

Clause No.		GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC)	
12.	Terms of Payment		
		12.1	The Contract Price shall be paid as specified in Appendix 1 (Terms and Procedures of Payment) to the Contract Agreement. The procedures to be followed in making application for and processing payments shall be those outlined in the same Appendix 1.
		12.2	No payment made by the Employer herein shall be deemed to constitute acceptance by the Employer of the Facilities or any part(s) thereof.
		12.3	The currency or currencies in which payments are made to the Contractor under this Contract shall be specified in Appendix 1 (Terms and Procedures of Payment) to the Contract Agreement, subject to the general principle that payments will be made in the currency or currencies in which the Contract Price has been stated in the Contractor's bid.
		12.4	<p>For payments related to Erection / Civil / Site Fabricated Structural works:</p> <p>A single designated ESCROW account shall be opened by the Contractor in any Scheduled Bank of India under intimation to Employer. All payments related to Erection / Civil / Site Fabricated Structural works by the Employer due under the contract to the Contractor shall be released into above-mentioned ESCROW account set up as per the Tri-Partite Escrow Agreement between Employer, Contractor and Escrow Bank. The payment shall be disbursed in accordance with the mechanism set out in the Contract and Escrow Agreement. The purpose of the Escrow Account would be to ensure that payments received under the contract are solely used for implementation of the Contract. Under Tripartite Escrow Agreement, the Escrow Bank will agree to ensure that amounts received in the ESCROW Account are utilized for making payments only to suppliers of goods and services, statutory authorities, establishment expenses etc. as may be required in the performance of the contract.</p> <p>All expenses/charges for opening /operation (including Annual Fee) of the Escrow Account shall be paid by the Contractor.</p> <p>The draft agreement is annexed as Annexure-III to Appendix-1 to Form of Contract Agreement, Section-VII, Book 3 of 3 (Part-1), which shall be followed for executing Escrow Account Agreement.</p> <p>The Detailed Operative Procedure and Terms and Conditions of Escrow Account (Schedule III of draft agreement) shall be finalized between the Employer, Contractor and the Escrow Bank within 15 days of the placement of award.</p>
13.	Securities		
		13.1	Issuance of Securities

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			The Contractor shall provide the securities specified below in favour of the Employer at the times, and in the amount, manner and form specified below.
		13.2	<p>Advance Payment Security</p> <p>13.2.1 The Contractor shall, within twenty-eight (28) days of the Notification of Award of Contract, provide a security in an amount equal to the advance payment for supply of Plant & Equipment and 110% of the advance amount for Installation Services and Civil & Allied Works calculated in accordance with Appendix 1 (Terms and Procedures of Payment) to the Contract Agreement, and in the currency or currencies of the Contract, with an initial validity of up to ninety (90) days beyond the schedule date of Completion of the last facility covered under the package in accordance with GCC Clause 24. However, in case of delay in completion of the facilities under the package, the validity of this security shall be extended by the period of such delay. The advance payment security shall also cover the amount of GST as applicable on the advance payment to be paid to the contractor.</p> <p>13.2.2 The security shall be in the form of an unconditional bank guarantee as per the proforma provided in Section VII (Forms and Procedures)- Form of Advance Payment Security. The Advance payment Security shall be reduced pro-rata every three (3) months after First Running Account Bill/Stage Payment under the Contract based on the value of the respective equipment/facilities received and applicable GST. The cumulative amount of reduction at any point of time shall not exceed ninety (90%) of the advance and the amount of GST paid on the advance amount corresponding to cumulative value of the respective equipment/Facilities supplied and received as per certificate issued by the Project Manager. The balance shall be released upon release of respective milestone linked payments as identified in Appendix-1 of form of Contract Agreement. In case milestone payment is not envisaged in the package, the balance shall be released after Completion of those Facilities on certification by the Project Manager. It should be clearly understood that reduction in the value of security for advance shall not in any way dilute the Contractor's responsibility and liabilities under the Contract including in respect of the Facilities for which the reduction in the value of security is allowed.</p>
		13.3	<p>Performance Security</p> <p>13.3.1 The Contractor shall, within twenty-eight (28) days of the Notification of Award, provide securities for the due performance of the Contract as Specified in SCC for all the Contracts, with an initial validity up to ninety (90) days</p>

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			<p>beyond the end of scheduled Defect Liability Period of the last equipment covered under the Contract.</p> <p>However, in case of delay in completion of the defect liability period, the validity of all the contract performance securities shall be extended by the period of such delay.</p> <p>13.3.2 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the Contract and shall be in the form of unconditional bank guarantee provided in Section-VII (Forms and Procedures)-Form of Performance Security of the bidding documents.</p> <p>13.3.3 Unless otherwise stipulated in SCC, the security shall be reduced pro rata to the Contract Price of a part of the Facilities for which a separate time for Completion is provided, twenty one (21) months after Completion of the Facilities or where relevant part thereof, or fifteen (15) months after Operational Acceptance of the Facilities (or the relevant part thereof), whichever occurs first; provided, however, that if the Defects Liability Period has been extended on any part of the Facilities pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 27.8 hereof, the Contractor shall issue an additional security in an amount proportionate to the Contract Price of that part. The security shall be returned to the Contractor immediately after its expiration, provided, however, that if the Contractor, pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 27.10, is liable for an extended warranty obligation, the performance security shall be extended for the period and up to the amount agreed upon or as specified in the SCC.</p> <p>13.3.4 Whenever adjustments under Clause 39 [Change in the Facilities] result in an accumulative increase or decrease of the Contract Price by more than fifteen percent (15%) of the Contract Price stated in the Contract Agreement:</p> <p>(a) in the case of such an increase, at the Project Manager's request the Contractor shall promptly increase the amount of the Performance Security in that currency by a percentage equal to the accumulative increase; or</p> <p>(b) in the case of such a decrease, subject to the Project Manager's prior consent the Contractor may decrease the amount of the Performance Security in that currency by a percentage equal to the accumulative decrease.</p> <p>13.4 Security for Deed of Joint Undertaking</p> <p>In case Deed(s) of Joint Undertaking by the Contractor along with his Collaborator(s) / Associate(s) form part of the Contract, then,</p>

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			<p>in addition to the Contract performance securities furnished by the Contractor, the Collaborator(s) / Associate(s) shall furnish, within twenty eight (28) days of the Notification of Award, separate unconditional Bank Guarantee(s) towards faithful performance of the Deed(s) of Joint Undertaking for amount(s) specified in relevant Item of Bid Data Sheets and with validity till such period as specified in the corresponding format for Deed of Joint Undertaking. However, in case of delay in completion of defect liability period, the validity of Bank Guarantee(s) submitted towards faithful performance of Deed(s) of Joint Undertaking shall be extended by such period of delay.</p> <p>The Bank Guarantee(s) shall be denominated in the currency or currencies of Contract and shall be as per the proforma provided in Section-VII (Forms and Procedures) - Form of Bank Guarantee to be furnished by Associate(s) / Collaborator(s).</p>
		13.5	<p>The Bank Guarantees submitted towards Advance Payment Security, Contract Performance Security and Security in compliance to the Deed of Joint Undertaking (if applicable) shall be essentially from any of the Banks listed at Annexure-I to Section-V (Special Conditions of Contract) of the bidding documents.</p> <p>In case of guarantees issued by branches outside India for foreign banks, the bank guarantees shall be routed through the correspondent Bank in India for due verification of signatures of the executant and lodgement of claim.</p> <p>The bank guarantee submitted from within India towards Advance Payment Security, Contract Performance Security and Security for Deed of Joint Undertaking (if applicable) shall be issued on a stamp paper of appropriate value as per stamp act prevailing in the State of the issuing Bank in India or the state of U.P. in India or the State from where the BG shall be operated, whichever is higher.</p>
		13.6	Where a BG issued by a Bank outside India also needs to bear Stamp Duty of appropriate value applicable to the place in NTPC / Employer where BG is to be submitted, the BG will be adjudicated from Collector of Stamps, within 3 months of arrival of BG in India and the expenses incurred in this regard shall be borne by the Contractor.
		13.7	<p>a) All physical BGs except BG issued by a Bank outside India and all Insurance Surety Bonds except those issued by an Indian Insurance company outside India, shall be received from issuing Bank/Insurance company directly through post/ courier, by Unified Treasury, Dadri at below mentioned address:</p> <p>Unified Treasury (BG Group) Administrative Building, NCPS, Dadri</p>

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			<p>NTPC Limited, PO. Vidyut Nagar Distt: Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201008</p> <p>The Bank Guarantee/ Insurance Surety Bond shall be issued on Non-Judicial stamp paper/e-stamp paper of appropriate value as per applicable Stamp Act(s).</p> <p>A physical BG issued by a Bank outside India and Insurance Surety Bond issued by an Indian Insurance company outside India need to be submitted by the Bidder directly to the employer as defined in BDS. The BG/ Insurance Surety Bond also needs to bear stamp duty of appropriate value as applicable. The BG/ Insurance Surety Bond may be got adjudicated by the employer from Collector of Stamps, within 3 months of arrival of BG/ Insurance Surety Bond in India. Expenses incurred in this regard shall be adjusted from the payment due to the contractor.</p> <p>b) A soft copy of the physical BG/ Insurance Surety Bond is mandatorily required to be mailed to Unified Treasury Group at ubg@ntpc.co.in by the issuing Bank/ Insurance company.</p> <p>c) Confirmation of physical BGs through Structured Financial Messaging System (SFMS)/SWIFT (Not applicable for e-BGs through NESL platform)</p> <p>While issuing the physical BGs, the Bidder's Bank shall also send electronic message through secure SFMS (in case of BGs issued from within India) or SWIFT (in case of BGs issued from outside India) to Employer's Beneficiary Bank whose details are provided herein below:</p> <p>(i) Bank Name: ICICI Bank Limited (ii) Branch: CONNAUGHT PLACE BRANCH (iii) Bank Address: 9A, PHELPS BUILDING, INNER CIRCLE, NEW DELHI- 110001 (iv) IFSC Code: ICIC0000007</p> <p>BG issuing/amending bank must send the BG advice in the form of message format via SFMS (Structured Financial Messaging System) as provided by RBI. The format of the message for confirmation of the BG shall be as below:</p> <p>BG advising message: IFN 760COV/ IFN 767COV via SFMS</p> <p>Field Number: Particulars (to be mentioned in Row 1)</p> <p>7037: NTPCBG (unique identifier)</p>