

Clause No.			GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC)
			<p>execution of settlement agreement, unless a different timeline not exceeding 60 days is agreed upon in settlement agreement. All pending claims of parties, in connection with the dispute, before any other legal forum are to be withdrawn within the said 30 days in pursuance of the settlement agreement.</p> <p>6.4.2.6. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the Conciliator and the parties shall keep confidential all matters relating to the Conciliation proceedings. Confidentiality shall extend also to the settlement agreement, except where its disclosure is necessary for purposes of implementation and enforcement.</p> <p>The parties shall not rely on or introduce as evidence in Arbitral or judicial proceedings, whether or not such proceedings relate to the dispute that is the subject of the Conciliation proceedings, —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) views expressed or suggestions made by the other party in respect of a possible settlement of the dispute; b) admissions made by the other party in the course of the Conciliation proceedings; c) proposals made by the Conciliator; and d) the fact that the other party had indicated his willingness to accept a proposal for settlement made by the Conciliator.
		6.5	<p>6.5. Arbitration</p> <p>6.5.1. If the process of mutual consultation and IE (if applicable) and/or Mediation (if applicable) and/or ESC fails to arrive at a settlement between the parties and/or settlement of dispute through CCIE not exercised as mentioned at GCC Sub-Clauses 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 above, Employer or the Contractor may, within Thirty (30) days of such failure, give notice to the other party, of its intention to commence arbitration, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given. The mechanism of settling the disputes through arbitration shall be applicable only in cases where the disputed amount (i.e. Claim/ Counter claim, whichever is higher, excluding interest) does not exceed Rs. 25 crores.</p> <p>If the claim/ counter claim is in foreign currency, the SBI Bills Selling Exchange rate prevailing on the date of claim</p>

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			<p>shall be used for the purpose of converting the claim in Indian Rupee</p> <p>In case the disputed amount (Claim/ Counter claim, whichever is higher, excl. interest) exceeds Rs. 25 Crores, the parties shall be within their rights to take recourse to remedies as may be available to them under the applicable laws other than Arbitration after prior intimation to the other party. There shall be no arbitration where the disputed amount (Claim/ counter claim, whichever is higher) is only up to Rs. 5 lakhs.</p> <p>The parties at the time of invocation of arbitration shall submit all the details of the claims and the counter-claims including the Heads/Sub-heads of the Claims/Counter-Claims and the documents relied upon by the parties for their respective claims and counter-claims. The parties shall not file any documents/details of the claims and counter-claims thereafter.</p> <p>The claims and the counter claims raised by the parties at the time of invocation of the arbitration shall be final and binding on the parties and no further change shall be allowed in the same at any stage during arbitration under any circumstances whatsoever.</p> <p>6.5.2. Any dispute in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given, in accordance with GCC Sub Clause 6.3.1, shall be finally settled by arbitration.</p> <p>6.5.3. It is agreed between the parties that the Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted as per the provisions of Fast Track Procedure as provided under The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as amended from time to time.</p> <p>Any dispute or difference raised by a party to arbitration shall be adjudicated by an arbitral tribunal consisting of three arbitrators, in the following manner:</p> <p>a) A party willing to commence arbitration proceeding shall invoke Arbitration Clause by giving notice to the other party.</p> <p>b) The EMPLOYER and the Contractor shall each appoint one arbitrator, and these two arbitrators shall jointly appoint a third arbitrator within 30 days, who shall act as presiding arbitrator of the arbitral tribunal. If the two arbitrators do not succeed in appointing a third arbitrator within 30 days of the latter of the two arbitrators has</p>

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			<p>been appointed, the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the High Court of Delhi.</p> <p>c) If one party fails to appoint its arbitrator within 30 days after the other party has named its arbitrator, the party which has named its arbitrator may approach the High Court of Delhi to appoint the second arbitrator.</p> <p>d) If any member of the arbitral tribunal dies, resigns, becomes incapacitated or withdraws for any reason from the proceedings or his mandate is terminated by the Court, a substitute shall be appointed in the same manner as the arbitrator whose mandate has terminated as above. After substitution of new member, the arbitration tribunal shall proceed with reference from the stage where the mandate of the arbitrator has been terminated.</p> <p>e) Arbitrator tribunal shall be paid fees as per the Fee Schedule (presently Fourth Schedule) provided in 'The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996' as amended from time to time. If the claim/ counter claim is in foreign currency, the SBI Bills Selling Exchange rate prevailing on the date of claim shall be used for the purpose of converting the claim in Indian Rupee which may be used for determining the arbitration fee.</p> <p>f) If after commencement of the Arbitration proceedings, the parties agree to settle the dispute mutually or refer the dispute to mediation or Conciliation, the arbitral tribunal shall put the proceedings in abeyance until such period as requested by the parties. Where the proceedings are put in abeyance or terminated on account of mutual settlement of dispute by the parties, the fees payable to the arbitrator shall be determined as under:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) 40% of the fees if the Pleadings are complete. (ii) 60% of the fees if the Hearing has commenced. (iii) 80% of the fees if the Hearing is concluded but the Award is yet to be passed.</p> <p>g) Each party shall pay its share of arbitrator's fees in stages as under or as per the directions of Arbitrator:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) 40 % of the fees on Completion of Pleadings. (ii) 40% of the fees on Conclusion of the Final Hearing. (iii) 20% at the time when arbitrator notifies the date of final award.</p>

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			<p>h) The Claimant shall be responsible for making all necessary arrangements for the travel/ stay of the Arbitrator including venue of arbitration, hearings. The parties shall share the expenses for the same equally.</p> <p>i) The Arbitration shall be held at Delhi only.</p> <p>j) The arbitral tribunal shall give reasoned and speaking award in prompt manner and it shall be final and binding on the parties.</p> <p>k) Subject to the aforesaid conditions, provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof as amended from time to time, shall apply to the arbitration proceedings under this clause.</p> <p>6.5.4. In the event of any dispute or difference relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of commercial contract (s) between Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)/ Port Trusts inter se and also between CPSEs and Government Departments/ Organizations (excluding disputes relating to Railways, Income Tax, Customs & Excise Departments), such disputes or difference shall be taken up by either party for resolution through Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of CPSEs Disputes (AMRCD) as mentioned in DPE Office Memorandum No. 05/0003/2019-FTS-10937 dated 14.12.2022 issued by Department of Public Enterprises, Government of India and its further clarifications, modifications and amendments, issued from time to time.</p> <p>The aforesaid limit of Rs 25 crore shall not be applicable and matter may be referred to AMRCD irrespective of the amount involved in dispute, if the dispute could not be resolved through Mutual Consultation and IE (if applicable) as brought out at GCC Sub Clause 6.1 and 6.2 above.</p>
		6.6	<p>Notwithstanding any reference to the Independent Engineer or Mediation or Conciliation or Arbitration herein,</p> <p>(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree.</p> <p>(b) the Employer shall pay the Contractor any monies due to the Contractor.</p> <p>Settlement of Dispute clause cannot be invoked by the Contractor, if the Contract has been mutually closed or 'No Demand Certificate'</p>