Section 8: Special Conditions of Contract

The following Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) shall supplement the General Conditions of Contract (GCC). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the GCC. The clause number of the SCC is the corresponding clause number of the GCC.

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| 1. Definitions | |
|  | The Employer is: Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy  The Project Manager is: Mr. Ahmed Ali (General Director, Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy)  The Bank is: Asian Development Bank  Country of Origin: All countries and territories as indicated in Section 5: Eligible Countries of the bidding documents |
| 5. Law and Language | |
|  | 5.1 The Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of: Republic of Maldives |
|  | 5.2 The ruling language is: the English language |
|  | 5.3 The language for communications is: the English language |
| 6. Fraud and Corruption | |
|  | 6.4 The Contractor has the obligation to notify the Employer of any changes in connection with the matters described in paragraphs (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m) and (n) of the Letter of Technical Bid. |
|  | 6.5 If the Contactor is debarred or temporarily suspended by ADB, it shall inform the Employer of such debarment or suspension, and that the endorsement of ADB’s Office of Anticorruption and Integrity is required for any variations, extensions or modifications to the Contract. |
| 7. Scope of Facilities | |
|  | 7.3 The Contractor agrees to supply spare parts for a period of years: Not Applicable.    The recommended spare parts list to be provided in Price Schedule No 6 is for information purposes only. The price of recommended spare parts quoted in this Schedule shall not be added to Bid Price and not considered for evaluation. |

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| 8. Time for Commencement and Completion | |
|  | 8.1 The Contractor shall commence work on the Facilities within Fourteen (14) days from the Effective Date for determining Time for Completion as specified in the Contract Agreement provided that access to and possession of the Site or any part thereof have been given under subclause 10.2, and shall then proceed with the work on the Facilities with due expedition and without delay. |
|  | 8.2 The Time for Completion of the whole of the Facilities shall be 540 days for each Lot from the Effective Date as described in the Contract Agreement.  Time for Completion for parts of the Facilities: Not applicable |
| 9. Contractor’s Responsibilities | |
|  | 9.6 To add the following paragraph at the end of GCC 9.6:  “ADB’s right to inspect the Site and/or the Contractor’s accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract stated in Subclause 6.1 (e) and 9.6 shall survive termination and/ or expiration of this Contract.” |
|  | 9.8 Protection of the Environment  At the end of the sub-clause in 9.8 Protection of the Environment, add the following paragraphs:  “The Contractor shall comply with all applicable national, provincial, and local environmental laws and regulations.  The Contractor shall also comply with all reasonable requests of the national and local authorities responsible for enforcing environmental controls.  Within 28 days of the Commencement Date the Contractor shall submit a detailed Site Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP), based on the Environmental Health and Safety Management Plan submitted in the technical proposal, for the Project Manager’s no objection showing how the Contractor intends to comply with environmental laws and regulations and other specific requirements prescribed in the Contract, addressing all the monitoring and mitigation measures set forth in the Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) and the Environmental Management Plan (“EMP”) of the project attached in Section 6- Employer’s Requirements. Work shall not commence on the Site until the no objection of SSEMP has been obtained from the Project Manager and is being implemented.  The Contractor shall (a) establish an operational system for managing environmental impacts, (b) comply with the approved SSEMP and any corrective or preventative actions set out in safeguards monitoring reports that the Employer will prepare from time to time to monitor the implementation of the project EMP through the SSEMP, (c) allocate the budget required to ensure that such measures, requirements and actions are carried out, (d) submit semi-annual reports on the compliance of such measures to the Employer.  Where unanticipated environmental risks or impacts become apparent during the Contract, the Contractor is required to update the SSEMP to outline the potential impacts to site works and associated mitigation measures for the Project Manager’s approval.” |
| 10. Employer’s Responsibilities | |
|  | 10.2 There shall be no work nor construction activities at the Site or any part thereof (as the case may be) unless the Employer has granted access to the Site or part thereof (as the case may be) in accordance with this Subclause 10.2. |
| 11. Contract Price | |
|  | 11.2 The Contract Price shall not be adjustable. |
| 13. Securities | |
|  | 13.3.1 The amount of performance security, as a percentage of the Contract Price for the Facility or for the part of the Facility for which a separate Time for Completion is provided, shall be: 10% of the Contract Price. |
|  | 13.3.2 The performance security shall be in the form of a bank guarantee as per form included in Section 9 (Contract Forms). |
|  | 13.3.3 The performance security shall not be reduced on the date of the Operational Acceptance. |
| 18 | Work Program |
|  | 18.2 Add the following sub-paragraph.  The Contractor shall submit a detailed program of Performance of the contract i.e.in Detailed Project Network in MS Project (Latest Version). The same shall be submitted in soft copy as well as in Hard copy. |
|  | 18.3 Add the following sub-paragraph:  The Progress shall be updated in the detailed project network on monthly basis in MS Project Software and updated project network shall be submitted to the Employer monthly in MS Projects and in PDF Formats. |
| 19. Subcontracting | |
|  | 19.6 The Contractor shall not subcontract (i) works with a total accumulated value greater than the specified percentage of the Contract Price, or (ii) any part of the Works for which subcontracting is not permitted as specified below;   1. Maximum allowable accumulated value of work subcontracted (as a percentage of the Contract Price): 30%. 2. Parts of the Works for which subcontracting is not permitted:   Any part can be subcontracted. |
| 20. Design and Engineering | |
|  | 20.3 Approval/Review of Technical Documents by Project Manager  20.3.2 Within 21 days after receipt by the Project Manager of any document requiring the Project Manager’s approval in accordance with GCC Subclause 20.3.1, the Project Manager shall either return one copy thereof to the Contractor with its approval endorsed thereon or shall notify the Contractor in writing of its disapproval thereof and the reasons therefor and the modifications that the Project Manager proposes.  If the Project Manager fails to take such action within the said 21 days, then the said document shall be deemed to have been approved by the Project Manager. |
| 22. Installation | |
|  | 22.2 Labor  22.2.5 **Working Hours**  (a) Normal working hours are: Sunday to Thursday, 8:00-16:00h (8 hours per shift)  22.2.7 Health and Safety  (d) The Contractor shall throughout the contract (including the Defect Liability Period):  (i) conduct Information, Education and Consultation Communication (IEC) campaigns, at least every other month, addressed to all the Site staff and labor (including all the Contractor's employees, all Subcontractors and Employer’s and Project Manager’s employees, and all truck drivers and crew making deliveries to Site for construction activities) and to the immediate local communities, concerning the risks, dangers and impact, and appropriate avoidance behavior with respect to of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)—or Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) in general and HIV/AIDS in particular;  (ii) provide male or female condoms for all Site staff and labor as appropriate; and  (iii) provide for STI and HIV/AIDS screening, diagnosis, counseling and referral to a dedicated national STI and HIV/AIDS program, (unless otherwise agreed) of all Site staff and labor.  The Contractor shall include in the program to be submitted for the execution of the Facilities under Subclause 18.2 an alleviation program for Site staff and labor and their families in respect of STI and STD including HIV/AIDS. The STI, STD and HIV/AIDS alleviation program shall indicate when, how and at what cost the Contractor plans to satisfy the requirements of this Subclause and the related specification. For each component, the program shall detail the resources to be provided or utilized and any related subcontracting proposed. The program shall also include provision of a detailed cost estimate with supporting documentation. Payment to the Contractor for the preparation and implementation this program shall not exceed the amount dedicated for this purpose.  After the existing paragraph in GCC 22.2.7 (a), add the following:  “The Contractor is responsible for establishment of preventive and emergency preparedness and response measures to avoid, and where avoidance is not possible, to minimize, adverse impacts and risks of the construction site work to the health and safety of local communities.  Within 28 days of the Effective Date the Contractor shall submit a detailed Site Specific Health and Safety Management Plan (SSHSMP), based on the Environmental Health and Safety Management Plan submitted in the technical proposal, for the Project Manager ’s no objection showing how he/she intends to comply with the local Health and Safety laws and regulations and other specific requirements prescribed in the Contract, taking into account the Supplementary Information in Section 6- Employer’s Requirements. Work shall not commence on the Site until the confirmation of no objection of the SSHSMP has been obtained from the Project Manager and is being implemented.  Where unanticipated health and safety hazards or risks become apparent during the Contract, the Contractor is required to update the SSHSMP to outline the potential impacts to site works and associated mitigation measures for the Project Manager’s no objection.  The Contractor shall comply with the approved SSHSMP and any corrective or preventative actions set out in safeguards monitoring reports that the Employer will prepare from time to time to monitor the implementation of the project EMP through the SSHSMP.  In particular, the Contractor is required to provide all personnel on site including Employer’s Personnel and visitors with personal protective equipment, including protection for feet (safety boots), head, eyes, ears (safety helmets) and hands, etc., in accordance with the Contractor’s SSHSMP. The Contractor should ensure that his Subcontractors comply with the SSHSMP and provide all such necessary equipment to their personnel.  The Contractor shall bear the costs to ensure that such measures, requirements and actions are carried out.  The Contractor shall submit semi-annual reports on the compliance of such measures to the Employer.”  Add after the existing paragraph in GCC 22.2.7 (c) the following:  “In the event of a significant injury involving medical treatment or hospitalization and fatal accident the Contractor shall notify the Project Manager immediately by verbal communication and submit a formal report as soon as practicable after its occurrence. For all accidents, whether fatal or not, the Contractor shall also notify the appropriate local authorities in accordance with the Laws of the Country.”  22.2.8 **Funeral Arrangements**  Funeral arrangements: as per Section 7 – General Conditions of Contract, clause 22.2.8  22.2.17 **Respectful Work Environment**  The Contractor shall ensure that its employees and Subcontractors observe the highest ethical standards and refrain from any form of bullying, discrimination, misconduct, and harassment, including sexual harassment and shall, at all times, behave in a manner that creates an environment free of unethical behavior, bullying, misconduct, and harassment, including sexual harassment. The Contractor shall take appropriate action against any employees or Subcontractors, including suspension or termination of employment or subcontract, if any form of unethical or inappropriate behavior is identified.  The Contractor shall conduct training programs for its employees and Subcontractors to raise awareness on and prevent any form of bullying, discrimination, misconduct, and harassment including sexual harassment, and to promote a respectful work environment. The Contractor shall keep an up to date record of its employees and subcontractors who have attended and completed such training programs and provide such records to the Employer or the Engineer at their first written request. |
| 25. Commissioning and Operational Acceptance | |
|  | 25.2. The Guarantee Test: Not Applicable.  25.3.1 GCC 25.3.1 is replaced with the following;  Subject to GCC Subclause 25.4 below, Operational Acceptance shall occur in respect of the Facilities or any part thereof when  (a) the Commissioning has been successfully completed; or  (b) the Commissioning has not been carried out for reasons not attributable to the Contractor within 28 from the date of Completion; and  (c) any minor items mentioned in GCC Subclause 24.7 hereof relevant to the Facilities or that part thereof have been completed.  25.3.4 The period is increased from 7 days to 14 days. |
| 26. Completion Time Guarantee | |
|  | 26.2 Applicable rate for liquidated damages: 0.5% of the Contract Price per week.  Maximum deduction for liquidated damages: 10% of the total Contract Price. |
|  | 26.3 No bonus will be given for earlier Completion of the Facilities or part thereof. |
| 27. Defect Liability | |
|  | 27.10 The following critical components shall be covered under the extended Defect Liability Period of 540 days in addition to the standard Defect Liability Period specified in GCC clause 27.2.   * LVDB with extensions * MVDB * Step-up Transformers * Packaged Substations (PSS) * MV and LV Underground Cables and Accessories * LV Distribution Boxes |
| 28. Functional Guarantees | |
|  | 28.1 – 28.4 Not applicable. |
| 30. Limitation of Liability | |
|  | 30.1 (b) The multiplier of the Contract Price is: 1.0 |
| 42. Termination | |
|  | 42.1 Termination for Employer’s Convenience  42.1.3 (f) a reasonable amount of profit for the parts of the Works not executed by the Contractor as at the date of termination. |
| 45. Disputes and Arbitration | |
|  | 45.1 The Dispute Board shall be appointed within twenty-eight (28) days after the Effective Date.  The Dispute Board shall be one sole member  List of potential Dispute Board members is: none |
|  | 45.2 Appointment (if not agreed) to be made by: Ministry of Finance |
|  | 45.3 This sentence shall be added as last paragraph in GCC Subclause 45.3:  If the decision of the Dispute Board requires a payment by one Party to the other Party, the Dispute Board may require the payee to provide an appropriate security in respect of such payment. |
|  | 45.5 Rules of procedure for arbitration proceedings:  (a) Contracts with foreign contractors:  International arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the international Chamber of Commerce.  Arbitration shall be administered by the International Chamber of Commerce  The place of arbitration shall be the place of the institution administering the arbitration.  (b) Contracts with contractors being nationals of the Employer’s country: Any dispute between the employer and a contractor who is a national of the Employer’s country arising in connection with the present contract shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the laws of the Employer’s country. |
|  | 45.6 GCC Subclause 45.6 shall be replaced with the following sentence:  In the event that a Party fails to comply with a Dispute Board decision which has become ether binding or final and binding, then the other Party may, without prejudice to any other rights it may have, refer the failure itself to arbitration under Subclause 45.5 [Arbitration] for summary or other expedited relief, as may be appropriate. Subclause 45.3 [Obtaining Dispute Board’s Decision] and Subclause 45.4 [Amicable Settlement] shall not apply to this reference. |

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| 46. Eligibility | |
|  | 46.1 The Contractor shall have the nationality of an ADB member. The Contractor shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the Contractor is a citizen or is constituted, incorporated, or registered, and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country. This criterion shall also apply to the determination of the nationality of proposed subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the Contract including related services.  46.2 The materials, equipment and services to be supplied under the Contract shall have their origin in eligible source countries and all expenditures under the Contract will be limited to such materials, equipment, and services. At the Employer’s request, the Contractor may be required to provide evidence of the origin of materials, equipment and services.  46.3 For purposes of SCC 46.2, “origin” means the place where the materials and equipment are mined, grown, produced or manufactured, and from which the services are provided. Materials and equipment are produced when, through manufacturing, processing, or substantial or major assembling of components, a commercially recognized product results that differs substantially in its basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components. |

# 47. Environment

47.1 The Contractor shall comply with all applicable national, provincial, and local environmental laws and regulations.

The Contractor shall (a) establish an operational system for managing environmental impacts, (b) carry out all of the monitoring and mitigation measures set forth in the Initial Environmental Examination ("IEE") or Environmental Management Plan "EMP") and (c) allocate the budget required to ensure that such measures are carried out. The Contractor shall submit semi-annual reports on the carrying out of such measures to the Employer.

More particularly, the Contractor shall comply with (i) the measures and requirements set forth in the IEE and the EMP; and (ii) any corrective or preventative actions set out in safeguards monitoring reports that the Employer will prepare from time to time to monitor implementation of the IEE and the EMP.

The Contractor shall allocate a budget for compliance with these measures, requirements and actions.