b) the Party requesting such revision shall provide the other Party with documentary proof of such change in cost to the reasonable satisfaction of the other Party; and

the provisions of this Clause shall not apply to changes in Personal Income tax or Corporate Income tax or to changes in non-Indian Taxes

- 1.1.9 "Governmental Authority" shall mean any governmental department, local authority, commission, board, bureau, agency, regulatory authority, instrumentality, court or other judicial or administrative body, central, state, provincial or local having jurisdiction over the matter or matters in question.
- 1.1.10 "**Personnel**" shall mean any personnel provided by Supplier and utilized to perform the Services at the specified / agreed location.
- 1.1.11 "Purchase Order" shall mean (i) the written instruction by Purchaser issued to Supplier for the provision of Material or Services under this Agreement, which shall include the specific requirements with respect to the scope of work, applicable rates and charges and the location of the Site; and (ii) if applicable, the oral instruction under this Agreement which shall be reduced to writing as soon as practicably possible including the specific requirements described above.
- 1.1.12 "Purchasing Group or Buyer Group" shall mean and include Purchaser/Buyer and its Affiliates and the term "Buyer" or "Purchaser" may be used interchangeably for each other.
- 1.1.13 "Representative" in respect of the Purchaser and the Supplier to include the persons so identified on the Purchase Order as their representative or such other person(s) notified by the Purchaser or the Supplier in writing to the other from time to time, which will include amongst others consultants engaged by the Party or any Affiliate of the Supplier having commonality of interest with the Supplier.
- 1.1.14 "Services" means the tools, equipment, materials, supplies and Personnel to be provided by Supplier and the work to be carried out as specified in the Agreement and any Purchase Order. Provided however, that the same shall not include purchase / sale of Material.

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- 1.1.15 "Site" shall mean the location where Purchaser wishes Supplier to supply the Material and/or provide the Services.
- 1.1.16 "Specification" includes but is not limited to assays whether typical or otherwise or the scope or technical parameters of the Material or Services attached to or referred to in this Agreement and/or any Purchase Order. Further Specification shall, in case of Material, always include being free from Deleterious material.
- 1.1.17 "Supplier Group or Seller Group" shall mean and include Supplier/Seller, its Affiliates and its and their sub-suppliers and suppliers of any tier and its and their respective Affiliates and the term Supplier or Seller may be used interchangeably for each other.
- 1.1.18 "Trade Usage" refers to generally accepted practice or norms in relation to expected standards, permissible deviation, internationally accepted scientific data, foreseeable consequences attributable to deviation beyond permissible deviation established over a period of time in course of commercial dealing between the parties to this Agreement or their associates.

1.2 Interpretation:

In this Agreement:

- 1.2.1 Headings are for convenience only and shall not govern or affect the interpretation of the Agreement;
- 1.2.2 Except where the context otherwise requires, references to one gender include all genders and the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- 1.2.3 Except where the context otherwise requires, references to any enactment shall include references to such enactment as re-enacted, amended or extended and any sub-ordinate legislation made under it;
- 1.2.4 References to persons include companies, corporations, partnerships, associations, and other organizations whether or not having a separate legal personality;
- 1.2.5 Except where otherwise indicated, reference to clauses, sub-clauses, recitals and annexures shall be to the clauses, sub-clauses, recitals and Annexures of this Agreement;
- 1.2.6 "including" means "including without limitation";
- 1.2.7 If the day on which any act, matter or thing is to be done under or pursuant to this Agreement is not a business day as per Trade Usage, that act, matter or thing shall be done on the preceding business day.
- 1.2.8 Only in the event of inconsistency between the Provisions of these Conditions and the Purchase Order(s), these Conditions will prevail, otherwise both Purchase Order(s) and the Conditions shall be harmoniously construed to give effect to both to the extent possible.
- 1.2.9 The term "Agreement" or "Contract" may be used interchangeably for each other in this document and shall be construed as referring to the same context.

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

2. Representation & Warranties

- 2.1 The Supplier represents and warrants that:
- (i) It is a duly organized company/business entity validly existing under the laws where it is incorporated/established, and has experience, expertise, ability and skills as required to supply Materials and perform the Services as detailed in the Scope of Services above and as may be necessary to perform its obligations hereunder in a professional manner.
- (ii) It has all the requisite power, authority and approvals required to enter into this Agreement and will have all the requisite power, authority to perform fully each and every obligation under this Agreement.
- (iii) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by its duly authorized representatives and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.
- (iv) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and all instruments or addenda required hereunder by it does not contravene, violate or constitute a default of or require any consent under the provisions of any other agreement or instrument to which it is bound, including the constitutional documents thereof, or any order, judgment, decree or injunction of any court of law.
- (v) No order has been made or petition presented for the bankruptcy protection, winding up or dissolution thereof against it.
- (vi) It shall maintain high professional standards to ensure performance of this Agreement as per best business practices and in full compliance with statutory obligations.
- (vii) It has all necessary statutory and regulatory permissions, approvals and permits for the running and operation of its establishment for the conduct of its business;
- (viii) It has full right, title and interest in and to all trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos symbols and other proprietary marks (IPR) (including limited right of use of those owned by any of its vendors, affiliates or subcontractors) which it provides to the Buyer, for use related to the Material/Services, and that any IPR provided by the Supplier shall not infringe the IPR of any third party;
- (ix) The Supplier represents that there is no inquiry/investigation pending by the Police against the Supplier or its employees. The Supplier undertakes that it will confirm at his own cost and expense and shall comply in all respect with the provisions of Government Authority applicable to the Supplier and /or to the Supplier's employees;

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- (x) The Supplier shall be liable for all fines, penalties, and the like of parking, traffic and other criminal offences arising out of or concerning the use of any vehicle for performing the Agreement and any toll charges or entry Taxes payable locally and the Supplier accordingly indemnifies Company against all such liability.
- (xi) The Supplier has sufficient resources available to respond to emergencies/ incidents, which may occur along established transportation routes. In case of any accident resulting in loss or damage to property of life, the sole responsibility for any legal or financial implication would vest with the Supplier. Company shall have no liability whatsoever.
- 2.2 Each Party hereby warrants that it has not entered into this Agreement relying on any warranty, representation or undertaking except for any warranty, representation or undertaking expressly set out in this Agreement.
- 2.3 Supplier warrants and guarantees that:
 - (i) all Material or Services shall be supplied in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement/Purchase Order and with generally accepted industry standards, Trade Usage with regard to quality, Specification, quantity, measurement, performance and/or functionality and are free from defects in material and workmanship;
 - (ii) if the Material are manufactured by reference to Supplier's data or other specified data provided to Purchaser, the Material shall have been manufactured in accordance with such data:
 - (iii) if the Material are sold by sample then they shall conform to the sample;
 - (iv) if the Material are manufactured to designs supplied by Purchaser, the Material shall have been manufactured in conformity with such designs and any approved working drawings;
 - (v) it is aware of the purpose and usage of the Material by the Purchaser including the technical parameters attributable to the usage of the Material; and
 - (vi) in the case of the Material or Services, be of the best available design, of the best quality and workmanship and shall be free from fault or defect (including latent defect), with such tolerances as stated in the Specification or on the drawings.
 - (vii) Time shall be of the essence and any Services performed or Materials delivered shall be in strict accordance with any time or schedule specified hereunder.

- 2.4 If Supplier is required to repair or replace defective Material, the warranty period shall renew for the repaired or replaced Material.
- 2.5 **Specification Variation** Buyer may, at any time, make changes within the general scope of the Agreement and/or Purchase Order by giving written notice to Supplier. Such changes may include changes to the technical Specification of the Material (where such Material are manufactured to order), quantities, method of shipping and/or packing, inspection standards and place of delivery. Upon receipt of such variation request, if any such change affects the purchase price and/or delivery date, Buyer and Supplier shall agree upon an adjustment to the price and/or delivery date. The change to the Specification and /or Purchase Order, together with any adjustment to price and/or delivery date, if any, shall be set forth in a revised Variation Order issued by Buyer and acknowledged by Supplier in writing.

Clause 2.6 & 2.7 APPLICABLE ONLY IN CASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS

- 2.6 Obligations of Contractor: Contractor shall comply with all laws, rules, regulations including but not limited to labour laws, rules, regulations or labour tribunal or conciliation officer or court order or directives of any government authority having jurisdiction over Contractor's activities directly or through contract labour whether within or outside the premises of the HZL and shall release, defend and indemnify the Owner against any levies, fines and penalties which may be asserted or assessed against the Owner by reason of violation of such laws, rules, regulations or directives by any member of Contractor Group.
- HZL reserves its right to demand adequate security for subsequent transactions as a surety for non-adherence of any statutory laws by the Contractor, in case there is a breach (actual, threatened or perceived) of any statutory laws. Provided however that the exercise of any such right to demand surety by the HZL shall not absolve the Contractor of any of its obligation / liabilities under this Agreement and / or the law.

Anything contained under Clause 2.6 above shall be without prejudice and will be in addition to, and not in substitution to any other clause under this agreement including annexures thereof.

2.7 Legal Compliance:

- 2.7.1 The Contractor shall ensure that the performance of this Agreement and provision of the Services complies to all provisions of the relevant legislations, regulations and by-laws of the central/state/local authorities having jurisdiction at site and, shall, unless mentioned otherwise in technical scope of work, arrange for all necessary statutory approvals at his own cost.
- 2.7.2 The Contractor shall give all notices required under the said acts, regulations and/or by-laws and shall indemnify the Owner towards any omission or commission in this regard.

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- 2.7.3 The Contractor shall be responsible for observing all statutory laws as applicable including following:
- Mines Act
- · Payment of Wages Act and Payment of Bonus Act
- Minimum Wages Act
- Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970
- Employees Liability Act
- · Factories Act, 1965
- Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972
 Workmen/Employees Compensation Act.
- Apprenticeship Act
- Employee PF & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952
- Family Pension Scheme
- Deposit Linked Insurance
- Modern Slavery Act 2015

Any other enactment / rule in force or made applicable from time to time.

- 2.7.4 The contractor shall take Workmen Compensation Insurance Policy to enable him to discharge various liabilities under Workmen/Employees Compensation Act.
- 2.7.5 The Contractor shall take valid labour license and shall submit the copy of it to the Buyer before commencement of the Services.
- 2.7.6 The Contractor shall pay to his workers, minimum wages plus other statutory benefits as per the Minimum Wages Act or as prescribed by Buyer for such jobs, whichever is higher. The wages to other semi-skilled & skilled workmen will be proportionally on higher side as applicable.
- 2.7.7 The Contractor shall obtain group insurance policy for the entire contract period for their employees and the same shall be submitted for verification within seven days of awarding the contract.
- 2.7.8 Anything agreed in the Contract but prohibited under any provision of the Indian Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and amendments thereof, except with the permission of the Government of India and / or the Reserve Bank of India, shall be done only after such permission is granted.

3. Invoicing, Taxes, Payment and Insurance

- 3.1 The Supplier shall submit the invoices (both original & duplicate) along with the delivery of the Materials or performance of the Services. The Purchaser reserves the right to reject the Materials or Services received without the invoices.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the invoices submitted in accordance with Clause 3.2 are complete in all respect and shall specify descriptions as required under the Goods and Services Tax and other Applicable Laws.
- 3.4 The Purchaser shall not be liable for any tax or levies or duties or charges for any reasons whatsoever, unless

- specifically mentioned in the invoice issued alongwith the delivery of the Materials or performance of the Services.
- 3.5 Supplier shall submit sufficient supporting document(s) along with its invoice for freight amount paid and consequently claimed by the Supplier, if the accepted freight term as "extra to be paid by the Purchaser".
- 3.6 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, the Purchaser reserves the right to set off any amount owing at any time from the Supplier to the Purchaser against any amount payable by the Purchaser to the Supplier.
- 3.7 Supplier shall not suspend deliveries for any payment delays on account of genuine disputes.
- 3.8 If Buyer disputes all or any part of any invoice, it shall notify Supplier specifying the disputed parts thereof. Supplier shall withdraw the disputed invoice and submit an amended invoice for the undisputed amount and Buyer shall pay this amount within a reasonable time. Purchaser and Supplier shall endeavour to settle the disputed amount as quickly as possible through good faith negotiations.
- 3.9 Supplier shall effect and maintain with a reputed insurance company a policy (ies) of insurance providing an adequate level of cover in respect of all risks which may be incurred by the Supplier, arising out of the Supplier's performance of its obligations under the Agreement, including death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property or any other loss. Such insurance shall be maintained for the duration of the Term of the Agreement.

3.10 Audit and Inquiry:

- a. If Buyer has a reasonable basis to believe that Supplier or any Related Party has taken or failed to take any action that may subject Buyer or its Affiliates to liability under the AntiCorruption Laws or any other non-compliances, Supplier agrees that Buyer shall have the right (but not the obligation) upon written notice to Seller, to make due inquiries from the Seller and its Related Parties to determine to Buyer's reasonable satisfaction whether any actions or failures to act on behalf of Seller or its Related Parties may subject Buyer to such liability, Supplier will cooperate in good faith.
- b. Purchaser shall have the right of access to Supplier's premises with reasonable prior notice to inspect the progress of manufacture; testing and commissioning of the Material or the performance of Services to otherwise satisfy itself as to compliance of the Agreement and agreed delivery dates. Supplier shall procure similar rights of access for Purchaser at the premises of any sub-supplier. Inspection of the progress of manufacture, testing and commissioning of the Material and the performance of the Services by Purchaser shall in no way relieve Supplier of its liabilities and obligations under the Agreement or otherwise.

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4. Passing of Ownership, Risk, Copyright, Patents and other Proprietary rights etc. ("IPR")

- 4.1 Unless otherwise stated in the Purchase Order, Materials or Services shall remain at the risk of the Supplier until delivered in a deliverable state to the Buyer and in the manner specified in the Purchase Order and subject to completion of sampling, performance testing or lab analysis by the Buyer as per the requirement of the specifications; or in case, manner of delivery is not specified in the Purchase Order, then shall only pass to the Buyer following full delivery and acknowledgement by possession of the Material to the delivery address by Purchaser or Purchaser duly authorized representative specified in the Purchase Order.
- 4.2 Whenever Purchaser is not the ultimate consumer of the Material, all rights, benefits and remedies conferred upon Purchaser by the provisions of this Agreement, including specifically the benefit of any warranties and transfer of title, shall accrue to and shall be for the express benefit of any third party customer and on whose behalf or for whose benefit the Purchaser has purchased the Material.
- 4.3 Where the Buyer rejects any Materials or Services in accordance with these conditions, such Materials or Services shall be deemed to have remained the property and risk of the Seller at all times.
- 4.4 Materials or Services supplied by the Buyer to the Seller for servicing or repair shall remain from the time of collection or receipt until re-delivery at the place or places and in the manner instructed by the Buyer at the absolute risk of the Seller in regard to any loss or damage.
- 4.5 (a.) If any Material purchased or supplied or Services performed or provided under the Agreement and/or Purchase Order involves a patent, copyright, trademark, or proprietary information (IPR), Supplier hereby grants Purchasing Group a permanent, irrevocable, worldwide, non-exclusive license to use the same without additional charge. Without prejudice to the above, the proprietary rights in relation to IPR of the Supplier shall continue to vest with the Supplier.
- (b) Buyer is the sole owner of IPR in anything developed and delivered under this Agreement / Purchase Order. Supplier shall provide at Purchaser's reasonable request any documentation necessary to confirm Purchaser's ownership interest in such IPR. Supplier shall retain ownership of any IPR vested in Supplier prior to this Agreement or created by Supplier outside of its performance of this Agreement during the term of this Agreement.
- (c) Supplier shall at all times be responsible for, shall release and shall defend, protect, indemnify, hold harmless and defend Purchasing Group, from and against any Claim by a third party for infringement of any IPR which may arise out of the sale and/or use of the Material supplied or the Services performed and/or provided by Supplier.

5. Consequences of Default

- 5.1 If the Supplier, breaches any of the warranties or representation under the Contract; or breaches any other provision of the Contract or any of the Materials or the Services otherwise fail to comply with the provisions of the Contract; the Buyer shall notify the Seller of the failure of the Materials or Services to comply with the Contract or the breach of warranty, as the case may be.
- 5.2 If the Supplier fails to rectify such breach in supply of the Materials or Services under this Contract, which being capable of remedy are not remedied within 14 days of notice of such default, the Buyer may at its discretion and without prejudice to other rights and remedies under the Contract or otherwise, avail itself of any one or more of the remedies as hereunder:
- (a) reject the Materials or Services (in whole or in part) which are not in deliverable state as per the conditions of the Contract at the risk and cost of the Seller and Seller shall immediately pay to the Buyer a full refund for the Materials or Services so rejected.
- (b) give the Supplier the opportunity at the Supplier's expense either to remedy any defect in the Materials or Services or to supply replacement Materials or Services or substitute Services and carry out any other necessary work to ensure that the terms of the Contract are fulfilled within a reasonable period specified by the Buyer;
- (c) refuse to accept any further deliveries of the Materials or Services or subsequent performance of the Services which the Seller attempts to make, in each case without any liability to the Supplier;
- (d) carry out or procure that some other person carries out at the Supplier's expense any work necessary to make the Materials or Services comply with the Contract (including but not limited to freight, disassembly and reassembly);
- (e) instruct the Supplier to suspend performance of its obligations under this Contract with immediate effect and to take such steps as the Buyer may direct in order to remedy such breach at the Supplier's expense;
- (f) claim such damages foreseeable or otherwise as may have been sustained consequential to such breach or breaches of the Contract as per terms and conditions of PO or under applicable Trade usage taking into account the prevailing trade practice or scientific data of potential loss attributable to usage of such Materials or Services;
- (g) opt to use or consume the Materials or Services in the event of non-availability of substitute Materials or Services or to maintain operations of the plant or to avoid plant shut down but without prejudice to its right to claim damages attributable to consequences arising due to off-spec Materials or Services:
- (h) obtain substitute Materials or Services or purchase substitute services elsewhere and recover from the Seller any

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expenditure reasonably incurred by the Buyer in obtaining the Materials or Services in substitution from another seller.

- 5.3 If the Buyer exercises its rights under conditions (b), (d) and/or (e) above in respect of Materials or Services which do not, in the Buyer's opinion, meet the requirements specified in the Contract, the Supplier shall grant necessary right to the Buyer to utilise the relevant Materials or Services until such time as they meet those requirements.
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, there shall be no obligation whatsoever on the Purchaser to accept any defective or sub-standard quality Material and/or Service, delayed delivery and/or performance of the Agreement and it is expressly agreed by the Parties that acceptance of such defective or sub-standard quality Material / Service, delayed delivery and/or performance by the Purchaser in its sole discretion, shall not prejudice any right / claim of the Purchaser to damages for supply of such defective or sub-standard quality Material / Service, delayed delivery and/or performance and / or for breach of the Agreement. In the foregoing, the Purchaser shall reasonably determine the amount of damages that shall be leviable upon / payable by the Supplier. Any damages so determined by the Purchaser shall be paid by the Supplier within fifteen (15) days. The levy of damages / acceptance of performance, as above, shall not prejudice any rights of the Purchaser as per other terms of this Agreement / Purchase order.
- 5.5 In the event of breach by the Supplier of its obligations under the Contract, the Buyer may terminate the Contract in whole or in part or to rescind the Purchase Order, in each case without any liability to the Seller.
- 5.6 Buyer reserves the right to reject Materials or Services in case it is supplied prior to the scheduled delivery date until otherwise specifically waived-off in writing by a representative from the Buyer's commercial department, prior to dispatch.

6. ADVANCE BANK GUARANTEE

- 6.1 The provisions of this clause shall be applicable only in those cases wherein the Supplier is required to furnish an advance bank guarantee as per the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 6.2 The Supplier shall furnish an irrevocable, unconditional bank guarantee equivalent to 100% of the Advance Payment, from a scheduled bank acceptable to the Company (acting reasonably) and in the form and manner required by the Company or otherwise approved by Company and shall be valid till the expiry of the Contract to be paid by the Company to the Supplier as per the terms and conditions of the Contract as security for the Advance Payment made by the Company to the Supplier and to secure all other obligations of the Supplier under this Contract (the "Advance Bank Guarantee") as a condition precedent to the release of Advance Payment.

- 6.3 The Supplier shall renew the Advance Bank Guarantee ten (10) days prior to the date the Advance Bank Guarantee expires ("Expiry Date") in case of any extension to the Term. If the Supplier does not submit a renewed Advance Bank Guarantee ten (10) days prior to the Expiry Date, with the Company, the Supplier shall have the right to immediately draw down complete Advance Bank Guarantee amount and shall reserve the right to retain such amounts till such time the Supplier provides a replacement Advance Bank Guarantee for the equivalent amount.
- 6.4 The Supplier shall renew the Advance Bank Guarantee or otherwise submit an additional Advance Bank Guarantee, as duly required by the Company, on account of change in the Contract Value or in case of any upward revision to the Advance Payment, pursuant to a variation or amendment to the Contract, within ten (10) days of being so notified by the Company. If the Supplier does not submit to the Company a renewed Advance Bank Guarantee or an additional advance bank guarantee, as the case may be, within the said period of ten (10) days, the Company shall have the right to immediately draw down the complete Advance Bank Guarantee amount and shall reserve the right to retain such amounts till such time the Supplier provides a replacement advance bank guarantee(/s) for the equivalent amount.
- 6.5 In addition to the right contained in the preceding clause, the Company shall further have an unqualified right under the Agreement to draw on the Advance Bank Guarantees under in the following:
 - failure by the Supplier to perform the Services in accordance with terms and conditions of Supplier, to the satisfaction of the Company; or
 - ii) Any inadequate adjustment of the Advance Payment; or
 - iii) failure by the Supplier to duly perform any of its obligations under this Agreement; or
 - iv) any valid claim made by the Company accruing due to any acts/omission of the Supplier and the Supplier fails to pay the Company for such a claim immediately upon such demand.

If the Supplier fails to provide, maintain or renew the Advance Bank Guarantee in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, then the Company may, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies to which it may be entitled to, invoke the Advance Bank Guarantee and/or terminate the Agreement forthwith by written notice.

7. Risk purchase

Without prejudice to any other right under this Agreement, Purchase order/(s) and or at law, in the event of any delay in

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supplies or any breach in supply of the Materials or Services, the Buyer shall be at liberty to either (a) continue the contract with due liquidated damages; or (b) engage any other agency, parallel to the Supplier, to complete part of the balance supply at the risk and cost of the Supplier; or (c) cancel the contract and get the balance supply done from any other agency at the sole risk and cost of the Seller. The additional cost and expenses so incurred by the Buyer in procuring the whole or part of Materials or Services shall be liable to be recovered from the charges payable to the Seller or the Security deposit or Bank Guarantee so deposited by the Supplier.

8. Permits, licenses, encumbrances, liens etc.

- 8.1 The Supplier shall ascertain and comply with the Applicable Laws in performance of the Contract and shall obtain and keep in good standing all approvals, permits and licenses, right of way, as the case may be, which are necessary or expedient for the performance of his obligation under the Agreement. These approvals, permits, and licenses shall be valid and acceptable under appropriate laws.
- 8.2 The Supplier shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance other than for borrowings in the ordinary course of business.

9. Indemnity

- 9.1 The Supplier shall defend, indemnify and hold the Company, its directors, officials & employees etc., harmless from and against any and all against any and all claims, liabilities, costs, damages and expenses (including court costs and legal fees) in connection with any claim made by any third party (including, but not limited to, any claim made by any governmental or statutory authority) against the Company arising out of or in connection with the performance by the Supplier of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 9.2 The Supplier shall be liable for and shall defend, indemnify and hold the Purchaser, its directors, officials & employees etc. harmless from and against and all Claims arising out of or in connection with the performance of this Agreement by the Supplier.
- 9.3 Supplier shall at all times be responsible for, shall release and shall defend, protect, indemnify and hold Purchasing Group harmless from and shall keep Purchaser's equipment and property free and clear of all liens, claims, assessments, fines and levies incurred, created, caused or committed by Supplier Group.
- 9.4 In the event the Purchaser is entitled to indemnification and intends to seek indemnification under this Clause, Purchaser shall promptly give Supplier notice of such Claim or action and the Supplier shall have the right to assume the defence of any such case at its own cost and expense.
- 9.5 This indemnity shall be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, including injunctive or other equitable relief, which the Purchaser may be entitled to.

9.6 Purchaser shall have the right to retain / withhold out of any payment to be made to the Supplier an amount sufficient to indemnify it completely against any such lien, claim, assessment, fine or levy exercised or made and all associated costs.

9.7 It is the express intention of the Parties hereto that the provisions of this Agreement/Purchase Order shall exclusively govern the allocation of risks and liabilities of the Parties, it being acknowledged that the Agreement reflected herein has been based upon such express understanding. It is acknowledged that the compensation payable to Supplier as specified in this Agreement and/or applicable Purchase Order has been based upon the express understanding that risks and liabilities shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and/or applicable Purchase Order.

10. Limitation of Liability

- 10.1 Except as may be otherwise provided in this agreement, in no event shall either party be liable to the other, whether arising under contract, tort (including negligence), strict liability or otherwise, for any indirect, consequential, special, punitive, exemplary or incidental loss or damages of any nature arising at any time from any cause whatsoever.
- 10.2 The limitations of liability and exclusion of warranties as set out in the Agreement shall be to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. Nothing in this Agreement purports to exclude or limit liability for fraud, misrepresentation, death or personal injury.

11. Relationship between Parties

Nothing contained in the Agreement is intended to, or shall operate to, create a relationship of partnership or employer employee or joint venture between the parties. Nothing in the Agreement constitutes either party as the agent or legal representative of the other party or creates any fiduciary relationship between the parties. Neither party shall have authority to act in the name or on behalf of or otherwise to bind the other or commit or purport to bind the other in any way (including the making of any representation or warranty, the assumption of any obligation or liability and the exercise of any right or power) or pledge the credit of the other party for any purpose.

12. Notice and Communication

Any notice required to be given hereunder shall be given by sending the same by registered post or by hand delivery to the address of the addressee shown in this Agreement or to such other address as either party may notify to the other for this purpose in writing. If sending by hand, notice shall be deemed served at the time of dispatch and if sending by post, notice shall be deemed to have been given on the 3rd day on dispatch by post. If notice pertains to any breach of a legal term under the Agreement or otherwise, the same should be addressed to Head Legal, Hindustan Zinc Limited, Yashad Bhawan, Udaipur-313004 (Rajasthan).

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13. Termination & Suspension

- 13.1 Either Party may immediately terminate all or part of this Agreement/Purchase Order as under:
- (i) by a written notice to the other Party if the other Party has committed any material breach of the terms of this Agreement and has failed to remedy such breach within 30 days from receiving notice from the other Party.
- (ii) if other party (i) ceases, or threatens to cease, to function as a going concern or conduct its operations in the normal course of business, (ii) commences, or becomes the subject of, any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization (other than in the course of a corporate re-organization or to an affiliate), administration, liquidation or similar proceedings, (iii) makes, or plans to make, a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or (iv) either party's creditors attach or take possession of all or a substantial part of said party's assets; the foregoing shall not apply to any action or proceeding which is (a.) in the reasonable opinion of the party, frivolous or vexatious; or (b.) discharged, stayed or dismissed within ninety (90) days of commencement;
- (iii) if either party is unable to carry out its obligations by reason of Force Majeure events and the force majeure continues for a period more than 60 days, then either Party may, by giving notice in writing, terminate this Agreement with immediate effect. Any such termination shall be without prejudice to any of the right of the Parties accrued prior to the date of such termination.
- (iv) Notwithstanding anything contained anything contained herein to the contrary, The Purchaser may terminate all or part of this Agreement by one (1) months' written notice without assigning any reason whatsoever or if the Supplier fails to obtain any approval required under the terms of this Agreement. Or if the price of the Commodity/Material falls below 95% or exceeds 105% of the benchmark market index rates.
- 13.2 Upon termination of this Agreement, both Parties shall be relieved of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement save such obligations and/or liabilities of the Parties set forth herein which (i) that the Parties have expressly agreed will survive any expiration or termination, or (b) by their nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination, or (c) have accrued before expiration or termination, as the case may be.
- 13.3 In the event of Supplier's breach of its obligations hereunder, no payment shall be due by Purchaser in respect of such order/Purchaser order, or, in the case of suspension, until the failure or breach has been remedied to the reasonable satisfaction of Purchaser.

- 13.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Purchaser may, at its sole discretion, suspend this Agreement / any Purchase Order, in whole or in part, upon twenty-four (24) hours written notice to Supplier for any reason whatsoever. The Purchaser shall promptly notify the Supplier in writing of the same.
- 13.5 In the event of written notice pursuant to Clause above, Supplier's failure to perform the Purchase Order to the standards required by the Purchase Order and Supplier's material breach of any of its obligations under the Agreement, no payment shall be due by Purchaser in respect of such order/Purchaser order, or, in the case of suspension, until the failure or breach has been remedied to the reasonable satisfaction of Purchaser.
- 13.6 Subject to Clause above, in the event of suspension of a Purchase Order, the Material being supplied under such Purchase Order shall, at Purchaser's discretion, either be delivered to the delivery address or shall be securely and separately stored at Supplier's premises, at Purchaser's sole cost and expense, and marked as the property of Purchaser until either the manufacture and/or provision of such Material is resumed or Purchaser terminates the Purchase Order and instructs Supplier with regard to the disposal of the Material stored at Supplier's premises. The proceeds of the disposal shall be adjusted against any compensation payable hereunder.

14. Force Majeure

- For the purposes of this Agreement, "Force 14.1. Majeure" means the occurrence of any event or circumstance or combination of events or circumstances that is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, has a material and adverse effect on the performance by that Party of its obligations under or pursuant to this Agreement, and that demonstrably could not have been foreseen by the Partiers; provided, however, that such material and adverse effect could not have been prevented, overcome or remedied by the affected Party through the exercise of diligence and reasonable care; but provided, further, that the exercise of diligence and reasonable care will not include the obtaining or maintaining of insurance beyond the requirements of this Agreement.
- 14.2. Subject to clause 14.1 hereinabove, Force Majeure includes without limitation, the following events and circumstances, but only to the extent that each satisfies the above requirements as provided under Clause 14.1; (a) Act of God, (b) fire, flood, earthquake, epidemic, pandemic, natural disaster or extreme natural event (c) war, riot, insurrection, civil commotion, mobilization or military, call up of a comparable scope, which has been notified in accordance with this Clause 14 any direction, judgement, decree or any other order passed by any judicial/quasi-judicial/administrative authority

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and/or any direction passed by the government authority/(ies) restraining the performance of obligations, whether in part or in full, of the affected party provided that such orders or directions must not emanate out of actions directly attributable to the affected party or (e) any event owing to any restrictions, directives/directions imposed or passed by the government, judicial, quasi-judicial authorities if they impede or delay the performance of the Agreement (Force Majeure Events)

FORCE MAJEURE EXCLUSIONS

Force Majeure will expressly not include the following conditions, except and to the extent that they result from an event or circumstance otherwise constituting Force Majeure:

- (i) unavailability, late delivery or changes in cost of machinery, equipment, materials, spare parts or consumables;
- (ii) failure or delay in performance by any Subcontractor;
- (iii) normal wear and tear or flaws in materials and equipment or breakdowns in equipment.
- (iv) any labour unrest/strikes or any other event of the like nature caused by the personnel of the Supplier (which includes its subcontractors) shall not be considered as a force majeure occurrence
- In the event of a Force Majeure occurrence, the 14.3. party that is or may be delayed in performing the Agreement shall notify in writing to the other party without delay but not later than fifteen (15) business days on the initiation of such Force Majeure Event(s) and shall use diligent efforts to end the failure or delay in performance to minimize effects of such Force Majeure Event. Provided, however, that the occurrence of such an event would entitle the parties to renegotiate the time frame for performance of the respective obligations, taking into consideration the nature of such event. . In such a situation, the party, which is not able to perform its obligations under this Agreement on account of Force Majeure Event(s), shall not be liable to the other party for the default or breach of this Agreement for the period of failure or delay. If the said notice is not received by the other party within fifteen (15) business days, after the party who fails to perform knew or ought to have known of the impediment, it is liable for damages resulting from such non-receipt.

- 14.4. Both Parties agree to use their respective reasonable efforts to cure any event of Force Majeure to the extent that it is reasonably possible to do so. Upon the cessation of the event of Force Majeure, the party declaring Force Majeure shall immediately but not later than three (3) business days give notice thereof to the other party.
- 14.5. Neither Party shall be liable in any manner whatsoever to the other party in respect of any loss, damage, costs, expense, claims, demands and proceedings relating to or arising out of occurrence or existence of any Force Majeure Event or exercise of any right pursuant hereof. The costs associated with taking all steps required to mitigate the effects of the Force Majeure Event and restore its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement as soon as reasonably practicable shall be borne by

the respective parties.

15. Arbitration

Any dispute or difference whatsoever arising between the parties out of or relating to the interpretation, meaning, scope, operation or effect of this Agreement or the existence, validity, breach or anticipated breach thereof or determination and enforcement of respective rights, obligations and liabilities of the parties thereto shall be amicably settled by way of mediation, by meeting(s) between senior management representatives of each Party. If the dispute is not conclusively settled within a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of commencement of mediation or such further period as the parties shall agree in writing, the dispute shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration under Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996. The arbitration shall be conducted as follows:

- (i) A sole arbitrator shall be appointed in case the value of claim under dispute is less than 5,000,000 (Rupees Five Million Only) / \$ 100,000 (Hundred Thousand United States Dollars) and in any other event by a forum of three arbitrators with one arbitrator nominated by each Party and the presiding arbitrator selected by the nominated arbitrators.
- (ii) The language of the mediation and arbitration proceedings shall be English. The seat of arbitration shall be Udaipur, India.
- (iii) The award made in pursuance thereof shall be final and binding on the parties.
- (iv) It is clarified that the works under the Agreement shall be continued by the Supplier during the arbitration proceedings unless otherwise directed in writing by the Purchaser/Company. Save as those which are otherwise expressly provided in the contract, no payment due or payable by the Purchaser shall be withheld on account of such arbitration proceedings, unless it is the subject matter or one of the subject matters thereof.

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16. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of India. The parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Udaipur, India and any courts that may hear appeals from those courts in respect of any proceedings in connection with this Agreement.

17. Assignment and Subcontracting

16.1 Supplier may not assign, sublet or subcontract its rights or obligations under any Purchase Order, in whole or in part, to any third party without the prior written consent of Purchaser, which the Purchaser may at its sole discretion accept or refuse. Supplier shall have a written contract in place for each approved sub-supplier prior to such subsupplier performing any Services or supplying any Material. Supplier shall assume full responsibility for the acts or omissions of Supplier's sub-suppliers of any tier. All of Supplier's subcontracts, if any, for performance of the Services or the supply of Material shall contain terms and conditions substantially similar to those contained in this Agreement and/or the applicable Purchase Order which protect and do not restrict Purchaser's rights as set forth in this Agreement and/or in the applicable Purchase Order.

17.2 Purchaser shall have the right to assign the Agreement / Purchase Order to its Affiliate or any third party customer. This Agreement shall inure to and be binding upon the respective successors and assignees of the Parties.

18. Recourse of the Parties

18.1 Supplier shall look only to Purchaser for the due performance of the Purchase Order and nothing therein contained shall impose any liability upon, or entitle Supplier to commence any proceedings against any third party customer or any person not a party to the Agreement or the Purchase Order

18.2 Purchaser shall be entitled to enforce any Purchase Order on behalf of any third party customer in connection with the Agreement / Purchase Order as well as for itself and for this purpose, only Purchaser may commence proceedings against Supplier. The obligations and liabilities of Purchasing Group issuing Purchase Orders are several and not joint.

17.3 It is clarified that under no circumstances, by virtue of this Agreement, will the employee/workers of the Supplier be deemed to have any privity of contract with the Company nor would they or any of their heirs, assigns or successors would claim any benefit / privilege, whatsoever, from the Company.

19. Waiver and Remedies

A failure or delay in exercising any right, power or privilege in respect of this Agreement will not be presumed to operate as a waiver, and a single or partial exercise of any right, power or

privilege will not be presumed to preclude any subsequent or further exercise, of that right, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. All waivers under this Agreement must be made in writing.

20. Severability

If any clause or provision of this Agreement is prohibited, invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, that provision will, as to that jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of the prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability without affecting or invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of that provision in any other jurisdiction, unless it materially alters the nature or material terms of this Agreement.

21. Amendment

This Agreement may be amended, modified, renewed or extended by a 15-days written instruction/notice given by the Purchaser.

22. Code of Conduct

Supplier confirms having read and understood the Code of Conduct of Hindustan Zinc Limited ('Company'), a copy of which has been provided to the supplier and is also available at

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The Code of Conduct enlists compliance with the following acts and regulations:

- The UK Bribery Act ("UKBA")
- The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA")
- SEBI (PIT) Regulations, 2015

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- The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 ("Prevention of Workplace Sexual Harassment Act")
- Modern Slavery Act, 2015

Annexure I- Code of Conduct to these General Terms & Conditions shall be deemed accepted by Supplier as an integral part of this document.

If at any time during execution or performance of this Agreement the Seller is faced with any undue demand, request for gratification or favor from any employee of the Company or a person connection with such employee, the Seller must report the same immediately at hzl.whistleblower@vedanta.co.in

Without prejudice to any other right under this Agreement, Purchase order/(s) and or at law, if the Supplier fails to comply with the Code of Conduct of Hindustan Zinc Limited, the Buyer may immediately terminate the Contract by giving 24 hours' notice.

23. Mistake, Fraud, Misrepresentation etc.

No rights shall accrue to the Seller or any obligation arise for the Buyer, if it is discovered at any time that the consent of the Buyer was obtained through fraud or misrepresentation or cheating or inducing mistake as to any fact material to such consent by Seller or any Representative of the Seller.

24. Confidentiality

Each party hereto shall, save as otherwise provided herein, maintain in strict confidence, and not disclose or use for a purpose other than the purpose set out herein, any confidential and/or proprietary information ("Confidential Information") of any party including this Agreement and the terms and conditions hereof. The foregoing covenant shall not restrict a party from disclosing Confidential Information to the extent required in connection with any legal proceeding(s) or required for filing with govt. agencies, courts, stock exchanges or other regulatory agencies under applicable laws and regulations.

The parties shall restrict access to the Confidential Information only to its own employees or professional advisers who need to have such access for the purposes of performing the obligations or enforcing the rights under this Agreement and who have agreed with such party to abide by the obligations of confidentiality equivalent to those contained herein with such party. The disclosing party shall remain vicariously liable for such disclosure.

Unless otherwise agreed, this clause shall continue to remain in force for a period of 2 years after the expiry or termination of this Agreement.

For the purposes of this Agreement, the term 'Confidential Information' includes such non-public information which is disclosed by either party to the other party, whether or not

marked confidential, and which includes inter alia, business policies or practices, business plans, dealings, customer lists or requirements, price lists or pricing structures, technical data, employee or officers' data, product lines, designs, research and development activities and findings, ideas, concepts, know-how, financial statements and other nongeneric information whether tangible or intangible, written or oral, relating to any released or unreleased concepts, ideas, projects and services, the marketing or promotion of products and any other information received from any source which would be deemed as confidential or proprietary.

Each Party agrees that it will not use the name or logo of the other party, without the prior written consent of the other party(ies) hereto.

25. Non-solicitation and declaration

The Parties agree that during the term of the Contract and for a period of one year following termination, they shall not without the prior written consent of the other party directly or indirectly solicit for employment, engage, hire, employ or contract with any employee or ex-employee of the other party, who has worked in connection with fulfilment by the such party of its obligations hereunder in a key capacity, within six months of their departure.

26. Miscellaneous Provisions

26.1 Entire Agreement: This Agreement along addendums and with all annexures, if any constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to its subject matter and overrides and supersedes all previous agreements, representations, written documents, correspondence and understanding of the parties, whether in writing or otherwise.

26.2 Counterpart: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original Agreement and all of which, when taken together, will constitute one and the same instrument

26.3 Validation: This Agreement shall come into effect when authorized representatives of both Company and Supplier execute and affix their signature hereto in their due capacity, within 3 working days after confirmation of business by Company and constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to its subject matter. Any alteration, amendment or addition to any of the terms of this Agreement shall become binding only when such alteration, amendment or addition is evidenced in writing and is executed by the authorized representatives of the both parties in their due capacity.

26.4 Costs: Each Party shall bear its own legal, professional and advisory fees, commissions and other costs and expenses incurred by it in connection with this Agreement.

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26.5 Language of the Agreement: English shall be the language of the Agreement and all documentation prepared in relation to it. All of the parties' management staff engaged in work arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be fluent in English.

26.6 Remedies cumulative: Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, all remedies available to the Parties for breach of this Agreement are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately, and the exercise of any one remedy shall not be deemed an election of such remedy to the exclusion of other remedies.

[END OF CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT]

- This document "General Terms & Conditions" being uploaded in the website of "Hindustan Zinc Ltd" the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for which shall be communicated in the corresponding Purchase Order along with the Annexure ...: Special Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to be an integral part of the Purchase Order. Order Acknowledgement by the Seller shall cover acknowledging this document and the general terms and conditions mentioned herein as well.
- These Conditions along with the Special Terms & Conditions shall apply and shall be incorporated by reference/deemed incorporated in any Purchase Order issued hereunder and shall prevail at all times between the Parties over any other terms and conditions with respect to the provision of Services or supply of Materials or Services, except as modified, supplemented, or amended either: (i) by formal written amendment of this Agreement; or (ii) by incorporation of any special conditions into any Purchase Order. This Agreement, together with the Purchase Order, shall solely and exclusively form the contract between Purchaser and Supplier for the purchase of the Materials or Services to the exclusion of all other terms and conditions (including any terms or conditions which Supplier purports to apply to any purchase order, confirmation of order, specification, invoice or other document).

