



DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HYDROCARBONS

(Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India)

Corrigendum No. 1 to E-Tender No. MM-14/4/2021-DGH/C5571/ENQ/207 for Empanelment of Law Firms for a Period of three (3) years.

This corrigendum is issued to extend bid closing/opening date, to amend terms & conditions, and to publish DGH's response to pre bid queries.

A: Extension of bid closing/opening date:

	In lieu of	Revised
Bid Closing Date	22.11.2021	25.11.2021
Bid Opening Date	23.11.2021	26.11.2021

B: Addendum:

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(To be signed with the successful bidder)

This CONTRACT is made and entered into on thisday of ...Two thousand and by and between Directorate General of Hydrocarbons having its office at OIBD Bhawan, Tower A, Plot No. 2, Sector – 73, Noida -201 301, India (hereinafter referred to as DGH which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning hereof shall include its successors, administrators, executors and assignees) on the one part and M/s, a company registered under the companies Act with its Registered office at referred to as the “CONTRACTOR” (which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning hereof shall include its successors, administrators, executors and permitted assignees) on the other part. Whereas DGH is desirous of (Description of services) for carrying out DGH’s operations conforming to specifications as set forth in the Scope of Supply/Schedule of rates at **Annexure-III & IV** of this agreement. And Whereas the CONTRACTOR represents that it has the necessary experience for carrying out DGH's operations as referred to herein and has submitted a bid for providing the required services against DGH’s Tender No..... all in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein and any other reasonable requirements of the DGH from time to time. And Whereas DGH's has accepted the bid of the CONTRACTOR and has placed Fax order / Letter of Intent /Notification Of Award vide its letterdated.... On the CONTRACTOR. Now it is hereby agreed to by and between the parties as under:

1.0 DEFINITIONS:

Unless inconsistent with or otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms stipulated in this CONTRACT shall have the meaning as defined hereunder.

1.1 CONTRACT

Shall mean a written CONTRACT signed between DGH and the CONTRACTOR (the successful bidder) including subsequent amendments to the CONTRACT in writing thereto.

1.2 DGH:

DGH or Directorate General of Hydrocarbons., India means an organization including its successors, under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India.

1.3 SITE:

Shall mean the place in which the services are to be carried out or places approved by the DGH for the purposes of the CONTRACT together with any other places designated in the CONTRACT as forming part of the site.

1.4 DGH’S SITE REPRESENTATIVE:

Shall mean the person or the persons appointed by DGH from time to time to act on its behalf at the site for overall co-ordination, supervision and project management at site.

1.5 CONTRACTOR:

Shall mean any person/ persons/ firm/ company etc. whose bid has been accepted by DGH and to whom work has been awarded under this contract and shall include its authorized representatives, successors and permitted assignees.

~~1.6 SUB-CONTRACT:~~

~~Shall mean order/ contract placed by the CONTRACTOR for any portion of the CONTRACT or work sublet with necessary written consent of DGH on third party. Such sub letting shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from any of its obligation, duty or responsibility under the CONTRACT.~~

1.7 SUB-CONTRACTOR:

~~Shall mean any person or persons or firm or their legal representatives, successors, assignees to whom part of CONTRACT has been sublet by the CONTRACTOR after necessary written consent of DGH.~~

1.8 CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

Shall mean such person/or persons duly appointed representative at the site and base as the CONTRACTOR may designate in writing to the DGH as having authority to act for the CONTRACTOR in matters affecting the work and to provide the requisite services.

1.9 CONTRACT PRICE

~~Shall mean the sum accepted or the sum calculated in accordance with the rates accepted by DGH and amendments thereof, and shall include all fees, registration and other charges paid to statutory authorities without any liability on DGH for any of these charges. The prices will remain firm during currency of the CONTRACT unless specifically agreed to in writing by DGH.~~

1.10 DAY

~~Shall mean a calendar day of twenty four (24) consecutive hours beginning at 0000 hours with reference to local time at the site.~~

1.11 EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS/GOODS:

~~Shall mean and include any equipment, machinery, instruments, stores, goods which CONTRACTOR is required to provide to the DGH for/under the CONTRACT and amendments thereto.~~

1.12 WORKS / OPERATIONS:

Shall mean all work to be performed by the CONTRACTOR as specified in the Scope of Work under this CONTRACT.

1.13 GUARANTEE:

~~Shall mean the period and other conditions governing the warranty/guarantee of the works as provided in the CONTRACT.~~

1.14 MOBILISATION:

Shall mean rendering the necessary equipment fully manned and equipped as per requirements of the CONTRACT and ready to begin work at designated site. The date and time of DGH's acceptance will be treated as the date and time of mobilisation.

1.15 DEMOBILISATION:

Shall mean the removal of all things forming part of the mobilization from the site designated by DGH. The date and time of DGH's acceptance shall be treated as the date and time of demobilization

1.16 DRAWINGS:

~~Shall mean and include all Engineering sketches, general arrangements/ layout drawings, sectional plans, all elevations, etc. related to the CONTRACT together with modification and revision thereto.~~

1.17 SPECIFICATIONS:

~~Shall mean and include detailed description, statements to technical data, performance characteristics, and standards (Indian as well as International) as applicable and as specified in the CONTRACT.~~

1.18 INSPECTORS:

~~Shall mean any person or outside Agency nominated by DGH to inspect equipment, materials and services, if any, in the CONTRACT stage wise as well as final as per the terms of the CONTRACT.~~

1.19 TESTS:

~~Shall mean such process or processes to be carried out by the CONTRACTOR as are prescribed in the CONTRACT considered necessary by DGH or their representative in CONTRACT to ascertain quality, workmanship, performance and efficiency of equipment or services thereof.~~

1.20 FACILITY:

Shall mean all property of the DGH owned or hired by DGH.

1.21 THIRD PARTY

Shall mean any group, person or persons who may be engaged in activity associated with the work specified but who shall remain at an arm's length from the work and who shall not have a direct responsibility or authority under the terms of this CONTRACT.

1.22 APPROVAL:

Shall mean and include the written consent duly signed by DGH or their representative in respect of all documents, drawings or other particulars in relation to the CONTRACT

1.23 SINGULAR/ PLURAL WORDS:

Save where the context otherwise requires, words imparting singular number shall include the plural and vice versa and words imparting neutral gender shall include masculine or feminine gender and vice versa.

1.24 GROSS NEGLIGENCE:

Shall mean any act or failure to act (whether sole, joint or concurrent) by a person or entity which was intended to cause, or which was in reckless disregard of or wanton indifference to, avoidable and harmful consequences such person or entity knew, or should have known, would result from such act or failure to act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Gross negligence shall not include any action taken in good faith for the safeguard of life or property,

1.25 WILLFUL MISCONDUCT:

Shall mean intentional disregard of good and prudent standards of performance or proper conduct under the CONTRACT with knowledge that it is likely to result in any injury to any person or persons or loss or damage of property.

2.0 SCOPE OF SUPPLY / WORK / CONTRACT:

Scope of the SUPPLY/WORK/CONTRACT shall be as defined in the CONTRACT, specifications at **Annexure-III.**

3.0 EFFECTIVE DATE, MOBILISATION TIME, DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONTRACT AND DURATION OF CONTRACT:

3.1 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONTRACT: ~~The contract shall become effective after placement of LOA. DGH notifies the successful bidder, in writing through Letter of Awards (LOA) that it has been awarded the contract.~~

3.2 MOBILISATION TIME: ~~The mobilization should be completed by Contractor within the stipulated period under the contract. Mobilization shall be deemed to be completed when contractor's equipment & manpower are placed at the nominated location in readiness to commence Work as envisaged under the Contract duly certified by the DGH's authorized representative.~~

3.3 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF EMPANELMENT: The date on which LOA is placed, will be treated as date of commencement of Contract.

3.4 DURATION OF EMPANELMENT:

The empanelment will be for a period of three years extendable by another six months on mutual consent at the same rate, terms, and conditions. However, engagement of a law firm may continue in a particular matter, on same rate, terms, and conditions, beyond the empaneled period, considering the importance and requirement for continuation, at the sole discretion of DGH.

4.0 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR: Contractor shall, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract:

4.1 Perform the work described in the Scope of Work / Technical Specifications (**Annexure III**) in most competent manner both technically & systematically and also in economic and cost effective manner.

4.2 Except as otherwise provided in the Terms of Reference and the special Conditions of the contract provide all manpower as required to perform the work.

4.3 Perform all other obligations, work and services which are required by the terms of this contract or which reasonably can be implied from such terms as being necessary for the successful and timely completion of the work.

4.4 Contractor shall be deemed to have satisfied himself before submitting his bid as to the correctness and sufficiency of its bid for the services required and of the rates and prices quoted, which rates and prices shall, except insofar as otherwise provided, cover all its obligations under the contract.

4.5 Contractor shall give or provide all necessary supervision during the performance of the services and as long thereafter within the warranty period as DGH may consider necessary for the proper fulfilling of Contractor's obligations under the contract.

5.0 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF DGH: DGH shall, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this contract:

5.1 Pay Contractor in accordance with terms and conditions of the contract.

5.2 Allow Contractor and his personnel access, subject to normal security and safety procedures, to all areas as required for orderly performance of the work.

5.3 Perform all other obligations required of DGH by the terms of the contract.

6.0 PERSONNEL TO BE DEPLOYED BY CONTRACTOR

6.1 Contractor warrants that they will provide competent, qualified and sufficiently experienced personnel to perform the work correctly and efficiently and shall ensure that such personnel observe applicable DGH and statutory safety requirement. Upon DGH's written request, Contractor, entirely at their own expense, shall remove immediately, from assignment to the work, any personnel of the Contractor determined by the DGH to be unsuitable and shall promptly replace such personnel with personnel acceptable to the DGH without affecting DGH's work. The replacement key personnel must have the requisite qualification and experience as per Scope of Work / Technical Specifications (**Annexure -III**) and shall submit their credentials along with their recent photographs to DGH for approval of DGH.

6.0 The Contractor shall be solely responsible throughout the period of this contract for providing all requirements of their personnel including but not limited to their transportation to & fro Noida/field site, enroute/local boarding, lodging, medical attention etc. DGH shall have no liability or responsibility in this regard.

6.1 Contractor's key personnel shall be fluent in English language (both writing and speaking).

7.0 WARRANTY AND REMEDY OF DEFECTS

~~7.1 Contractor warrants that they shall perform the work in a first class, workmanlike, and professional manner and in accordance with the highest degree of quality, efficiency and current state of the art technology/oil field practices and in conformity with all specifications, standards and drawings set forth or referred to in the Scope of Work / Terms of Reference and with instructions and guidance which DGH may, from time to time, furnish to the Contractor.~~

~~7.2 Should DGH discover at any time during the tenure of the Contract or within 3 (three) months after completion of the operations that the Work does not conform to the foregoing warranty, Contractor shall after receipt of notice from DGH, promptly perform any and all corrective work required to make the services conform to the Warranty. Such corrective Work shall be performed entirely at Contractor's own expenses. If such corrective Work is not performed within a reasonable time, DGH, at its option may have such remedial Work performed by others and charge the cost thereof to Contractor which the Contractor must pay promptly. In case Contractor fails to perform remedial work, or pay promptly in respect thereof, the performance security shall be forfeited.~~

8.0 NOTICES AND ADDRESSES:

For the purposes of this CONTRACT, the addresses of the parties will be as follows and all correspondence and notices in relations to the present CONTRACT sent to the parties at the addresses mentioned below shall be deemed to be sufficient service of notice on the parties. All such notices as well as reports, invoices and other relevant material shall be addressed to the parties as per the address given below:

8.1 Directorate general of Hydrocarbons

(a) For CONTRACT related communication: HOD (MM), Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, OIDB Bhawan, Tower A, Plot No. 2, Sector – 73, Noida -201 301, India. Fax : +91 120 2472049.

(b) For reports and payments: HOD (Legal), Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, OIIB Bhawan, Tower A, Plot No. 2, Sector – 73, Noida -201 301, India. Fax : +91 120 2472049

8.2 CONTRACTOR'S REGISTERED OFFICE AND ADDRESS

..... Fax:.....

9.0 DUTIES AND POWER /AUTHORITY:

9.1 The duties and authorities of the DGH's site representative are to act on behalf of the DGH for:

- i. Overall supervision, co-ordination and Project Management at site
- ii. Proper utilization of equipment and services.
- iii. Monitoring of performance and progress
- iv. Commenting/ countersigning on reports made by the CONTRACTOR's representative at site in respect of works, receipts, consumption etc. after satisfying himself with the facts of the respective cases.
- v. He shall have the authority, but not obligation at all times and any time to inspect/test/examine/ verify any equipment machinery, instruments, tools, materials, personnel, procedures and reports etc. directly or indirectly pertaining to the execution of the work. However this shall not construe to imply an acceptance by the inspector. Hence, the overall responsibility of quality of work shall rest solely with the CONTRACTOR.
- vi. Each and every document emerging from site in support of any claim by the contractor has to have the countersignature/ comments of the DGH's representative/engineer without which no claim will be entertained by the DGH.

9.2 CONTRACTOR's representative:

- i. The CONTRACTOR's representative shall have all the powers requisite for the performance of the works.
- ii. He shall liaise with DGH's representative for the proper co-ordination and timely completion of the works and on any matter pertaining to the works.
- iii. He will extend full co-operation to DGH's representative/inspector in the manner required by them for supervision/inspection/observation of equipment, material, procedures, performance, reports and records pertaining to works.
- iv. To have complete charge of CONTRACTOR's personnel engaged in the performance of the work and to ensure compliance of rules and regulations and safety practice.

10.0 CONTRACT DOCUMENT:

10.1 Governing language:

The governing language for the CONTRACT shall be English. All CONTRACT documents and all correspondence and communication to be given and all other documentation to be prepared and supplied under the CONTRACT shall be written in English and the CONTRACT shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with English language.

10.2 Entire Agreement:

The CONTRACT constitutes the entire agreement between the DGH and the CONTRACTOR with respect to the subject matter of the CONTRACT and supersedes all communication, negotiations and agreement (whether written or oral) of the parties with respect thereto made prior to the date of this

agreement. The right of either party to require strict performances will not be affected by any previous waiver or course of dealing. Neither this Agreement nor any modification will be binding on a party unless signed by an authorised representative of CONTRACTOR and DGH.

10.3 Modification in CONTRACT:

All modifications leading to changes in the CONTRACT with respect to technical and/or commercial aspects, including terms of delivery, shall be considered valid only when accepted in writing by DGH by issuing amendment to the CONTRACT. DGH shall not be bound by any printed conditions, provisions in the CONTRACTOR's BID, forms of acknowledgement of CONTRACT, invoice, packing list and other documents which purport to impose any condition at variance with or supplement to CONTRACT.

10.4 Assignment:

The CONTRACTOR shall not, save with the previous consent in writing of the DGH, sublet/SUB-CONTRACT, transfer or assign the CONTRACT or any part thereof in any manner whatsoever. However, such consent shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from any obligation, duty or responsibility under the CONTRACT and CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the services hereunder and for the execution and performance of the CONTRACT.

10.5 Waivers and amendments:

Waivers: - It is fully understood and agreed that none of the terms and conditions of this CONTRACT shall be deemed waived by either party unless such waiver is executed in writing only by the duly authorised agents or representative of both the parties. The failure of either party to execute any right shall not act as a waiver of such right by such party. Amendments: - It is agreed that CONTRACTOR shall carry out work in accordance with the completion program to be furnished by the DGH which may be amended from time to time by reasonable modifications as DGH deems fit.

11.0 REMUNERATION AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

11.1 DGH shall pay to CONTRACTOR for the services/supply, to be provided by the CONTRACTOR as per the Scope of supply (**Annexure-III**). The rates payable shall be firm during the entire CONTRACT period, including extension period, if any.

11.2 All Bills along with relevant supporting documents shall be submitted in triplicate to the addressee at **8.1 (b)** above.

11.3 Clear (undisputed) invoices with original supporting documents duly countersigned by DGH's representative/ engineer wherever applicable will be submitted at the end of satisfactory completion of Works / Services / Project by the CONTRACTOR to DGH and payment shall be made within 30 (thirty) calendar days from the date of receipt of invoice at the above office (Unless otherwise specified in the Special Conditions of the Contract)

The original invoice should also accompany the following documents/ details: 1) Along with invoice: Following documents / details should be invariably furnished along with the invoice:

- a) Copy of valid registration certificate under the GST Tax rules.
- b) Particulars required for making payments through 'Electronic Payment Mechanism', in accordance with the clause on 'MODE OF PAYMENT' appearing in **Annexure-I** (i.e. 'Instructions to bidders') of bid document.

- c) Invoice (i.e. Tax invoice as per relevant GST rules, in original and duplicate, clearly indicating GST Tax registration number, Rate and amount of GST shown separately).
- d) Insurance policies and proof of payment of premium (As applicable).
- e) Details of statutory payments like PF, ESI, EPF etc. (As applicable).
- f) Undertaking by the contractor regarding compliance of all statutes.
- g) Documentary evidence of payment of Customs duty, where applicable.
- h) Any other document specifically mentioned in the Contract, or supporting documents in respect of other claims (if any), permissible under the Contract.

In addition to the said particulars submitted along with the bid, the CONTRACTOR should also provide any other information as may be required for determining the taxability of the amount to be remitted to the non-resident. Further, the CONTRACTOR shall be liable to intimate the subsequent changes (if any) to the information submitted against any of the said particulars, along with full details.

11.4 In the event of any dispute in a portion or whole of any invoice, DGH shall make payment of undisputed portion and shall promptly notify the CONTRACTOR's representative in writing for the remaining portion in CONTRACT to mutually resolve the dispute and if resolved in part or full, payment shall be made to the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of such settlement.

11.5 DGH's right to question the amounts claimed

Payment of any invoice shall not prejudice the right of the DGH to question the allowability under this Contract of any amounts claimed therein, provided DGH, within one year beyond the expiry of each CONTRACT year, delivers to CONTRACTOR, written notice identifying any item or items which it questions and specifying the reasons therefor. Should DGH so notify CONTRACTOR, such adjustment shall be made as the parties shall agree. These provisions shall be reciprocal for similar rights to the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall provide on demand a complete and correct set of records pertaining to all costs for which it claims reimbursement from DGH and as to any payment provided for hereunder, which is to be made on the basis of CONTRACTOR's costs.

12.0 CLAIMS, TAXES & DUTIES, FEES AND ACCOUNTING

12.1 A Claims

CONTRACTOR agrees to pay all claims, taxes and fees for equipment, labour, materials, services and supplies to be furnished by it hereunder and agrees to allow no lien or charge resulting from such claims to be fixed upon any property of DGH. DGH may, at its option, pay and discharge any liens or overdue charges for CONTRACTOR's equipment, labour, materials, services and supplies under this CONTRACT and may thereupon deduct the amount or amounts so paid from any sum due, or thereafter become due, to CONTRACTOR hereunder.

12.2 B. Notice of claims

CONTRACTOR or DGH, as the case may be, shall promptly give the other, notice in writing of any claim made or proceeding commenced for which that party is entitled to indemnification under the CONTRACT. Each party shall confer with the other concerning the defense of any such claims or proceeding, shall permit the other to be represented by counsel in defense thereof, and shall not effect settlement of or compromise any such claim or proceeding without the other's written consent.

12.3 Taxes

CONTRACTOR, unless specified otherwise in the CONTRACT, shall bear all tax liabilities, duties, Govt. levies etc. including Corporate and Personnel Taxes levied or imposed on the CONTRACTOR on account of payments received by it from the DGH for the work done under this CONTRACT. It shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to submit to the concerned Indian authorities, the returns and all other concerned documents required for this purpose and to comply in all respects with the requirements of the laws in this regard, in time.

12.4 Personnel taxes

The CONTRACTOR shall bear all personnel taxes levied or imposed on its personnel, SUB-CONTRACTOR's personnel, vendors, consultants etc. on account of payment received under this CONTRACT. Tax shall be deducted at source as per Indian Tax Laws.

12.5 Corporate taxes

The CONTRACTOR shall bear all Corporate taxes, levied or imposed on the CONTRACTOR on account of payments received by it from the DGH for the work done under this CONTRACT.

12.6 If it is so required by the applicable laws in force at the time of payment, DGH shall withhold from the amount due to the CONTRACTOR and pay to the Indian Tax authorities any tax levied or assessed on account of the CONTRACTOR's operations pursuant to this CONTRACT.

12.7 It is noted that CONTRACT u/s 195 (2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for the purpose of deduction of tax at source will be obtained by DGH from the concerned Income Tax authorities in India.

12.8 For the lapse, if any on the part of the CONTRACTOR and consequential penal action taken by the Tax department, the DGH shall not take any responsibility whether financial or otherwise.

13.0 PERFORMANCE

The CONTRACTOR shall undertake to perform all services under this CONTRACT with all-reasonable skill, diligence and care in accordance with sound industry practice to the satisfaction of the DGH and accept full responsibility for the satisfactory quality of such services as performed by them. Any defect, deficiencies noticed in the CONTRACTOR's service will be promptly remedied by the CONTRACTOR within 7 days upon the receipt of written notice from the DGH to improve their performance failing which the DGH may terminate the CONTRACT by giving the CONTRACTOR **07 (SEVEN)** days written notice.

14.0 PERFORMANCE BOND

~~14.1 The Contractor shall furnish to DGH a Bank Guarantee No. _____ dated _____ issued by _____ for _____ (3 % of Annualized contract value) to be submitted within 21 days of the placement of Letter of Award (LoA)/ Notification of Award (NoA) valid till 02 months beyond the duration of contract towards performance under this CONTRACT. In the event of any extension of the Contract period, Bank Guarantee should be extended by the period equivalent to the extended period of the contract. The bank guarantee will be discharged by DGH not later than 30 days following its expiry.~~

~~14.2 In the event CONTRACTOR fails to honour any of the commitments entered into under this agreement and /or in respect of any amount due from the CONTRACTOR to the DGH, the DGH shall have unconditional option under the guarantee to invoke the above bank guarantee and claim the amount from the bank. The bank shall be obliged to pay the amount to the DGH on demand.~~

15.0 DISCIPLINE

CONTRACTOR shall carry out operations hereunder with due diligence and in a safe and workman like manner according to good international oilfield practice. CONTRACTOR shall maintain strict discipline and good CONTRACT among its employees and its SUB-CONTRACTOR's employees and shall abide by and conform to all rules and regulations promulgated by the DGH governing the operations. Should DGH feel that the conduct of any of CONTRACTOR/SUB-CONTRACTOR's employees is detrimental to DGH's interest, the DGH shall have the unqualified right to request for the removal of such employee either for incompetence, unreliability, misbehavior, security reasons etc. while on or off the job. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with any such request to remove such personnel at CONTRACTOR's expense unconditionally. The CONTRACTOR will be allowed a maximum of 7 (seven) working days to replace the person by competent qualified person at CONTRACTOR's cost.

16.0 SAFETY AND LABOUR LAWS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provision of all laws including Labour Laws, rules, regulations and notifications issued thereunder from time to time. All safety and labour laws enforced by statutory agencies and by DGH shall be applicable in the performance of this CONTRACT and CONTRACTOR shall abide by these laws. CONTRACTOR shall take all measures necessary or proper to protect the personnel, work and facilities and shall observe all reasonable safety rules and instructions. DGH's employee also shall comply with safety procedures/policy. The CONTRACTOR shall report as soon as possible any evidence which may indicate or is likely to lead to an abnormal or dangerous situation and shall take all necessary emergency control steps to avoid such abnormal situations.

16.1 Verification of character and antecedents of Contractual Manpower

In all contracts involving deployment of Contractor's manpower within DGH's premises like plants, offices, installations, rigs, stock yards etc., the Contractor shall submit the following documents to DGH prior to start of work:

- (i) Undertaking from the Contractor that the character and antecedents of the person(s) proposed to be deployed by them is/are impeccable.
- (ii) Undertaking from the Contractor that they have scrutinized the previous working of the person(s) proposed to be deployed by them and there is nothing adverse as regards his/her character and antecedent.

(iii) Along with the above mentioned undertakings, the Contractor will provide certified photocopies of Police verification certificates in respect of persons proposed to be deployed by them, for inspection by the authorized representative of DGH. The Contractor has to obtain Police verification report (signed by an officer equivalent to DSP rank of higher) from the area where the person(s) to be deployed has/have been residing since the last five years. In case the person concerned has not resided at a place for five years at a stretch, Police verification reports should be obtained from that area where the person(s) has/ have stayed earlier during the last five years.

17.0 SECRECY

CONTRACTOR shall during the tenure of the CONTRACT and at anytime thereafter maintain in the strictest confidence all information relating to the work and shall not, unless so authorised in writing by DGH, divulge or grant access to any information about the work or its results and shall prevent anyone becoming acquainted with either through CONTRACTOR or its personnel or

authorised SUB-Contractors or agents. CONTRACTOR shall not avail of the information obtained in the course of work hereunder in any manner, whatsoever, nor shall CONTRACTOR divulge any information about the location of the work area of part thereof. CONTRACTOR shall not also destroy any report, note and technical data relating to the work and not required by the DGH. The obligation is continuing one and shall survive after the completion/ termination of this agreement.

18.0 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

During the tenure of this CONTRACT nothing shall be done by the CONTRACTOR in contravention of any law, act and/or rules/regulations, thereunder or any amendment thereof governing interalia customs stowaways, foreign exchange etc.

19.0 INSURANCE

- A) CONTRACTOR shall, at his own expense, arrange appropriate insurance to cover all risks assumed by the CONTRACTOR under this CONTRACT in respect of its personnel deputed under this CONTRACT as well as CONTRACTOR's equipment, tools and any other belongings of the CONTRACTOR or their personnel during the entire period of their engagement in connection with this CONTRACT. DGH will have no liability on this account.
- B) Waiver of subrogation: All insurance policies of the CONTRACTOR with respect to the operations conducted hereunder as set forth in **clause 16** hereof, shall be endorsed by the underwriter in accordance with the following policy wording:-

“The insurers hereby waive their rights of subrogation against any individual, DGH, affiliates or assignees for whom or with whom the assured may be operating to the extent of the Contractual indemnities undertaken by the CONTRACTOR”.

C) Certificate of Insurance: Before commencing performance of the CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR shall upon request furnish DGH with certificates of insurance indicating (1) kinds and amounts of insurance as required herein (2) insurance corporation or companies carrying the aforesaid coverage (3) effective and expiry dates of policies (4) that DGH shall be given thirty (30) days written advance notice of any material change in the policy (5) waiver of subrogation endorsement has been attached to all policies and (6) the territorial limits of all policies. If any of the above policy expire or/ are cancelled during the term of this CONTRACT and CONTRACTOR fails for any reason to renew such policies, then DGH may replace same and charge the cost thereof to CONTRACTOR. Should there be lapse in any insurance required to be carried out by CONTRACTOR hereunder for any reason, losses resulting therefrom shall be to the sole account of the CONTRACTOR. Such insurance shall be effected within Insurance Company incorporated and registered in India or jointly with a Company of International repute and an Insurance Company incorporated and registered in India.

D) Deductible: That portion of any loss not covered by insurance provided for in this article solely by reason of deductible provision in such insurance policies shall be to the account of the CONTRACTOR.

E) CONTRACTOR shall require all of its SUB-Contractors to provide such of the foregoing insurance cover as the CONTRACTOR is obligated to provide under this CONTRACT.

20.0 INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

20.1 INDEMNITY BY CONTRACTOR

Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and keep indemnified DGH, its CONTRACTORS (other than the CONTRACTOR) and/or subCONTRACTORS and its/their employees from all actions, proceedings, suits, claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, charges, expenses (including without limitation, wreck or debris, removal costs, where wreck or debris removal is ordered by a competent authority) judgments and fines arising out of or in the course of or caused by the execution of work under the CONTRACT or other obligations hereunder directly or indirectly associated herewith and or arising from :

a) personal injury, illness or death of :

(i) any of CONTRACTOR's or subCONTRACTOR's personnel (even if caused by or contributed to by the negligence or fault of DGH); and

(ii) subject to clause **20.2 (a) (i)** any other person to the extent the injury, illness or death is caused by the negligence or fault of the CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's personnel or subCONTRACTORS or subCONTRACTOR's personnel and

b) loss or damage to :

(i) any property owned, hired or supplied by CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's personnel or subCONTRACTORS or subCONTRACTOR's personnel including Constructional Plant (even if caused by, or contributed to by, the negligence or fault of DGH); or

(ii) subject to clause **20.2 (b) (i)** any other property to the extent the loss or damage is caused by the negligence or fault of the CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's personnel or subCONTRACTORS or subCONTRACTOR's personnel.

20.2 Indemnity by DGH:

Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this CONTRACT, DGH shall indemnify and keep indemnified CONTRACTOR (which expression in this clause includes, unless the context otherwise requires. SubCONTRACTORS of any tier and their employees) from all actions, proceedings, suits, claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, charges, expenses and fines arising from :

a) personal injury, illness or death of

(i) any employee of the DGH (even if caused by or contributed to by the negligence or fault of CONTRACTOR);

(ii) subject to clause **20.1 (a) (i)** any other person to the extent that the injury, illness or death is caused by the negligence or fault of DGH ; and

b) any loss or damage to :

(i) any property owned, hired or supplied by DGH (even if caused by or contributed to by the negligence or fault of CONTRACTOR); except to the extent that such property is in the care or custody of CONTRACTOR in connection with the work under the CONTRACT.

(ii) Subject to clause **20.1 (b) (i)** any loss or damage to any other property to the extent the loss or damage is caused by the negligence or fault of DGH.

21.0 TERMINATION: The Contract may be terminated by DGH at any time by the DGH on giving 07 (seven) days written notice in the event of following:

- (i) Inordinate delay in completion of Services by the Consultant, in spite of repeated reminders or notices by DGH
- (ii) Misrepresentation and submission of false information by the Consultant.
- (iii) Working against the interest of DGH by the Consultant including its affiliates, employees, agents and advisors etc.
- (iv) Disclosure of confidential information to any third party.
- (v) The Consultant becomes insolvent or bankrupt or winding up proceedings are initiated against it or it enters into any agreement(s) for relief of debt or takes advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or goes into liquidation, receivership or restructuring, whether compulsory or voluntary;
- (vi) The established team of Key Personnel is changed by whatsoever reason and the Consultant fails to replace the similar suitable qualified persons of equivalent expertise, experience, and specialty to the satisfaction of DGH.

In the event of such termination, the DGH shall not be liable to pay any cost or damage to the Contractor except for payment of services availed under the Contract up to the date of termination. The contract shall then stand terminated and the Contractor shall demobilize their personnel & materials.

22.0 SEVERABILITY

Should any provision of this agreement be found to be invalid, illegal or otherwise not enforceable by any court of law, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions hereto and they shall remain binding on the parties hereto.

23.0 WITHHOLDING

23.1 DGH may at its absolute discretion withhold or nullify its obligations to pay the whole or any part of the amount due to the Contractor on account of subsequently discovered evidence of loss/damages caused to the DGH by the contractor on account of:

- 23.1.1 Non-completion of contracted work to the absolute satisfaction of the DGH or its duly appointed representative/agent.

23.1.2 Contractor's un-cleared debt arising out of execution of the Contract.

23.1.3 Defective work not remedied by the Contractor.

23.1.4 Unsettled claims by any of the sub-contractor/s appointed by the Contractor or by any other third party claiming through the contractor or on the basis of any reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims against the Contractor.

23.1.5 Any failure by the Contractor to fully reimburse the DGH in terms of the indemnification provisions of the Contract. Where, during the process of the work, the Contractor allows any indebtedness to accrue for which DGH may be held to be primarily or contingently liable or ultimately responsible for its discharge and where the Contractor fails to pay and discharge such indebtedness, within five days of being called upon to do so, then DGH may during the period for which indebtedness shall remain unpaid, be entitled to with-hold a sum equal to the amount of such

unpaid indebtedness. When all the above grounds for withholding payments are removed, the payments shall thereafter be made for amounts so withheld.

23.1.6 Withholding will also be effected on account of the following:-

- (i) Garnishee order issued by a Court of Law in India.
- (ii) Income tax deductible at source according to Law prevalent from time to time in the country.
- (i) Any obligation of Contractor which by any Law prevalent from time to time to be discharged by DGH in the event of Contractor's failure to adhere to such Laws.

24.0 CHANGE IN LAW

24.1 In the event of introduction of any new legislation or any change or amendment or enforcement of any Act or Law, rules or regulations of Government of India or State Government(s) or Public Body which becomes effective after the date of submission of Price Bid or revised price bid, if any, for this CONTRACT and which results in increased cost of the works under the CONTRACT through increased liability of taxes, (other than personnel and Corporate taxes), duties, the CONTRACTOR shall be indemnified for any such increased cost by the DGH subject to the production of documentary proof to the satisfaction of the DGH to the extent which directly is attributable to such introduction of new legislation or change or amendment as mentioned above and adjudication by the competent authority & the courts wherever levy of such taxes / duties are disputed by DGH.

24.2 Similarly, in the event of introduction of new legislation or any change or amendment or enforcement of any Act or Law, rules or regulations of Government of India or State Government(s) or Public Body which becomes effective after the date of submission of Price Bid or revised price bid, if any, for this CONTRACT and which results in any decrease in the cost of the works through reduced liability of taxes, (other than personnel and Corporate taxes) duties, the CONTRACTOR shall pass on the benefits of such reduced cost, taxes or duties to the DGH, to the extent which is directly attributable to such introduction of new legislation or change or amendment as mentioned above.

24.3 All duties, taxes (except where otherwise expressly provided in the Contract) as may be levied / imposed in consequences of execution of the Works/Services or in relation thereto or in connection therewith as per the Acts, Laws, Rules, Regulations in force on the date of submission of Price Bid or revised price bid, if any, for this CONTRACT shall be to CONTRACTOR's account. Any increase / decrease in such duties, taxes after the date of submission of price bid or revised price bid, if any, but within the contractual completion / mobilization date as stipulated in the CONTRACT will be to the account of DGH.

24.4 Any increase in the duties and taxes after the contractual completion / mobilization date during the extended period will be to the contractor's account, where delay in completion /mobilization period is attributable to the CONTRACTOR. However, any decrease of duties and taxes after the contractual completion / mobilization date will be to DGH's account.

24.5 The Contract Price and other prices given in the Price Format are based on the applicable tariff as indicated by the CONTRACTOR in the Price Format. In case this information subsequently proves to be wrong, incorrect or misleading, DGH will have no liability to reimburse/pay to the CONTRACTOR the excess duties, taxes, fees, if any finally levied / imposed by the concerned authorities. However, in such an event, DGH will have the right to recover the difference in case the rate of duty/tax finally assessed is on the lower side.

24.6 Notwithstanding the provision contained in clause **24.1 to 24.4** above, the DGH shall not bear any liability in respect of:

- (i) Personal taxes on the personnel deployed by CONTRACTOR, his sub-contractor / sub-sub contractors and Agents etc.
- (ii) Corporate taxes and Fringe benefit tax in respect of contractor and all of their sub-contractors, agents etc.
- (iii) Other taxes & duties including new taxes etc. in respect of sub-contractors, vendors, agents etc of the CONTRACTOR.

25.0 FORCE MAJEURE

In the event of either party being rendered unable by Force Majeure to perform any obligation required to be performed by them under the CONTRACT, the relative obligation of the party affected by such Force Majeure shall be suspended for the period during which such cause lasts. For the purpose of this contract, the term Force Majeure means any cause or event, other than the unavailability of funds, whether similar to or different from those enumerated herein, lying beyond the reasonable control of, and unanticipated or unforeseeable by, and not brought about at the instance of, the Party claiming to be affected by such event, or which, if anticipated or foreseeable, could not be avoided or provided for, and which has caused the non performance or delay in performance. Without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, the term Force Majeure shall include natural phenomenon or calamities, earth quakes, typhoons, fires, wars declared or undeclared, hostilities, invasions, blockades, riots, strikes, insurrection and civil disturbances but shall not include unavailability of funds. Upon the occurrence of such cause and upon its termination, the party alleging that it has been rendered unable as aforesaid thereby, shall notify the other party in writing, the beginning of the cause amounting to Force Majeure as also the ending of the said cause by giving notice to the other party within 72 hours of the beginning and the ending of the cause respectively. If deliveries are suspended by Force Majeure conditions lasting for more than 2 (two) months, DGH shall have the option of cancelling this CONTRACT in whole or part at its discretion without any liability at its part. The Party asserting the claim of Force Majeure shall have the burden of proving that the circumstances constitute valid grounds of Force Majeure and that such party has exercised reasonable diligence and efforts to remedy the cause of any alleged Force Majeure. Time for performance of the relative obligation suspended by Force Majeure shall then stand extended by the period for which such cause lasts.

26.0 EMPLOYMENT BY FIRMS TO OFFICIALS OF DGH

Firms/companies who have or had business relations with DGH are advised not to employ serving DGH employees without prior permission. It is also advised not to employ ex-personnel of DGH within the initial two years period after their retirement/resignation/severance from the service without specific permission of DGH. The DGH may decide not to deal with such firm(s) who fail to comply with the above advice.

27.0 PREFERENCE TO LOCAL COMPANIES

CONTRACTOR agrees to give priority and preference to locally owned companies, when hiring Sub CONTRACTOR, SUBJECT TO price, quality and delivery being equivalent.

28.0 JURISDICTION AND APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement including all matters connected with this Agreement, shall be governed by the laws of India (both substantive and procedural) for the time being in force and shall be subject to exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts at new Delhi (the place where the CONTRACT is signed in India).

29.0 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND ARBITRATION

29.1 Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in the contract, if any dispute or difference arises between the parties hereto or the respective representatives or assignees at any time in connection with operation, interpretation or out of CONTRACT or breach thereof shall be decided in accordance with Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 by an Arbitral Tribunal consisting of three arbitrators. Each party shall appoint one arbitrator and the Arbitrators so appointed shall appoint third arbitrator, who shall act as the presiding arbitrator.

29.2 In case a party fails to appoint an arbitrator within 30 days from the receipt of request to do so by the other party or the two arbitrators so appointed fail to agree on the appointment of the third arbitrator within 30 days of the appointment of second Arbitrator, the Chief Justice of Supreme Court/High Court as the case may be or any other person or institution designated by him within whose jurisdiction the subject CONTRACT has been made, shall appoint the arbitrator/presiding arbitrator upon request of any of the parties.

29.3 If any of the arbitrators so appointed dies, resigns, incapacitated or withdraws for any reasons from the proceedings, it shall be lawful for the concerned party/arbitrators to appoint another person in his place in the same manner as aforesaid. Such person shall proceed with the reference from the stage where his predecessor had left if both the parties agree for the same and otherwise he shall proceed de-novo.

29.4 It is agreed between the parties that the party invoking arbitration shall specify all disputes to be referred to arbitration at the time of invocation of arbitration and not thereafter.

29.5 It is also agreed between the parties that neither party to the arbitration shall be entitled to the interest on the amount of award.

29.6 The Arbitral tribunal shall give a reasoned award and the same shall be final, conclusive and binding on the parties.

29.7 The venue of the arbitration shall be New Delhi, India and shall be conducted in English language. The Courts in Delhi will have the jurisdiction to deal with such arbitration award if required.

29.8 The fees of the arbitrators shall be borne by the respective parties nominating them and the fee of the presiding arbitrator, cost and other expenses incidental to the arbitration proceedings shall be borne equally by the parties. Subject to aforesaid, the provisions of Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and any statutory modification or re-enactment in lieu thereof shall apply to the arbitration proceedings under this clause.

30.0 CONTINUANCE OF THE CONTRACT

Notwithstanding the fact that settlement of dispute(s) (if any) under arbitration may be pending, the parties hereto shall continue to be governed by and perform the work in accordance with the provisions under this CONTRACT.

31.0 INTERPRETATION

The titles and headings of the sections in this CONTRACT are inserted for convenient reference only and shall not be construed and limiting or extending the meaning of any provisions of this CONTRACT.

32.0 PATENT INDEMNITY

~~32.1 The CONTRACTOR shall, subject to the DGH's compliance with Sub Clause below, indemnify and hold harmless the DGH and its employees and officers from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the DGH may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract by reason of:~~

- ~~a) the installation of the Items by the CONTRACTOR or the use of the Items in the country where the Site is located; and~~
- ~~b) the sale in any country of the products produced by the Items.~~

~~Such indemnity shall not cover any use of the Items or any part thereof other than for the purpose indicated by or to be reasonably inferred from the Contract, neither any infringement resulting from the use of the Items or any part thereof, or any products produced thereby in association or combination with any other equipment, plant, or materials not supplied by the CONTRACTOR, pursuant to the Contract.~~

~~32.2 If any proceedings are brought or any claim is made against the DGH arising out of the matters referred to in GCC above Sub Clause, the DGH shall promptly give the CONTRACTOR a notice thereof, and the CONTRACTOR may at its own expense and in the DGH's name conduct such proceedings or claim and any negotiations for the settlement of any such proceedings or claim.~~

~~32.3 If the CONTRACTOR fails to notify the DGH within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of such notice that it intends to conduct any such proceedings or claim, then the DGH shall be free to conduct the same on its own behalf.~~

~~32.4 The DGH shall, at the CONTRACTOR's request, afford all available assistance to the CONTRACTOR in conducting such proceedings or claim, and shall be reimbursed by the CONTRACTOR for all reasonable expenses incurred in so doing.~~

~~32.5 The DGH shall indemnify and hold harmless the CONTRACTOR and its employees, officers, and Subcontractors from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the CONTRACTOR may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract arising out of or in connection with any design, data, drawing, specification, or other documents or materials provided or designed by or on behalf of the DGH.~~

33.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS:

The CONTRACTOR shall act as an independent contractor performing the CONTRACT. The Contract does not create any agency, partnership, joint ventures or joint relationship between the parties. Subject to all compliance with the CONTRACT, the CONTRACTOR shall be solely

responsible for the manner in which works are performed. All employees, representatives or sub-CONTRACTORS engaged by the CONTRACTOR in performing the CONTRACT shall be under the complete control of the CONTRACTOR and shall not be deemed to be employees of the DGH and nothing contained in the CONTRACT or in any sub-CONTRACT awarded by the CONTRACTOR shall be construed to create any contractual relationship between any such employees or representative or Sub-CONTRACTOR and the DGH. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the acts, defaults or negligence of the CONTRACTOR, his agencies, servant or workmen.

34.0 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Notwithstanding any other provisions, except only in cases of willful misconduct and / or criminal acts, a) Neither the Contractor nor DGH shall be liable to the other, whether in Contract, tort, or otherwise, for any consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided however that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the Contractor to pay Liquidated Damages to the DGH and b) Notwithstanding any other provisions incorporated elsewhere in the contract, the aggregate liability of the Contractor in respect of this contract, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed Contract Price, provided however that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment by the Contractor, or to any obligation of the Contractor to indemnify the DGH with respect to Intellectual Property Rights. c) DGH shall indemnify and keep indemnified Contractor harmless from and against any and all claims, costs, losses and liabilities in excess of the aggregate liability amount in terms of clause (b) above.

C: Clarifications: (Attached with the file)

PART C : Response to Queries from different Vendors							
Response to Query submitted by M/s Surana & Surana Associates							
<u>S.</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>o.</u>	Relevant Section	Clause from Requirement doc	Query	Proposed Change	DGH Reply
1			Page No.20 - Annexure-II - 2.0	Page No.20 - Annexure-II - 2.0	With reference to the captioned tender and as mentioned at Page No.20 - Annexure-II - 2.0 Eligibility and experience of the bidder - (i) Average annual turnover of the firm in last 3 financial years ending march 31, 2021 (2018-21) should be at least INR 50 Crores.For registered MSME law firm, will there be any exemption from clause 2.0 (i)??		Not agreed
Response to Queries from M/s HSA Advocates							
Sr .	N	o.	Query		DGH Reply		
1			<p>The annual turnover of the firm in last three Financial Years ending March 31st, 2021 (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) to be revised to 40 crore:As you would be aware, owing to the COVID-19 disruptions, various law firms including us, which would otherwise have significant credentials, would not be able to meet the qualification criteria. As a result of which DGH may not have the benefit of competition in both technical expertise as well as in fee discovery. We would earnestly request DGH to marginally</p>		<p>Not agreed</p>		

	reduce the annualturnover requirement to INR 40 Crores which would enable firms such as us to participate in this prestigious Tender.			
Response to Queries from M/s Argus Partners				
Sr No	Clause & Page No	RFP Clause	Clarification	DGH Reply
1	Annexure I – Instructions to Bidders - B – 4.1	Clarification	Please provide a copy of the agreement, basis which the bidder will be empaneled.	Please refer to MODEL CONTRACT AND GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT. Terms of Empanelment shall be governed by the terms and conditions of all the tender documents.

2	Annexure II – Bid Rejection/Evaluation Criteria - B.1- 2 (i) (Eligibility and Experience of the Bidder)	Please amend the Clause to reflect the following change in the eligibility criteria for the firm: Average annual turnover of the firm in last three Financial Years ending March 31st, 2021 (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) should be at least INR 10 Crores.	Considering the financial impact of COVID 19 pandemic on the legal market, and to ensure equal opportunity and participation by all firms, it is requested that DGH considers relaxing the financial eligibility criteria for the Bidders. Further, it may also be of pertinence, to consider the eligibility criterion prescribed in tenders, for similar scope of work, floated by other Public Sector Undertakings (“PSU”). In this regard, as reference, please consider the tender process conducted by GAIL vide E-Tender bearing No. 8000018082 for, ‘Empanelment of Domestic Law Firms-Category B’, dated January 19, 2021, wherein they have specified the following financial eligibility criteria for empanelment of law firms: has been handled by the attorney as an employee of an oil and gas company; or (b) an undertaking by Bidder setting out the relevant experience, signed by the authorized representative /relevant attorney of the Bidder, be also considered as sufficient evidence for the transaction highlighted in the submissions made under Clause B.1-2 (iv) of Annexure II. “B. Financial Criteria: i) Turnover: The minimum Annual Turnover of the Bidder must be Rs.10 Crore (Rupees Ten Crore) as per their audited financial statement in any of the preceding three (03) financial years. Note: Annual Turnover: In case the tenders having the due date for submission of bid up to 31st December (or as amended from time to time by Government) of the relevant financial year, and audited financial results of the immediate 3 preceding financial years are not available, the bidder has an option to submit the audited financial results of the 3 years immediately prior to that. Wherever the closing date of the bid is after 31st December (or as amended from time to time by Government) of the relevant financial year, bidder has to compulsorily submit the audited financial results for the immediate 3 preceding financial years. However, in case bidder is meeting the Annual Turnover criteria of BEC based on Audited Financial Statement of any one of the preceding 3 financial years, the same shall suffice.” Keeping in mind the stance of other PSUs in similar tenders, and the issues highlighted above, it is requested that the financial criterion be revised to include firms with annual turnover of Rs. 10 crores in previous 3 (three) Financial Years.	Not Agreed
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3	Annexure II – Bid Rejection/Evaluation Criteria - B.1- 2 (iv)	<p>Please amend the Clause to reflect the following change in the Bid Evaluation Criteria:</p> <p>Should have advised or appeared in the courts for or on behalf of Central /State Govt Organization/P SUs directly on the issues related to Oil & Gas Sector during the last five years as on Bid closing date.</p> <p>*Certificate/ Copy of the engagement letter / Work Order /Copy of order of the Court/ Tribunal reflecting name of the Bidder to that effect/ employment letter of the relevant attorney if such work has been handled as an employee of an Oil & Gas company/an undertaking by the Bidder setting out relevant experience, signed by the authorized representative/</p>	<p>Clause B.1- 2 (iv) provides that a certificate/copy of engagement letter/work order/copy of order of court/tribunal reflecting name of the Bidder has to be submitted as evidence for fulfilling the criteria of having experience in Oil & Gas sector in previous 5 (five) years. In order to enable the firms to provide the full range of their experience in the sector we request that, DGH also considers experience of other members of the firm while evaluating against the eligibility criteria. In furtherance of the same, we also request making the revisions suggested, to the effect that: (a) employment letter of the relevant attorney if the transaction highlighted has been handled by the attorney as an employee of an oil and gas company; or (b) an undertaking by Bidder setting out the relevant experience, signed by the authorized representative /relevant attorney of the Bidder, be also considered as sufficient evidence for the transaction highlighted in the submissions made under Clause B.1-2 (iv) of Annexure II.</p>	Not Agreed
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		relevant attorney of the Bidder, needs to be submitted as documentary evidence.		
4	Annexure II – Bid Rejection/Evaluation Criteria - B.1- 2 (v) (Qualification and Experience of the Team Members) and Appendix – 6		<p>Clause B.1 - 2 (v) provides the eligibility criteria for the team members of the Bidder. In this regard, please note that:(a) for both the Partner and the Associate, experience in both Oil & Gas sector and International Commercial Arbitration is required;(b) only experience of the relevant team member is being considered while evaluating against the eligibility criterion.Keeping in mind the practice of firms, to facilitate participation from multiple firms, and make the bidding process more competitive, please incorporate the following revisions to:(a) require experience in either Oil & Gas sector or in International Commercial Arbitration for both Partner and Associate; and(b) enable the firm to use its overall experience while bidding for the Tender.Further, please make similar changes to Appendix – 6 of Annexure II, to reflect the revisions.</p>	Not Agreed
5	Annexure II - Bid Rejection/Evaluation Criteria – B.1- 2 (vi)		<p>Please amend the Clause to reflect the following in the Bid Rejection Criteria: Bidders should not be associated directly or indirectly with rival contractor/agency or any person/entity against MoPNG in disputes during the last 5 (five) years as on the Bid closing date. *An undertaking in Company’s Letter head must be provided by the bidder confirming the above.The Clause provides for rejection of a Bidder, in an event where it has represented any party against MoPNG during last 5 (five) years as on the Bid closing date. Considering the practice of the firms, such a condition appears to be too onerous. The conflict should be considered as on the Bid closing date and from the time the engagement with DGH commences. Keeping this in mind, please consider revising the Clause in the manner suggested.</p>	Not Agreed

6	Annexure III - Scope of Work and Other Terms and Conditions – E (iii) and H (iii)		<p>Clause E (iii) elucidates the process of assigning work to empaneled firms. The Clause states that, prior to each assignment, a conflict check will be conducted with the empaneled firms for any potential conflicts. Further, Clause H (iii) stipulates that wherever any of the empaneled firms act against the interest of DGH, the empanelment will be terminated.</p> <p>In relation to the Clauses highlighted above, we request you to consider that if an assignment has not been allotted to any of the empaneled firm, and there is no direct conflict, please allow the firm to represent any of the other stake holders in the transaction.</p>	Not Agreed
7	Annexure I - Instructions to Bidders – 8.2 and Annexure VI - Pre-Contract Integrity Pact – 5- Earnest Money (Security Deposit)		<p>We understand from the details provided in the salient features of the Tender, that there is no requirement for submission of an Earnest Money Deposit by the Bidder. In this regard, please confirm that Clause 8.2 of Instruction to Bidders and Clause 5 of Pre-Contract Integrity Pact referring to Bid Security and “Earnest Money (Security Deposit)” respectively, is not applicable to the present Tender process.</p>	Clauses related to Bid Security and EMD are not applicable.
8	Annexure VI- Pre-Contract Integrity Pact – 7 – Fall Clause		<p>Clause 7 of the Pre-Contract Integrity Pact requires the bidders to confirm that the service mentioned under scope of work has not been provided to any other Government agency, at a price lower than the price quote for the present tender. In such an event, the Buyer reserves the right to fall back to the price mentioned in the previous quote, allowing for elapsed time.</p> <p>In this regard, for the sake of clarity, please confirm the time period for which such a Fall Back Clause has to be considered.</p>	Please refer to Clause no. 07 of Pre-Contract Integrity Pact

Response to queries from M/s Dua Associates

Sr N o	Clause & Page No	RFP Clause	Clarification	DGH Reply
1	9.7		<p>In clause 9.7 of the E-Tender, it is mentioned the bidder will have to bear all GST liability and the bidder should quote the applicable GST.</p> <p>In Annexure IV of the E-Tender (Price Schedule), the bidders have been requested to provide the basic rate, the GST%, total amount exclusive of GST and total amount (inclusive of GST).</p> <p>Kindly note that GST is payable by recipient of legal services in India on the Reverse Charge Mechanism (unless the recipient of legal services is not registered under GST). Therefore, you are requested to clarify whether DGH is registered under GST or not. If it is registered under GST and has a GSTIN, then DGH will be liable to pay GST on legal services under the Reverse Charge Mechanism and not the bidder.</p>	<p>as per Sl. No. 45 of Notification No. 12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) mentioned services are exempt from GST. Hence, there will be no implication under Reverse Charge Mechanism on DGH (being Government) regarding such availment of legal services from the said advocates</p>