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MODEL TENDER DOCUMENT
FOR
"AUCTION OF MINING LEASE"
FOR
[Name of Block] LIMESTONE BLOCK
IN
THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form at the website of MSTC Ltd (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp>).

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves at the above website. On successful registration, bidders will obtain login ID and password, which are necessary for participation in the e-auction process.

For participating in the bidding process, the registered bidders will have to purchase the block specific tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd by paying Rs.5,00,000/- (Rs. Five Lakhs only) per block with GST @18% (Non-Refundable) under the Reverse Charge Mechanism.

Note: The cost of Tender Document has to be paid by the bidder through online banking channel. Bidder shall login with its user id and password. Bidder shall have the facility to make payment towards the cost of tender document through RTGS or net banking provided under the login of the Bidder. Please refer Schedule III of the Tender document for more details.

Issued to all prospective Bidders

Terms and conditions, deadlines etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. This Tender Document is non-transferable.

The standard tender document and salient features of the mineral block are available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from the websites of MSTC Ltd. (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp>) and Commissionerate of Geology and Mining, Government of Tamil Nadu (<http://www.tnmines.tn.gov.in>). This document cannot be used for the purpose of bidding and is only intended for the information of the public.

The complete Tender Document shall be made available for download to the bidder subsequent to payment of a tender fee of **INR. 5,00,000 (Indian Rupees Five Lakhs only)** excluding Goods and Services Tax (GST), which shall be payable at 18% of tender fee.

The GST at the rate of 18% on the purchase of tender document shall be applicable. The GST applicable is to be paid by the prospective bidder itself under the Reverse Charge Mechanism. The prospective bidder shall be solely responsible for remitting the GST as per applicable law and statutory liability in this regard will be responsibility of prospective bidder and no liability whatsoever shall be borne by the CGM Tamil Nadu /MSTC.

Timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process are available on the website of (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp>).

Bidders desirous to submit their bids have to submit at MSTC's e-auction portal (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp>).

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1. Disclaimer

- 1.1. This Tender Document has been issued pursuant to notification of an area with the intent to carry out e-auction for grant of a mining lease for [Name of Block] Limestone Block, pursuant to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act 2015 and Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments thereof. All information provided in this Tender Document should be read together with the Act and the Rules made thereunder. In the event of a conflict between this Tender Document and the Act or the Rules framed thereunder, the Act or the Rules framed thereunder, as the case may be, shall prevail.
- 1.2. The information contained in this Tender Document or subsequently provided to Bidder(s), whether verbally or in documentary or any other form by or on behalf of the State Government or any of its employees or advisors, is provided to Bidder(s) on the terms and conditions set out in this Tender Document.
- 1.3. This Tender Document is neither an agreement nor an offer by the State Government to the prospective Bidders or any other person. The purpose of this Tender Document is to provide interested parties with information that may be useful to them in making their bids pursuant to this Tender Document. This Tender Document includes statements which reflect various assumptions and assessments arrived at by the State Government in relation to the mineral block. Such assumptions, assessments and statements do not purport to contain all the information that each Bidder may require. This Tender Document may not be appropriate for all persons, and it is not possible for the State Government, its employees or advisors to consider the investment objectives, financial situation and particular needs of each party who reads or uses this Tender Document. The assumptions, assessments, statements and information contained in the Tender Document may not be complete, accurate, adequate or correct. Each Bidder should, therefore, conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, reliability and completeness of the assumptions, assessments, statements and information contained in this Tender Document and obtain independent advice from appropriate sources.
- 1.4. Information provided in this Tender Document to the Bidder(s) has been collated from several sources some of which may depend upon interpretation of Applicable Law. The information given is not intended to be an exhaustive account of statutory requirements and should not be regarded as complete. The State Government, its employees or advisors accept no responsibility for the accuracy or otherwise for any statement contained in this Tender Document.

- 1.5. The State Government or its advisors make no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to any person, including any Bidder under any law, statute, rules or regulations or tort, principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise for any loss, damages, cost or expense which may arise from or be incurred or suffered on account of anything contained in this Tender Document or otherwise, including the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, completeness or reliability of the Tender Document and any assessment, assumption, statement or information contained therein or deemed to form part of this Tender Document or arising in any way from participation in this tender process.
- 1.6. The State Government also accepts no liability of any nature howsoever caused arising from reliance of any Bidder upon the statements contained in this Tender Document.
- 1.7. The State Government may in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information, assessment or assumptions contained in this Tender Document.
- 1.8. The issue of this Tender Document does not imply that the State Government is bound to select a Bidder or to appoint the Preferred Bidder as Successful Bidder for the limestone block and the State Government reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bidders or bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- 1.9. Each Bidder shall bear all its costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its bid including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by the State Government or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its bid.
- 1.10. This Tender Document is not transferable. The price paid by the Bidder for the Tender Document shall not be refunded.
- 1.11. In case the day of completion of any requirement is falling due on a public holiday, the day of completion shall be deemed to be due on the next successive working day. The expression "public holiday" includes Saturday, Sunday and any other day declared to be a public holiday by the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be.
- 1.12. Bidder shall be responsible for any problem at the Bidder's end like failure of electricity, loss of internet connection, any trouble with Bidder's computer etc. which may cause inconvenience or prevent the Bidder from bidding in e-auction.

2. Definitions

The words and expressions used herein but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act or the rules made thereunder. The following definitions apply to this Tender Document, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 2.1. **“Act”** means the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (No. 67 of 1957) and its subsequent amendments including Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 (No. 10 of 2015), Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016 (No. 25 of 2016), Mineral Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020 (No. 2 of 2020), Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 16 of 2021).
- 2.2. **“Affiliate”** with respect to a Bidder shall mean a person who: (a) controls such Bidder, (b) is controlled by such Bidder, (c) is under common control with such Bidder, (d) is an associate company of the Bidder, or (e) is a subsidiary company of such Bidder. The terms “associate company”, “control” and “subsidiary company” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Companies Act, 2013, as amended from time to time.
- 2.3. **“Applicable Law”** shall mean all applicable statutes, laws, by-laws, rules, regulations, orders, ordinances, protocols, codes, guidelines, policies, notices, directions, judgments, decrees or other requirements or official directive of any government authority or court or other law, rule or regulation approval from the relevant governmental authority, government resolution, directive, or other government restriction or any similar form of decision of, or determination by, or any interpretation or adjudication having the force of law in India.
- 2.4. **“Auction Rules”** means the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments thereof.
- 2.5. **“Authorized Signatory”** shall mean the individual representing a Bidder who has been duly authorized on behalf of such Bidder to execute and submit the Bid in accordance with the terms hereof
- 2.6. **“Bidder”** means a person who has purchased this Tender Document, and the expression Bidders shall include all such persons.
- 2.7. **“Bid Due Date”** means the date on which the Technical Bid and the initial price offer is required to be submitted in accordance with Clause 8.1(A) (a).

- 2.8. **“Bid Security”** means bid security as referred to in Clause 15.
- 2.9. **“Composite licence”** means the prospecting licence-cum-mining lease which is a two stage concession granted for the purpose of undertaking prospecting operations followed by mining operations in a seamless manner.
- 2.10. **“Dispatch”** means the removal of minerals or mineral products from the leased area and includes the consumption of minerals and mineral products within such leased area.
- 2.11. **“Final Price Offer”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 8.1B (a).
- 2.12. **“Floor Price”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 8.1A (d).
- 2.13. **“Government company”** shall have the meaning as ascribed to it under the Companies Act, 2013
- 2.14. **“Holding Company”** shall have the meaning as ascribed to it under the Companies Act 2013.
- 2.15. **“Information Memorandum”** means the information memorandum provided separately containing amongst others, information specified in Clause 4.1.
- 2.16. **“Initial Price Offer”** means *per cent of Value of Mineral Despatched* submitted by the Bidder in the first round of auction, and is equal to or greater than the reserve price.
- 2.17. **“MDPA”** means the Mine Development and Production Agreement in the format as specified in Schedule IV (Format of MDPA).
- 2.18. **“Mineral Block”** or **“Mine”** means [Name of Block] Limestone Block as more particularly described in the Information Memorandum.
- 2.19. **“Performance Security”** means a bank guarantee in the format as provided in Schedule III of the Auction Rules or a non-interest bearing security deposit to be provided pursuant to the Auction Rules.
- 2.20. **“Preferred Bidder”** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in Clause 8.1 (B) (c) or Clause 10.1.b), as the case may be,

- 2.21. **“Production”** or any derivative of the word “production” means the winning or raising of mineral within the leased area for the purpose of processing or dispatch
- 2.22. **“Qualified Bidders”** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in Clause 8.1 (A) (e).
- 2.23. **“Reserve Price”**, as per Auction Rules, means the minimum percentage of Value of Mineral Despatched as referred to in sub-rule (1) of rule 8.
- 2.24. **“Rules”** shall, as the context may require, mean the Auction Rules and/or the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 and/or the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and/or any other rules (including any amendments thereof) formulated under the Act, as may be applicable at any point of time.
- 2.25. **“Scheduled Commercial Bank”** shall mean a Scheduled Bank as listed in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, excluding those listed under the headings of Gramin Banks, Urban Co-operative Banks and State Cooperative Banks.
- 2.26. **“Section”** means Section of the Act.
- 2.27. **“State Government”** means Government of Tamil Nadu.
- 2.28. **“Subsidiary Company”** shall have the meaning as ascribed to it under the Companies Act 2013.
- 2.29. **“Tender Document”** means this tender document together with the schedules and documents referred herein, including the Information Memorandum and any addenda to this Tender Document.
- 2.30. **“Upfront Payment”** means an amount equal to INR. [] (Indian Rupees only) payable pursuant to the Auction Rules.
- 2.31. **“Value of Estimated Resources”** means an amount equal to the product of:
- i) the estimated quantity of mineral resources for which the mineral block is being auctioned, expressed in metric tonne; and

- ii) the average price per metric tonne of such mineral as published by Indian Bureau of Mines for the relevant State for a period of twelve months immediately preceding the month of computation of the Value of Estimated Resources.

Provided that if for any mineral or mineral grade, the average sale price in respect of the relevant State for any month is not published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, the average sale price for the latest month published for such mineral or mineral grade shall be deemed to be the average sale price for the said month for which average sale price is not published:

Provided further that if for any mineral or mineral grade, the average sale price in respect of the relevant State is not published for the entire period of the preceding twelve months, then the all India average sale price published for such mineral or mineral grade for the said twelve months shall be used:

- 2.32. **“Value of Mineral Despatched”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 9.

3. Introduction

- 3.1. The Act stipulates grant of mining lease through e-auction in respect of minerals which vest in the government other than
 - i. minerals notified as minor minerals specified under clause (e) of Section 3
 - ii. minerals specified in Part A of the First Schedule to the Act; and
 - iii. minerals specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act having grade equal to or more than the threshold value as specified and notified under the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016.
- 3.2. In exercise of powers conferred by Section 13 of the Act, the Central Government has notified various Rules. The Bidders are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the Act and the Rules made thereunder and Applicable Law
- 3.3. This Tender Document is being issued by the State Government for e-auction for grant of a mining lease for the [Name of Block] Mineral Block.
- 3.4. The e-auction would be conducted in accordance with the Act, the Rules, order or notification issued by the Central Government pursuant to the Act and this Tender Document.

4. The Mineral Block

4.1. The following information regarding the Mineral Block is included in a separate “**Information Memorandum**” attached along with this Tender Document as Schedule V:

- (i) The map of the Mineral Block identified including geographical co-ordinates, revenue survey particulars, demarcated using total station/ differential global positioning system and divided into forest land, land owned by the State Government and land not owned by the State Government;
- (ii) The geological report of the Mineral Block specifying estimated mineral resources of limestone found in the identified Mineral Block determined pursuant to the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and amendments thereof; and
- (iii) Indicative list of clearances and permissions required to be obtained with respect to such area for commencing mining operations.

4.2. Bidders are strongly encouraged to review the Information Memorandum.

4.3. The scheduled date of commencement of production is the last date for execution of the mining lease as per the timeline set forth in Clause 12.

5. Eligibility Conditions

Pursuant to Rule 6 of the Auction Rules, the eligibility for participating in the e-auction shall be as follows:

- 5.1 A Bidder should be an Indian national or company as defined in clause (20) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013).

Explanation.--For the purposes of this clause, a person shall be deemed to be an Indian national,

(a) in the case of a firm or other association of individuals, only if all the members of the firm or members of the association are citizens of India; and

(b) in the case of an individual, only if he is a citizen of India.

- 5.2 The Bidder must meet the terms and conditions regarding eligibility as stipulated in Schedule I of the Auction Rules for e-auction of Mineral Block for grant of mining lease as quoted below. Accordingly, the net worth of the Bidder must be more than INR []/- **(Indian Rupeesonly)**, calculated in accordance with the following conditions, as applicable.

a. If The Value of Estimated Resources is equal or more than Rupees one thousand crore, the applicant, including an individual, shall have a net worth more than 2 percent of Value of Estimated Resources.

b. If the Value of Estimated Resources is less than one thousand crore rupees but more than one hundred crore rupees, the applicant, including an individual, shall have a net worth more than 1 percent of Value of Estimated Resources.

c. If the Value of Estimated Resources is less than or equal to one hundred crore rupees, the applicant, including an individual, shall have a net worth of more than 0.5 percent of the Value of Estimated Resources.

Provided that the net worth requirement shall not exceed two hundred crore rupees.

Explanation:

- a) In case of a company, the Net worth shall be the sum of paid up share capital and the free reserves as per the audited Balance Sheet of the financial year ended immediately preceding the date of issuance of notice inviting tender.

In case the notice inviting tender is issued between 1st April to 30th September (both days inclusive) of a year, the audited balance sheet of the financial year before the immediately preceding financial year, from the date of issuance of notice inviting tender,

may be submitted by the bidder, if the audited balance sheet of the immediately preceding financial year is not available.

- b) In case a Bidder is a subsidiary of another company incorporated in India, the net worth of such holding company may also be considered. Provided that, in such case, the Bidder must continue to be a subsidiary of such holding company until such time the Bidder meets the aforementioned net worth threshold.
- c) In case of an individual or sole proprietorship, the net worth shall be the closing cash balance on the last date for submission of application, and such amount may include amount in savings bank accounts in Scheduled Bank or Post Office, free and un-encumbered fixed deposits in Scheduled Banks or Post Office, Listed Companies/Government organisation or /Public Sector Undertaking of a State and the Central Government, Kisan Vikas Patra, National Saving certificate, Bonds, Shares of Listed Companies, Listed Mutual Funds, Unit Linked Insurance Plan, Public Provident Fund, Surrender Value of Life Insurance policies and un-encumbered immovable property in the name of Applicant.

Explanation: In case of an individual or sole proprietorship, the valuation of un-encumbered immovable property shall be based on the relevant circle rate published by the relevant government authority, and such valuation must be certified by a chartered accountant and supported by true copies of the relevant published circle rates from relevant authority. The individual or sole proprietorship shall also submit an undertaking, on a stamp paper of adequate value, stating, inter alia, that the immovable property (accounted for calculation of net worth) is un-encumbered and free from all charges (including, but not limited to, lien, mortgage, and pledge), and that the said individual is the owner of the immovable property.

Further, for computation of the Bidder's net worth, if an individual includes the properties owned by its sole proprietorship, or if sole proprietorship of such individual includes the properties owned by the individual, then either of the following shall be submitted, as applicable:

A. A certificate from the bank in which such sole proprietorship has a current account certifying that the individual is the proprietor of the sole proprietorship; or

B. GST registration certificate clearly showing the details of the sole proprietorship.

- d) The eligibility conditions shall be used only for the purposes of determination of eligibility for participating in the e-auction. The Successful Bidder shall be decided solely on the basis of Final Price Offer submitted by the eligible Bidders and fulfilment of subsequent conditions as specified in rule 10 (3) of the Auction Rules. Provided that, the Preferred

Bidder/Successful Bidder shall be obliged to remain in continuous compliance with eligibility conditions provided in this Clause 5 which the State Government may test anytime at its discretion.

- e) A bidder shall submit only one bid in an auction of a mineral block and no affiliate of a bidder shall submit a bid in the same auction where such bidder has submitted bid. In case a bidder submits more than one bid in an auction of a mineral block or an affiliate of a bidder submits bid in same auction where such bidder has submitted bid, the bids submitted by the bidder and its affiliate shall be rejected.
- 5.3 The bidder must comply with Section 6 of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and amendments thereof.

6. Review Period and Site Visit

- 6.1. Pursuant to sub-rule (3) of Rule 9 of the Auction Rules, the Bidders shall be provided a fixed period to study the Tender Document.
- 6.2. Such period would commence on **NIT issuance Date** and would end on **Bid Due Date**. During such period, the Bidders may undertake the site visit to Mineral Block at their cost and risk to ascertain for themselves the site conditions, location, communication, climate, availability of power and any other matter considered relevant by them.
- 6.3. This Tender Document does not, however, give the unconditional or unrestricted right to access the Mineral Block or the right to the Bidders to prospect for minerals. The site visit must be in compliance with Applicable Law and rights of person(s) having surface rights over the Mineral Block.
- 6.4. In the event a Bidder undertakes a site visit, then such Bidder shall be liable towards any loss or damage caused to the site and/ or the person(s) having surface rights over the Mineral Block, on account of any act or omission of such Bidder or its employees, authorized representatives, agents, advisors etc. Further, the Bidder shall not collect any samples during the site visits.
- 6.5. The site visit to the Mineral Block shall be conducted with prior notice to the State Government through the following e-mail address <geomine@nic.in>. The contact details of the designated person with whom the bidder shall co-ordinate for the site visit are as follows:
- Ms R.Priya, Assistant Director**
Ariyalur, Ph 9894646723 geoariyalur@gmail.com
- Thiru S.Ramesh Kumar, Assistant Director**
Cuddalore, Ph 9781900487, cuddaloremines@gmail.com
- 6.6. Bidders are advised to conduct the site visit in the manner specified in Clause 6 before 17:00 hours (IST) on Bid Due Date.

7. Pre Bid Conference

- 7.1 Bidders may seek clarifications or request further information regarding this Tender Document in MS-Word/ MS-Excel format.
- 7.2 Any queries or requests for additional information concerning this Tender Document may be sent by e-mail to the State Government at geomine@nic.in in the format specified in Schedule II (Format for seeking clarifications regarding the Tender Document).
- 7.3 The e-mail should clearly bear the following subject line: **“Queries/ Request for Additional Information: Tender Document for [Name of Block] Limestone Block”**.
- 7.4 Each query should contain complete details of facts, information and Applicable Law relevant to the query and also the particulars of the person or company posing the query. The State Government reserves the right to not answer any query, including any query which is incomplete or anonymous.
- 7.5 The queries should be e-mailed on or before the date specified in Clause 11 for receiving queries.
- 7.6 The State Government shall endeavor to respond to the queries within the period specified in Clause 11. However, the State Government reserves the right to not respond to any question or provide any clarification, in its sole discretion, and nothing in this Tender Document shall be taken or read as compelling or requiring the State Government to respond to any question or to provide any clarification.
- 7.7 The State Government shall publish the queries for which response will be provided on the website (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp>), without mentioning the source of queries.
- 7.8 Pre-bid conference(s) of the Bidders shall be convened at the designated date as mentioned in Clause 11 at a time and place specified by the State Government. The State Government may, at its sole discretion, choose to convene the pre-bid conference through virtual mode or physical mode subject to such conditions as may be notified separately by the State Government.
- 7.9 A maximum of three representatives of each Bidder shall be allowed to participate on production of duly issued authority letter from the Bidder and identity documents. It is

expressly clarified that no queries shall be submitted after the last date for receipt of queries as indicated in Clause 11 of this Tender Document.

- 7.10 The State Government shall endeavor to provide clarifications and such further information, as it may, in its sole discretion, consider appropriate for facilitating a fair, transparent and competitive tender process.
- 7.11 The State Government may also on its own motion, if deemed necessary, issue interpretations and clarifications to all Bidders. All clarifications and interpretations issued by the State Government shall be deemed to be part of the Tender Document. Provided, however, that any non-written clarifications and information provided by the State Government, its employees or representatives or advisors in any manner whatsoever shall not in any way or manner be binding on the State Government.
- 7.12 The State Government reserves the right to reschedule or cancel the pre-bid conference due to unforeseen circumstances with prior intimation to the Bidders.

8. Tender Process

8.1 Pursuant to sub-rule (4) of Rule 9 of the Auction Rules, the e-auction shall be an ascending forward online electronic auction conducted on electronic platform created by MSTC Limited (a Government of India enterprise) and shall comprise of the following two rounds:

A. First round of e-auction

- (a) In the first round, the Bidders shall be required to submit on or prior to **17:00** hrs. IST on **Bid Due Date**:
- i. a technical bid comprising amongst others, documentary evidence to confirm eligibility as per the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder to participate in the auction, bid security and such other documents and payments as may be specified in the tender document ("**Technical Bid**"); and
 - ii. initial price offer, which shall be a percentage of Value of Mineral Despatched and must be equal to or greater than the Reserve Price as specified in Clause 9. Initial price offer of up to two decimal places is allowed.

The Technical Bid and the initial price offer must be submitted electronically as provided in Schedule III (*Technical details regarding electronic auction*). In case the Bidder fails to submit the Technical Bid electronically, the Technical Bid and the initial price offer will be summarily rejected.

Besides electronic submission, the duly executed original physical copies of documents, related to the Technical Bid, mentioned in Clause 14.1.1 must be sent to the following address so that they are received on or prior to the Bid Due Date, failing which the Technical Bid shall be deemed to be not received. In case of a conflict between documents submitted electronically and document submitted physically, the documents submitted physically shall prevail. It is clarified that only the Technical Bid is required to be submitted physically, and the Bidders must not submit the Initial Price Offer physically. In case the Bidder submits the initial price offer physically, the Technical Bid and the Initial Price Offer will be summarily rejected.

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- (b) The Technical Bid shall be evaluated to ascertain compliance of the Bidder with the eligibility conditions and requirements under this Tender Document. While examining the Technical Bids, the State Government may consider such parameters as it may deem relevant, including considerations that the Technical Bid:
- (i) is received as per the prescribed formats along with all required documents and information;
 - (ii) is received by the Bid Due Date including any extension thereof;
 - (iii) is submitted electronically in the manner prescribed in Schedule III (*Technical details regarding electronic auction*); and the duly executed original physical copies of required documents submitted physically;
 - (iv) contains all the information (complete in all respects) including the initial price offer as requested in this Tender Document;
 - (v) does not contain any condition or qualification;
 - (vi) only one Technical Bid has been made by the Bidder; and its affiliates;
 - (vii) the initial price offer is equal to or greater than the Reserve Price;
and
 - (viii) is generally considered to be in compliance in terms of any other parameters as may be considered relevant by the State Government.
- (c) Only those Bidders who are found to be eligible in accordance with the prescribed eligibility conditions as per Clause 5 of this Tender Document and whose initial price offer is equal to or greater than the Reserve Price and whose bids meet the requirements under this Tender Document shall be declared as the “**Technically Qualified Bidders**” and shall be considered for the second round of auction.
- (d) The highest initial price offer amongst the Technically Qualified Bidders shall be the floor price for the second round of online electronic auction (“**Floor Price**”).

- (e) The Technically Qualified Bidders shall be ranked on the basis of the descending initial price offer submitted by them. On the basis of such ranking the Technically Qualified Bidders, holding first fifty per cent of the ranks (with any fraction rounded off to higher integer) or the top five Technically Qualified Bidders, whichever is higher, shall be considered to be qualified for participating in the second round of online electronic auction (the “**Qualified Bidders**”). Intimation shall be restricted only to the Qualified Bidders.

Provided that if the number of technically qualified bidders is between three and five, then all the technically qualified bidders shall be considered as Qualified Bidders:

Provided further that in the event of identical initial price offers being submitted by two or more technically qualified bidders, all such technically qualified bidders shall be assigned the same rank for the purposes of determination of qualified bidders and in such case, the aforementioned fifty per cent shall stand enhanced to the extent of tie occurring within the first fifty per cent.

Illustration

In the event there are a total of ten technically qualified bidders, and each technically qualified bidder submits different initial price offer, then the technically qualified bidders holding the first fifty per cent of ranks shall be considered to be qualified bidders.

If three such technically qualified bidders submit the same initial price offer and are ranked in first fifty per cent of the total number of ranks, then, all the three technically qualified bidders shall be considered to be qualified bidders and the total number of qualified bidders shall stand increased by two.

- (f) Where the total number of technically qualified bidders is three or more, the auction process shall proceed to the second round of auction which shall be held in the following manner, namely:

- (i) the qualified bidders may submit their final price offers which shall be a percentage of Value of Mineral Despatched and greater than the floor price:

Provided that the final price offer may be revised till the conclusion of the auction as per the technical specifications of the auction platform;

- (ii) the auction process shall be annulled if none of the qualified bidders submits a final price offer on the online electronic auction platform;
 - (iii) the qualified bidder who submits the highest final price offer shall be declared as the “preferred bidder” immediately on conclusion of the auction.
- (g) Where the total number of technically qualified bidders is less than three, then no technically qualified bidder shall be considered to be qualified bidder and the first attempt of auction shall be annulled.
- (h) On annulment of the first attempt of auction, the State Government may decide to
 - (a) commence the auction process de novo with a separate set of terms and conditions and reserve price as it may deem fit and necessary; or
 - (b) conduct the second attempt of auction.
- (i) In case the State Government decides to conduct the second attempt of auction as per clause (b) of sub-rule (11) of Rule 9 of the Auction Rules, the terms and conditions of the second attempt of auction shall remain the same as in the first annulled attempt of auction:

Provided that the highest initial price offer of the technically qualified bidders if any in the first annulled attempt shall be the reserve price in first round of the second attempt:

Provided further that the bidding shall continue to the second round even in case the number of technically qualified bidders is less than three and even in case of a single technically qualified bidder.

Note:

- a. The State Government is not obliged to provide any explanation or clarification on their disqualification to Bidders who fail to qualify as Technically Qualified Bidders.
- b. Technical Bids shall be deemed to be under consideration immediately after the submission and until such time the State Government makes official intimation of award to the Bidders. While the tender process is on-going, Bidders and/ or their representatives or other interested parties are advised to refrain, save and except as required/ permitted under the Tender Document, from contacting by any means, the State Government and/ or their employees/ representatives on matters related to the bids under consideration.

- c. Save and except as provided in this Tender Document, the State Government shall not entertain any correspondence with any Bidder in relation to acceptance or rejection of any bid or the tender process.

B. Second round of e-auction

- (a) In the second round, the Qualified Bidders may submit their final price offers which shall be a percentage of Value of Mineral Despatched (the “**Final Price Offer**”) which must be greater than the Floor Price. The Final Price Offer may be revised till the conclusion of the e-auction in accordance with the technical specifications of the e-auction platform as specified in Schedule III (*Technical details regarding electronic auction*).
- (b) The e-auction process shall be annulled if none of the Qualified Bidders submits a Final Price Offer on the online electronic auction platform. In case the e-auction process is annulled due to non-submission of at least one Final Price Offer on the electronic auction platform, the Bid Security of the Qualified Bidder(s) who has submitted the highest Initial Price Offer i.e. the applicable Floor Price for the second round of e-auction, shall be forfeited in accordance with Clause 15.7.
- (c) The Qualified Bidder who submits the highest Final Price Offer shall be declared as the “**Preferred Bidder**” immediately on conclusion of the e-auction.

- 8.2 The mining lease shall be for minerals found in the area pursuant to exploration prior to the e-auction.

Provided that where, subsequent to the e-auction, any new mineral is discovered, then the holder of mining lease shall follow the provisions of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 and amendments thereof for inclusion of such new mineral in the Mining Lease Deed.

Provided further, if subsequent to grant of a mining lease, one or more new minerals are discovered, the percentage of Value of Mineral Despatched as quoted by the successful bidder shall be applicable for the purpose of payment to the State Government in respect of each such mineral.

Where, prior to the e-auction or subsequent to the e-auction, presence of minor mineral is established or discovered, such minor minerals shall be dealt in accordance

with Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 and amendments thereof made by the State Government under Section 15 of the Act.

8.3 State Government shall prescribe the manner in which the minor mineral would be extracted and payments related thereto in consonance with Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 and amendments thereof made by the State Government under Section 15 of the Act.

8.4 Special provisions relating to minerals specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act

- I. if the holder of a Composite licence or mining lease discovers any mineral specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act and not specified in such licence or lease, in the area granted under such licence or lease, the discovery of such mineral shall be reported to the Director, Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, Hyderabad within sixty days from the date of discovery of such mineral;
- II. the licensee or lessee shall not win or dispose of any mineral specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act unless such mineral is included in the licensee or mining lease granted pursuant to this Tender Document or a separate licence or lease with respect to such mineral has been obtained with prior approval of the Central Government and subject to the provisions of the MMDR Act;
- III. the quantities of any mineral specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act recovered incidental to the mining operations to be undertaken pursuant to this Tender Document and related mining lease shall be collected and stacked separately and a report to that effect shall be sent to the Director, Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, Hyderabad every month for such further action by the licensee or lessee as may be directed by the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research.
- IV. the licensee or lessee referred above shall, within sixty days from the date of discovery of any mineral specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act, apply to the Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai, through the State Government, for grant of a licence to handle such minerals under the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 (33 of 1962) and the rules made thereunder and the Department of Atomic Energy shall intimate to the State Government regarding issue of the licence in this regard.

9. Reserve Price

9.1 The Reserve Price is []% of Value of Mineral Despatched. The “**Value of Mineral Despatched**” shall be an amount equal to the product of

- (i) Mineral despatched in a month
- (ii) Sale price of the mineral (grade-wise and State-wise) as published by Indian Bureau of Mines for such month of despatch.

9.2 It is clarified that payment in accordance with the Final Price Offer shall be required to be made in addition to the payment of royalty or dead rent, payments to District Mineral Foundation and National Mineral Exploration Trust and any other payments, as applicable.

10. Declaration of Successful Bidder and grant of mining lease

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Auction Rules, the mining lease shall be granted to the Successful Bidder in the following manner:

10.1 Issuance of letter of intent

- a) As per Section 6 of the Act;

“(1) No person shall acquire in respect of any mineral or prescribed group of associated minerals in a State-.....

(b) one or more mining leases covering a total area of more than ten square kilometres;

Provided that if the Central Government is of the opinion that in the interest of the development of any mineral or industry, it is necessary so to do, it may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, increase the aforesaid area limits in respect of prospecting licence or mining lease, in so far as it pertains to any particular mineral, or to any specified category of deposits of such mineral, or to any particular mineral located in any particular area.”

The Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under the proviso to clauses (a) and (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 6 of the Act, vide its order (No. 16/115/2016-M.VI, dated 17 November 2016) has increased the area limit to the extent of 50 Sq. Kms. for mining lease for mineral limestone in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Accordingly, the State Government shall not issue a letter of intent in case the Bidder holds or may hold (including the area relating to the auction hereunder) one or more mining leases covering a total area of more than 50 Sq. Kms. in respect of limestone in the State of Tamil Nadu.

- b) The qualified bidder who submits the highest final price offer shall be declared as the “Preferred Bidder” immediately on conclusion of the auction as per Rule 9 (9) (iii) of the Auction Rules. A letter of intent shall be issued by the State Government only upon receipt of the first instalment of the Upfront Payment, which is INR. []/- (Indian Rupeesonly), from such Preferred Bidder within 15 (fifteen) days after being declared as Preferred Bidder.

Provided that the State Government may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the period of 15 (fifteen) days by further 15 (fifteen) days.

In case the Preferred Bidder fails to submit the first instalment of the Upfront Payment within the period or extended period mentioned above in clause 10.1 b), the State Government shall:

- (a) forfeit the Bid Security of the Preferred Bidder; and
- (b) offer the Bidder who had submitted second-highest price offer in the second round of auction to meet the highest Final Price Offer and if the said Bidder agrees to the said offer in writing and submit the first instalment of Upfront Payment within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of offer, the State Government shall declare the said Bidder as the Preferred Bidder and issue Letter of Intent in accordance with sub-rule (2) of Rule 10 of the Auction Rules.

Provided that the State Government may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the period of 15 (fifteen) days referred to in this clause by further 15 (fifteen) days.

10.2 Declaration as a Successful Bidder

The Preferred Bidder shall be considered to be the “**Successful Bidder** upon:

- (a) continuing to be in compliance with all the terms and conditions of eligibility;
- (b) payment of the second instalment of the Upfront Payment which is INR. [] (Indian Rupees ...only);
- (c) furnishing an irrevocable and unconditional Performance Security pursuant to the Auction Rules, which shall be valid for the period as specified in the MDPA for an amount equal to INR []/- (Indian Rupeesonly). Pursuant to sub-rule (1) of rule 12 of the Auction Rules, the Performance Security shall be adjusted every five years so that it continues to correspond to 0.50% of the reassessed Value of Estimated Resources including the value of any newly discovered mineral that may be included in the mining lease deed on its discovery determined in accordance with the Auction Rules. In such case, bank guarantee constituting the Performance Security shall be substituted with another bank guarantee of the same value issued in accordance with this Clause 10.2, which is for the revised amount or if the Performance Security has been provided through a security deposit, additional amount towards security deposit shall be provided; Provided that the amount of performance security shall not exceed five hundred crore rupees.
- (d) Satisfying the conditions specified in clause (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Act with respect to a mining plan.
- (e) Satisfying such other conditions as may be specified by the State Government with the prior approval of the Central Government.

- (f) having cleared all dues to the Government of Tamil Nadu arising from mining activity that the Preferred Bidder has undertaken in Tamil Nadu in the past, if such dues have been determined to be payable by him in terms of the extant provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957 and the rules framed there under, along with an undertaking that he shall also clear all dues that the Government of Tamil Nadu determines in future, payable by him in terms of the extant provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957 and the rules framed there under, to the Government of Tamil Nadu arising from mining activity undertaken by him in Tamil Nadu in the past, if such dues have not been determined

10.3 Execution of Mine Development and Production Agreement

The State Government and the Successful Bidder shall enter into the MDPA upon the Successful Bidder having obtained all consents, approvals, permits, no objections and the like as may be required under Applicable Law for commencement of mining operations.

10.4 Grant of mining lease

Subsequent to execution of the MDPA, the Successful Bidder shall pay the third instalment of the Upfront Payment which is INR. []/- (Indian Rupees only.) Upon such payment, the State Government shall grant a mining lease to the Successful Bidder. The mining lease shall be executed between the Successful Bidder and the State Government within a period of 30 days from the date of payment and shall be subject to the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder. The date of the commencement of the period for which a mining lease is granted shall be the date on which a mining lease deed is registered.

Provided that no Mining Lease Deed shall be executed on expiry of a period of three years from the date of the letter of intent, and the letter of intent shall be invalidated leading to annulment of the entire process of auction:

Provided further that the State Government may allow a further period of two years for execution of the Mining Lease Deed if the reasons for delay were beyond the control of the Preferred Bidder.

[Name of Block] Limestone Block

Bidder should pay all costs related to stamp duty, registration of the mining lease and other statutory charges. Stamp duty will be computed, as per the prevailing law and guidelines for Tamil Nadu.

11. Time Table – Stage I

The following timetable shall apply to the Stage I of the tender process pertaining to the e-auction process for selection of Preferred Bidder. The time table may be amended by the State Government through issuance of an addendum to the Tender Document.

S.No.	Event Description	Tentative schedule	Date
1.	Publication of notice inviting tender on MSTC website	T ₀	Monday, March 4, 2024
2.	Appearance of notice inviting tender published in at least one English national newspaper and one local language newspaper	T ₀	Monday, March 4, 2024
3.	Commencement of sale of Tender Document.	T ₀ +1	Tuesday, March 5, 2024
4.	Last date of receiving queries from Bidders	T ₀ +23	Wednesday, March 27, 2024
5.	Pre-bid conference.	T ₀ +25	Thursday, March 28, 2024
6.	Last date for responses to queries by the State Government	T ₀ +35	Monday, April 8, 2024
7.	Last date for sale of Tender Document.	T ₀ +42	Monday, April 15, 2024
8.	Bid Due Date (Technical + initial price offer) (upto 17:00 hours IST)	T ₀ +49	Monday, April 22, 2024
9.	Opening of the Technical Bids (at 11:30 hours IST)	T ₀ +50	Tuesday, April 23, 2024
10.	Start date for examination of the Technical Bids (at 11:30 hours IST)	T ₀ +50	Tuesday, April 23, 2024
11.	Announcement of the Technically Qualified Bidders	T ₀ +70	Monday, May 13, 2024
12.	Training and mock-auctions for all the Technically Qualified Bidders on e-auction platform by the e-auction platform provider	T ₀ +71	Tuesday, May 14, 2024

13.	Opening of initial price offers of Technically Qualified Bidders and intimation of Qualified Bidders two days prior to the scheduled date of e-auction of the respective mineral block (to Qualified Bidders only)	T_0+72 to T_0+86	Wednesday, May 15, 2024 to Monday, May 28, 2024
14.	Conduct of ascending forward electronic auction and submission of Final Price Offer on the electronic auction platform	T_0+74 to T_0+88	Friday, May 17, 2024 to Wednesday, May 30, 2024
15.	Announcement of Preferred Bidder	T_0+74 to T_0+88	Friday, May 17, 2024 to Wednesday, May 30, 2024
16.	Payment of first installment (20%) of Upfront Payment by the Preferred Bidder*.	T_0+89 to T_0+103	Within 15 days of declaration of Preferred Bidder
17.	Issuance of letter of intent by State Government (T_1)	T_0+104 to T_0+118	Within 15 days of receipt of first installment of Upfront Payment

**Provided that the State Government may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the period of fifteen days referred to in this clause by further fifteen days*

12. Time Table – Stage II

The following time table shall generally apply to Stage II of the tender process pertaining to the process for grant of mining lease after selection of Preferred Bidder. The time table may be amended by the State Government through issuance of an addendum to the Tender Document.

S.No.	Event description	Tentative schedule	Date
1	Issuance of order by State Government acknowledging Preferred Bidder as the Successful Bidder subject to compliance with all the terms and conditions of eligibility and fulfilment of conditions as mentioned in clause 10.2 of this Tender Document	T ₁ +180	Shall be intimated later
2	Preferred Bidder/ Successful Bidder to obtain all necessary clearances/ approvals	T ₁ +1045	Shall be intimated later
3.	Mine Development Production Agreement (MDPA) to be executed between State Government & Successful Bidder upon obtaining all consents, approvals, permits, no-objections from various Government agencies/ departments required under applicable laws for commencement of mining operations	T ₁ +1055	Shall be intimated later
4.	Issuance of grant of mining lease upon payment of third installment (60%) of Upfront Payment	T ₁ +1065	Shall be intimated later
5.	Mining lease deed to be executed by State Government. Successful Bidder to become holder of mining lease	T ₁ +1095 (T ₂)	Shall be intimated later
6	Scheduled date of commencement of production	(T ₂)	

Note:

- The timeline above is based on calendar days.
- The State Government reserves the right to update/ change or modify any of the above dates.

- *In case the day of completion of any requirement is falling due on a public holiday, the day of completion shall be deemed to be due on the next successive working day.*

Explanation- The expression “public holiday” includes Saturday, Sunday and any other day declared to be a public holiday by the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be.

13. Payments by the Successful Bidder

13.1 Upfront Payment

The Upfront Payment paid by the Successful Bidder shall be adjusted in full at the earliest against the amount to be paid under sub-rule (3) of rule 8 of the Auction Rules against the amount payable in accordance with the percentage of Value of Mineral Despatched quoted as the Final Price Offer on commencement of production of mineral(s) as specified in MDPA

Methodology of adjustment: The upfront payment will be adjusted in full at the earliest in proportion to the actual quantity of mineral dispatched against the amount payable in accordance with the percentage of Value of Mineral Despatched quoted as the Final Price Offer.

13.2 Periodic payments

A holder of mining lease shall make such payments as specified in rule 13 of the Auction Rules. It is clarified that the holder of mining lease shall make monthly payments with respect to the Value of Mineral Despatched or the minimum Despatch requirement as specified in the MDPA, whichever is higher.

Note: The lessee shall pay only fifty per cent of the amount quoted under rule 8 of the Auction Rules, for the quantity of mineral produced and dispatched earlier than the scheduled date of commencement of production as given in the tender document:

Provided further that for such quantity of mineral produced and dispatched, other payments as specified in sub-rules (1), (3) and (4) of rule 13 of the Auction Rules shall be payable in full and the successful bidder shall obtain all necessary approvals, permissions, licences and the like as may be required under any law for the time being in force for starting early production.

Explanation - For the purposes of this sub-rule, it is clarified that the incentive specified in the first proviso on payment of amount quoted under rule 8 of the Auction Rules shall be applicable on the quantity of mineral produced and dispatched between actual date and the scheduled date of commencement of production.

13.3 Interest

The State Government shall charge simple interest at the rate of 12% (twelve per cent) per annum on any payment due to State Government which is delayed beyond the due date thereof, as per rule 14 of Auction Rules.

14. General conditions regarding tender process

14.1 Submission of Technical Bid

14.1.1 The Technical Bid shall comprise of the documents as mentioned in **Schedule I: Format of Technical Bid:**

14.1.2 The Technical Bid shall be submitted on the electronic platform and the duly executed original physical copies of documents mentioned in Schedule I must be sent to the following address so that they are received on or prior to the Bid Due Date, failing which the Technical Bid shall be deemed to be not received.

Kind Attention:

Commissioner, Commissionerate of Geology and Mining

Thiru Vika Industrial Estate,

Guindy, Chennai – 600 032

Email Id: geomine@nic.in

14.2 Language

The bid and all communications in relation to or concerning the Tender Document and the bid are required to be in the English language.

14.3 Documents and information

The documents including this Tender Document and all attached documents, provided by the State Government are and shall remain or become the properties of the State Government and are transmitted to the Bidders solely for the purpose of preparation and the submission of a bid in accordance herewith. Bidders are required to treat all such information as strictly confidential and shall not use it for any purpose other than for preparation and submission of their bid. The provisions of this Clause shall also apply to bids and all other documents submitted by the Bidders in relation to the bid, and the State Government shall not return to the Bidders any bid, document or any information provided along therewith.

14.4 Overriding effect

If there is a conflict between the mining lease which is inclusive of the MDPA and this Tender Document, the mining lease which is inclusive of the MDPA would have overriding effect. The Bidder shall comply with all Applicable Laws. In the event of any

conflict between the Tender Document or MDPA and Applicable Law, the Applicable Law shall prevail.

14.5 Cost of bidding

The Bidders shall be responsible for all of the costs associated with the preparation of their bids and their participation in the tender process. The State Government will not be responsible or in any way liable for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the tender process.

14.6 Verification of information by the Bidders

14.6.1 It shall be deemed that by submitting a bid, the Bidder has:

- (a) made a complete and careful examination of the Tender Document and unconditionally and irrevocably accepted the terms thereof;
- (b) reviewed all relevant information provided by the State Government, as may be relevant to the bid;
- (c) accepted the risk of inadequacy, error or mistake in the information provided in the Tender Document or furnished by or on behalf of the State Government relating to any of the matters related to the e-auction process.
- (d) satisfied itself about all matters regarding the e-auction process for submitting an informed bid, in accordance with this Tender Document and performance of all of its obligations;
- (e) acknowledged and agreed that inadequacy, lack of completeness or incorrectness of information provided in the Tender Document or ignorance of any of the matters related to the e-auction process hereinabove shall not be a basis for any claim for compensation, damages, extension of time for performance of its obligations, loss of profits etc. from the State Government, or a ground for termination of the MDPA and/ or the mining lease by the Successful Bidder; and
- (f) agreed to be bound by the undertakings provided by it under and in terms hereof.

14.6.2 The State Government shall not be liable for any omission, mistake or error in respect of any of the information provided or on account of any matter or thing arising out of or concerning or relating to the Tender Document or the tender process, including any error or mistake therein or in any information or data given by the State Government.

14.7 Verification by the State Government and disqualification

14.7.1 The State Government reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents submitted by the Bidder in response to the Tender Document and the Bidder shall, when so required by the State Government, make available all such information, evidence and documents as may be necessary for such verification. Any such verification or lack of such verification by the State Government shall not relieve the Bidder of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of the State Government thereunder.

14.7.2 The State Government reserves the right to reject any bid, and forfeit and appropriate the entire Bid Security or the Performance Security and any instalment of the Upfront Payment paid, as the case may be, if:

- a) at any time, a misrepresentation is made or uncovered,
- b) the Bidder does not provide, within the time specified by the State Government, the supplemental information sought by the State Government for evaluation of the bid,
- c) any act or omission of the Bidder results in violation of or non-compliance with the Act, the rules thereunder, this Tender Document, or any other document referred therein or issued pursuant thereto or any Applicable Law relevant for the tender process, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) if the Bidder fails to furnish the Performance Security or extend the Bid Security or make any instalment of Upfront Payment (first, second and/or third) as prescribed in this Tender Document. The Bidder has to adhere to the payment milestone and timelines as specified in clauses 11 & 12 of this Tender Document, else Bid Security/ Performance Security as the case may be, irrespective of the signing of the MDPA, may be appropriated;
 - (ii) failure to execute the MDPA and/or mining lease deed with the State Government within the timelines prescribed in the Auction Rules;

- (iii) failure to furnish unconditional acceptance of the terms and conditions of Letter of Intent along with relevant authorization within the timeline prescribed in the Letter of Intent.
- d) If the Bidder/Preferred Bidder/Successful Bidder engages in a Corrupt Practice, Fraudulent Practice, Coercive Practice, Undesirable Practice or Restrictive Practice as specified in Clause 16 of this Tender Document.
- e) In case the Bidder or its Affiliate(s) submits more than one bid for the said Mineral Block, then the entire Bid security of the bidder and its Affiliate(s) submitting the bids shall be forfeited.

14.7.3 Any rejection of a bid under Clause 14.7.2 may lead to the disqualification of the Bidder for bidding for any e-auction or allotment conducted by the State Government for a period of 5 years starting from the date of appropriation of the Bid Security or any other earlier date specified by the State Government.

14.7.4 In the aforementioned events, the State Government shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security or Performance Security and any instalment of the Upfront Payment paid as the case may be, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the State Government under the Tender Document, or otherwise, without any liability whatsoever.

14.8 Amendment of Tender Document

14.8.1 At any time prior to the Bid Due Date, the State Government may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to clarifications requested by a Bidder, amend the Tender Document.

14.8.2 Any amendment issued hereunder will be in writing and shall be made available to all the Bidders and shall be deemed to be part of the Tender Document.

14.8.3 In order to afford the Bidders a reasonable time for taking an amendment into account, or for any other reason, the State Government may, in its sole discretion, extend the Bid Due Date in accordance with Clause 14.9.

14.9 Bid Due Date and extension

14.9.1 Technical Bids should be uploaded and the documents required to be submitted physically in original pursuant to Clause 14.1.2 must be received before the Bid Due

Date. Technical Bids received by the State Government after the specified time on the Bid Due Date shall not be eligible for consideration and shall be summarily rejected.

14.9.2 The State Government may, in its sole discretion, extend the Bid Due Date by issuing an amendment that is made available to all Bidders.

14.10 Modifications/ substitution/ withdrawal of bids

14.10.1 The Bidder may modify, substitute or withdraw its Technical Bid after submission, prior to the Bid Due Date. No Technical Bid shall be modified, substituted or withdrawn by the Bidder on or after the Bid Due Date, unless the same has been expressly sought by the State Government.

14.11 Rejection of bids

14.11.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Tender Document, the State Government reserves the right to reject any bid and/ or to annul the tender process and reject all bids at any time without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment, and without assigning any reasons thereof.

14.11.2 In case such cancellation is pursuant to non-compliance by the relevant Bidders vis-à-vis submissions of bid, then the State Government reserves the right to appropriate the relevant Bid Security submitted by such non-compliant Bidders.

14.11.3 The State Government reserves the right not to proceed with the tender process at any time, without notice or liability, and to reject any bid without assigning any reasons.

14.11.4 Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the State Government reserves the right to reject any bid on any criteria specified in this Tender Document, including without limitation, the following:

- a) bids have not been submitted with all the information and details listed in this Tender Document.
- b) bid is not conforming to the terms of Clause 8.1(A)(b) of this Tender Document.
- c) bids have been submitted without Bid Security or period of validity.
- d) bids have otherwise not been submitted in accordance with the Tender Document.

14.12 Validity of bids

The Initial Price Offer shall be valid for a period of 180 days from the Bid Due Date. If the second round of e-auction is not conducted within a period of 180 days from the Bid Due Date, then the e-auction process will be annulled.

14.13 Change affecting the Bidder

Upon submission of the Technical Bid, any change affecting the Bidder regarding compliance with the eligibility conditions shall result in disqualification of the Bidder. Any change in any information submitted by the Bidder must be immediately communicated to the State Government.

14.14 Minor deviations

The State Government may permit minor deviations from the requirements of this Tender Document. It is clarified that such minor deviation would not be permitted in matters related to eligibility and shall be permitted only with respect to procedural requirements. The decision of the State Government regarding what constitutes minor deviation shall be final and binding.

15. Bid Security

15.1. The Bidder shall furnish as part of its Technical Bid, a security in the form of a bank guarantee payable at Chennai by a Scheduled Bank as listed in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, excluding those listed under the headings of Gramin Banks, Urban Co-operative Banks and State Co-operative Banks, in favor of the State Government in substantially the same format as prescribed at Annexure B of Schedule I (Format of bid security) and having a validity period of not less than 360 days from the Bid Due Date, inclusive of a claim period of 60 days, and may be substituted with another bank guarantee of the same value issued in accordance with this Clause, which is valid for an extended period as may be mutually agreed between the State Government and the Bidder from time to time.

15.2. The Bid Security shall be addressed to

Commissioner, Commissionerate of Geology and Mining
Thiru Vika Industrial Estate,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032
Email Id: geomine@nic.in

15.3. The Bid Security shall be for INR. []/- (Indian Rupees only).

15.4. Save and except as provided in this Tender Document, the Bid Security of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned by the State Government, without any interest as promptly as possible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bid Security of the Qualified Bidder who has submitted the second highest Final Price Offer will be retained until the earlier of the following: (i) the issuance of the Letter of Intent to Qualified Bidder who has been declared as the Preferred Bidder pursuant to Clause 8.1(B)(c), or (ii) the provision of the Performance Security by such second highest Bidder pursuant to it having been declared as the Preferred Bidder in terms of Clause 10.1 b)

15.5. The Preferred Bidder's Bid Security will be returned, without any interest, upon furnishing of the Performance Security in accordance with the provisions thereof. Consequently, the Preferred Bidder's Bid Security shall remain valid until the time Performance Security is provided.

15.6. The State Government shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security as damages, amongst others if any of the events that entitle it to do so, occur or arise pursuant to or under this Tender Document. The Bidder, by submitting its bid pursuant to this Tender Document, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and confirmed that the State

Government will suffer loss and damage on account of withdrawal of its bid or for any other default by the Bidder during the period of bid validity as specified in this Tender Document. No relaxation of any kind on Bid Security shall be given to any Bidder.

- 15.7. The Bid Security shall be forfeited as damages without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the State Government under the Tender Document and/or otherwise, under, inter alia, the following conditions:
- (a) If a Bidder submits a Technical Bid which is not conforming to this Tender Document, the Act or the Rules framed thereunder or submits an initial price offer which is less than the Reserve Price;
 - (b) If a Bidder engages in a Corrupt Practice, Fraudulent Practice, Coercive Practice, Undesirable Practice or Restrictive Practice as specified in Clause 16 of this Tender Document;
 - (c) If a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity as specified in this Tender Document or as extended by mutual consent of the respective Bidder(s) and the State Government;
 - (d) In the case of Preferred Bidder/Successful Bidder, if it fails within the specified time limit to furnish the Performance Security or extend the Bid Security or make payment of any installment of Upfront Payment or other payments, as the case may be, within the period prescribed in this Tender Document;
 - (e) If the e-auction process is annulled due to non-submission of at least one Final Price Offer on the electronic e-auction platform, by the Qualified Bidder(s) who has submitted the highest Initial Price Offer i.e. the applicable Floor Price for the second round of e-auction;
 - (f) In case the bidder or its Affiliate(s) submits more than one bid for the Mineral Block, then the entire Bid security of the Bidder and its Affiliate(s) submitting the bids shall be forfeited;
 - (g) In the case of Preferred Bidder, if it fails within the specified time limit to comply with Clause 10.2 (a), 10.2 (b), 10.2 (c), 10.2 (d), 10.2(e) and 10.2 (f) of this Tender document within the period prescribed in Clause 12 of this Tender Document

16. Fraud and Corrupt Practices

- 16.1. The Bidders and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the tender process and subsequent to the grant of the mining lease. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the State Government may reject a bid, withdraw the mining lease, or terminate the MDPA, as the case may be, without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder, Technically Qualified Bidder, Preferred Bidder, or the Successful Bidder, as the case may be, if the State Government determines that the Bidder, Technically Qualified Bidder, Preferred Bidder, or Successful Bidder, as the case may be, has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in Corrupt Practice, Fraudulent Practice, Coercive Practice, Undesirable Practice or Restrictive Practice in the tender process. In such an event, the State Government shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security or Performance Security and any instalment of the Upfront Payment paid, as the case may be, as damages, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the State Government under the Tender Document and/ or otherwise.
- 16.2. Without prejudice to the rights of the State Government under Clause 16.1 herein above and the rights and remedies which the State Government may have under the mining lease or the MDPA, or otherwise if a Bidder, Preferred Bidder or Successful Bidder, as the case may be, is found by the State Government to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any Corrupt Practice, Fraudulent Practice, Coercive Practice, Undesirable Practice or Restrictive Practice during the tender process, or after the grant of the mining lease or the execution of the MDPA, such Bidder or Successful Bidder shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or Tender Document issued by the State Government during a period of 5 years from the date such Bidder or Successful Bidder, as the case may be, is found by the State Government to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any Corrupt Practice, Fraudulent Practice, Coercive Practice, Undesirable Practice or Restrictive Practices, as the case may be.
- 16.3. For the purposes of this Tender Document, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:
- a) **“Corrupt Practice”** means (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the actions of any person connected with the tender process (for avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official

of the State Government who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly, with the tender process or arising therefrom, before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of 1 year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of the State Government, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the tender process); or (ii) save and except as permitted under this Tender Document, engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the tender process or after the grant of the mining lease or after the execution of the MDPA, as the case may be;

- b) “**Fraudulent Practice**” means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or suppression of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the tender process;
- c) “**Coercive Practice**” means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any person or property to influence any person’s participation or action in the tender process;
- d) “**Undesirable Practice**” means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by the State Government with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the tender process; (ii) having a conflict of interest; or (iii) violating of any Applicable Law; and
- e) “**Restrictive Practice**” means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Bidders with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the tender process.

17. Other provisions

17.1 Exploration Obligation

The holder of a mining lease shall complete detailed exploration (G1 level exploration) and prepare a detailed feasibility study report conforming to Part IV and V of the Mineral (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and amendments thereof over the entire area under the mining lease, within a period of five years from the date of commencement of such mining lease.

17.2 Governing law

The tender process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India.

17.3 Right of State Government

17.3.1 The State Government, in its sole discretion and without incurring any obligation or liability, reserves the right, at any time, to;

- (a) suspend and/ or cancel the tender process and/ or amend and/ or supplement the tender process or modify the dates or other terms and conditions relating thereto;
- (b) ask, produce or demand and receive such other clarification/ information from any Bidder as it may deem fit in connection with the tender process;
- (c) retain any information and/ or evidence submitted to the State Government by, on behalf of, and/ or in relation to any Bidder; and/ or
- (d) independently verify, disqualify, reject and/ or accept any and all submissions or other information and/ or evidence submitted by or on behalf of any Bidder.

17.3.2 It shall be deemed that by submitting the bid, the Bidder acknowledges, agrees and releases the State Government, its employees, agents and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/ or performance of any obligations hereunder, pursuant hereto and/ or in connection with the tender process and waives, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, any and all rights and/ or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, present or in future, in law, contracts, equity or otherwise.

17.3.3 Jurisdiction

In any event of dispute arising out of process of e-auction, the Madras High Court at Chennai shall only have the jurisdiction.

17.3.4 Proprietary data

All documents and other information supplied by a Bidder to the State Government shall remain with the State Government.

Schedule I: Format of Technical Bid

A. General instructions:

The Technical Bid comprises of the following documents:

- (a) Bid letter in the format specified in **Annexure A** (*Format of bid letter*);
- (b) Bid Security in form of a bank guarantee for an amount equal to INR. []/- (Indian Rupees only) in the format specified in **Annexure B** (*Format of bid security*);
- (c) In case of Bidder being a company/firm, a power of attorney in the format specified in **Annexure C** (*Format of power of attorney*) authorizing the signatory of the bidder to participate in the tender process and do all acts pursuant thereto on behalf of the Bidder, including usage of the digital signature on behalf of the Bidder; In case of Bidder being an individual/ or sole proprietorship, power of attorney would not be required but such individual/ or sole proprietorship must personally sign;
- (d) In case of Bidder being a company/ firm, duly certified copy of the corporate authorisation, such as board resolution [(Refer Annexure C (i))] to participate in the tender process and submit a bid, provided that such document should pre-date the Power of Attorney stated above in (c);
- (e) Affidavit in the format specified in **Annexure D** (*Format of affidavit*);
- (f) Documents to evidence compliance with the eligibility conditions must be enclosed with the bid letter, duly certified by authorized signatory of the Bidder. Such documents must include:
 - i) Certificate of incorporation and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Bidder which is a company or firm deed in case of firm and copy of passport or other nationality document in case Bidder is an individual/ association of individuals (for all the members of such association).
In case the Bidder is a firm or association of individuals, the constituents documents along with particulars of all the members of the firm or association. In such case each member of the firm or association would be required to comply

with the requirements prescribed in the Tender Documents with respect to submission of documents.

ii) Net-worth Certificate :

- a. In case of a company, the net worth certificate issued by the statutory auditors of the Bidder (certificate should clearly mention that it has been issued by the statutory auditor of the company). The net worth certificate should have clearly stated therein that networth is the sum of paid up share capital and the free reserves in terms of Explanation No. 2 to Schedule I of Auction Rules. Bidders also need to submit their audited balance sheets, cash flow statements, P&L statements etc. along with all annexures/schedules and notes for the relevant financial year. In case the net worth of the Bidder's holding company is considered, the shareholding pattern establishing the relationship between such holding company and the Bidder shall be as of the last day of the financial year considered in terms of Explanation No. 2 and/ or No. 3 to the Schedule I of Auction Rules.
- b. In case of a partnership firm, certificate should clearly mention that it has been issued by the chartered accountant, and the net worth stated therein is as per the partners' capital account, and is equivalent to the sum of the paid up share capital and the free reserves of a company, in terms of Explanation No 2 to the Schedule I of Auction Rules.
- c. In case of an individual or sole proprietorship, certificate issued by a chartered accountant regarding the total amount as closing cash balance on the last date for submission of application, and such amount may include amount in savings bank accounts in Scheduled Bank or Post Office, free and un-encumbered fixed deposits in Scheduled Banks, Post Office, Listed Companies or Government organisation or Public Sector Undertakings of a State and the Central Government, Kisan Vikas Patra, National Saving certificate, Bonds, Shares of Listed Companies, Listed Mutual Funds, Unit Linked Insurance Plan, Public Provident Fund, Surrender Value of Life Insurance policies, and un-encumbered immovable property in the name of Applicant. The certificate shall have a list of all immovable property owned by the said individual or sole proprietor along with its valuation (which shall have to be certified by the chartered accountant and supported by true copies of the relevant published circle rates by the relevant authority). In addition, an undertaking from the individual or sole proprietor on a stamp paper of adequate value stating, inter alia, that the immovable property is un-

encumbered and free from all charges (including, but not limited to, lien, mortgage, and pledge), and that the said individual is the owner of the immovable property.

Further, for computation of the Bidder's net worth, if an individual includes the properties owned by their sole proprietorship, or if sole proprietorship of such individual includes the properties owned by the individual, then either of the following shall be submitted, as applicable:

- (i) A certificate from the bank in which such sole proprietorship has a current account certifying that the individual is the proprietor of the sole proprietorship, or
 - (ii) GST registration certificate clearly showing the details of the sole proprietorship.
- iii) Shareholding pattern including name of the promoter(s)/ owner(s) as on 31st March of the relevant financial year and the latest financial year, certified by the statutory auditor/ Company Secretary.
- iv) Particulars of mineral concession (mining lease, reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence cum mining lease (Composite Licence) or prospecting licence or Letter of Intent) held by the Bidder and its affiliates for the purpose of Section 6 of the Act.
- v) Copy of the PAN Card, TAN Card and GST registration, as may be applicable attested by the Authorized Signatory of the bidder.
- vi) The copy of GST receipt paid by the bidder on purchase of tender document
- (g) All the aforementioned documents are required to be uploaded on the electronic e-auction platform and the original physical copy must be dispatched in accordance with Clause 14.1.2 so that they are received on or prior to the Bid Due Date, failing which the Technical Bid shall be deemed to be not received. These documents are in addition to the documents required for registration in MSTC website.
- (h) Specific instructions for submission of each of the aforementioned documents are provided below in each part.

ANNEXURE A

B. Bid letter

(1) Instructions for submission of the bid letter

- (a) The bid letter must be printed on the letterhead of the Bidder, if the Bidder is a company, firm or other association of individuals. In case the Bidder is an individual, it may be printed on plain paper.
- (b) The bid letter must be signed and stamped by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder. In case the Bidder is an individual, the Bidder must personally sign each page of the bid letter.
- (c) The corporate authorization of the authorized signatory of the Bidder (which is a company/firm) must be enclosed with the bid letter. It is recommended that the Bidder may authorize one person to deal with all matters related to bid. However, if the Bidder has authorized more than one person, then the corporate authorization of all such persons should be enclosed. Any change in such corporate authorization must be immediately intimated to the State Government.
- (d) Power of attorney in the format specified in Annexure C of Schedule I (Format of power of attorney) must be enclosed with the bid letter authorizing the signatory of the bid to participate in the tender process, sign the bid documents, submit a bid and do all acts pursuant thereto on behalf of the Bidder, including usage of the digital signature on behalf of the Bidder. It is recommended that the Bidder may authorize one person to deal with all matters related to bid. If the Bidder intends to authorize more than one person, then the power of attorney for all such persons should be enclosed. Any change in such authorization must be immediately intimated to the State Government.

(2) Format of bid letter

(On the letter head of the Bidder. Each page of the letter to be signed by the Authorised Signatory)

To,

[Date]

Commissioner, Commissionerate of Geology and Mining

Thiru Vika Industrial Estate,

Guindy, Chennai – 600 032

Email Id: geomine@nic.in

Sub: Bid letter for participation in e-auction for grant of mining lease for [Name of Block] Limestone Block

Dear Sir/ Madam,

With reference to your Tender Document dated [date], we, having examined the Tender Document and understood their contents, hereby submit our Technical Bid. Capitalized expressions used in this letter have the same meaning as ascribed thereto in the Tender Document.

- 1 The Technical Bid is unconditional and unqualified.
- 2 We have reviewed the terms of the Tender Document and hereby unconditionally and irrevocably accept, agree and acknowledge the terms thereof.
- 3 We acknowledge that the State Government will be relying on the information provided in the Technical Bid and the documents accompanying the Technical Bid for selection of the Preferred Bidder and subsequent selection of the Successful Bidder and we certify that all information provided therein is true and correct; nothing has been omitted which renders such information misleading; and all documents accompanying the Technical Bid are true copies of their respective originals.
- 4 This statement is made for the express purpose of our participation in the tender process and possible selection as Successful Bidder.
- 5 We hereby confirm that we satisfy the relevant eligibility conditions prescribed in the Tender Document. Specific confirmations with respect to our compliance with the eligibility conditions are provided below:

a) *[Insert separate paragraphs for compliance with the relevant eligibility conditions of the Tender Documents, with specific reference to enclosed documents as mentioned in the instructions.]*

b) [We shall continue to be a subsidiary of [name of holding company] whose net worth has been considered for meeting the terms and conditions of eligibility until such time we meet the aforementioned net worth threshold].

- 6 [For the purposes of Section 6, we and our affiliates do not hold any mineral concession (including a reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence, prospecting licence-cum- mining lease (Composite Licence), mining lease or Letter of Intent) in the State of Tamil Nadu] OR [For the purposes of Section 6 we and our affiliates hold the following mineral concessions in the State of Tamil Nadu:

Provide details of the mineral concessions (including a reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence, prospecting licence-cum-mining lease (Composite License), mining lease or Letter of Intent) held by the Bidder and its affiliates.]

- 7 We hereby acknowledge that if we submit or produce any document and it is discovered subsequently that such document was false or incorrect then we shall be liable under the Applicable Law for the time being in force.
- 8 We hereby confirm compliance to eligibility conditions as specified by the State Government.
- 9 We shall make available to the State Government any additional information it may find necessary or require to supplement or to authenticate the Technical Bid.
- 10 We acknowledge the right of the State Government to reject our Technical Bid and/ or the Final Price Offer without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, our right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever.
- 11 We declare that:
- (a) We have examined and understood the Act, all rules framed thereunder, the Tender Document and all documents referred therein including the Information Memorandum;
 - (b) We have examined and have no reservations to the Tender Document, including any addendum issued by the State Government;
 - (c) We have not directly or indirectly or through an agent engaged or indulged in any Corrupt Practice, Fraudulent Practice, Coercive Practice, Undesirable Practice or Restrictive Practice, as defined in the Tender Document, in respect of any tender or request for proposal

issued by or any agreement entered into with the State Government or any other public sector enterprise or any government, central or state; and

- (d) We hereby certify that we have taken steps to ensure that in conformity with the provisions of Clause 16 of the Tender Document, no person acting for us or on our behalf has engaged or will engage in any Corrupt Practice, Fraudulent Practice, Coercive Practice, Undesirable Practice or Restrictive Practice.
- 12 We understand that you may cancel the tender process at any time and that you are neither bound to accept any bid that you may receive nor to invite the Bidders to bid, without incurring any liability to the Bidders, in accordance with the Tender Document.
- 13 We hereby irrevocably waive any right or remedy which we may have at any stage at law or howsoever otherwise arising to challenge or question any decision taken by the State Government in connection with the selection of the Preferred Bidder, or in connection with the tender process itself, in respect of the Tender Document and the terms and implementation thereof.
- 14 In the event of we being declared as the Successful Bidder, we agree to enter into MDPA and other documents in accordance with the Tender Document and pay such amounts and provide such security as required therein.
- 15 We have ensured compliance to the Tender Document and to the best of our knowledge this bid is conforming to the terms thereof.
- 16 We agree and understand that the Bid is subject to the provisions of the Tender Document. In no case, we shall have any claim or right of whatsoever nature if the mining lease is not awarded to us or our bid is not opened or rejected.
- 17 The initial price offer has been quoted and the Final Price Offer shall be quoted by us after taking into consideration all the terms and conditions stated in the Tender Document, MDPA, our own estimates of costs and feasibility and after a careful assessment of the geological and other information, the Information Memorandum and the proposed mining lease and all the conditions that may affect the utilization of minerals.
- 18 We shall keep this initial price offer valid for 180 days from the Bid Due Date specified in the Tender Document or such extended duration as may be agreed with State Government.

- 19 I/ We/ our members/ partners are not simultaneously participating in any other auction of mineral concession which may result in grant of a mineral concession in the State of Tamil Nadu OR [I/ We/ our members/ partners are simultaneously participating in following auction(s) of mineral concession which may result in grant of a mineral concession in the State of Tamil Nadu]: Provide details of the mineral concessions which may be granted if the Bidder/ members/ partners is successful in another auction.]
- 20 I/ we have submitted only 1 (one) bid for the Mineral Block in accordance with the terms of the Tender Document. No Affiliate(s) of [mine/ ours] has submitted a bid for the said Mineral Block. I/ We agree and understand that, in case any Affiliate(s) of [mine/ ours] also submits a bid for the said Mineral Block, the bids submitted by [me/ us] and [my/ our] Affiliate(s) will be rejected.

In witness thereof, we submit this bid letter forming part of our Technical Bid under and in accordance with the terms of the Tender Document.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature, name and designation of the Authorized signatory)

Name and seal of Bidder

Date:

Place:

Enclosed:

[list and description of documents enclosed]

ANNEXURE B

C. Bid Security

(1) Instructions for submission of the Bid Security

- (a) The Bid Security must be in form of a bank guarantee for an amount equal to INR.[]/- (Indian Rupees..... only).
- (b) The Bid Security may be issued at any place in India by a Scheduled Bank as listed in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, excluding those listed under the headings of Gramin Banks, Urban Co-operative Banks and State Co-operative Banks, but must be payable at Chennai.
- (c) The Bid Security must have a validity period of not less than 360 days from the Bid Due Date, inclusive of a claim period of 60 days.
- (d) The Bid Security must be stamped in accordance with Applicable Law.
- (e) Bidder may provide electronic confirmation (Structured Financial Messaging System) of the Bid Security.

2) Format of Bid Security

[Adequate stamp duty to be paid by the Bidder with respect to this document.]

Bank Guarantee

[Bank Guarantee. No.]

[Date]

Account Number	570402010010404
IFSC Code:	UBIN0557048
Bank and branch	Union Bank of India, CTI Campus, Guindy, Chennai-32, Tamil Nadu

Commissioner, Commissionerate of Geology and Mining

Thiru Vika Industrial Estate,

Guindy, Chennai – 600 032

1. In consideration of you, being the State Government of Tamil Nadu (“**State Government**”, which expression shall unless it be repugnant to the subject or context thereof include its successors and assigns) having agreed to receive, pursuant to the provisions of the Tender Document dated [date], the bid of [name and address of the Bidder] (“**Bidder**”), for the e-auction pursuant to the Tender Document dated [date] (“**Tender Document**”) for Block [Block Name], we [Name of the Bank] having our registered office at [address of the registered office] and one of its branches located at [name and address of the branch] (“**Bank**”), at the request of the Bidder, do hereby in terms of the Tender Document, irrevocably, unconditionally and without reservations guarantee the due and faithful fulfilment and compliance of the terms and conditions of the Tender Document by the Bidder and unconditionally and irrevocably undertake to pay forthwith to the State Government an amount of INR [amount in figures] (Rupees [amount in words]) (“**Guarantee**”) as our primary obligation without any demur, reservation, recourse, contest or protest and without reference to the Bidder, if the Bidder shall fail to fulfil or comply with all or any of the terms and conditions contained in the Tender Document.
2. Any such written demand made by the State Government stating that the Bidder is in default of the due and faithful fulfilment and compliance with the terms and conditions contained in the Tender Document shall be final, conclusive and binding on the Bank.
3. We, the Bank, do hereby unconditionally undertake to pay the amounts due and payable under this Guarantee without any demur, reservation, recourse, contest or protest and

without any reference to the Bidder or any other person and irrespective of whether the claim of the State Government is disputed by the Bidder or not, merely on the first demand from the State Government stating that the amount claimed is due to the State Government by reason of failure of the Bidder to fulfil and comply with the terms and conditions contained in the Tender Document. Any such demand made on the Bank shall be conclusive as regards amount due and payable by the Bank under this Guarantee. However, our liability under this Guarantee shall be restricted to an amount not exceeding INR [amount in figures] (Rupees [amount in words]).

4. This Guarantee shall be irrevocable and remain in full force for a period of 360 days from the Bid Due Date i.e. [date] [inclusive of a claim period of 60 days] or for such extended period as may be mutually agreed between the State Government and the Bidder, and agreed to by the Bank, and shall continue to be enforceable till all amounts under this Guarantee have been paid.
5. We, the Bank, further agree that the State Government shall be the sole judge to decide as to whether the Bidder is in default of due and faithful fulfilment and compliance with the terms and conditions contained in the Tender Document including, amongst others, the failure of the Bidder to keep its bid open during the bid validity period set forth in the Tender Document, and the decision of the State Government that the Bidder is in default as aforesaid shall be final and binding on us, notwithstanding any differences between the State Government and the Bidder or any dispute pending before any court, tribunal, arbitrator or any other authority.
6. The Guarantee shall not be affected by any change in the constitution or winding up of the Bidder or the Bank or any absorption, merger or amalgamation of the Bidder or the Bank with any other person.
7. In order to give full effect to this Guarantee, the State Government shall be entitled to treat the Bank as the principal debtor. The State Government shall have the fullest liberty without affecting in any way the liability of the Bank under this Guarantee from time to time to vary any of the terms and conditions contained in the Tender Document or to extend time for fulfilment and compliance with all or any of the terms and conditions contained in the Tender Document by the said Bidder or to postpone for any time and from time to time any of the powers exercisable by it against the said Bidder and either to enforce or forbear from enforcing any of the terms and conditions contained in the Tender Document or the securities available to the State Government, and the Bank shall not be released from its liability under these presents by any exercise by the State Government of the liberty with

reference to the matters aforesaid or by reason of time being given to the said Bidder or any other forbearance, act or omission on the part of the State Government or any indulgence by the State Government to the said Bidder or by any change in the constitution of the State Government or its absorption, merger or amalgamation with any other person or governmental department or instrumentality, but for this provision, have the effect of releasing the Bank from its such liability.

8. Any notice by way of request, demand or otherwise hereunder shall be sufficiently given or made if addressed to the Bank and sent by courier or by registered mail to the Bank at the address set forth herein.
9. We undertake to make the payment on receipt of your notice of claim on us addressed to [name of Bank along with branch address] and delivered at our above branch which shall be deemed to have been duly authorized to receive the said notice of claim.
10. It shall not be necessary for the State Government to proceed against the said Bidder before proceeding against the Bank and the guarantee herein contained shall be enforceable against the Bank, notwithstanding any other security which the State Government may have obtained from the said Bidder or any other person and which shall, at the time when proceedings are taken against the Bank hereunder, be outstanding or unrealized.
11. We, the Bank, further undertake not to revoke this Guarantee during its currency except with the previous express consent of the State Government in writing.
12. The Bank declares that it has power to issue this Guarantee and discharge the obligations contemplated herein, the undersigned is duly authorized and has full power to execute this Guarantee for and on behalf of the Bank.
13. Notwithstanding anything contained herein,
 - i the liability of the Bank under this Guarantee shall not exceed the Guarantee amount i.e. INR [amount in figures] (Rupees [amount in words]).
 - ii This Guarantee shall be valid up to [date].
 - iii The Bank Guarantee will be payable at Chennai
 - iv This guarantee may be verified by contacting the bank at:

Address of the Bank	
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[Name of Block] Limestone Block

Name of the Contact Person	
Phone No	
Official Email ID	

Signed and delivered by Bank.

ANNEXURE C

D. Power of attorney

(1) Instructions for submission of the power of attorney

- (a) The power of attorney must be issued in India in accordance with Applicable Law and it must be issued in accordance with the constitutional documents of the Bidder after obtaining all corporate approvals as may be required. The extract of constitutional documents and certified copies of the corporate approvals must be enclosed with the power of attorney.
- (b) Power of Attorney should be issued by a person authorized to provide specific Power of Attorney for submission of the bid by the Board of Directors. The copy of the resolution of Board of Directors meeting shall be attached.
- (c) The power of attorney must be issued under the common seal, if any.
- (d) The power of attorney must be notarized and stamped in accordance with Applicable Law.
- (e) The power of attorney must be issued in the name of a person who is in full time employment of the Bidder.

(2) Format of power of attorney

Know all men by these presents, We, [name and address of the Bidder] do hereby irrevocably constitute, nominate, appoint and authorize [Name], son/daughter/wife of [name of father/husband] and presently residing at [address], who is presently employed with us and holding the position of [designation], as our true and lawful attorney (“Attorney”) to do in our name and on our behalf, all such acts, deeds and things as are necessary or required in connection with or incidental to submission of our bid for the [Name of Block] mineral block (“Mineral Block”) in response to the Tender Document, dated [date] issued by State Government of [Name of State] (“State Government”) including but not limited to signing and submission of all applications, affidavits, bids and other documents and writings, participate in Bidders’ and other conferences and providing information / responses to the State Government, representing us in all matters before the State Government, and generally dealing with the State Government in all matters in connection with or relating to or arising out of our bid for the Mineral

Block and/ or upon award thereof to us and/ or till the entering into Mine Development and Production Agreement with the State Government and grant of mining lease.

AND we hereby agree to ratify and confirm and do hereby ratify and confirm all acts, deeds and things done or caused to be done by our Attorney pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred by this power of attorney and that all acts, deeds and things done by our said Attorney in exercise of the powers hereby conferred shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by us.

In witness whereof we, [name of Bidder], the above named principal have executed this power of attorney on this [date].

For..... (Signature, name, designation and address)

Common Seal of the Bidder

Specimen Signature of the Attorney

Witnesses:

- 1.
- 2.

[Particulars of notarization]

Accepted

[particulars of authorized person]

Annexure C (i) Format of Board Resolution

[TO BE PRINTED ON THE LETTERHEAD OF THE BIDDER COMPANY]

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ITS MEETING HELD ON..... [INSERT DATE OF THE BOARD MEETING]

I. "RESOLVED THAT after due and careful consideration of the proposal along with all the relevant Tender documents and the Mine Development and Production Agreements issued by the Commissionerate of Geology and Mining, Government of Tamil Nadu pursuant to the Notice Inviting Tender [Date]..... and the various Corrigendum / Addendum and clarifications issued by the Commissionerate of Geology and Mining, Government of Tamil Nadu and other relevant documents, approval of the Board of Directors be and is hereby accorded for (insert name of the Company) hereinafter called the "Company" to participate in the bid process in respect of the [INSERT NAME OF THE MINERAL BLOCK HERE] Mineral Block, and for this purpose, authority is hereby granted to various actions in this regard including, but not limited to, submitting bids and participating in auctions in accordance with the Tender Document issued pursuant to the Notice Inviting Tender issued by the Commissionerate of Geology and Mining, Government of Tamil Nadu on [Date] and all such Corrigendum/Addendum issued/to be issued, from time to time, by the Commissionerate of Geology and Mining, Government of Tamil Nadu, and also resolved further that authority is hereby accorded to the Company to take all steps in relation to the bidding and on being the Preferred Bidder to take all actions leading to execution of the Mine Development and Production Agreement and the Mining Lease Deed.

II. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT approval of the Board of Directors be and is hereby granted for issuance of the Power of Attorney on behalf of the Company in favour of [INSERT THE NAME OF THE PROPOSED AUTHORISED SIGNATORY], [INSERT DESIGNATION OF THE SAID AUTHORISED SIGNATORY], who is in full time employment of the Company as the constituted true and lawful attorney ("**Attorney**") of the (insert name of the Company) hereinafter referred as "**Company**" to do in the name of the Company, all such acts, deeds and things as are necessary or required in connection with or incidental to submission of Company's bid for the (Name of Block/ Mine) mineral block ("**Mineral Block**") in response to the Tender Document issued pursuant to the Notice Inviting Tender dated [Date] issued by the Commissionerate of Geology and Mining, Government of Tamil Nadu ("**State Government**") including but not limited to signing and submission of all applications, affidavits, bids and other documents and writings, participate in Bidders' and other conference and providing information / responses to the State Government, representing the Company in all matters before the State Government, and

generally dealing with the State Government in all matters in connection with or relating to or arising out of the Company's bid for the Mineral Block and / or upon award thereof to the Company and/or till the entering into Mine Development and Production Agreement with the State Government and grant of mining lease. AND, the Board of Directors hereby agree to ratify and confirm and do hereby ratify and confirm all acts, deeds and things done or caused to be done by this Attorney pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred by this power of attorney and that all acts, deeds and things done by the Company's said Attorney in exercise of the powers hereby conferred shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by the Board of Directors of the Company or any other competent authority of the Company authorised so to do.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT common seal of the Company be affixed on the aforementioned Power of Attorney in the presence of Director(s) in terms of the Articles of Association of the Company who shall sign the said document.”

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For Limited

[INSERT NAME OF THE CHAIRMAN OR DIRECTOR]

Chairman/Director/ or Authorised person as per Company Documents

Stamp of the Company

ANNEXURE D

E. Affidavit

(1) Instructions for submission of the affidavit

- (a) The affidavit must be executed in India in accordance with Applicable Law and it must be issued in accordance with the constitutional documents of the Bidder after obtaining all corporate approvals as may be required. The extract of constitutional documents and certified copies of the corporate approvals must be enclosed with the power of attorney.
- (b) The affidavit must be stamped in accordance with Applicable Law.
- (c) The affidavit must be notarized.
- (d) The affidavit must be signed by a person who is in full time employment of the Bidder and duly authorized to sign the same.

(2) Format of Affidavit

Affidavit

I, [name] aged [age] years, resident of [address] [working as [designation] an authorized signatory on behalf of [name of the Bidder]] (“**Bidder**”) hereby state as under:

1. I am the [designation of the deponent] of the Bidder. I am conversant with the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject of this affidavit [and have been authorized to depose to the same pursuant to the power of attorney dated [date] issued pursuant to [particulars of corporate approval]. I am filing this affidavit to place on record verification of facts and documents in connection with the tender process concerning [name of the Mineral Block].
2. [Insert separate paragraphs for each document brought on record on the website of the e-auction platform or physically submitted with the State Government, in a chronological sequence].
3. [insert separate paragraphs for declaration that, for the purposes of Section 6, we and our affiliates do not hold any mineral concession (including a reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence, prospecting licence-cum- mining lease (Composite Licence), mining lease or Letter of Intent) in the State of Tamil Nadu]

OR

[For the purposes of Section 6 we and our affiliates hold the following mineral concessions in the State of Tamil Nadu:

Provide details of the mineral concessions (including a reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence, prospecting licence-cum-mining lease (Composite License), mining lease or Letter of Intent) held by the Bidder and its affiliates.]

4. [Insert separate paragraphs for which the Bidder and its affiliates would be participating in auction process being conducted simultaneously].
5. [In case of an individual, sole proprietorship, association of individuals, or a partnership firm, insert a separate paragraph to the effect that such individual/s or sole proprietor or each of the partners, as the case may be, is a citizen of India.]
6. [In case of an individual or a sole proprietorship, insert a separate paragraph to the effect that the immovable property included for calculation of net worth is un-

encumbered and free from all charges (including, but not limited to, lien, mortgage, and pledge), and that the individual/ sole proprietorship is the owner of the said immovable property.]

- 7. I/ We have submitted only 1 (one) Bid for the Mineral Block in accordance with the terms of the Tender Document. No Affiliate(s) of [mine/ ours] has submitted a Bid for said Mineral Block. I/ We agree and understand that, in case any Affiliate(s) of [mine/ ours] also submits a Bid for said Mineral Block, the Bids submitted by [me/ us] and [my/ our] Affiliate(s) will be rejected.
- 8. That nothing has been concealed in the information submitted as mentioned above.

Solemnly affirmed and verified on this [day] day of [month] [year] at [place].

(Signature)

Name, Designation & Seal

VERIFICATION

I, [name], [the [designation of the deponent] of] the Bidder above named, having my office at [address], do hereby solemnly declare that what is stated above in paragraphs [1] to [number] are on the basis of the books and records of the Bidder, and verify that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at [day] day of [month] [year] at [place].

Deponent (Signature)

Name, Designation & Seal

Notarization

Schedule II: Format for seeking clarification regarding Tender Document (Applicable only for the Pre-Bid conference before submission of the Technical Bid in response to the Tender Document)

S. No.	Document	Clause No. and Existing Provision	Clarification Required	Suggested Text for Amendment, if any	Rationale for Clarification or Amendment

Schedule III: Technical details regarding online electronic auction

1. Registration Methodology

In order to submit online bids in the e-bidding process for Mining Lease and Composite License, a Bidder needs to register itself with the e-auction website of MSTC Limited, A Government of India Enterprise. For this the Bidder should visit the website at <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp> and click on the button "Registration". Bidders already registered with the said website need not register again.

On the next page, the 'General Terms and Conditions' will be shown with two options – Register as Buyer and Register as Seller. The Bidder shall have to click on the link Register as 'Buyer' to proceed.

On the next page, bidder will be displayed the 'Buyer Terms and Conditions' pages. Bidder has to 'Agree' to the terms and conditions and a page to enter the e-mail and mobile number will open. The e-mail and mobile will be verified by one time password (OTP).

After verification via OTP, an online 'Buyer Registration Form' will appear on screen and the Bidder has to fill up the same with correct information. During this process, the Bidder shall create his user id and password and keep note of the same. The Bidder shall ensure that the secrecy of his user id and password is maintained at all time and he/she shall alone be responsible for any misuse of the user id and password.

While filling the form, the buyer/bidder has to enter the correct details such as company name, GSTIN and address as mentioned on GST certificate or which is available with the GST portal. The above details will be verified with the data available with GST portal. Only when the correct details as required above have been mentioned, the bidder shall be able to 'Preview' the entered details before 'Submission'.

The Bidder may check the details entered from the 'Preview' page before final submission. On successful submission of the online registration form, the Bidder shall receive a confirmation mail in the registered email address advising the Bidder to remit the registration fee via 'e-payment' link. The e-payment link shall be accessible to the bidder when he logs-into the portal via the 'User ID' and 'Password' created by him during registration.

The fee has to be paid via 'NEFT/RTGS' or 'Onlinepay' options under e-payment link.

A non-refundable registration fee of INR 10,000/- plus applicable taxes is to be paid online. Note:

1. The activation of registration via fee received from NEFT/RTGS is subject to realization of funds by the bank.
2. GSTIN is mandatory for completing the registration.
3. The DSC of the bidder shall be mapped during first login after the fee payment. Bidder will need to

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synchronize their Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) during first login.

To update the DSC or any queries related to Major Mineral Block, the bidder can send mail to

mlclmstc@mstcindia.in

Or contact the respective branch/region assigned to him (region is mentioned in the activation mail sent to bidders on receipt of the registration fee).

It may be noted that Bidders need not visit any of the offices of MSTC Limited for submission of the documents related to registration. However, the Bidders may contact any office of MSTC Limited for seeking assistance on the login process, details of which are available on MSTC website www.mstcindia.co.in.

MSTC Limited reserves the right to call for additional documents from the bidder if needed and the Bidder shall be obliged to submit the same.

2. Downloading information of mineral block

There are two sets of documents available for downloading from the website of e- auction platform provider.

First set of documents will be available free of cost in public domain and can be downloaded without registration on e-auction platform provider's website. These documents may include the following:

- (a) Blank format of customized model tender document for this particular e- auction process; and
- (b) Mineral block summary

The above information is being made available to all potential Bidders in order to assist them in familiarizing about the tender process and the mineral block on e- auction.

Subsequent to Bidder registration process with MSTC, certain other detailed documents (Particular Tender Document of the mineral block including Information Memorandum containing geological report and other information) shall be made available for download to the Bidder only subsequent to payment of a tender fee of **INR 5,00,000/- (Indian Rupees Five Lakhs Only)** excluding GST (GST shall be payable at 18% of tender fee) per mineral block **[Refer NIT/ Tender for Tender Fee of each block]**.

The Tender Document shall be sold in online mode only through website of MSTC. Bidders shall login with its user id and password. Bidder shall have the facility to make payment towards the cost of tender document through RTGS or net banking provided under the login of the Bidder. The Bidder after login shall click on the link for e-payment and then select the event number from the drop down menu for which it intends to make the payment. The bidder should enter the appropriate amount towards cost of the paid document and select either RTGS or net banking and click on submit. The bidder should fill an online RTGS application form and take a printout of the same before proceeding to transfer the fund to the

beneficiary account. In case the Bidder has an online banking facility, it can make this payment online as well. After transferring the fund, the bidder shall be required to communicate the UTR No and other details to MSTC through e-mail at the following e-mail addresses.

Sl. No	MSTC Office Address	MSTC Office Code	E-mail	Mobile Number
1	MSTC LIMITED, ISPAT Bhavan, 3rd Floor, No.5, Kodambakkam High Road, Chennai 600 034	SRO	jdmodaran@mstcindia.co.in	9841002253
2			rrashid@mstcindia.co.in	9946473645

The bidder shall send the e-mail regarding the payment details to the e-mail address corresponding to the office of MSTC which is conducting the event.

Once MSTC receives the payment in the designated account and the required information from the bidder, it shall activate the link for downloading of the paid documents for the respective mineral block(s).

The bidder may note that the files containing information about the mineral blocks can be in various formats like doc, xls, ppt, pdf, jpg, jpeg, zip etc. and it shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to have suitable facilities at its end to download these documents from the website of MSTC.

Preparation and Submission of Bid

The complete process of bid submission will be divided into 2 stages as follows:

a. **Stage 1: Technical Bid**

This stage will comprise

- (i) online submission of the Technical Bid and the Initial Price Offer; and
- (ii) offline submission of certain original documents as detailed below.

(i) **Online submission of Technical Bid and Initial Price Offer with supporting documents**

This stage shall be open to all Bidders who have purchased the Tender Document(s) for the specific mineral block(s).

In this process, the Bidder, after logging in to the above stated website, will have to click on the link “click for Auction”. In the next page, the Bidder shall have to go to the link “Stage 1 Technical cum IPO Submission”. Thereafter, the bidder will have a bouquet under “My Menu” having 3 (three) sub-menus – “Bid Floor Manager”, “Upload Documents” and “Attach Documents”.

Bid Floor Manager

Once the Bidder clicks on this sub-menu and then clicks on the menu “Live Auctions” on the next page, it will display a list of mine(s) for which the bidder has paid the tender document fees. On clicking on any of

these mine(s), the Bidder will be directed to a screen where it can fill up the technical bid template and save the data. The Bidder can edit such data as many times as it wishes before the closing time of the IPO event..

After saving the Technical Bid, the link/ button for Initial Price Offer shall get activated. The Bidder, on clicking this button, will be directed to a screen having a template where it can fill up its Initial Price Offer and click on the Final Submission button. However, the bidder couldn't save the Initial Price Offer/click on 'Final Submission' without attaching an uploaded document. A warning pop-up message will be displayed by the system stating "No document has been attached against the event. Please attach the requisite documents from the list of uploaded documents, before submission of IPO".

The bidder after entering the Initial Price offer and clicking on 'Final Submission' will be displayed the list of documents attached against the tender event. Clicking on 'OK' will proceed to save the Initial Price Offer followed by final submission.

The final submission shall be digitally signed by the Bidder using its registered digital signature. Any digital signature certificate other than the registered one shall not be acceptable for bid submission by the system.

The bidder may note that the "Initial Price Offer" button will be activated only after the Technical Bid has been saved.

Upload Documents

The Bidder shall also have to upload the supporting documents along with the Technical Bid, as required under the Tender Document. These supporting documents will need to be uploaded in pdf format only (the file size should be limited to 4 MB; in case of larger files, they may be split into multiple files with suitable nomenclature). Files in formats other than pdf shall not be accepted. For this, the bidder shall first click on the link "Upload documents" and upload the files in support of its Technical Bid. After uploading of the supporting documents, a pop-up message will be displayed by the system stating, "Please attach documents to respective events".

Attach Documents

After uploading these documents, the bidder shall have to attach them with the specific tender for the concerned mine for which it is intending to submit the Technical Bid. It may be noted by the Bidder that in case it intends to use the same supporting document for more than one mine, it does not need to upload the same document every time. The supporting document, once uploaded, can be attached with Technical Bid for multiple mineral block(s), if desired.

Under attach documents link, bidder will select the tender event for which he intends to attach the document for. Once selected, he will then click on 'Attach' against the uploaded document in the list and the status of the same will change to 'Detach'. This means the document has been successfully 'attached' against the tender event.

The bidder should note that only a file which is “attached” with a specific mine(s) shall be considered during evaluation of the Technical Bid. Files which are not attached to any mine(s) shall not be considered for evaluation.

The Bidder should also note that a Bid will be considered as submitted if and only if the Bidder has submitted the Initial Price Offer. Only such Bids will be opened for which Initial Price Offer has been submitted. It is further clarified that saving of Technical Bid without saving of the Initial Price Offer will be treated as non-submission of bid.

Upon successful submission of Initial Price Offer, the Bidder shall receive a bid acknowledgement from the system automatically.

The Bidders may note that the Technical Bid and the Initial Price Offer submitted online as above will be encrypted by the MSTC's own software before storage in the database. This will be done to protect the sanctity and confidentiality of the Bids before the actual opening of the same.

The Bidder has an option to edit Technical Bid and initial price offer as many times as it wishes till the final submission

Modification/ Withdrawal of Bid

If after submission of Initial Price Offer and before the scheduled closing time for Bid submission a Bidder wishes to make changes in its Bid, it can do so by clicking the “Delete Bid” option. By doing so, the entire Bid submitted by the Bidder will get deleted. A system generated e-mail will be sent to the Bidder acknowledging the deletion. The Bidder will be able to save and submit its new Bid again. If a Bidder deletes its Bid and does not submit its new Bid in the same manner as stated above, its Bid will not come up for opening or further processing.

If after final submission of Bid and before the scheduled closing time for Bid submission a Bidder wishes to withdraw its bid, it can do so by clicking the “Withdraw Bid” option. By withdrawing a bid, a Bidder will lose the opportunity to re-submit its Bid against the same mine(s).

(ii) Offline submission of certain original documents

The bidders shall submit the following mandatory documents in original in sealed cover within the scheduled closing time for bid on the Bid Due Date. The sealed cover should clearly bear the following identification: **Original Documents (Technical Bid) for [●] Block** and shall indicate the name and address of the Bidder. In addition, the documents shall contain page numbers: *Page [●] of [●]*:

[Please refer Tender Document along with Annexures for information on submission of documents]

The aforementioned documents shall be submitted at the address mentioned in the Tender Document.

Deadline for online submission of (i) Technical Bid and the Initial Price Offer with supporting documents; and (ii) offline submission of certain original documents

The bidders shall also note that online submission of **Technical Bid and the Initial Price Offer** with

supporting documents and offline submission of certain original documents shall be allowed only up to the time and date as per Bid Due Date. Bidders in their own interest are advised to complete the entire process well in advance to avoid any last minute hiccup/ technical problems. No complaints shall be entertained in this regard at any stage.

MSTC shall ensure that the bidding process is smooth and bidders do not face any problem in bidding. However, MSTC shall not be responsible for any problem at the bidder's end like failure of electricity, loss of Internet connection, any trouble with bidder's computer etc. which may cause inconvenience or prevent the bidder from bidding in any e-auction.

(iii) Evaluation of Technical Bid

a. Evaluation of Technical Bid

Technical Bids shall be evaluated in the manner provided in the Tender Document. Entire list of Technically Qualified Bidders will be published on the website of State Government and MSTC. MSTC will conduct training and mock-auctions for all the Technically Qualified Bidders on e-auction platform.

b. Opening of Initial Price Offer

Initial Price Offers shall be opened two days before the scheduled date of e-auction of the respective mineral block.

The list of Qualified Bidders as per top 50% ranking principle (subject to the criteria as specified in Tender Document) will be sent out to all the Qualified Bidders of the mineral block by an e-mail by the State Government. The e-mail will only state that the recipient of the e-mail has been qualified for the second round of auction and the Floor Price (highest Initial Price Offer) for the second round of auction. The Qualified Bidders will also get intimated about their qualification for the second round of electronic auction against specific mineral block(s) through notification in the MSTC website within their secured login.

b. Stage 2: electronic auction – Final Price Offer

a. Intimation to Qualified Bidders

Along with the above intimation, the Bidder shall also receive information regarding applicable Floor Price for second round of e-auction of the mineral block which is the highest Initial Price Offers received from the Technically Qualified Bidders.

It is expressly clarified that Bidders should not expect to receive the information on the second highest IPO received from the Technically Qualified Bidders as a matter of usual course.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to regularly check the MSTC website and login to see whether it has qualified for a certain mineral block or not. State Government/e-auction platform provider will not be responsible for non-receipt of e-mail by the Bidder and its consequences.

b. Conduct of e-auction

E-auction is the process of inviting binding Final Price Offer(s) from Qualified Bidders through internet

for the purpose of determination of the Preferred Bidder. During this process, the Qualified Bidder will be able to submit its Final Price Offer as many times as it wishes against the same mineral block. The Qualified Bidder will remain anonymous to other Qualified Bidders participating in the electronic auction process as well as to e-auction platform provider/ State Government. The Qualified Bidder will be able to see the prevailing highest Final Price Offer against the mineral block, but the name of the highest Qualified Bidder at any point of time will not be displayed. The Qualified Bidder shall have to put its Final Price Offer over and above the displayed highest bid by a minimum increment of 0.05% or increment in multiple of 0.05% to become the highest Qualified - Bidder. The electronic auction process will have a scheduled start and close time which will be displayed on screen. A Qualified Bidder will be able to put its Final Price Offer after the start of bid time and till the close time of electronic auction. The current server time (IST) will also be displayed on the screen. In the event a Final Price Offer is received during the last 8 (Eight) minutes before the scheduled close time of electronic auction, the close time of electronic auction will be automatically extended by 8 (Eight) minutes from the last received bid time to give equal opportunity to all other Qualified Bidders. This process of auto extension will continue till no Final Price Offer is received during a period of 8 (Eight) minutes.

For example, assuming that the initial scheduled close time for a particular electronic auction is 1:00pm and a Final Price Offer is received at 12:55 pm, the scheduled close time shall be revised to 1:03 pm. Again if a Final Price Offer is received at 1:01 pm, the scheduled close time shall be revised to 1:09 pm and so on. In the event that no further Final Price Offer is received till 1:09 pm, the electronic auction will close at 1:09 pm. The revised close time will be displayed on screen and the Qualified Bidders are advised to keep refreshing its webpage to get the latest information.

The above example is only illustrative and meant for explaining the e- auction process only.

During the process of electronic auction, the Bidder shall be required to sign their bids with their respective digital signature certificate (DSC) and the use of which has been duly authorized on behalf of the Bidder and which was used at the time of registration. Any digital signature certificate other than the above shall not be acceptable for bid submission by the system.

Bidders in their own interest are advised to get themselves acquainted with the electronic auction process of e-auction platform provider by getting their Authorized Representative trained beforehand through some demo electronic auctions as per schedule specified in the Tender Document.

Digital Signature Certificate

A Bidder shall be required to possess a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of signing type to be able to submit its Bid and to participate in the electronic auction on e-auction platform provider's website. For this purpose, Bidders shall be required to authorize its Authorized Signatory to procure a class III DSC of signing type from any Certifying Authority or their authorized agencies in India.

The bidder may note that only one user id will be mapped with a given DSC for the Authorized Signatory. DSC once mapped with a particular user id of a bidder will normally not be changed and therefore Bidders are advised to carefully select the DSC.

The Digital Signature Certificate will be used to digitally sign the Bids that the Bidder will submit online.

It will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder and its respective Authorized Signatory to maintain the secrecy of the password for the Digital Signature Certificate. The Bidder and its Authorized Signatory shall be solely responsible for any misuse of the DSC and no complaint/ representation in this regard shall be entertained at any stage by MSTC/ State Government.

The system requirements are as follows:

- Operating System- Windows 10/11.
- Browsers – Chrome, Firefox and Edge.
- Once the portal opens, it will automatically check the settings of the user's Computer. If settings are correct, then the user can simply proceed with login. In case of any issue, the Portal will display a pop up, with steps to correct the settings.

For any Queries or System Setting Related Technical issues concerns please contact the following Help-Desk numbers: - 07969066600. Availability- 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM on all working days.

The system requirements are as follows:

- *Operating System- Windows XP Service Pack III and above*
- *Web Browser- Preferred IE 7 and above.*
- *Active-X Controls Should be enabled as follows:*
Tools => Internet Options => Security => Custom Level => Enable all Active-X Controls
=> Disable "Use Pop-up Blocker"
- *Java (JRE7 and above)*
To disable "Protected Mode" for DSC to appear in the signer box following settings may be applied.
- *Tools => Internet Options => Security => Disable protected Mode If enabled- i.e., Remove the tick from the tick box mentioning "Enable Protected Mode".*
- *Other Settings:*
Tools => Internet Options => General => Click on Settings under "browsing history/ Delete Browsing History" => Temporary Internet Files => Activate "Every time I Visit the Webpage".

Schedule IV: Format of MDPA

Schedule V: Format of Information Memorandum

[Name of Block] Limestone Block

[Schedule IV of the Tender Document]

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[To be executed on stamp paper of adequate value.]

This Mine Development and Production Agreement (MDPA) is made by and between the following:

PARTIES:

- 1 **The Governor of Tamil Nadu** acting through **Commissionerate of Geology and Mining, Tamil Nadu** (the “**State Government**”).
- 2 **[Name of the Successful Bidder]** [Incorporated in India under the Companies Act, [1956/2013] with corporate identity number [CIN of the Successful Bidder], whose registered office is at [address of registered office], India and principal place of business is at [address of principal place of business, if different from registered office]] OR [an individual who is citizen of India, having income tax permanent account number [number], residing at [address]] OR [persons listed in SCHEDULE F organised as a [firm/association of persons], all of whom are Indian citizens and resident in India] (the “**Successful Bidder**”).

BACKGROUND:

- A. An electronic auction was conducted by the State Government pursuant to the Tender Document for grant of a Mining Lease over the Lease Area for mining of the Mineral.
- B. The Successful Bidder quoted [Final Price Offer] per cent as the bid parameter in the electronic auction and was declared as the Preferred Bidder (*as defined in the Tender Document*).
- C. As a Preferred Bidder, the Successful Bidder made payment of the first instalment of the Upfront Payment which is an amount equal to INR. []/- (Indian Rupeesonly)] on [date] through [payment mechanism], upon which the State Government issued a letter of intent dated [date].
- D. The Preferred Bidder completed the conditions specified in Clause 10.2 of the Tender Document and submitted written confirmation of the same to the State Government through a letter dated [date], upon which the Preferred Bidder was considered to be the Successful Bidder.
- E. Thereafter, the Successful Bidder has obtained all the consents, approvals, permits, no - objections and the like as required under Applicable Law for commencement of mining operation, including those listed in Schedule A.

- F. Accordingly, the State Government is now entering into this Agreement with the Successful Bidder with respect to matters pertaining to the Mining Lease and other matters incidental thereto, and this Agreement shall be read as an integral part of the Mining Lease.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms and conditions and understandings set forth in this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration (the adequacy of which are hereby mutually acknowledged), the Parties with the intent to be legally bound hereby agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

The definitions and rules of interpretation in this clause apply in this Agreement.

1.1. Definitions

- 1.1.1. **“Act”** means the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (No. 67 of 1957) and its subsequent amendments including Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 (No. 10 of 2015), Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016 (No. 25 of 2016), Mineral Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020 (No 2 of 2020), Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2021 (No 16 of 2021).
- 1.1.2. **“Agreement”** means this Mine Development and Production Agreement and all attached annexure, schedules, exhibits and instruments supplemental to or amending, modifying or confirming this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 1.1.3. **“Agreement Date”** shall mean the date on which execution of this Agreement by both the Successful Bidder and the State Government is completed.
- 1.1.4. **“Applicable Law”** shall mean all applicable statutes, laws, by-laws, rules, regulations, orders, ordinances, protocols, codes, guidelines, policies, notices, directions, judgments, decrees or other requirements or official directive of any government authority or court or other law, rule or regulation approval from the relevant governmental authority, government resolution, directive, or other government restriction or any similar form of decision of, or determination by, or any interpretation or adjudication having the force of law in India.
- 1.1.5. **“Appropriation Event”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 4.2.1.

- 1.1.6. **“Auction Rules”** means the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments thereof.
- 1.1.7. **“Claim”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 12.3.
- 1.1.8. **“Commencement Report”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 5.1(b).
- 1.1.9. **“Control”** shall have the meaning as ascribed to it under the Companies Act, 2013.
- 1.1.10. **“Minimum Despatch Requirement”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 8.1.
- 1.1.11. **“Eligibility Conditions”** shall mean the eligibility conditions specified in the Act and the Rules including all the eligibility conditions listed in Clause 5 of the Tender Document.
- 1.1.12. **“Encumbrances”** means any mortgage, pledge, equitable interest, assignment by way of security, conditional sales contract, hypothecation, right of other persons, claim, security interest, encumbrance, title defect, title retention agreement, voting trust agreement, interest, option, lien, charge, commitment, restriction or limitation of any nature whatsoever, including restriction on use, voting rights, transfer, receipt of income or exercise of any other attribute of ownership, right of set-off, any arrangement (for the purpose of, or which has the effect of, granting security), or any other security interest of any kind whatsoever, or any agreement, whether conditional or otherwise, to create any of the same.
- 1.1.13. **“Event of Force Majeure”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 17.1.
- 1.1.14. **“Final Price Offer”** shall mean [per cent of Value of Mineral Despatched], based on which the Successful Bidder was declared successful in the tender process for the Mineral Block. The “Value of Mineral Despatched” being an amount equal to the product of - (i) mineral despatched in a month; and (ii) sale price of the mineral (grade-wise and State-wise) as published by Indian Bureau of Mines for such month of despatch.
- 1.1.15. **“Good Industry Practice”** means, in relation to any undertaking and any circumstances, the exercise of that degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person engaged in the same type of undertaking under the same or similar circumstances.

- 1.1.16. **“Governmental Approval”** means any authorization, approval, consent, licence or permit required from any Governmental Authority.
- 1.1.17. **“Governmental Authority”** means any Central or State Government authority, statutory authority, government department, agency, commission, board, tribunal or court or other law, rule or regulation making entity having or purporting to have jurisdiction on behalf of the Republic of India or any state or other subdivision thereof or any municipality, district or other subdivision thereof.
- 1.1.18. **“Indemnified Party”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 12.1.
- 1.1.19. **“Lease Area”** shall mean the Lease Area as more particularly described in SCHEDULE B.
- 1.1.20. **“Mineral”** means limestone ore.
- 1.1.21. **“Mineral Block”** means *Block* _____.
- 1.1.22. **“Mining Lease”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in the Act and the rules made thereunder.
- 1.1.23. **“Minimum Dispatch Requirement”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 8.1.
- 1.1.24. **“Mining Plan”** means a mining plan drawn in accordance with clause (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Act.
- 1.1.25. **“Monthly Payment”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 7.1.1.
- 1.1.26. **“Notice”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 19.11.
- 1.1.27. **“Parties”** mean and refer to the State Government and the Successful Bidder collectively and “Party” refers to any one of them.
- 1.1.28. **“Pre-Commencement Report”** shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 5.1(a).

1.1.29. “**Selectee**” shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 13.3.3(c).

1.1.30. “**Substitution Notice**” shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 13.3.3(b).

1.1.31. “**Term**” shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 18.2.

1.1.32. “**Third Party**” means any Person that is not a signatory to this Agreement.

1.1.33. “**Warranties**” shall have the meaning given to such expression in Clause 11.1 read with Schedule D

1.2. Interpretation

1.2.1. Any reference to any statute or statutory provision shall include:

- (i) all subordinate legislation made from time to time under that provision (whether or not amended, modified, re-enacted or consolidated); and
- (ii) such provision as from time to time amended, modified, re-enacted or consolidated (whether before or after the date of this Agreement) to the extent such amendment, modification, re-enactment or consolidation applies or is capable of applying to any transactions entered into under this Agreement prior to the Agreement Date and (to the extent liability thereunder may exist or can arise) shall include any past statutory provision (as from time to time amended, modified, re-enacted or consolidated) which the provision referred to has directly or indirectly replaced.

1.2.2. Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular.

1.2.3. References to the masculine, the feminine and the neuter shall include each other.

1.2.4. References to a “**company**” shall include a company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established.

1.2.5. The recitals and schedules form part of this Agreement and shall have the same force and effect as if expressly set out in the body of this Agreement, and any reference to this Agreement shall include any recitals and schedules to it. Any references to clauses and schedules are to clauses and schedules to this Agreement. Any references to parts or paragraphs are, unless otherwise stated, references to parts or paragraphs of the schedule in which the reference appears.

- 1.2.6. A reference to **this Agreement** or **any other document** shall be construed as references to this Agreement or that other document as amended, varied, novated, supplemented or replaced from time to time.
- 1.2.7. A reference to **this Clause** shall, unless followed by reference to a specific provision, be deemed to refer to the whole Clause (not merely the sub-Clause, paragraph or other provision) in which the expression occurs.
- 1.2.8. A reference to a **party** shall include that party's representatives, successors and permitted assigns.
- 1.2.9. Each of the representations and warranties provided in this Agreement is independent of other representations and warranties and unless the contrary is expressly stated, no Clause in this Agreement limits the extent or application of another Clause.
- 1.2.10. Headings to Clauses, parts and paragraphs of schedules and schedules are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- 1.2.11. A reference to "**in writing**" includes any communication made by letter or fax **but not e-mail** (unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.).
- 1.2.12. Unless otherwise specified, any reference to a time of day is to Indian Standard Time.
- 1.2.13. Any words following the terms **including, include, in particular, for example or any similar expression** shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.
- 1.2.14. Where the context permits, **other** and **otherwise** are illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding them.
- 1.2.15. References to a document in agreed form are to that document in the form agreed by the parties and initialed by them or on their behalf for identification.
- 1.2.16. Any obligation on a party not to do something includes an obligation not to allow that thing to be done.

2. COMPLIANCE

- 2.1. The Successful Bidder hereby represents and warrants to the State Government that it has complied with all the terms and conditions of the Act, the Rules, the Tender Document and other Applicable Law, as are required to be complied with by the Successful Bidder, with respect to tender process for the Lease Area and the Successful Bidder is eligible in all respects to receive Mining Lease over the Lease Area. The Successful Bidder also represents and warrants to the State Government that it is in compliance with all the Eligibility Conditions and continues to be in compliance with all the Eligibility Conditions during the Term.
- 2.2. Relying on the representations and warranties of the Successful Bidder and the information, documents, other undertaking(s) and covenants provided by the Successful Bidder, including the Warranties provided under Clause 11, the State Government is pleased to enter into this Agreement with the Successful Bidder for grant of Mining Lease over the Lease Area to the Successful Bidder subject to terms and conditions specified in this Agreement.

3. CONDITION FOR GRANT OF MINING LEASE

- 3.1. Grant of Mining Lease over the Lease Area shall be conditional upon prior payment of the third instalment of the Upfront Payment, with the total upfront payment being INR. [] (Indian Rupees only), within a period of [10] days from the Agreement Date.
- 3.2. Upon such payment the State Government shall grant a Mining Lease to the Successful Bidder. The mining lease shall be executed between the Successful Bidder and the State Government within a period of 30 days from the date of payment and shall be subject to the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder.
- 3.3. The date of the commencement of the period for which a Mining Lease is granted shall be the date on which a duly executed Mining Lease is registered.
- 3.4. Provided that no Mining Lease Deed shall be executed on expiry of a period of three years from the date of the letter of intent, and the letter of intent shall be invalidated leading to annulment of the entire process of auction. Provided further that the State Government may allow a further period of two years for execution of the Mining Lease Deed if the reasons for delay were beyond the control of the Preferred Bidder.
- 3.5. The Successful Bidder shall execute the Mining Lease within the period referred to in Clause 3.4 and Sub-rule 6 of Rule 10 of the Auction Rules, failing which:
 - (a) the Letter of Intent shall be revoked;
 - (b) this Agreement shall be terminated; and
 - (c) the Performance Security and any instalment of Upfront Payment paid shall be forfeited and appropriated in full by the State Government.

4. PERFORMANCE SECURITY AND APPROPRIATION

4.1. Performance Security

4.1.1. The Successful Bidder has provided to the State Government [an irrevocable and unconditional bank guarantee, dated [date] from [name of bank] issued at [place] and payable at Chennai/ security deposit] for an amount equal to INR. []/- (Indian Rupeesonly) (the “Performance Security”) in the format provided in Schedule III of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and subsequent amendments thereof.

4.1.2. The amount of Performance Security shall be reassessed every five years commencing from the date of issuance of the Performance Security i.e. [date], so that the amount of Performance Security corresponds to 0.5% of the reassessed Value of Estimated Resources including the value of any newly discovered mineral that may be included in the mining lease deed on its discovery.

Provided that the amount of performance security shall not exceed five hundred crore rupees

4.1.3. For the purposes of such reassessment, the Successful Bidder shall submit an application in writing to the State Government at least 3 (three) months prior to the expiry of the aforementioned period of five years. Such application must contain in sufficient details, documentary evidence confirming the reassessed Value of Estimated Resources **including the value of any newly discovered mineral that may be included in the mining lease deed on its discovery** on the date of such application.

4.1.4. The State Government shall dispose such application within 3 (three) months from the date of receipt of duly completed application. If the State Government does not dispose such application within the aforementioned period of 3 (three) months, then the application shall be deemed to be approved. In such case, bank guarantee constituting the Performance Security shall be substituted with another bank guarantee OR additional amount shall be deposited towards the security deposit of the reassessed value issued in accordance with this Clause 4, within a period of fifteen (15) days expiry of the aforementioned period of 3 (three) months.

4.1.5. The Performance Security should remain valid for the entire period of Mining Lease.

4.2. Events for appropriation of the Performance Security

4.2.1. The Performance Security may be appropriated by the State Government upon occurrence of any of the events specified in table 4.3.1 (the “**Appropriation Event**”), to be determined by the State Government in its sole discretion. In case the Performance Security is in the

form of a bank guarantee, the State Government may invoke the same on an Appropriation Event. In case the Performance Security is in the form of a security deposit, the State Government may deduct an amount from such security deposit on an Appropriation Event.

4.2.2. Provided however that in the event an Appropriation Event has occurred solely on account of an Event of Force Majeure which could not have been mitigated by the Successful Bidder through Good Industry Practice as provided in Clause 17, then the Performance Security shall not be appropriated for such specific Appropriation Event.

4.3. Manner of appropriation of the Performance Security

4.3.1. Upon occurrence of an Appropriation Event to be determined by the State Government, the State Government shall have the unconditional right to appropriate the Performance Security by providing a written notice to the Successful Bidder in the following proportion:

#	Appropriation Event	Amount of the Performance Security to be appropriated
1.	Failure of the Successful Bidder to make payment of the third instalment of the Upfront Payment within the time specified in Clause 3.1.	An amount equal to the third instalment of the Upfront Payment together with interest computed in accordance with rule 14 of the Auction Rules
2.	Failure of the Successful Bidder to comply with the Minimum Despatch Requirement as required under Clause 8.	Value of the Performance Security for each failure to comply with the Minimum Despatch Requirement as specified in SCHEDULE C
3.	Any change in Control or transfer of right, title or interest in the Lease Area which is not in conformity with the Act and rules made thereunder	Entire Performance Security.
4	Failure of the Successful Bidder to make the Monthly Payments and payment under clause 7.1	The amount of such Payment due and payable, along with interest computed in accordance with rule 14 of the Auction Rules.

5.	In case of lapse of the mining lease, to carry out protective reclamation and rehabilitation measures in the Lease Area	Entire Performance Security as per sub rule (10) of Rule 20 of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.
6.	In case of surrender of the entire area of the mining lease by the lessee.	Entire Performance Security as per sub rule (3) of Rule 21 of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.
7	In case of any Appropriation Event set forth elsewhere in this Agreement and/ or in the Tender Document	In the manner set forth in this Agreement and/ or the Tender Document, as the case may be.
8	In case of the Warranties being untrue or misleading or incorrect in any manner whatsoever.	Entire Performance Security.
9	Termination of the mining lease	Entire Performance Security.
10	Any breach or non-compliance with any of the provisions of the Act and rules made thereunder, the Mining Lease inclusive of this Agreement, and the tender document.	10% of the Performance Security or appropriate % based on the type of breach as decided by the State Government, whichever is higher.

4.3.2. In the event of a part or total appropriation of the Performance Security, the Successful Bidder shall be required to: (i) rectify the Appropriation Event; and (ii) top-up the bank guarantee constituting the Performance Security OR deposit additional amount towards security deposit within seven days of receipt of a notice under Clause 4.3.1.

4.3.3. Any one or more Appropriation Events resulting in appropriation of the entire Performance Security shall give the State Government a right to determine the Mining Lease without prejudice to any other proceeding to be taken against the mining lease holder.

5. INFORMATION

5.1. In addition to information that may be required to be provided in accordance with Applicable Law, the Successful Bidder shall provide periodic reports to the State Government (or such other Governmental Authority as may be specified by the State Government) regarding mining operations at the Lease Area, including compliance with the Despatch Requirement, in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) ***Pre-Commencement Report***

Prior to commencement of mining operations at the Lease Area, the Successful Bidder shall provide a written intimation ("**Pre-Commencement Report**") to the State Government once every 30 (thirty) calendar days regarding the following:

- (i) the actions taken by the Successful Bidder towards commencement of the mining operations at the Lease Area, including compliance with the Mining Plan and a tentative date for commencement of the mining operations;
- (ii) any deviations from the Mining Plan, the reasons for such deviations and the steps taken by the Successful Bidder to rectify such deviation; and
- (iii) whether in the opinion of the Successful Bidder, it shall be able to commence mining operations at the Lease Area within the time specified under sub-clause (i) above for commencement of the mining operations.

(b) ***Commencement Report***

Within 3 (three) days of the commencement of mining operations at the Lease Area, the Successful Bidder shall provide a written intimation to the State Government confirming commencement of mining operations at the Lease Area (the "**Commencement Report**").

(c) ***Periodic reporting***

The Successful Bidder shall also submit such reports and information as required under the Act and rules made thereunder.

5.2. The reports under Clause 5.1 shall be provided to the State Government as attachments to an email addressed to the following e-mail address: geomine@nic.in. Such attachments must be digitally signed by the Successful Bidder using a Class III digital signature certificate issued by a certifying authority in India.

5.3. The State Government shall have the right to seek such further information regarding the reports provided under Clause 5.1 and also seek independent verification of the same.

6. UTILISATION OF MINERAL

- 6.1. The Successful Bidder shall utilize the Mineral strictly in compliance with Applicable Law, including the Act and the rules framed thereunder.
- 6.2. The Mining Lease shall be for all minerals (including minor minerals) found in the area pursuant to exploration prior to the auction. If prior to the auction or subsequent to the auction, presence of minor mineral(s) is established or discovered, such minor minerals shall be dealt as per the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959, as framed by the State Government under Section 15 of the Act.
- 6.3. Where subsequent to grant of a mining lease, one or more new minerals are discovered, the percentage of Value of Mineral Despatched as quoted by the Successful Bidder shall be applicable for the purpose of payment to the State Government in respect of each such mineral.

7. PAYMENTS

7.1. Payment of bid amount

7.1.1. The Successful Bidder shall make monthly payments on the basis of the Final Price Offer (the “Monthly Payment”). The Monthly Payment shall be computed on the basis of the Value of Mineral Despatched or the value of the Minimum Despatch Requirement as specified in Clause 8, whichever is higher.

The lessee shall pay only fifty per cent of the amount quoted under rule 8 of the Auction Rules, for the quantity of mineral produced and dispatched earlier than the scheduled date of commencement of production as given in the tender document:

Provided further that for such quantity of mineral produced and dispatched, other payments as specified in sub-rules (1), (3) and (4) of rule 13 the Auction Rules shall be payable in full and the successful bidder shall obtain all necessary approvals, permissions, licences and the like as may be required under any law for the time being in force for starting early production.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this sub-rule, it is clarified that the incentive specified in the first proviso on payment of amount quoted under rule 8 of the Auction Rules shall be applicable on the quantity of mineral produced and dispatched between actual date and the scheduled date of commencement of production.

The scheduled date of commencement of production is the last date for execution of the mining lease as per the three (3) year timeline. The incentive of fifty per cent shall not be applicable on the extended period (i.e. two (2) years).

7.1.2. The reconciliation of the Minimum Despatch Requirement and corresponding Monthly Payments shall be adjusted on annual basis. In the event that the actual annual despatch is lower than the Minimum Despatch Requirement (on annual basis) in a financial year (financial year means from 1st April to 31st March), the value of the resultant shortfall quantity shall be calculated considering the following:

(i) Treatment of shortfall quantity: the shortfall quantity shall be considered in the same grade, as the grade arrived at based on the quantities of limestone actually dispatched in the financial year. This grade(s) shall be applied to the shortfall quantity to estimate the shortfall quantity of ore.

(ii) Price to be applied for shortfall quantity: the average of the monthly Average Sales Price (Tamil Nadu State) published by IBM for the grade(s) arrived at (a) above for the financial

year shall be considered for the purpose of calculation of payment related to Minimum Despatch Requirement.

Provided in case of no dispatch during a financial year, the grade(s) of the limestone, as per dispatches in the preceding year, will be considered for treatment of shortfall quantity in such financial year. However, price to be applied for the shortfall quantity shall be based on average of the monthly Average Sales Price (Tamil Nadu State) published by IBM for the concerned grade(s) of limestone for the financial year with no dispatch for the purpose of calculation of payment related to Minimum Despatch Requirement.

Provided further in case of no dispatch after the grant of mining lease, the grade in the geological report shall be considered. Further, the price to be applied for the shortfall quantity shall be based on average of the monthly Average Sales Price (Tamil Nadu State) published by IBM for the concerned grade(s) for the financial year with no dispatch for the purpose of calculation of payment related to Minimum Despatch Requirement.

- 7.1.3. The Monthly Payment is required to be made within 20 calendar days of expiry of each month with respect to mineral dispatched from the Lease Area in such calendar month. The reconciliation amount, as per clause 7.1.2, shall be adjusted or payable, as may be applicable, within 20 calendar days of expiry of each financial year.
- 7.1.4. All payments required to be made by the Successful Bidder shall be made net of all applicable taxes. In the event, taxes are payable, the Successful Bidder shall gross-up the amount payable and make payment of the aggregate amount.
- 7.1.5. Subject to the date of signing of mining lease, the Minimum Despatch Requirement shall be prorated for the remaining months/ days of the financial year.

7.2. Other payments

The Successful Bidder shall pay royalty, levy for District Mineral Foundation (DMF) and levy for National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) as per provisions of the MMDR Act and rules framed thereunder. The Successful Bidder shall also be required to make payments as required under Applicable Law, including the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

7.3. Upfront Payment

The Upfront Payment paid by the Successful Bidder shall be adjusted in full at the earliest against the amount payable in accordance with the per cent of Value of Mineral Despatched quoted as the Final Price Offer.

8. MINIMUM DESPATCH REQUIREMENT

- 8.1. The conduct of mining operations at the Lease Area shall be subject to the annual milestones listed in SCHEDULE C with respect to despatch (the “**Minimum Despatch Requirement**”).
- 8.2. The Successful Bidder upon execution of the mining lease would provide periodic information to the State Government regarding compliance with the Minimum Despatch Requirement in the manner stipulated in Clause 5 (INFORMATION).

Any non-compliance with the Minimum Despatch Requirement would result in appropriation of the Performance Security in the manner stipulated in Clause 4 (PERFORMANCE SECURITY) and in case where such non-compliance exceeds for more than 7 (seven) instances, such non-compliance shall give the State Government a right to terminate the Mining Lease without prejudice to any other proceeding to be taken against the mining lease holder.

9. GENERAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

9.1. Limited mining rights

Pursuant to this Agreement the Successful Bidder shall be entitled to conduct mining operations only in the Lease Area and shall not be entitled to conduct the mining operations in any other area outside the Lease Area. The rights granted to the Successful Bidder herein to conduct mining operations are exclusive within the Lease Area.

9.2. Authorizations

The Successful Bidder shall obtain and maintain all Governmental Approvals required for conducting the mining operations at the Lease Area and performing its obligations under this Agreement. The Government undertakes, on a no-obligation basis, to expeditiously provide all necessary approvals and assistance for conducting mining operations and as otherwise may be reasonably required by the Successful Bidder in relation to the rights granted to it under the Agreement.

9.3. Geological and archaeological finds

It is expressly agreed that other than rights to mine for the Mineral(s) (as may be granted under any Mining Lease pursuant hereto), geological or archaeological rights do not form part of the rights granted to the Successful Bidder under this Agreement and the Successful Bidder hereby acknowledges that except in relation to the Mineral(s) (as may be granted under any Mining Lease pursuant hereto), it shall not have any mining rights or interest in the underlying minerals, metals, gas, oil, fossils, antiquities, structures or other remnants or things either of particular geological or archaeological interest and that such rights, interest and property on or under the Lease Area shall vest in and belong to the Central/ State Government or the concerned Governmental Authority under Applicable Law. The Successful Bidder shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent its workmen or any other person from removing or damaging such interest or property and shall inform the Central/ State Government forthwith of the discovery thereof and comply with such instructions as the concerned Governmental Authority may reasonably give for the removal of such property.

10. MINING PLAN AND COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

10.1 The Mining Plan applicable pursuant to clause (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Act shall be complied with by the Successful Bidder at all times. The Successful Bidder shall also comply with Applicable Law in relation to conduct of mining operations.

11. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 11.1. The Successful Bidder represents and warrants to the State Government (save as otherwise disclosed to the State Government in writing), as of the Agreement Date in the manner as detailed in Schedule D (“Warranties”).
- 11.2. None of the representations, warranties and/ or statements contained in this Agreement shall be treated as qualified by any actual or constructive knowledge on the part of the State Government or the Central Government or any of its respective agents, representatives, officers, employees or advisers.
- 11.3. In the event that any of the representations or warranties made or given by the Successful Bidder ceases to be true or stands changed, the Successful Bidder shall promptly notify the State Government of the same. The Successful Bidder hereby waive all their rights to invoke and shall not invoke the State Government's knowledge (actual, constructive or imputed) of a fact or circumstance that might make a statement untrue, inaccurate, incomplete or misleading as a defence to a claim for breach of Warranties or covenant or obligation of the Successful Bidder.

12. INDEMNITIES

- 12.1. In this clause, a reference to the State Government shall include the State Government; any of the departments or ministries of the State Government; and of the officers, employees, staff, advisors, representatives or agents of the State Government (collectively the “Indemnified Party”) and the provisions of this Clause shall be for the benefit of the Indemnified Party, and shall be enforceable by each such Indemnified Party.
- 12.2. The Successful Bidder shall indemnify the Indemnified Party against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses (including but not limited to any interest, penalties and legal costs (calculated on a full indemnity basis) and all other professional costs and expenses) suffered or incurred by the Indemnified Party arising out of or in connection with:
- (a) any breach of the Warranties;
 - (b) Successful Bidder's breach or negligent performance or non-performance of this Agreement;
 - (c) the enforcement of this Agreement;
 - (d) any claim made against the Indemnified Party for actual or alleged infringement of a Third Party's rights arising out of or in connection with mining operations at the Lease Area or performance or non-performance of any of the obligations under this Agreement to the extent that such claim arises out of the breach, negligent performance or failure or delay in performance of this Agreement by the Successful Bidder, its employees, agents or contractors;
 - (e) any claim made against the Indemnified Party by a Third Party for death, personal injury or damage to property arising out of or in connection with mining operations at the Lease Area or performance or non-performance of any of the obligations under this Agreement; or
 - (f) any loss or damages caused on account of breach of any Applicable Law by the Successful Bidder, including without limitation any costs incurred by the State Government in cleaning or rectifying of any environmental damages caused by the Successful Bidder on account of, lack of Good Industry Practice; breach, negligent performance or failure or delay in performance of this Agreement; or non-compliance with Applicable Law.
- 12.3. If any Third Party makes a claim, or notifies an intention to make a claim, against the Indemnified Party which may reasonably be considered likely to give rise to a liability under this indemnity (a “Claim”), the Indemnified Party shall as soon as reasonably practicable,

give written notice of the Claim to the Successful Bidder, specifying the nature of the Claim in reasonable detail.

- 12.4. Subject to the Successful Bidder providing security to the Indemnified Party, to the Indemnified Party's sole and absolute satisfaction against any claim, liability, costs, expenses, damages or losses which may be incurred, the Successful Bidder may take such action as it may reasonably deem fit to avoid, dispute, compromise or defend the Claim.
- 12.5. Payments of the amount of Claim shall become due and payable within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of notice of Claim. If a payment due from the Successful Bidder under this clause is subject to tax (whether by way of direct assessment or withholding at its source), the Indemnified Party shall be entitled to receive from the Successful Bidder such amounts as shall ensure that the net receipt, after tax, to the Indemnified Party in respect of the payment is the same as it would have been were the payment not subject to tax.

13. ASSIGNMENT, SECURITY FOR FINANCING

13.1. Prohibition on assignment

13.1.1. Except as provided in this Clause 13, the Successful Bidder shall not assign this Agreement, save and except with the prior consent in writing of the State Government, which consent the State Government shall be entitled to decline without specifying any reason.

13.1.2. Subject to compliance with provisions of Clause 13.2, this Agreement may be assigned by the Successful Bidder in the following events:

- (i) upon the transfer of the mining lease under the provisions of the Act and rules made thereunder; or
- (ii) upon occurrence of an enforcement event, to a transferee as may be determined by a bank or financial institution in terms of Clause 13.3.

13.2. Assignment conditions

Assignment of this Agreement under Clause 13.3 shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

- (a) the proposed assignee must meet the applicable Eligibility Conditions;
- (b) the proposed assignee must agree to unconditionally and irrevocably adhere to the provisions of the Act and rules made thereunder, and this Agreement and must enter into a deed of adherence in the manner as prescribed by the State Government;
- (c) the proposed assignee must have furnished the Performance Security, to substitute any subsisting Performance Security provided by the Successful Bidder; and
- (d) the proposed assignee must have paid any other amount due from the Successful Bidder and agree to indemnify and hold the State Government harmless in all respects against any claims from any Third Party or the Successful Bidder with respect to such assignment.

13.3. Security for financing enforcement event

13.3.1. Subject to Applicable Law, the Successful Bidder shall be entitled to create security over the Lease Area through mortgage for the purposes of availing financing from a bank or financial institutions for the purposes of financing of mining operations at the Lease Area and such security creation shall not require prior approval by the State Government or the Central Government. It is clarified that the Successful Bidder shall be permitted to enter into any agreement with bank or financial institutions with respect to assignment of this Agreement in terms of this Clause 13.

- 13.3.2. The Successful Bidder shall inform the State Government within ten days of occurrence of (i) any default in its obligation under any arrangement with any bank or financial institution; (ii) any security interest created over the Lease Area; and (iii) any action initiated by the bank or financial institution regarding enforcement of security.
- 13.3.3. In the event of a default, the banks or financial institutions, as the case may be shall be entitled to enforce their security interest, provided that the conditions listed in Clause 13.2 are met, in the manner provided below:
- (i) the security interest shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of Applicable Law and any inter-se agreement between the secured creditors, if any;
 - (ii) the lead secured creditor (in case of consortium lending) or the secured creditor with the highest exposure (in case of multiple banking), shall be entitled to seek a substitution of the Successful Bidder by providing a written application (the "Substitution Notice") to the State Government;
 - (iii) the Substitution Notice shall contain complete particulars of the proposed transferee (the "Selectee"), particulars of compliance of the Selectee with all the Eligibility Conditions, particulars of the debt due and such data and information as would be necessary and relevant for the State Government to decide as to the acceptability of the Selectee;
 - (iv) the State Government may require such other information as it may deem fit regarding the suitability of the Selectee to receive rights and obligations with respect to the Lease Area;
 - (v) the Substitution Notice must be accompanied by an unconditional undertaking of the Selectee to the effect that it shall upon acceptance by the State Government observe, comply with, perform and fulfil the residual terms, conditions and covenants of this Agreement as if the Selectee had been the Successful Bidder under this Agreement and to assume, discharge and pay the debt due on the terms and conditions agreed to by the Selectee with the secured creditors. The Selectee shall also undertake to enter into such documents and agreements with State Government as may be necessary or required to give effect to the substitution of the Successful Bidder by the Selectee;
 - (vi) the State Government shall convey its acceptance or otherwise of the Selectee within sixty days of (a) the date of receipt of the Substitution Notice; or (b) the date

of receipt of the additional information and clarifications requested in respect of any data, particulars or information comprised in the Substitution Notice, whichever is later; and

- (vii) In the event that the State Government fails to communicate its acceptance or otherwise or the objections if any it has to the acceptance of the Substitution Notice, within the time specified in sub-clause (f) above, the State Government shall be deemed to have accepted the Transfer Application and the Selectee.

13.3.4. Upon acceptance of the Selectee by the State Government or the State Government having been deemed to have accepted the Substitution Notice, this Agreement shall be deemed to be assigned in favor of the Selectee without any further act or deed of the Successful Bidder.

14. INSURANCE

At all times during the Term hereof, the Successful Bidder will maintain, and cause its contractors and sub-contractors to maintain, with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is consistent with Good Industry Practice.

15. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

15.1. Audited accounts

The Successful Bidder shall maintain books of accounts recording all its receipts, income, expenditure, payment, assets and liabilities in accordance with Good Industry Practice and Applicable Law.

15.2. Appointment of auditors

The State Government shall have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint at its cost, from time to time and at any time, an auditing firm or an auditor to audit and verify all those matters, expenses, costs, realizations and things with respect to the Lease Area or which the statutory auditors are required to do, undertake or certify pursuant to this Agreement.

15.3. Certification of claims by statutory auditors

Any claim or document provided by the Successful Bidder to the State Government in connection with or relating to receipts, income, payments, costs, expenses, accounts or audit, and any matter incidental thereto shall be valid and effective only if certified by its statutory auditors in case of a company or chartered accountant in case of a partnership firm, individual, association of individual or sole proprietorship.

16. GOVERNMENT INSPECTION

- 16.1. The Central Government or the State Government, through its authorized representatives shall have the right to free ingress and egress within any part of the Lease Area at any time to inspect works or activities being undertaken or implemented by the Successful Bidder in order to monitor and verify compliance with the terms of this Agreement and Applicable Law.
- 16.2. The Central Government or the State Government, through its authorized representatives, shall have access to the Successful Bidder's financial and other records and transactions (relatable to any period) at any time upon reasonable advance notice, the right to copy therefrom, for the purpose of assessing the performance and compliance of the Successful Bidder with the terms of this Agreement and Applicable Law, rules and regulations or to aid in the enforcement of the same.
- 16.3. The Central Government or the State Government shall have the right to conduct, either directly or indirectly through any Third Party, a performance audit to verify compliance by the Successful Bidder, of its obligations hereunder.

17. EVENT OF FORCE MAJEURE

- 17.1. Event of Force Majeure means any of the following events or circumstances or combination of the following events or circumstances which are beyond the reasonable control of the Successful Bidder, which could not have been prevented by Good Industry Practice or by the exercise of reasonable skill and care and which or any consequences of which, have a material and adverse effect upon the performance by the Successful Bidder of its obligations or enjoyment of its rights:
- (i) acts of God, flood, drought, earthquake or other natural disaster;
 - (ii) epidemic or pandemic;
 - (iii) terrorist attack, civil war, civil commotion or riots, war, threat of or preparation for war, armed conflict, imposition of sanctions, embargo, or breaking off of diplomatic relations;
 - (iv) nuclear, chemical or biological contamination or sonic boom;
 - (v) collapse of buildings/mines, fire, explosion or accident; or
 - (vi) any labor or trade dispute, strikes, industrial action or lockouts (other than those solely affecting Successful Bidder claiming the same as an Event of Force Majeure and attributable to such Successful Bidder's policies regarding labor, compensation or employment or labor related conditions).
- 17.2. Provided it has complied with Clause 17.3, if the Successful Bidder is prevented, hindered or delayed in or from performing any of its obligations under this Agreement by an Event of Force Majeure, the Successful Bidder shall not be in breach of this Agreement or otherwise liable for any such failure or delay in the performance of such obligations.
- 17.3. Upon occurrence of an Event of Force Majeure, the Successful Bidder shall:
- (i) as soon as reasonably practicable after the start of the Event of Force Majeure but no later than thirty days from its start, notify the State Government in writing of the Event of Force Majeure, the date on which it started, its likely or potential duration, and the effect of the Event of Force Majeure on its ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement; and
 - (ii) use all reasonable endeavors to mitigate the effect of the Event of Force Majeure on the performance of its obligations including following of Good Industry Practice.

- 17.4. If an obligation is suspended by reason of an Event of Force Majeure for more than one month continuously, the Parties shall enter into good faith negotiations to revise the terms of this Agreement to reflect the changed circumstances, provided that this Agreement shall remain in effect during the period during which the Parties are negotiating the terms of any such revision.

18. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

18.1. Effective Date

This Agreement shall come into effect on the Agreement Date i.e. [date]

18.2. Term

This Agreement shall commence on the dates mentioned in Clause 18.1 and shall continue for the period of validity of the Mining Lease granted to the Successful Bidder (“**Term**”).

18.3. Retention of Books and Records

Upon termination of the Agreement/ mining lease, the Successful Bidder shall retain all documents, books and records related to the Lease Area for a period of [three] years or such longer period as may specified under Applicable Law. It is clarified that the Successful Bidder may also retain such books and records in electronic form if permitted under Applicable Law.

19. MISCELLANEOUS

19.1. Time of essence

Each of the Parties hereby agrees that, with regard to all dates and time periods set forth or referred to in this Agreement, time is of the essence.

19.2. Publicity

The Successful Bidder shall not issue any information, document or article for publication in any news or communications media or make any public statement in relation to this Agreement without the prior written consent of the State Government unless required to do so by Applicable Law, provided that prior to any disclosure of any such information required by Applicable Law, the Successful Bidder must first notify the State Government, who shall then have the opportunity to respond to and/or dispute such intended disclosure.

19.3. Severability

19.3.1. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall be held invalid, void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction or other Governmental Authority to any extent, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions of this Agreement and the application thereof to persons or circumstances (other than those as to which any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, void or unenforceable) shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent permitted by law, so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any Party.

19.3.2. Upon such a determination, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.

19.4. Costs and expenses

19.4.1. The Successful Bidder shall bear its own costs in connection with the execution of this Agreement.

19.4.2. The stamp duty payable for this Agreement shall be borne by the Successful Bidder.

19.5. Further assurance

The Successful Bidder shall cooperate with the State Government and execute and deliver

to the State Government such instruments and documents and take such other actions as may be requested from time to time in order to carry out, evidence and confirm their rights and the intended purpose of this Agreement.

19.6. Legal and prior rights

All rights and remedies of the State Government hereto shall be in addition to all other legal rights and remedies belonging to the State Government and the same shall be deemed to be cumulative and not alternative to such legal rights and remedies aforesaid and it is hereby expressly agreed and declared by and between the Parties hereto, that the determination of this Agreement for any cause whatsoever shall be without prejudice to any and all rights and claims of the State Government, which shall or may have accrued prior thereto.

19.7. Waiver

19.7.1. The waiver of any default or breach under this Agreement by the State Government shall not constitute a waiver of the right to determine the agreement/ mining lease for any substantial default of a similar nature or under any other terms and conditions of this Agreement.

19.7.2. No failure or delay by the State Government in exercising any right or remedy provided by Applicable Law under or pursuant to this Agreement shall impair such right or remedy or operate or be construed as a waiver or variation of it or preclude its exercise at any subsequent time and no single or partial exercise of any such right or remedy shall preclude any other or further exercise of it or the exercise of any other right or remedy. The rights and remedies of the State Government under or pursuant to this Agreement are cumulative, may be exercised as often as it considers appropriate and are in addition to its rights and remedies under Applicable Law.

19.7.3. Submission of any document, information, report or notice, which contains any information or reference to any default or breach under this Agreement or any Applicable Law, to the State Government shall not be construed to be a deemed approval of such breach or default and the State Government may exercise any rights or remedies with respect to such default at any time.

19.8. Amendments

No amendment of this Agreement (or of any of the documents referred to in this (Agreement) shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by or on behalf of each of the Parties to it. The expression "amendment" shall include any amendment, variation, supplement, deletion or replacement however effected. Unless expressly agreed, no amendment shall constitute a

general waiver of any provisions of this Agreement, nor shall it affect any rights, obligations or liabilities under or pursuant to this Agreement which have already accrued up to the date of amendment, and the rights and obligations of the Parties under or pursuant to this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, except and only to the extent that they are so amended.

19.9. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in two counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

19.10. No agency or partnership

The Parties agree that nothing in this Agreement shall be in any manner interpreted to constitute an agency for and on behalf of any other Party. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a partnership between the Parties hereto and no Party shall have any authority to bind the other Party or shall be deemed to be the agent of the other Party in any way.

19.11. Notices

All notices, requests, demands or other communication ("**Notice**") required or permitted to be given under this Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be written in English and shall be deemed to be duly sent by registered post with acknowledgment due, or transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other Parties at the address indicated in SCHEDULE E hereof or at such other address as the Party to whom such notices, requests, demands or other communication is to be given shall have last notified to the Party giving the same in the manner provided in this Clause, but no such change of address shall be deemed to have been given until it is actually received by the Party sought to be charged with the knowledge of its contents. Any notice, request, demand or other communication delivered to the Party to whom it is addressed as provided in this Clause 19.11 shall be deemed to have been given and received on the day of its receipt at such address.

A copy of the Notice sent by registered post with acknowledgment due, or transmitted by facsimile transmission may also be sent through email to the email addresses specified in Schedule E solely for information of the recipient and shall take effect only when the registered post is actually delivered or the fax is received by the recipient, as the case may be.

19.12. Entire Agreement

The Mining Lease inclusive of this Agreement (including all such deeds and documents issued or executed pursuant hereto or referred to herein) and the Tender Document, together with all documents referred herein and thereunder constitutes and represents the entire agreement

between the Parties with regard to the rights and obligations of each of the Parties and cancels and supersedes all prior arrangements, agreements or understandings, if any, whether oral or in writing, between the Parties on the subject matter hereof or in respect of matters dealt with herein. If there is a conflict between the Mining Lease inclusive of this Agreement and the Tender Document, the Mining Lease inclusive of this Agreement would have overriding effect. The Bidder shall comply with all Applicable Laws. In the event of any conflict between the Tender Document or MDPA and Applicable Law, the Applicable Law shall prevail.

19.13. Specific performance of obligations

The State Government shall be entitled to an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement or to seek or enforce specific performance of this Agreement, in addition to any other legal rights and remedies, without the necessity of demonstrating the inadequacy of monetary damages.

SCHEDULE A - LIST OF CONSENTS AND APPROVALS

[To be provided prior to execution]

SCHEDULE B – PARTICULARS OF THE LEASE AREA

[To be provided prior to execution]

SCHEDULE C – MINIMUM DESPATCH REQUIREMENT

The Successful Bidder shall meet the annual Minimum Despatch Requirement as stated in the table below:

Year (since commencement of mining lease)	Minimum Despatch Requirement (% of yearly production as per Approved Mining Plan)	Value of Performance Security to be appropriated
Year 1	[•] 50%	Value = [Royalty + NMET + DMF + (final price offer (X) average sales price notified by IBM for that year of shortfall) + other applicable taxes and cess] (X) shortfall in despatch [minimum despatch requirement (minus) actual annual despatch] Note: The rates for royalty, NMET, DMF and other taxes etc. shall be as per Applicable Law.
Year 2	[•] 60%	
Year 3	[•] 70%	
Year 4	[•] 70%	
Year 5 onwards	[•] 80%	

SCHEDULE D - WARRANTIES

1. Information

- 1.1. The information, provided to the State Government during the tender process and any time thereafter, including but not limited to the information contained in this Agreement, by the Successful Bidder is true, accurate and not misleading in any manner whatsoever.
- 1.2. Neither this Agreement nor any of the information and documents provided during the tender process exercise contains any untrue statement of fact, or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements herein or therein not misleading. The documents provided to the State Government and/or its advisors during the conduct of the tender process, are true and complete copies of such documents and none of the information provided to the State Government and/or its advisors during the tender process was incorrect, inaccurate or misleading in any manner whatsoever.

2. Authority

- 2.1. The Successful Bidder has full legal capacity to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations under it and has taken all action necessary to authorize such execution and delivery and the performance of such obligations.
- 2.2. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Successful Bidder, and (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery and performance by the Parties), constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Successful Bidder, enforceable against the Successful Bidder in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
- 2.3. The Successful Bidder has obtained requisite corporate authorization, including passing of all necessary resolutions at the meeting of its board of directors held on [date] to execute this Agreement and carry out all transactions and actions contemplated under this Agreement and do all necessary acts incidental to this Agreement.
- 2.4. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Successful Bidder and the performance of the obligations under it do not and shall not:
 - (a) conflict with or violate any provision of the memorandum of association or articles of association of the Successful Bidder;

- (b) require on the part of the Successful Bidder, any filing with, or permission, authorization, consent or approval of, any Governmental Authority;
 - (c) conflict with, result in breach of, constitute (with or without due notice or lapse of time or both) a default under, result in the acceleration of obligations under, create in favor of any party any right to terminate, modify or cancel, or require any notice, consent or waiver under, any contract or instrument to which the Successful Bidder is party or by which it is bound or to which its assets are subject; and
 - (d) violate, conflict with or constitute a default under any Applicable Law, lien, lease, judgment, award, Act, order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation or any other restriction of any kind or character applicable to the Successful Bidder or its properties or assets
- 2.5. No person is entitled to any brokerage, finders, or other similar fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

3. **General**

The Successful Bidder

- (a) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of India;
- (b) meets all the Eligibility Conditions prescribed under the Act read with the Rules and the Tender Documents;
- (c) has the financial standing and capacity to undertake mining operations at the Lease Area in accordance with the Production Requirement;
- (d) is subject to civil and commercial laws of India with respect to this Agreement and it hereby expressly and irrevocably waives any immunity in any jurisdiction in respect thereof;
- (e) there are no actions, suits, proceedings or investigations pending or to the Successful Bidder's knowledge threatened against it at law or in equity before any court or before any other judicial, quasi-judicial or other authority, the outcome of which may constitute an event of default hereunder;
- (f) has neither violated or defaulted nor has knowledge of any violation or default with respect to any order, writ, injunction or any decree of any court or any legally binding order of any Governmental Authority;

- (g) has complied with Applicable Law and has not been subject to any fines, penalties, injunctive relief or any other civil or criminal liabilities;
- (h) except as set forth in any Mining Lease, all rights and interests of the Successful Bidder in and to the Lease Area shall pass to and vest in the relevant Governmental Authority on the date of termination or expiry hereof, free and clear of all Encumbrances without any further act or deed on the part of the Successful Bidder or the Central Government;
- (i) no bribe or illegal gratification or any other illegal amount has been paid or will be paid in cash or kind by or on behalf of the Successful Bidder to any Person to procure the rights granted hereunder; and
- (j) Without prejudice to any express provision contained in this Agreement, the Successful Bidder acknowledges that prior to the execution of this Agreement, the Successful Bidder has after a complete and careful examination made an independent evaluation of the Lease Area and the information provided by the State Government, and has determined to its satisfaction the nature and extent of risks and hazards as are likely to arise or may be faced by the Successful Bidder in the course of performance of its obligations hereunder. The Successful Bidder also acknowledges and hereby accepts the risk of inadequacy, mistake or error in or relating to any of the matters set forth above and hereby confirms that the State Government and any Governmental Authority shall not be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever to the Successful Bidder.

SCHEDULE E - ADDRESS FOR PROVIDING NOTICES

A. Notice to the State Government

Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
E-mail (only for information)	

With CC to the Central Government

Address	Ministry of Mines
Telephone	
Fax	
E-mail (only for information)	

B. Notice to the Successful Bidder

Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
E-mail (only for information)	

[Name of Block] Limestone Block

SCHEDULE F- LIST OF PERSONS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized representatives on the date and year written below, at Chennai.

Signatories

Government of Tamil Nadu

[Name of the Successful Bidder]

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Name:

Name:

Designation:

Designation

Date:

Date:

Duly authorized to execute this Agreement pursuant to resolution passed by the board of directors of the [name of the Successful Bidder on date]