

NHPC LIMITED
(A GOVT. OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)



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E-Tender Document (Limited)

For

Appointment of International Credit Rating Agency for issuing credit rating for NHPC's International Borrowing Program for 3 years (i.e. from 3rd Feb. 2024 to 2nd Feb. 2027)

Tender Reference No.: NH/CCW/CC-II/CO291/PR10023/424

January-2024

Notice Inviting (Limited) E-Tender (NIT) -Web Notice (Single Stage)

Offline bids (e-tender) are invited in single stage one part bidding basis i.e. Technical-bid and Financial Bid for and on behalf of NHPC Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise) from eligible Sole Bidders for “**Appointment of International Credit Rating Agency for issuing credit rating for NHPC’s International Borrowing Program for 3 years (i.e. from 3rd Feb. 2024 to 2nd Feb. 2027)**” on *Limited Tender Basis*.

1. The complete bid/ tender document can be viewed and downloaded from NHPC Portal i.e <https://www.nhpcindia.com> or <https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app>. The bid is to be submitted in offline mode only upto Bid Submission Closing Date & Time of tender. The brief details of the tender are as under:

Sl. No.	Item	Description
i)	Nature of Bid Process	Cover-I: Offline Techno-Commercial Bid & Cover-II: Price Bid
ii)	Tender ID No.:	2024_NHPC_741360_1
iii)	Tender Reference No.	NH/CCW/CC-II/CO291/PR10023/424
v	Estimated Cost	\$ 1,51,500
vi)	Bid Life Cycle (From Publish Date)	90 days
vii)	Bid Offer Validity (From End Date)	60 days
viii)	Completion Period	03 Years
ix)	Tender Issuing Authority	General Manager (CC-II), 2 nd Floor, Jyoti Sadan, NHPC Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad-121003 (Haryana)

2. The critical dates of tender are as under:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date & Time
i)	Bid Start Date/Time	11.01.2024 (17:00 Hrs)
ii)	Bid End Date/Time (Offline mode only)	29.01.2024 (12:00 Hrs)
iii)	Bid Opening Date/ Time (Technical & Financial Bid)	29.01.2024 (12:30 Hrs)
iv)	Bid Submission/Opening Place	Contracts (Civil) Division, 2nd Floor, NHPC Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad-121003 (Haryana), India

3. **Eligible bidders**

Following Agencies only and no other is allowed to participate in the limited tender:

- i) S&P Global Ratings Singapore Pte. Ltd.- Singapore
- ii) Moody's Investors Service Singapore Pte. Ltd.-London
- iii) Fitch Ratings Limited-London

The bidder should submit Power of Attorney in favor of signatory of bid documents & authority of executant of such POA, duly accepted copy of RFQ document (signed and stamped) indicating acceptance of the terms & conditions of RFQ, quoted Price (Annexure-I) and Pre-Contract Integrity Pact (Annexure-II).

For & on behalf of NHPC Ltd.

General Manager (CC-II),

Contracts (Civil) Division,
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Request for Quotation (RFQ)

NHPC, a Mini Ratna category I public sector utility, is the flagship hydroelectric generation company promoted by the GoI. As on March 31, 2023, the shareholding of the GoI in the company was 70.95%. It is the largest HEP developer in India and a leader in the design, construction, and operation of hydropower plants. NHPC has so far commissioned 22 Hydro Power Projects, 1 Wind Power Project and 1 Solar Power Project with an installed capacity of 7097 MW including projects developed in subsidiary (ies).

NHPC along with its JVs and subsidiaries, is also expanding its renewable energy (solar and wind) portfolio. Currently, NHPC along with its JVs and subsidiaries has 15 Projects with 10449 MW capacity in the construction stage (including 6 Solar projects with 1135 MW capacity) and 24 projects with 21317 MW capacity under pipeline at different stages (including 5 Solar projects with 1790 MW capacity and 9 Pump Storage Projects with 10725 MW capacity). NHPC is a profitable company since many years. During the FY 2022-23, the total revenue and profit after tax of the company were INR 11,284.90 crore and INR 3889.98 crore respectively on a consolidated basis. NHPC has the highest domestic credit rating of 'AAA' with a stable outlook by domestic rating agencies viz. ICRA, CARE and India Ratings for listed bonds indicating lower credit risk for investors Further, the international credit rating of Company is 'BBB-' with stable outlook by S&P Global Ratings which is at par with sovereign credit rating of India.

NHPC may explore the international market to finance its upcoming Projects and in order to have visibility of international funding arena, the company is in process to appoint an International Credit Rating Agency to provide International credit rating of the Company.

In this regard, Bids are invited on Limited tender basis from following agencies:

- i) S&P Global Ratings Singapore Pte. Ltd.- Singapore
- ii) Moody's Investors Service Singapore Pte. Ltd.-London
- iii) Fitch Ratings Limited-London

You are requested to submit your best offer price for "appointment of Credit Rating Agency for issuing credit rating for NHPC's International Borrowing" in the prescribed format at Annexure-I. The indicative terms are as given below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A	Validity of Offer	:	The offer should be valid upto 60 days from the last date for submission of offer.
B	Payment terms	:	<p>Initial Credit Rating Fee:- The credit rating agency shall issue the draft initial rating to the Company within 30 days of the award. Upon acceptance of draft initial rating by NHPC, the credit rating agency shall issue final rating within 2 days from the date of acceptance of draft rating by NHPC.</p> <p>Credit rating agency shall raise the bill only after acceptance of the final rating by NHPC. Payment shall be made within 30 days from the date of bill raised by the Credit Rating Agency. The initial credit rating fee shall be paid for first year only.</p> <p>Annual Surveillance Fee: For second & third year, credit rating agency shall raise the bill after carrying out the annual surveillance exercise. Payment shall be made within 30 days from the date of bill raised by the Credit Rating Agency.</p> <p>However in case of foreclosure of the contract due to any reasons whatsoever annual fees paid in advance shall be refunded by the agency on proportionate basis.</p>
C	Expense Reimbursement	:	No out of pocket expenditure of any nature shall be payable.
D	Initial Rating Fee & Annual Surveillance fee:	:	Initial fee and Annual Surveillance fee must be quoted in the prescribed format attached at Annexure-I
E	Rejection and/ or splitting of offer	:	<p>1) Bids received after due date & time shall be treated as non-responsive. Any conditional bid shall also liable for rejection.</p> <p>2) NHPC reserves the right to reject all or any offer(s) without assigning any reason thereof.</p> <p>3) Work shall be awarded to the lowest evaluated bidder. In case NHPC desires to obtain more than one rating, request may be made to the second lowest agency to match the bid of the first lowest agency. If the second lowest agency refuse to match then opportunity to the third lowest agency</p>
F	Period of contract	:	The period of contract shall be for 3 years (i.e. from 3rd Feb. 2024 to 2nd Feb. 2027) and NHPC shall not accept any request for revision in rates within the contract period.
G	Integrity Pact	:	As per NHPC policy Appointed Agency/Agencies need to sign integrity Pact as per the attached format in the Annexure-II.
H	Power of Attorney	:	The Power of Attorney in favor of signatory of tender documents and authority of executant of such POA needs to be submitted with the bids.
I	Termination of contract	:	NHPC reserves the right to terminate the contract after giving one month's notice to the Agency.

J	Identifying nodal officer	:	The Rating Agency shall within 5 days from the date of award of the contract, nominate a nodal officer and inform NHPC the contact details for timely and smooth execution of work.
K	Dispute	:	In case the dispute remaining unresolved then the dispute shall be resolved mutually. Executive Director (Finance) of NHPC shall be the accepting authority on behalf of NHPC. In case there is no consensus over the dispute, then either party may submit such dispute for Arbitration under provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and any enactment and/or amendment thereof for the time being in force.
L	Liquidated Damage & Penalty clause	:	The Rating Agency shall execute the work in timely and efficiently manner and with full due diligence. Rating Agency shall be liable for payment of damages which are caused by the negligence, willful misconduct, failure to act or recklessness of the services to be rendered, limited to 10% of the contract price.
M	Officer in Charge	:	Executive Director (Finance)-Treasury Section, NHPC Ltd Sector-33, Faridabad-121003
N	Paying Authority	:	DGM (Finance)-Misc. Bills Section, NHPC Ltd Sector-33, Faridabad-121003
O	Scope of Work	:	<p>The credit rating agency shall issue the draft rating to the Company within 30 days of the award. Upon acceptance of draft rating by NHPC, the credit rating agency shall issue final rating within 2 days from the date of acceptance of draft rating by NHPC.</p> <p>Annual surveillance to be carried out by the agency on the anniversary of the Rating.</p> <p>The broad scope of work of the Credit Rating Agency shall entail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating with NHPC Ltd. at regular intervals to understand developments and trends in performance to help analysts compare company's performance against their own and the company's expectations, as well as against peers. • Checking the status of issues that may affect the credit quality of NHPC, exploring the probability of such issues arising in the near future, and assessing the management's perspective on such issues. • Discussing financial performance with the entity on the declaration of interim financial results. • Understanding strategic plans or new initiatives that could have rating implications. • The credit rating agency shall publish the rating at least annually along with the methodology used for the issue of rating and validity of the rating. • The credit rating agency shall maintain internal records to support its credit opinions for a reasonable period of time or in accordance with applicable law.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The credit rating agency should also seek feedback from market participants whenever it contemplates major changes in its rating criteria or key rating policies and shall also provide some indication, such as a rating outlook, of the possible movement of the assigned rating.
P	Confidentiality Requirements	:	Complete confidentiality should be maintained at all times in respect of information submitted by NHPC Limited in connection with the Credit rating assignment.
Q	Corrupt or Fraudulent Practices	:	<p>It is expected from the Bidders/ suppliers/ contractors that they will observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy:</p> <p>for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below shall mean as under:</p> <p>(i) "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution; and</p> <p>(ii) "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Purchaser, and includes collusive practice among Bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Borrower of the benefits of free and open competition;</p> <p>(iii) "Collusive practice" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Borrower, designed to establish bid prices at artificial, noncompetitive levels; and</p> <p>(iv) "Coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, person or their property to influence or affect the execution of a contract;</p> <p>A Bid may be rejected by the Employer if it is determined at any stage that the respective Bidder has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive and coercive practices as mentioned above in competing for the contract in question.</p> <p>The Employer may declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices, Collusive and Coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a contract.</p>

For any further information/clarification, please contact Sh.Anuj Kapoor, Executive Director (Finance) at his mobile number 9816605945 or Mr. Saroj Kumar Roy, DGM (Finance) at his mobile number 9810698472.

Schedule of Quantity & price/ Financial Bid/ BoQ

FORMAT FOR FINANCIAL BID FOR PROVIDING CREDIT RATING

Sl.No.	Particulars	Frequency	Qty.	Financial Quote as a lump-sum amount	
				Amount in Figures (in \$)	Amount in Words (in \$)
1.	Initial Rating fee (1 st year)	One Time	1		
2.	Annual Surveillance Fee (2 nd year)	Yearly	1		
3.	Annual Surveillance Fee (3 rd year)	Yearly	1		
	Total (1+2+3)				

NOTE:-

1. The fee may be quoted above is the net fee (GST or any other Tax shall be paid extra).
2. All payments shall be subject to deduction of taxes at source (TDS/Withholding Tax) as per applicable law.
3. The rate quoted by Rating Agency shall be valid for the period of 3 years from the initial rating.
4. Rates are to be quoted strictly as per the format above and any conditional bid shall be subject to rejection.

Authorized Signatory,
Name:
Designation:
Seal:

(Format of Integrity Pact)

PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT

Between

NHPC Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 and having its registered office at NHPC Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad-121003 (Haryana), hereinafter referred to as “The Employer” which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, his successors in office and assigns of the **First Part**.

And

M/s _____, a company/ firm/ individual (status of the company) and having its registered office at _____ represented by Shri _____, hereinafter referred to as “The Bidder/ Contractor” which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, his successors and permitted assigns of the **Second Part**.

WHEREAS the Employer proposes to procure under laid down organizational procedures, contract/s for “**Appointment of Credit Rating Agency for issuing credit rating for NHPC’s International Borrowing Program for 3 years (i.e. from 3rd Feb. 2024 to 2nd Feb. 2027)**” (Name of the work/ goods/ services) and the Bidder/Contractor is willing to offer against NIT No.NH/CCW/CC-II/CO291/ PR10023/424.

WHEREAS the Bidder/Contractor is a private company/ public company/ Government undertaking/ partnership/ consortium/ joint venture constituted in accordance with the relevant law in the matter and the Employer is a Public Sector Enterprise.

NOW, THEREFORE,

To avoid all forms of corruption by following a system that is fair, transparent and free from any influence/prejudiced dealings prior to, during and subsequent to the currency of the contract to be entered into with a view to:-

Enabling the Employer to obtain the desired said (work/ goods/ services) at a competitive price in conformity with the defined specifications by avoiding the high cost and the distortionary impact of corruption on public procurement, and

Enabling the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) to abstain from bribing or indulging in any corrupt practice in order to secure the contract by providing assurance to them that their competitors will also abstain from bribing and other corrupt practices and the Employer will commit to prevent corruption, in any form, by its officials by following transparent procedures.

1. Commitments of the Employer

1.1 The Employer undertakes that no official of the Employer, connected directly or indirectly with the contract, will demand, take a promise for or accept, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, consideration, gift, reward, favour or any material or immaterial benefit or any other advantage from the Bidder/Contractor, either for themselves or for any person, organization or third party related to the contract in

exchange for an advantage in the bidding process, bid evaluation, contracting or implementation process related to the contract.

- 1.2 The Employer will, during the pre-contract stage, treat all the Bidders/Contractors alike, and will provide to all the Bidders/Contractors the same information and will not provide any such information to any particular Bidder/Contractor which could afford an advantage to that particular Bidder/Contractor in comparison to other Bidders/Contractors.
- 1.3 All the officials of the Employer will report to the appropriate Authority any attempted or completed breaches of the above commitments as well as any substantial suspicion of such a breach.
- 2.0 In case any such preceding misconduct on the part of such official(s) is reported by the Bidder to the Employer with full and verifiable facts and the same is prima facie found to be correct by the Employer, necessary disciplinary proceedings, or any other action as deemed fit, including criminal proceedings may be initiated by the Employer or Independent External Monitor and such a person shall be debarred from further dealings related to the contract process. In such a case while an enquiry is being conducted by the Employer the proceedings under the contract would not be stalled.

3.0 Commitments of the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s)

The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) commits themselves to take all measures necessary to prevent corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities during any stage of its bid or during any pre-contract or post-contract stage in order to secure the contract or in furtherance to secure it and in particular commit themselves to observe the following principles during participation in the tender process and during contract execution:-

- 3.1. The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the Employer, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organization or third party related to the contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- 3.2 The Bidder/Contractor further undertakes that it has not given, offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly any bribe, gift consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the Employer or otherwise in procuring the Contract or forbearing to do or having done any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract or any other contract with Employer for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the contract or any other contract with Employer.
- 3.3 The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) shall disclose the name and address of agents and representatives and Indian Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) shall disclose their foreign principals or associates.
- 3.4 The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) shall, when presenting their bid, disclose any /all payments made, is committed to or intends to make to agents, brokers or any other intermediaries, in connection with this bid/award of the contract.

- 3.5 Deleted.
- 3.6 The Bidder, either while presenting their bid or during pre-contract negotiations or before signing the contract, shall disclose any payments made, is committed to or intends to make to officials of the Employer or their family members, agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the contract and the details of services agreed upon for such payments.
- 3.7 The Bidder/Contractor will not collude with other parties interested in the contract to impair the transparency, fairness and progress of the bidding process, bid evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- 3.8 The Bidder/Contractor will not accept any advantage in exchange for any corrupt practice, unfair means and illegal activities.
- 3.9 The Bidder/Contractor shall not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information provided by the Employer as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained in electronic data carrier. The Bidder/Contractor also undertakes to exercise due and adequate care lest any such information is divulged.
- 3.10 The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) commits to refrain from giving any complaint directly or through any other manner without supporting it with full and verifiable facts.
- 3.11 The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) shall not instigate or cause to instigate any third person to commit any of the actions mentioned above.
- 3.12 If the Bidder/Contractor or any employee of the Bidder/Contractor or any person acting on behalf of the Bidder/Contractor, either directly or indirectly, is a relative of any of the officers of the Employer, or alternatively, if any relative of an officer of the Employer has financial interest/stake in the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) firm(excluding Public Ltd. Company listed on Stock Exchange), the same shall be disclosed by the Bidder/Contractor at the time of filling of tender.
- The term 'relative' for this purpose would be as defined in Section 2(77) of the Companies Act 2013.
- 3.13 The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) shall not lend to or borrow any money from or enter into any monetary dealings or transactions, directly or indirectly, with any employee of the Employer.
- 3.14 The representative of the Bidders/Contractors signing Integrity Pact shall not approach the Courts while representing the matters to IEMs and he/she will wait their decision in the matter.
- 3.15 In case of Sub-Contracting, the bidder shall take the responsibility of the adoption of Integrity Pact by the Sub-Contractor.
- 4.0 Previous Transgression**
- 4.1 The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) declares that no previous transgression occurred in the last three years immediately before signing of this Integrity Pact, with any other company

in any country in respect on any corrupt practices envisaged hereunder or with any Public Sector Enterprise in India or any Government Department in India.

5.0 Earnest Money (Security Deposit)

The provision regarding Earnest Money/Security Deposit as detailed in the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) and Instruction to Bidders (ITB) section of the Bid Document is to be referred.

6.0 Sanctions for Violations

6.1 Any breach of the aforesaid provisions, before award or during execution by the Bidder/Contractor or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf such as to put their reliability or credibility in question shall entitle the Employer to take action as per the procedure mentioned in the “**Guidelines on Banning of Business Dealings**” attached as Annexure-A and initiate all or any one of the following actions, wherever required:-

- (i) To immediately call off the pre contract negotiations without assigning any reason or giving any compensation to the Bidder/Contractor. However, the proceedings with the other Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) would continue.
- (ii) The Earnest Money Deposit (in pre-contract stage) and/or Security Deposit/Performance Bond (after the contract is Signed) shall stand forfeited either fully or partially, as decided by the Employer and the Employer shall not be required to assign any reason thereof.
- (iii) To immediately cancel the contract, if already signed, without giving any compensation to the Contractor. The Bidder/Contractor shall be liable to pay compensation for any loss or damage to the Employer resulting from such cancellation/rescission and the Employer shall be entitled to deduct the amount so payable from the money(s) due to the Bidder/Contractor.
- (iv) Deleted.
- (v) To encash the Bank guarantee, in order to recover the dues if any by the Employer, along with interest as per the provision of contract.
- (vi) Deleted.
- (vii) To debar the Bidder/Contractor from participating in future bidding processes of NHPC Ltd., as per provisions of “Guidelines on Banning of Business Dealings” of NHPC Ltd. (**Annexure-A**), which may be further extended at the discretion of the Employer.
- (viii) To recover all sums paid in violation of this Pact by Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) to any middleman or agent or broker with a view to securing the contract.
- (ix) In cases where irrevocable Letters of Credit have been received in respect of any contract signed by the Employer with the Bidder/ Contractor, the same shall not be opened/operated.
- (x) Forfeiture of Performance Security in case of a decision by the Employer to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this Pact.

6.2 The Employer will be entitled to take all or any of the actions mentioned at para 6.1 (i) to (x) of this Pact also on the Commission by the Bidder/Contractor or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the Bidder/Contractor), of an offence as defined in Chapter IX of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 or any other statute enacted for prevention of corruption.

6.3 The decision of the Employer to the effect that a breach of the provisions of this Pact has been committed by the Bidder/Contractor shall be final and conclusive on the Bidder/Contractor. However, the Bidder/Contractor can approach the Independent External Monitor(s) appointed for the purposes of this Pact.

7.0 Independent External Monitor(s)

7.1 The Employer has appointed Independent External Monitors (hereinafter referred to as monitors) for this Pact after approval by the Central Vigilance Commission.

7.2 The task of the Monitors shall be to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this Pact.

7.3 The Monitors shall not be subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and perform their functions neutrally and independently. The Monitors report to CMD, NHPC.

7.4 Both the parties accept that the Monitors have the right to access all the Contract documents relating to the project/procurement, including minutes of meetings, whenever required. The right to access records should only be limited to the extent absolutely necessary to investigate the issue related to the subject tender/contract.

7.5 As soon as the Monitor notices, or has reason to believe, a violation of this Pact, he / she will so inform CMD, NHPC and request NHPC Ltd. to discontinue or take corrective action, or to take other relevant action. The Monitor can in this regard submit non-binding recommendations. Beyond this the Monitor has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action or tolerate action.

7.6 The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction, to all Project documentation of the Employer including that provided by the Bidder/Contractor. The Bidder/Contractor will also grant the Monitor, upon his / her request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to their project documentation. The same is applicable to Subcontractor(s). The Monitor shall be under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the Bidder/Contractor/Subcontractor(s) with confidentiality. The Monitor has also signed declaration on 'Non-Disclosure Agreement' and of 'Absence of Conflict of Interest'. In case of any conflict of interest arising at a later date, the IEM shall inform CMD, NHPC and recuse himself / herself from that case.

7.7 The Employer will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the parties. The parties will offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings as and when required.

7.8 The Monitor will submit a written report to the CMD, NHPC Ltd., within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the Employer/Bidder and should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.

7.9 The word 'Monitor' would include both singular and plural.

8.0 Facilitation of Investigation

In case of any allegation of violation of any provisions of this Pact or payment of commission, the Employer or its agencies shall be entitled to examine all the

documents including the Books of Accounts of the Bidder/Contractor and the Bidder/Contractor shall provide necessary information and documents in English and shall extend all possible help for the purpose of such examination.

9.0 Law and Place of Jurisdiction

This Pact is subject to Indian Law. The place of performance and jurisdiction is the Registered Office of the Employer, i.e. Faridabad (Haryana). The arbitration clause provided in the tender document/contract shall not be applicable for any issue/dispute arising under Integrity Pact.

10.0 Other Legal Actions

10.1 The actions stipulated in this Integrity Pact are without prejudice to any other legal action that may follow in accordance with the provisions of the extant law in force relating to any civil or criminal proceedings.

10.2 Changes and supplements as well as termination notice need to be made in writing.

10.3 If the Contractor is a partnership or a consortium or a joint venture, this pact must be signed by all partners of the consortium/joint venture.

11.0 Validity

11.1 The validity of this Integrity Pact shall be from date of its signing and expires for the Contractor 12 months after the last payment under the contract, and for all other Bidders 6 months after the contract has been awarded. Any violation of the same would entail disqualification of the bidders and exclusion from business dealings.

11.2 Should one or several provisions of this Pact turn out to be invalid, the remainder of this Pact shall remain valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intention.

11.3 Issues like Warranty/ Guarantee etc. shall be outside the purview of IEMs.

11.1 In the event of any contradiction between Integrity Pact and its Annexure, the clause in the Integrity Pact will prevail.

For & On behalf of the Employer

For & On behalf of the Bidder/ Contractor

(Office Seal)

(Office Seal)

Place-----

Place-----

Date-----

Date-----

Witness1. _____
(Name and address)

Witness1. _____
(Name and address)

2. _____
(Name and address)

2. _____
(Name and address)

Guidelines on Banning Business Dealings

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 NHPC Limited (NHPC) deals with Agencies viz. parties/ contractors/ suppliers/ bidders, who are expected to adopt ethics of highest standards and a very high degree of integrity, commitments and sincerity towards the work undertaken. It is not in the interest of NHPC to deal with Agencies who commit deception, fraud or other misconduct in the tendering process and/or during execution of work undertaken. NHPC is committed for timely completion of the Projects within the awarded value without compromising on quality.
- 1.2 Since suspension/ banning of business dealings involves civil consequences for an Agency concerned, it is incumbent that adequate opportunity of hearing is provided and the explanation, if tendered, is considered before passing any order in this regard keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case.

2.0 Scope

- 2.1 NHPC reserves its rights to remove from list of approved suppliers / contractors (if such list exists) or to Suspend/Ban Business Dealings if any Agency has been found to be non / poor performing or have committed misconduct or fraud or anything unethical or any of its action(s) which falls into any such grounds as laid down in this policy.
- 2.2 The procedure of (i) Removal of Agency from the List of approved suppliers / contractors; (ii) Suspension and (iii) Banning of Business Dealing with Agencies, has been laid down in these guidelines.
- 2.3 These guidelines shall apply to all the units of NHPC.
- 2.4 These guidelines shall not be applicable in Joint Venture, Subsidiary Companies of NHPC unless they are assignees, successors or executor.
- 2.5 The suspension/banning shall be with prospective effect, i.e. future business dealings.

3.0 Definitions

In these Guidelines, unless the context otherwise requires:

- i) **“Agency /Party / Contractor / Supplier / Bidders/Vendors”** shall mean and include a public limited company or a private limited company, a joint Venture, Consortium, HUF, a firm whether registered or not, an individual, cooperative society or an association or a group of persons engaged in any commerce, trade, industry, etc. **“Party / Contractor/ Supplier / Bidder/Vendor”** in the context of these guidelines is indicated as ‘Agency’.
- ii) **“Unit”** shall mean the Corporate Office, Project/ Power Station/ Regional Office/ Liaison Office or any other office of NHPC.

- iii) **“Competent Authority” and ‘Appellate Authority’ shall mean the following:**
- a) For works awarded/under Tendering from corporate office (falling in the competency of CMD /Board of Directors)
 - Competent Authority: CMD
 - Appellate Authority : Board of Directors
 - b) For works awarded/under Tendering from Corporate Office/Projects/ Power Stations/ Regional Offices/Liaison Offices (falling in the competency of Director /Executive Director)
 - Competent Authority: Concerned Director/Executive Director as the case may be
 - Appellate Authority: CMD /Concerned Director as the case may be
 - c) For works awarded/under Tendering from Corporate Office / Regional Offices / Projects/ Power Stations/ Liaison Offices (falling in the competency of CGM and below)
 - Competent Authority in case of works awarded/under Tendering from Corporate Office/Regional office shall be CGM or GM of the concerned division as the case may be.
 - Competent Authority: Head of the Unit not below the rank of General Manager
 - Appellate Authority: Next higher authority
- iv) **“Investigating Committee”** shall mean a Committee appointed by Competent Authority to conduct investigation.

4.0 Initiation of Suspension /Banning

Action for Suspension / Banning Business Dealings with any Agency shall be initiated by the department responsible for invitation of Bids/Engineer-in-charge after noticing the irregularities or misconduct on the part of Agency concerned. Besides the concerned department, Vigilance Department of each Unit/ Corporate Vigilance may also be competent to initiate such action.

5.0 Suspension of Business Dealings.

- 5.1 If the conduct of any Agency dealing with NHPC is under investigation, the Competent Authority may consider whether the allegations (under investigation) are of a serious nature and whether pending investigation, it would be advisable to continue business dealing with the Agency. If the Competent Authority, decides that it would not be in the interest to continue business dealings pending investigation, it may suspend business dealings with the Agency. The order of suspension would operate for a period not more than six months and may be communicated to the Agency as also to the Investigating Committee. The Investigating Committee may ensure that their investigation is completed and whole process of final order is over within such period. However if the investigations are not completed within six months ,the investigation committee shall put up the proposal to the competent authority for approval of extension of time maximum up to further three months with

in which the committee shall conclude the proceedings .

- 5.2 The order of suspension shall be effective throughout NHPC in case of work falling in the Competency of CMD/ Board of Directors/Directors, in case of work falling in the competency of Executive Director suspension shall be effective throughout Region /Corporate office (in case the works awarded/under Tendering from Corporate office). In case of work falling in the competency of HOP or below suspension shall be effective throughout the Project/Power Station and attached liaison offices/units and in case of work falling under the competency of CGM and below at Corporate office suspension shall be effective at Corporate office. During the period of suspension, no business dealing shall be held with the Agency.
- 5.3 If the Agency concerned asks for detailed reasons of suspension, the Agency may be informed that its conduct is under investigation. It is not necessary to enter into correspondence or argument with the Agency at this stage.
- 5.4 It is not necessary to give any show-cause notice or personal hearing to the Agency before issuing the order of suspension.
- 5.5 The format for intimation of suspension of business dealing is placed at **Appendix– I**

6.0 Ground on which Banning of Business Dealings can be initiated

- 6.1 If the security consideration, including questions of loyalty of the Agency to NHPC so warrants;
- 6.2 If the director /owner of the Agency, proprietor or partner of the firm, is convicted by a Court of Law for offences involving moral turpitude in relation to its business dealings with the Government or any other public sector enterprises, during the last five years;
- 6.3 If the Agency has resorted to Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, Coercive practices including misrepresentation of facts and violation of the any provisions of the Integrity Pact provided in the Contract.
- 6.4 If the Agency uses intimidation / threatening or brings undue outside pressure on NHPC or its official for acceptance / performances of the job under the contract;
- 6.5 If the Agency misuses the premises or facilities of NHPC, forcefully occupies or damages the NHPC's properties including land, water resources, forests / trees or tampers with documents/records etc.
- 6.6 If the Agency does not fulfil the obligations as required under the Contract and Violates terms & conditions of the contract which has serious affect for continuation of the Contract.
- 6.7 If the work awarded to the agency has been terminated by NHPC due to poor performance of the contract in the preceding 5 years.
- 6.8 If the Central Vigilance Commission, Central Bureau of Investigation or any other Central Government investigation Agency recommends such a course in respect of a case under investigation or improper conduct on agency's part in matters relating to the Company (NHPC) or even otherwise;

- 6.9 On any other ground upon which business dealings with the Agency is not in the public interest.
- 6.10 If business dealings with the Agency have been banned by the Ministry of Power, Government of India OR any PSU/ any other authority under the MOP if intimated to NHPC or available on MOP Website, the business dealing with such agencies shall be banned with immediate effect for future business dealing except banning under Integrity Pact without any further investigation.

(Note: The examples given above are only illustrative and not exhaustive. The Competent Authority may decide to ban business dealing for any good and sufficient reason).

7.0 Procedure for Banning of Business Dealings

- 7.1 An Investigating Committee shall be constituted by the authority competent to Ban the dealing comprising members from Engineering/Indenting department (convener), Finance, Law and Contract. The level of the committee members shall be CGM and above for works falling in the competency of CMD/Board of Directors, General Manager and above for the works falling in the competency of Director/ Executive Director and DGM/SM with at least one member of the level of General Manager for works falling in the competency of CGM and below.
- 7.2 The order of Banning of Business Dealings shall be effective throughout the NHPC. During the period of Banning of Business Dealings, no Business Dealing shall be held with the Agency.
- 7.3 The functions of Investigating Committee in each Unit to be appointed by the competent authority in line with para 3 (iii) shall, inter-alia include:
- a) To study the report of the department responsible for invitation of bids and decide if a prima-facie case for banning exists, if not, send back the case to the Competent Authority.
 - b) To recommend for issue of show-cause notice (after vetting by legal deptt.) to the Agency by the concerned department as per clause 7.4 “Show Cause Notice”.
 - c) To examine the reply to show-cause notice and call the Agency for personal hearing, if required.
 - d) To submit final recommendations to the Competent Authority for banning or otherwise including the period for which the ban would be operative considering the implications for NHPC on account of the act/omission on the part of the agency, intention of the agency as established from the circumstances of the case etc.

7.4 Show Cause Notice

Once the proposal for issuance of Show Cause Notice is approved by the Competent Authority, a ‘Show Cause Notice’ (as per format at Appendix-II of these guidelines) shall be issued to the delinquent Agency by the Competent Authority or by a person authorized by the Competent Authority for the said purpose. The Agency shall be asked to submit the reply to the Show Cause Notice within 15 days of its issuance.

Further, the Agency shall be given an opportunity for Oral hearing to present its case in person, if it so desires, and the date for Oral Hearing shall necessarily be indicated in the Show Cause Notice.

The purpose of issuing the Show Cause Notice is only that the Agency concerned shall be given an opportunity to explain their stand before any action is taken. The grounds on which action is proposed to be taken shall be disclosed to the Agency inviting representation and after considering that representation, orders may be passed. Such orders require only the satisfaction of the authority that passed the final orders.

If the Agency requests for inspection of any relevant document in possession of NHPC, necessary facility for inspection of documents may be provided.

During the conductance of oral hearing, only the regular duly authorized employees of Agency will be permitted to represent the Agency and no outsider shall be allowed to represent the Agency on its behalf.

Reply to the Show Cause Notice given by the Agency and their submissions in oral hearing, if any, will be processed by the Committee for obtaining final decision of the Competent Authority in the matter.

In case, no reply to Show Cause Notice is received from the Agency within stipulated time, further reminder shall be given with further period of 10 days thereafter if no reply is received action for processing ex-parte against the concerned Agency shall be initiated.

7.5 Speaking Order

The speaking order (reasoned order) for banning the business dealing with the Agency shall be issued by the Competent Authority or by a person authorized for the said purpose.

The decision regarding banning of business dealings taken after the issue of a Show Cause Notice and consideration of representation, if any, in reply thereto, shall be communicated to the Agency concerned along with a reasoned order. The fact that the representation has been considered shall invariably be mentioned in the communication. Also the fact that if no reply was received to the Show Cause Notice shall invariably be indicated in the final communication to the Agency. The format for intimation of banning of business dealing is placed at **Appendix- III**.

7.6 Period of banning

In case banning is processed for violation of provisions of Integrity pact or due to corrupt or fraudulent practices, the Competent Authority shall decide on the period of banning on case to case basis depending on the gravity of the case and considering the implications for NHPC on account of the act/omission on the part of the Agency, intention of the Agency as established from the circumstances of the case etc. The period of banning shall not be less than 6 months and shall not exceed 2 years and in case termination of contract due to poor performance the period of banning shall be for 5 years. For contracts awarded to JV/Consortium, a constituent of the JV shall be permitted to participate in the bidding process if it has not been banned on grounds of its role and responsibility in the tendering process for which

the Joint Venture has been banned in Past. In case if the Joint Venture which has been banned does not indicate the roles and responsibility of individual Partner(s) then, the partner of the banned Joint Venture shall only be allowed to participate in the bidding process if its participation share is less than 35%.

In case the information/documents submitted by Agency in competing for the tender found to be false/forged then NHPC, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies it may possess, shall recover from Agency the cost incurred in carrying out physical assessment for establishing veracity of such information/documents. In case Agency refuses to reimburse such cost to NHPC then banning period of Agency shall be extended by another one year.

7.7 Effect of Banning

As far as possible, the existing ongoing contract(s) with the Agency may continue unless the Competent Authority, having regard to the circumstances of the case, decides otherwise, keeping in view contractual and legal issues which may arise thereof. In case the existing Contracts are allowed to continue, the suspension/Banning of Business Dealing along with default of the Contractor shall be recorded in the experience certificate issued for the work.

The Agency, (after issue of the order of banning of business dealings) would not be allowed to participate in any future tender enquiry and if the Agency has already participated in tender process as stand-alone OR constituent of joint venture and the price bids are not opened, his techno-commercial bid will be rejected and price bid will be returned unopened. However, where the price bids of Agency have been opened prior to order of banning, bids of Agency shall not be rejected and tendering process shall be continued unless Competent Authority having regard to the circumstances of the case decides otherwise keeping in view the Contractual, Legal issues which may arise thereafter. However, in case the suspension /Banning is due to default of an Agency for the provisions under Integrity Pact and the Agency happens to be Lowest Bidder (L1), the tendering process shall be annulled and fresh tenders shall be invited.

During the Suspension/ Banning period, if it is found at any stage that Agency has participated in tender enquiry under a different name then such Agency would immediately be debarred from the tender/contract and its Bid Security/Performance Security would be forfeited. Payment, if any, made shall also be recovered.

After Suspension/ Banning order, the Suspended/ Banned Agency shall not be allowed to participate as Sub-Vendor/Sub-Contractor in the tenders.

Further, if the Suspended/ Banned agency is an approved Sub-Vendor under any Contract for such equipment/component/service, the Main Contractor shall not be permitted to place work order/Purchase order/Contract on the Suspended/ Banned agency as a Sub-Vendor /Sub-Contractor after the date of Suspension/ Banning even though the name of the party has been approved as a Sub-Vendor /Sub-Contractor earlier.

There would be no bar on procuring the spares and awarding Contracts towards Annual Maintenance (AMC)/ O&M/ Repair works on Agencies pertaining to the packages for which they have been banned provided the Equipment has been supplied by such Agency.

Banning of business dealing shall not be applicable to the Subsidiary Company of the Banned agency provided subsidiary company has not participated on the strength of the Banned agency. However, in case of a default by a Sub-Contractor, the banning shall be applicable to the Sub-Contractor as well as the Lead Partner of the concerned JV or the Sole bidder as the case may be.

7.8 Hosting at NHPC website

The concerned unit shall forward the name and details of the Agency (ies) banned along with period and reasons of banning to IT&C Division of Corporate Office for displaying the same on the NHPC website.

8.0 Appeal against the Decision of the Competent Authority.

The Agency may file an appeal against the order of the Competent Authority banning of business dealing before Appellate Authority. Such an appeal shall be preferred within 30 (Thirty) Days from the date of receipt of the order of banning of business dealing. Appellate Authority would consider the appeal if convinced may constitute another committee for further investigation. The investigation Committee constituted by the Appellate Authority shall study the report of the previous investigating committee and reply submitted by the Agency while filing its case for appeal and call the Agency for personal hearing , if requested by the Agency. Based on the recommendation of the committee Appellate Authority shall pass appropriate Speaking (Reasoned) order in line with Sub-Para 7.5 above which shall be communicated to the Agency as well as the Competent Authority (as per format enclosed as **Appendix-IV** with these guidelines).

9.0 Circulation of the names of Agencies with whom Business Dealings have been banned

The name of the concerned banned agency shall also be shared with MOP and other PSU in the sector and all the units of NHPC.

The provisions of this policy supersede and will have overriding effect on all earlier guidelines, procedures & system issued for the similar purpose.

(Format for Intimation of Suspension of business dealing)

BY REGD. POST/SPEED POST/COURIER

No.....

Date.....

To

M/s

Attn.: Shri

Sub: Intimation of Suspension of Business Dealings

Dear Sir,

Whereas the work of was awarded to your firm vide letter of award no ...dt.... amounting to Rs. OR In response to NHPC NIT (e-tender / physical tender) nodt. you have submitted your bid . (strike out whichever is not applicable)

Whereas the conduct of your firm in respect of the following is under investigation:

Brief of the default

“Whereas the Competent Authority prima facie considered the allegations (under investigation) are of a serious nature and decided pending investigation, it is not in the interest of the corporation to continue business dealing with your firm

This order shall have the following effects:

- (i) Further business dealings with your firm is Suspended within Region/Project/Unit/wide NHPC. The order of Suspension is effective with immediate effect and would operate for a period of six months or till the investigation is completed and whole process of final order is over within such period. However, if investigations are not completed in six months’ time, the Competent Authority may extend the period of Suspension
- (ii) During the period of Suspension, no business dealing shall be held with your firm. No enquiry / bid / tender shall be issued to your firm nor will the bids submitted by your firm be entertained.
- (iii) In cases where tenders have already been issued to you and price bids are yet to be opened, the Price Bid submitted by you shall not be opened and BG/EMD, if any, submitted by you shall be returned.
- (iv) In cases where tenders have already been issued to you and Price Bids have already been opened , the tendering process shall be continued
- (v) In case of ongoing contracts between you & NHPC, (including cases were contract has already been awarded before the issue of Suspension order) you will be required to continue with the execution and perform as per terms of the contract.

(vi)(a) In case the Firm is in Joint Venture the following would also be applicable:

- i) **Participation of Agency in Joint Venture**

Tenders in which your firm has been proposed as Joint Venture Partner by any of the bidders and price bids have been opened prior to Suspension of your firm in such cases the tendering process shall not be annulled on this ground and the Agency shall be permitted to continue as Partner in the Joint Venture for such bidding. However where event of Price Bid opening has not taken place prior to Suspension/Banning of Agency then in such case Agency shall not be permitted to participate as Partner in the Joint Venture.

ii) **Banning of joint Venture:**

As the Joint Venture is Banned, your firm intends to bid as Partner(s) of Joint Venture in bidding process then it shall be permitted to participate in the bidding process if it has not been Banned on grounds of its role and responsibility in the tendering process for which the Joint Venture has been Banned in Past. In case if the Joint Venture which has been Banned does not indicate the roles and responsibility of individual Partner(s) then, the partner of the Banned Joint Venture shall only be allowed to participate in the bidding process if its participation share is less than 35%.

- (b) Your firm shall not be allowed to participate as Sub-Vendor/Sub-Contractor in the tenders.

Further if your firm is an approved Sub-vendor under any Contract for such equipment/component/service, the Main Contractor shall not be permitted to place work order/Purchase order/Contract on your agency as a Sub-Vendor/Sub-Contractor after the date of Suspension/ Banning even though the name of the party has been approved as a Sub-Vendor/Sub-Contractor earlier.

- (c) There would be no bar on procuring the spares and awarding Contracts towards Annual Maintenance (AMC)/ O&M/ Repair works on Agencies pertaining to the packages for which they have been Banned provided the Equipment has been supplied by such Agency.
- (d) Banning of business dealing shall not be applicable to the Subsidiary company of the Banned agency provided subsidiary company has not participated on the strength of the Banned agency.

On expiry of the above period of Suspension/Banning, you may approach..... (Indicate the concerned procurement department), with request for revocation of the order mentioning inter-alia the steps taken by you to avoid recurrence of misconduct which has led to Suspension.

Yours faithfully,

For & On behalf of NHPC.

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

(Format of Show Cause Notice)

BY REGD. POST/SPEED POST/COURIER

No.....
Date.....
To
M/s
.....
Attn.: Shri

Sub: Show Cause Notice

Ref :

Dear Sir,

You are hereby required to Show Cause in writing within 15 days from the date hereof why Business Dealing with your firm should not be banned / your firm is placed in the Banning List (as the case may be) and be debarred from entering into any contracts with NHPC for the following reasons:

(Give Reasons)

Your reply (if any) should be supported by documents and documentary evidence which you wish to rely in support of your reply. Should you fail to reply to this Show Cause Notice within the time and manner aforesaid, it will be presumed that you have nothing to say and we shall proceed accordingly.

Your reply, if any, and the documents / documentary evidence given in support shall be taken into consideration prior to arriving at a decision.

Yours faithfully,

For & On behalf of NHPC.

(Format for Intimation of Banning of Business Dealing)

BY REGD. POST/SPEED POST/COURIER

No.....

Date.....

To

M/s

Attn.: Shri

Sub: Intimation of Suspension of Business Dealings

Dear Sir,

Whereas the work of was awarded to your firm vide letter of award no ...dtd..... amounting to Rs. OR In response to NHPC NIT (e-tender / physical tender) nodt. you have submitted your bid .(strike whichever is not applicable)

Whereas the Competent Authority had prima facie considered the allegations as detailed below are of a serious nature and decided to conduct investigation.

“ Brief of the Default may be mentioned”

Whereas show cause notice vide no ... dtd.....was served upon you. (whereas in spite of the opportunity given to you, you failed to submit the reply to the show cause notice within the time period mentioned there upon or further extended period, if any). Whereas you submitted the reply along with documents vide your letter no. _____dt. _____and presented your case in the personal hearing dated (if any) . After considering the allegations made in the show cause notice, your reply to the show cause notice documents/documentary evidence in support thereof and personal hearing dated(if any), it has been decided to Ban the Business Dealing with you and you are hereby debarred from entering into contracts with NHPC.

(In order to make the Intimation of Banning of Business Dealing Speaking Order (reasoned order), the issue of a Show Cause Notice and consideration of representation in reply to show cause notice , opportunity of personal hearing, if any, shall be communicated to the Agency concerned along with a reasoned order. The order for Banning should also contain the reasons with detailed justification for conclusion of decision to Ban the Agency. Also the fact that if no reply to the Show Cause Notice was received or request for personal hearing was not made shall invariably be indicated in the communication to the Agency. The above order shall mention the grounds considering violation of any provision of Integrity Pact, any ground mentioned in Guidelines of Banning of Business Dealings, default by the agency under fraudulent practice / or any unethical practice and/or violation of any provision of Tender/Contract Condition having serious implications.)

This order shall have the following effects:

- i) Further business dealings with your firm is banned with immediate effect. The order of Banning would operate for a period ofyears/month Competent Authority may extend the period of Banning.
- ii) During the period of Banning, no Business Dealing shall be held with your firm. No Enquiry / Bid / Tender shall be issued to your firm nor will the bids submitted by your firm be entertained.

- iii) In cases where tenders have already been issued to you and Price Bids are yet to be opened, the Price Bid submitted by you shall not be opened and BG/EMD, if any, submitted by you shall be returned.
- iv) In cases where tenders have already been issued to you and price bids have already been opened, the Tendering Process shall be continued.
- (v) In case of ongoing contracts between you & NHPC, (including cases where contract has already been awarded before the issue of Banning order) you will be required to continue with the execution and perform as per terms of the contract.
- (vi) (a) In case the Firm is in Joint Venture the following would also be applicable:

- i) **Participation of Agency in Joint Venture**

- Tenders in which your firm has been proposed as Joint Venture Partner by any of the bidders and price bids have been opened prior to Banning of your firm in such cases the tendering process shall not be annulled on this ground and the Agency shall be permitted to continue as Partner in the Joint Venture for such bidding. However where event of price bid opening has not taken place prior to Banning of Agency then in such case Agency shall not be permitted to participate as Partner in the Joint Venture.

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- As the Joint Venture is banned, your firm intends to bid as Partner(s) of Joint Venture in bidding process then it shall be permitted to participate in the bidding process if it has not been banned on grounds of its role and responsibility in the tendering process for which the Joint Venture has been banned in Past. In case if the Joint Venture which has been banned does not indicate the roles and responsibility of individual Partner(s) then, the partner of the banned Joint Venture shall only be allowed to participate in the bidding process if its participation share is less than 35%.

- (b) Your firm shall not be allowed to participate as Sub-Vendor/Sub-Contractor in the tenders.

- Further if your firm is an approved Sub-vendor under any Contract for such equipment/component/service, the Main Contractor shall not be permitted to place work Order/Purchase Order/Contract on your agency as a Sub-Vendor/Sub-Contractor after the date of Banning even though the name of the party has been approved as a Sub-Vendor/Sub-Contractor earlier.

- (c) There would be no bar on procuring the spares and awarding Contracts towards Annual Maintenance (AMC)/ O&M/ Repair works on Agencies pertaining to the packages for which they have been banned provided the Equipment has been supplied by such Agency.
 - (d) Banning of Business Dealing shall not be applicable to the Subsidiary company of the Banned Agency provided subsidiary company has not participated on the strength of the Banned Agency. However, in case of a default by a Sub-Contractor, the banning shall be applicable to the Sub-

Contractor as well as the Lead Partner of the concerned JV or the Sole bidder as the case may be.

On expiry of the above period of Banning, you may approach..... (Indicate the concerned procurement department), with request for revocation of the order mentioning inter-alia the steps taken by you to avoid recurrence of misconduct which has led to Banning.

Further if you desire to appeal against this order you may do so within 30 days from the date of issue of this order to the appellate authority as here under:

Appellate Authority :

Designation:

Address:.....

Ph . no.

e-mail :

Yours faithfully,

For & On behalf of NHPC.

Note: Strikeout whichever is not applicable

(Format for communication of Appellate Decision on Suspension/Banning Order)

BY REGD. POST/SPEED POST/COURIER

No.....

Date.....

To

M/s

Attn.: Shri

Sub: Suspension Banning of Business Dealings - Intimation of decision of Appellate Authority**Ref:** 1. Order dated Placing M/s on Suspension/Banning List by NHPC;

2. Your Appeal reference Dt.....

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the order dt..... placing you on Suspension/Banning List and your appeal petition reference dt.... on the same.

After considering the findings of the Original Authority in order and submissions made by you in your appeal , and the documents/documentary evidences available on record, it has been decided finally that :

- * There is no infirmity in the order of the Original Authority, and the allegations stand substantiated and the Suspension/Banning for the period of years/month from the date of order, as ordered by the original Authority is upheld,
- * Considering your submissions, the order of Suspension/Banning passed by the original authority is upheld , but with a reduction in period of Suspension/Banning for years/months from the date of order of original authority;
- * Considering your submissions and the evidence available on record, there is enough justification to annul the order of the original authority.

(*** Incorporate any one of the above as applicable

##In order to make the Communication of Appellate Authority on Banning of Business Dealing Speaking Order (reasoned order), the fact that the representation of the agency has been considered and reference of grounds brought forward by the Agency in his defense and if any opportunity of personal hearing has been given to the Agency as a part of principle of natural justice shall invariably be mentioned in the communication, The order for Banning should also contain the reasons with detailed justification for conclusion of decision to Ban the Agency. Also the fact that if no sufficient ground has been furnished shall invariably be indicated in the final communication to the Agency. In case the option for Banning of Agency or reduction of Time Period for Banning of Agency is exercised then the above order shall mention the grounds considering violation of any provision of Integrity Pact, any ground mentioned in Guidelines of Banning of Business Dealings, default by the agency under fraudulent or any unethical practices and/or violation of any provision of Tender/Contract Condition having serious implications.)

Yours faithfully,

For & On behalf of NHPC.