

- II. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited may constitute committees with internal and external experts for independent verification of auditor's / accountant's certificates on random basis and in the case of complaints.
- III. False declarations will attract banning of business of the bidder for a period up to two year and with process in line with "Guidelines for Banning of Business".
- IV. A local supplier who has been debarred by any procuring entity for violation of above order shall not be eligible for preference under this Order for procurement by any other procuring entity for the duration of debarment. The debarment for such other procuring entities shall take effect prospectively from the date on which it comes to the notice of other procurement entities.

**(M) Procurement from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)**  
**(APPLICABLE FOR SERVICE NATURE OF TENDERS)**

- i) Subject to meeting terms and conditions stated in the tender document including but not limiting to prequalification criteria, 25% of the work will be awarded to MSE as defined in MSE Procurement Policy issued by Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for the tendered work/item. Where the tendered work can be split, MSE quoting a price within a price band of L1 + 15% shall be awarded at least 25% of total tendered work provided they match L1 price. In case the tendered work cannot be split, MSE shall be awarded full work provided their quoted price is within a price band of L1 + 15% and they match the L1 price.
- ii) In case of more than one such MSEs are in the price band of L1 + 15% and matches the L1 price, the work may be shared proportionately if the job can be split. If the job cannot be split, then the opportunity to match the L-1 rate of the tender shall be given first to MSE who has quoted lowest rate among the MSEs and the total job shall be awarded to them after matching the L-1 price of the tender. If the MSE who have quoted lowest rate among the MSEs in the price band of L1 + 15% do not agree to match the rate of L1 of the tender, then the MSE with next higher quoted rate in the price band of L1 + 15% shall be given chance to match the rate of L1 for award of the complete job. This process to be repeated in till work is awarded to MSE or MSE bidders are exhausted.
- iii) Out of the 25% target of annual procurement from micro and small enterprises 3(three) percent shall be earmarked for procurement from micro and small enterprises owned by women. In the event of failure of such MSEs to participate in the tender process or meet the tender requirements and L1 price, 3(three) percent sub-target so earmarked shall be met from other MSEs.
- iv) Out of the 25% target of annual procurement from micro and small enterprises 4(four) percent shall be earmarked for procurement from micro and small enterprises owned by Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs. In the event of failure of such MSEs to participate in the tender process or meet the tender requirements and L1 price, four percent sub-target so earmarked shall be met from other MSEs.
- v) To qualify for entitlement as SC/ST owned MSE, the SC/ST certificate issued by District Authority must be submitted by the bidder in addition to certificate of registration with anyone of the agencies mentioned in paragraph (I) above. The bidder shall be responsible to furnish necessary documentary evidence for enabling Mahanadi Coalfields Limited to ascertain that the MSE is owned by SC/ST. MSE owned by SC/ST

is defined as:

- In case of proprietary MSE, proprietor(s) shall be SC /ST
  - In case of partnership MSE, The SC/ST partners shall be holding at least 51% shares in the enterprise.
  - In case of Private Limited Companies, at least 51% share shall be held by SC/ST promoters.
  - In case of Public Limited Companies, at least 51% share shall be held by SC/ST entrepreneurs at any given point of time.
- vi) Classification of Micro and Small Enterprise are as under:
- a. Micro Enterprise –Enterprise where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed one crore Rupees and turnover does not exceed five core rupees.
  - b. Small Enterprise- Enterprise where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed ten crore Rupees and turnover does not exceed fifty core rupees.
- vii) The MSEs should be registered with District Industries Centers (DICs)/ Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)/ Khadi & Village Industries Board (KVIB)/ Coir Board/ NSIC/ Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom or any other body specified by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) are eligible for availing benefits under the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprise (MSEs) Order, 2012 as amended from time to time.
- viii) The MSEs are required to submit copy of documentary evidence, issued by their registering authority whether they are small enterprise or micro enterprise as per provisions of Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprise (MSEs) Order, 2012 with latest guidelines/clarifications provided by MoMSME.
- ix) The existing MSE enterprises registered prior to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, shall continue to be valid for a period up to 31.03.2021 only. Mandatorily bidders need to have “Udyam Registration Certificate” after 31.03.2021 for availing benefits under the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprise (MSEs) Order, 2012 as amended from time to time.
- x) If MSE Bidder withdraws his offers after last date of bid submission or fails to sign the Agreement or commence the work as per Conditions of Contract then such Bidder shall be banned for two years from being eligible to submit bids in CIL and its subsidiaries.

#### **15. One Bid per Bidder:**

- 15.1 Each Bidder shall submit only one Bid, either individually, or as a proprietor, or as a partner in a partnership firm or as a partner in a Joint Venture or as a Company registered under Companies Act. A Bidder who submits or participates in more than one Bid (other than as a sub-contractor or in cases of alternatives that have been permitted or requested) will cause all the proposals with the Bidder’s participation to be disqualified.
- 15.2 Conflict of Interest.  
A Bidder may considered to have a Conflict of Interest with one or more parties in this bidding process, if:
- a) They have controlling partner(s) in common; or
  - b) They receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy/financial stake from any of them; or
  - c) They have the same legal representative/agent for purposes of this bid; or

- d) They have relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the bid of another Bidder; or
- e) A Bidder or any of its affiliate participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specification of the contract that is the subject of the bid; or
- f) In case of a holding company having more than one Subsidiary/Sister Concern having common business ownership/management only one of them can bid. Bidders must proactively declare such sister/common business/management in same/similar line of Business;

All such Bidders having a conflict of interest shall be disqualified.

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### **17. Site Visit:**

17.1 The bidder, at the Bidder's own responsibilities, cost and risk, is encouraged to visit and examine the Site of Works and its surrounding, approach road, soil condition, investigation report, existing works, if any, connected to the tendered work, drawings connected to the work, if / as available and obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing the Bid and entering into a contract for execution of the works. The cost of visiting the Site shall be at the Bidder's own expense.

17.2 It shall be deemed that the Bidder has visited the Site/Area and got fully acquainted with the working conditions and other prevalent conditions and fluctuations thereto whether he/she/they actually visits the Site /Area or not and has taken all the factors into account while quoting his/her/their rates.

17.3 The Bidder is expected, before quoting his rate, to go through the requirement of materials/workmanship, specification, requirements and conditions of contract.

17.4 The Bidder, in preparing the bid, shall rely on the site investigation report referred to in the bid document (if available), supplemented by any information available to the Bidder.

- 18.** All duties, taxes (excluding Goods and Services Tax (GST) & GST Compensation Cess (if applicable) only) and other levies, royalty, building and construction workers cess (as applicable in States) payable by the bidder/Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause as applicable on the last date of submission of Bid, shall be included in the rates, prices and the total Bid Price submitted by the Bidder. Applicable GST either payable by bidder or by company under reverse charge mechanism shall be computed by system in BOQ sheet as per predefined logic.

All investments, operating expenses, incidentals, overheads, leads, lifts, carriages, tools and plants etc. as may be attendant upon execution and completion of works shall also be included in the rates, prices and total Bid price submitted by the bidder.

However, such duties, taxes, levies etc. which is notified after the last date of submission of Bid and/or any increase over the rate existing on the last date of submission of Bid shall be reimbursed by the company on production of documentary evidence in support of payment actually made to the concerned authorities.

Similarly if there is any decrease in such duties, taxes and levies the same shall become recoverable from the contractor. The details of such duties, taxes and other levies along with rates shall be declared by the bidder.

The item wise rate quoted by bidder shall be inclusive of all taxes, duties & levies but excluding GST & GST Compensation Cess, if applicable. The payment of GST and GST Compensation Cess by service availer (i.e. MCL) to bidder/contractor (if GST payable by bidder/contractor) would be made only on the latter submitting a Bill/invoice in accordance with the provision of relevant GST Act and the rules made thereunder and after online filing of valid return on GST portal. Payment of GST & GST Compensation Cess is responsibility of the service provider/contractor.

Further, any GST credit note required to be issued by the bidder / contractor under the GST provisions should be issued within the time limit prescribed under the GST law.

However, in case bidder/contractor is GST unregistered bidder/dealer or GST registered under composition scheme in compliance with GST rules, the bidder/dealer shall not charge any GST and/or GST Compensation Cess on the bill/invoice. In case of GST unregistered dealer/bidder, GST, if applicable will be deposited by MCL directly to concerned authorities in terms with GST provisions.

Input tax credit is to be availed by MCL as per rule.

If MCL fails to claim Input Tax Credit(ITC) on eligible Inputs, input services and Capital Goods or the ITC claimed is disallowed due to failure on the part of supplier/vendor of goods and services in incorporating the tax invoice issued to MCL in its relevant returns under GST, payment of CGST & SGST or IGST, GST (Compensation to State ) Cess shown in tax invoice to the tax authorities, issue of proper tax invoice or any other reason whatsoever, the applicable taxes & cess paid based on such Tax invoice shall be recovered from the current bills or any other dues of the supplier/vendor along with interest and penalty, if any.

The rates and prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed for the duration of the contract and shall not be subject to variations on any account except to the extent variations allowed as per the conditions of the contract of the bidding document.

The company reserves the right to deduct/ withhold any amount towards taxes, levies, etc. and to deal with such amount in terms of the provisions of the Statute or in terms of the direction of any statutory authority and the company shall only provide with certificate towards such deduction and shall not be responsible for any reason whatsoever.

In case of collection of minor minerals in area (both virgin and non-virgin), acquired by the Company under the Coal Act, the contractor will have to produce a royalty clearance certificate from the District Authorities before full and final payment.

Further, where any damages or compensation becomes payable by either the Company or the bidder / contractor pursuant to any provision of this Agreement, appropriate GST wherever applicable as per the GST provisions in force shall also apply in addition to such damages or compensation.

**Note:** During the execution of the contract if the GST status of the bidder changes, then the payment of GST, if any, to the contractor will be made as per the GST status declared by the bidder during tender stage based on which cost to company has been ascertained or at actuals, whichever is lower.

19. **Cost of Bidding:** The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his bid and the Employer will in no case be responsible and liable for those costs.
20. The tenderer shall closely study all specifications in detail, which govern the rates for which he is tendering.

**21. Currencies of Bid and Payment:** The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the Bidder entirely in Indian Rupees only.

**22. The work should be completed within the stipulated period. For the contract value upto Rs.10.00 lakh, the work shall be commenced within 10<sup>th</sup> day of issue of work order or handing over of site (if applicable), whichever is later and for the contract value more than Rs.10.00 lakh, the work shall be commenced from the next day of execution of agreement or handing over of site (if applicable), whichever is later.**

**23.** On completion of the work all rubbish, debris, brick bats etc. shall be removed by the contractor(s) at his/their own expense and the site cleaned and handed over to the company and he/they shall intimate officially of having completed the work as per contract.

**24.** The tenderer(s) will deploy sufficient number and size of equipments/machineries/vehicles and the technical/ supervisory personnel required for execution of the work.

**25. Change in Constitution of the Contracting Agency:**

Prior approval in writing of the company shall be obtained before any change is made in the constitution of the contracting agency, otherwise it will be treated as a breach of Contract.

**26.** Canvassing in connection with the tenders in any shape or form is strictly prohibited and tenders submitted by such tenderers who resort to canvassing shall be liable for rejection.

**27.** The Bidder, whose Bid has been accepted, will be notified the award of contract on-line on the e-procurement portal on his personalized dash-board prior to expiration of the bid validity period. On issuance of Letter for Acceptance (LOA)/Work Order of the tender issued by the Company, the successful tenderer shall execute contract agreement (for contract value more than Rs.10.00 lakh) in the company's prescribed form (as per Annexure-III) for the due fulfillment of the contract.

Performance Security Deposit (PSD) must be submitted by the contractor within 21 days of issuance of LOA. The other requisite documents for execution of agreement must be submitted up to 7 days beyond the last date for submission of PSD. In case the successful bidder fails to submit the Performance Security within the stipulated time then the award of work shall be cancelled and the bidder will be banned for two years from being eligible to submit bids in CIL and its subsidiaries In case of Partnership firm, the banning shall also be applicable to all individual partners of Partnership firm.

The agreement should be executed within 7 days of receipt of PSD and other requisite documents for execution of agreement from the contractor. In case the PSD is submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee (BG) / Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) and needs verification from the issuing bank, then agreement should be executed within 10 days of receipt of PSD other requisite documents for execution of agreement from the contractor. In case of failure to enter into agreement within specified period, the bidder will be banned for two years from being eligible to submit bids in CIL and its subsidiaries. No payment for the work shall be made before execution of the agreement.

The written contract to be entered into between the contractor and the company, shall be the foundation of the rights of both the parties and the contract shall not be deemed to be executed until the contract is signed by both the parties i.e. Contractor and the Company.

**28. Bid Validity:** The validity period of the tenders shall be **120 (One hundred and twenty)** days from the **end date of bid submission.**

In exceptional circumstances, prior to expiry of the original time limit, the Employer may request the bidders to extend the period of validity for a specified additional period. The employer's request and the bidder's responses shall be made in writing. A bidder may refuse the request without banning/ any penal action. A bidder agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify his bid.

The tenderer shall not, during the said period or within the period extended by mutual consent, revoke or cancel his tender or alter the tender or any terms/conditions thereof without consent in writing of the company. In case the tenderer violates to abide by this, the Company will be entitled to take action as per clause No.29 (Modification and Withdrawal of Bid) of NIT.

## **29. Modification and Withdrawal of Bid:**

Modification of the submitted bid shall be allowed on-line only before the deadline of submission of tender and the bidder may modify and resubmit the bid on-line as many times as he may wish.

Bidders may withdraw their bids online within the end date of bid submission. However, if the bidder once withdraws his bid, he will not be able to resubmit the bid in this tender. For withdrawal of bid after the end date of bid submission, the bidder will have to make a request in writing to the Tender Inviting Authority. Withdrawal of bid may be allowed till issue of work order/LOA with the following provision of penal action:

- 1) The bidder will be banned for two years from being eligible to submit bids in CIL and its subsidiaries

The bids of all the eligible bidders including this bidder will be opened and action will follow as under:

- i. If the bidder withdrawing his bid is other than L-1, the tender process shall go on.
- ii. If the bidder withdrawing his bid is L-1, then re-tender will be done.

(The penal action against clause above will be enforced from the date of issue of such order.)

### **29.1 Standard Operating Procedure for Withdrawal of Bid:**

#### **A. Online Withdrawal of Bid:**

The system of on-line withdrawal is available on the e-procurement portal upto end date of bid submission, where any bidder can withdraw his/her/their bid which will attract no penal action from Tender Inviting Authority (TIA) of concerned department.

#### **B. Offline Withdrawal of Bid:**

A partner of bidder (in case of partnership firms) whose DSC is registered on the e-Procurement portal can access the portal for online withdrawal but when there is a split in the business relationship, the partners whose DSC is not registered on the portal do not have the option of online withdrawal of bid. Hence such partners may opt to use offline method of withdrawal of his/her/their offer (or express his disassociation from the bidder organization).

### **29.2 Acceptance of Withdrawal:**

- (i). In case of withdrawal of bid by any bidder after end date of submission of bid a letter shall be sent by registered post/speed post in the address as available on the portal allowing 10(ten)

days time and seeking confirmation from the bidder regarding the request for withdrawal of bid. The bidder has to confirm the withdrawal by sending a confirmation letter by Regd. Post/Speed post addressed to the Tender Inviting Authority. In case of non-receipt of any confirmation from the Bidder regarding withdrawal within stipulated period, the request for withdrawal will be ignored and Tender evaluation process will continue as usual.

(ii). However if the concerned Bidder is a Partnership firm and if any of the partner wants to dissociate from the Bidding firm, then this would also tantamount to withdrawal of bid and above process of seeking confirmation will be followed by MCL. If the Bidding firm want to deny the dissociation of any of the partners then a legally acceptable document in support of their claim duly signed by all the partners of the bidding firm should be sent by Regd Post/Speed Post to Tender Inviting Authority. In case of non-receipt of any such confirmation within stipulated period of **10 (ten)** days, it will be construed that bidding firm has been dissolved and its bid will be treated as withdrawn.

(iii) MCL reserves the right to cancel the Tender if offer is withdrawn by any bidder after end date of submission apart from other penal actions as stipulated else where in this document.

30. The Company reserves the right to postpone the date of receipt and opening of tenders or to cancel the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
31. The Company reserves its right to allow Public Enterprises purchase preference facility as admissible under prevailing policy.
32. This Tender Notice shall be deemed to be part of the Contract Agreement. The “General Terms & Conditions”, Additional Terms & Conditions, Special Terms & Conditions (if any), Technical Specifications, drawings (if any) and any other document uploaded on portal as NIT document forms an integral part of this NIT and shall also form a part of the contract agreement.
33. No subletting of work as a whole by the contractor is permissible. Subletting of work in piece rated jobs is permissible with the prior approval of the department.

The Contract Agreement will specify major items of supply or services for which the contractor proposes to engage sub-contractor/sub-vendor. The contractor may from time to time propose any addition or deletion from any such list and will submit proposals in this regard to the Engineer-in-Charge/Designated Officer-in-charge for approval well in advance so as not to impede the progress of work. Such approval of the Engineer-in-Charge/Designated Officer-in-Charge will not relieve the contractor from any of his obligations, duties and responsibilities under the contract.

34. If the tenderer gets the work, he will have to submit electrical contractor's license issued by the Electrical Licensing Board of Orissa (ELBO) or electrical contractor's license of any Indian state duly recognized and endorsed by ELBO, up to 7 days beyond the last date of submission of PSD.
35. The tenderer shall have to ensure implementation of CMPF/EPF, if applicable, in respect of the workers deployed by him as detailed in the tender document.
36. The Contractor/Contractual Agencies must not engage any Child Labour during the course of execution of the contract work within the meaning and scope of the Child Labour Prohibition & Regulation Act-1986 and its relevant Act and Rules amended from time to time by the Govt. of India.
37. The Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever and to split up the work between two or more tenderers or accept the tender in part and not in its entirety.

38. Matters relating to any dispute or difference arising out of this tender and subsequent contract awarded based on this tender shall be dealt as per Clause No. 16- title-'Settlement of Disputes' of the 'General Terms and Conditions' of 'Conditions of Contract' of the tender document.
39. Successful bidder will be required to submit a Mandate Form duly signed by bidder and the Bank Officials for e-Payment.
40. Restrictions on Procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India and on sub-contracting to contractors from such countries:
- I. Any bidder from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to bid in this tender only if the bidder is registered with the Competent Authority (as per details given in Annexure-XII)
  - II. "Bidder" (including the term 'tenderer', 'consultant' or 'service provider' in certain context) means any person or firm or company, including any member of a Joint venture (that is an association of several persons or firms or companies), every artificial juridical person not falling in any of the descriptions of bidders stated herein before, including any agency, branch or office controlled by such person, participating in a procurement process.
  - III. "Bidder from a country which shares a land border with India" means:-
    - a. An entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; **or**
    - b. A subsidiary of an entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; **or**
    - c. An entity substantially controlled through entities incorporated, established or registered in such a country; **or**
    - d. An entity whose beneficial owner is situated in such a country; **or**
    - e. An Indian (or other) agent of such an entity; **or**
    - f. A natural person who is a citizen of such a country; **or**
    - g. A joint venture where any member of the joint venture falls under any of the above.
  - IV. "The beneficial owner" for the purpose of (III) above will be as under:
    1. In case of a company or Limited Liability Partnership, the beneficial owner is the natural person(s), who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person(s), has a controlling ownership interest or who exercises control through other means.

Explanation-

- a. "Controlling ownership interest" means ownership of, or entitlement to more than Twenty Five Percent of shares or capital or profits of the company;
  - b. "Control" shall include the right to appoint the majority of the directors or to control the management or policy decisions, including by virtue of their shareholding or management rights or shareholders agreements or voting agreements;
2. In case of a partnership firm, the beneficial owner is the natural person(s) who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person, has ownership of entitlement to more than fifteen percent of capital or profits of the partnership;
  3. In case of an unincorporated association or body of individuals, the beneficial owner is the natural person(s), who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or

more juridical person, has ownership of or entitlement to more than fifteen percent of the property or capital or profits of such association or body of individuals.

4. Where no natural person is identified under (1) or (2) or (3) above, the beneficial owner is the relevant natural person who holds the position of senior managing official.
  5. In case of a trust, the identification of beneficial owner(s) shall include identification of the author of the trust, the trustee, the beneficiaries with fifteen percent or more interest in the trust and any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust through a chain of control or ownership.
- V. An Agent is a person employed to do any act for another, or to represent another in dealings with third person.
- VI. The successful bidder shall not be allowed to sub-contract works to any contractor from a country which shares a land border with India unless such contractor is registered with the competent Authority.

**Note:**

1. (a) The intending bidders must submit "Certificate" as per the format given at **Annexure-XI** in compliance to order no.F.No.6/18/2019-PPD dt 23/7/2020 of Ministry of Finance, Dept of Expenditure, Public Procurement Division with respect to "restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India and on sub-contracting to contractors from such countries"

**AND**

- (b) Valid registration from competent authority (if applicable). Registration should be valid at the time of submission of bid and at the time of acceptance of bids.
2. Regarding registration with Competent Authority, **Annexure-XII** may please be referred. Regarding exclusion from restriction, **Annexure-XIII** may please be referred.

**General Manager (E&M), MCL HQ**  
/  
**Tender Inviting Authority (as applicable)**

## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **1. Definitions**

- i) The word "**Employer**" or "**Company**" or "**Owner**" wherever occurs in the conditions, means the **Mahanadi Coalfields Limited**, represented at Head Quarters by the G.M/HOD (E&M), MCL or his authorized representatives or any other officer specially deputed for the purpose who will employ the contractor.
- ii) The word "Principal Employer" wherever occurs, means the officer nominated by the Company to function on its behalf.
- iii) The word "Contractor/ Contractors" wherever occurs means the successful bidder /bidders who has/have submitted the necessary Bid Security Declaration and has/have been given written intimation about the acceptance of tender and shall include legal representative of such individual or persons composing a firm or a company or the successors and permitted assignees of such individual, firm or Company, as the case may be and any constitutional, or otherwise change of which shall have prior approval of the employer.
- iv) "**Site**" means the land and places including any building and erection thereon, over, under, in or through which the Permanent works or Temporary works designed by the Engineer-in-Charge are to be executed and any other lands and places provided by the Employer for working space or any other purpose as may be specifically designated in the Contract as forming part of the site.
- v) The term "**Sub-Contractor**" as employed herein, includes those having a direct contract with Contractor either on piece rate, item rate, time rate or any other basis and it includes one who furnishes work to a special design according to the plans or specifications of this work but does not include one who merely supplies materials.
- vi) "**Accepting Authority**" shall mean the management of the company and includes an authorized representative of the company or any other person or body of persons empowered on its behalf by the company.
- vii) "**Engineer-in-charge**" shall mean the officer nominated by the company in the E&M Engineering cadre/ discipline who is competent to direct supervisors and authorised to be in charge of the works for the purpose of this contract. The Engineer-in-Charge /Designated Officer in Charge, who is of an appropriate seniority, will be responsible for supervising and administering the contract, certifying payments due to the contractor, valuing variations to the contract, awarding extension of time and valuing compensation events. The Engineer-in-Charge /Designated Officer in Charge may further appoint his representatives i.e. another person/Project Manager or any other competent person and notify to the contractor who is directly responsible for supervising the work being executed at the site, on his behalf under their Delegation of Powers of the company. However, overall responsibility, as far as the contract is concerned, will be that of the Engineer-in-Charge/Designated Officer in Charge.
- viii) The "**Contract**" shall mean the notice inviting tender, the tender as accepted by the Company, the work order issued to the contractor, and the formal contract agreement executed between the company and the contractor together with the documents referred to therein including general terms and conditions, special conditions, if any, scope of work, frozen terms & conditions/technical parameters/scope