

Integrity Pact

This pre-bid pre-contract Agreement (hereinafter called the Integrity Pact) is made on _____ day of the month of _____ 20____, between, on one hand, IFCI Venture Capital Funds Ltd., a company Incorporated under Companies Act, 1956, with its Registered Office at IFCI Tower, 61 Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019, acting through its authorized officer, (hereinafter called Buyer), which expression shall mean and include unless the context otherwise requires, its successors in office and assigns) of the First Part

AND

(with complete address and contact details) represented by Shri _____ (i.e. Bidders hereinafter called 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 BUYER proposes to procure (Tender ID: _____ and _____ Tender Description : _____) and the BIDDER/Seller is willing to offer/has offered the services and / or to undertake the work as per the Tender.

WHEREAS the BIDDER is a private company/public company/Government undertaking/partnership/registered export agency, constituted in accordance with the relevant law in the matter and the Buyer is a Government Company and a Systematically Important, Non-Deposit taking, Non-Banking Financial Company, (NBFC-ND-SI).

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 BUYER to obtain the desired said goods/services/works 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 BIDDERS 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 BUYER will commit to prevent corruption, in any form, by its officials by following transparent procedures.

The parties hereto hereby agree to enter into this Integrity Pact and agree as follows:

1. Commitments of the BUYER

- 1.1 The BUYER undertakes that no official of the BUYER, 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, 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 BUYER will, during the pre-contract stage, treat all BIDDERS alike, and will provide to all BIDDERS the same information and will not provide any such information to any particular BIDDER which could afford an advantage to that particular BIDDER in comparison to other BIDDERS.
- 1.3 All the officials of the BUYER will report to the appropriate Government office any attempted or completed breaches of the above commitments as well as any substantial suspicion of such a breach.
- 1.4 In case any such preceding misconduct on the part of such official(s) is reported by the BIDDER to the BUYER with full and verifiable facts and the same is prima-facie found to be correct by the BUYER, necessary disciplinary proceedings, or any other action as deemed fit, including criminal proceedings may be initiated by the BUYER 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 BUYER the proceedings under the contract would not be stalled.

2. Commitments of BIDDERS

The BIDDER commits itself 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 itself to the following:

- 2.1 The BIDDER 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 BUYER, 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.
- 2.2 The Bidder/Contractor will not commit any offence, under the relevant Anticorruption Laws of India. Further, the Bidder/Contractor will not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others any information or document provided

by the Principal, as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained or transmitted electronically and not to commit any offence under PC Act/BNS.

- 2.3 BIDDERS shall disclose the name and address of agents and representatives, if any, handling the procurement/ service contract. Foreign bidders to disclose the name and address of agents and representatives in India and Indian Bidders to disclose their foreign principals or associates.
- 2.4 BIDDERS shall disclose the payments to be made by them to agents/brokers or any other intermediary, in connection with this bid/contract.
- 2.5 The BIDDER further confirms it is the original integrator and has not engaged any intermediary—individual, firm, or company—whether Indian or foreign, to influence the Buyer or its officials in any form regarding contract award or facilitate or in any way to recommend to buyer or any of its functionaries whether officially or unofficially to the award of the bid to the Bidder nor has any amount been paid, promised or intended to be paid to any such individual, firm or company in respect of any intercession, facilitation or recommendation.
- 2.6 The BIDDER, either while presenting the bid or during pre-contract negotiations or before signing the contract, shall disclose any payments he has made, is committed to or intends to make to officials of the BUYER 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.
- 2.7 The BIDDER 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.
- 2.8 The BIDDER will not accept any advantage in exchange for any corrupt practice, unfair means and illegal activities.
- 2.9 The BIDDER shall not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information provided by the BUYER as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details including information contained in any electronic data carrier. The BIDDER also undertakes to exercise due and adequate care lest any such information is divulged.
- 2.10 The BIDDER commits to refrain from giving any complaint directly or through any other manner without supporting it with full and verifiable facts.
- 2.11 The BIDDER shall not instigate or cause to instigate any third person to commit any of the actions mentioned above.
- 2.12 If the BIDDER or any employee of the BIDDER or any person acting on behalf of the BIDDER, either directly or indirectly, is a relative of any of the officers of the BUYER,

or alternatively, if any relative of an officer of the BUYER has financial interest/stake in BIDDER's firm, the same shall be disclosed by the BIDDER at the time of filing of tender.

The term 'relative' for this purpose would be as defined in Section 2 Sub Section 77 of the Companies Act, 2013.

2.13 The BIDDER 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 BUYER.

2.14 The Bidder signing this Integrity Pact shall not approach the Courts while representing the matters to IEMs and he/she will await their decision in the matter.

2.15 The Integrity Pact document should be duly signed and uploaded by the Buyer (IFCI VENTURE) as part of the Tender Documents. The Bidders shall download this IP document, sign it at the designated place and upload the same as part of their submission documents in bids.

In Works contracts, where contract agreement is signed on a non-judicial stamp paper, the IP shall form part of the contract agreement.

In Procurement of Goods and Services (Consultancy/Non-Consultancy), where signing of a contract agreement may not be a requirement, the IP may be obtained on a non-judicial stamp paper from the bidders after opening of the Technical Bids.

2.16 In case of a joint venture, all the partners of the joint venture should sign the Integrity Pact. In case of sub-contracting, the principal contractor shall take responsibility of the adoption of IP by the sub-contractor. In case of sub-contracting the IP will be a tri-partite arrangement. In case of sub-contracting, the principal contractor shall be solely responsible for the adherence to the provisions of IP by the sub-contractors.

3. Previous Transgression

3.1 The BIDDER 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 of any corrupt practices envisaged hereunder or with any Public Sector Enterprise in India or any Government Department in India that could justify BIDDER's exclusion from the tender process. The transgression(s), for which cognizance was taken even before the said period of three years, but are pending conclusion, shall also be reported by the Bidder.

3.2 The BIDDER agrees that if it makes incorrect statement on this subject, BIDDER can be disqualified from the tender process or the contract, if already awarded, can be terminated for such reason.

3.3 The BIDDER confirm that they have not been barred or blacklisted by any Public Sector Enterprise or PSU or any Government Department in India.

4. Sanctions for Violations

4.1 Any breach of the aforesaid provisions by the BIDDER or anyone employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of BIDDER) shall entitle the BUYER to take 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. However, the proceedings with the other BIDDER(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 BUYER and the BUYER shall not be required to assign any reason therefore.
- iii. To immediately cancel the contract, if already signed, without giving any compensation to the BIDDER.
- iv. To recover all sums already paid by the BUYER, and in case of an Indian BIDDER with interest thereon at 2% higher than the prevailing Prime Lending Rate of State Bank of India, while in case of a BIDDER from a country other than India with interest thereon at 2% higher than the LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate). If any outstanding payment is due to the BIDDER from the BUYER in connection with any other contract for any other stores, such outstanding payment could also be utilized to recover the aforesaid sum and interest.
- v. To encash the advance bank guarantee and performance bond/warranty bond, if furnished by the BIDDER, in order to recover the payments, already made by the BUYER, along with interest.
- vi. To cancel all or any other Contracts with the BIDDER. The BIDDER shall be liable to pay compensation for any loss or damage to the BUYER resulting from such cancellation/rescission and the BUYER shall be entitled to deduct the amount so payable from the money(s) due to the BIDDER.
- vii. To debar the BIDDER from participating in future bidding process of the Government of India for a minimum period of five years, which may be further extended at the discretion of the BUYER.
- viii. To recover all sums paid in violation of this Pact by BIDDER (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 BUYER with the BIDDER, the same shall not be opened.
- x. Forfeiture of Performance Bond in case of a decision by the BUYER to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this Pact.

4.2 The BUYER will be entitled to take all or any of the actions mentioned at para 4.1(i) to (x) of this Pact also on the Commission by the Bidder or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the Bidder), of an offence as defined under Chapter IX of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (which replaces Chapter IX of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, effective from July 1, 2024, as per Government of India notification) or any other statute enacted for prevention of corruption.

4.3 The decision of the BUYER to the effect that a breach of the provisions of this Pact has been committed by the BIDDER shall be final and conclusive on the BIDDER. However, the BIDDER can approach the Independent External Monitor(s) appointed (details in clause 6.1) for the purposes of this Pact.

5. Fall Clause

5.1 The BIDDER undertakes that it has not supplied/is not supplying similar product/systems or subsystems at a price lower than that offered in the present bid in respect of any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or PSU and if it is found at any stage that similar product/systems or sub systems was supplied by the BIDDER to any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or a PSU at a lower price, then that very price, with due allowance for elapsed time, will be applicable to the present case and the difference in the cost would be refunded by the BIDDER to the BUYER, if the contract has already been concluded.

6. Independent External Monitors (IEMs)

6.1 The BUYER has appointed Independent External Monitors (hereinafter referred to as IEMs) for this Pact in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission, Details of IEMs are as follows:

Sh. Ranvir Singh Email ID: iem.rs@ifcventure.com
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Sh. Sunil Kumar Gupta Email ID: iem.skg@ifcventure.com

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

6.3 The IEMs shall not be subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and perform their functions neutrally and independently.

6.4 Both the parties accept that the IEMs have the right to access all the documents relating to the project/procurement, including minutes of meetings.

6.5 As soon as the IEM notices, or has reason to believe, a violation of this Pact, he will so inform the Authority designated by the BUYER and request the Management to discontinue or take corrective action, or to take other relevant action. The IEM can in this regard submit non-binding recommendations. Beyond this, the IEM has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action or tolerate action.

6.6 The BIDDER(s) accepts that the IEM has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the BUYER including that provided by the BIDDER. The BIDDER will also grant the IEM's, upon his request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to his project documentation. The same is applicable to Subcontractors. The IEM shall be under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the BIDDER/Subcontractor(s) with confidentiality.

6.7 The BUYER will provide to the IEM 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 IEMs the option to participate in such meetings.

- 6.8 For ensuring their desired transparency and objectivity in dealing with the complaints arising out of any tendering process, the matter shall be examined by the full panel of IEMs jointly as far as possible, who would look into the records, conduct and investigation and submit their joint recommendation to the management of the Buyer. In case the full panel is not available due to some unavoidable reasons, the available IEM(s) will conduct examination of the complaints. Consent of the IEM(s), who may not be available, shall be taken on record.
- 6.9 The role of the IEMs shall be advisory and would not be binding on the buyer and it is restricted to resolving issues raised by the Bidder regarding any aspect of the tender which allegedly restricts competition or bias towards the Bidder.
- 6.10 The role of the CVO of the organization shall remain unaffected by the presence of IEMs. CVO and /or the officials of the vigilance wing should not be associated by IEMs during examination of the complaints in any manner.
- 6.11 The IEM will submit a written report to the designated Authority of BUYER/Secretary in the Department/ within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the BUYER /BIDDER and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.
- 6.12 In the event of any dispute during the contract between the Buyer and the Bidder. The dispute to settle through mediation before the panel of IEMs in a time bound manner. The fees/expenses on dispute resolution shall be equally shared by both the parties.
- 6.13 The word 'IEM' would include both singular and plural.

7. Facilitation of Investigation

In case of any allegation of violation of any provisions of this Pact or payment of commission, the BUYER or its agencies shall be entitled to examine all the documents including the Books of Accounts of the BIDDER and the BIDDER shall provide necessary information and documents in English and shall extend all possible help for purpose of such examination.

8. Law & Place of Jurisdiction

- 8.1 This Pact is subject to Indian Law. The place of performance and jurisdiction is the seat of the BUYER who has floated the Tender/RFP. The concerned Department which has floated the Tender would be the focal point for implementation of IP.
- 8.2 Should one or several provisions of this IP turn out to be invalid; the remainder of this Pact remains valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intention.
- 8.3 This IP is deemed as part of the procurement / service contract and both the Buyer, and the Bidder are bound by its provisions.

9. Other Legal Actions

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. Validity

10.1 The validity of this Integrity Pact shall be from date of its signing and extend up-to 5 years or the complete execution of the contract to the satisfaction of both the BUYER and the BIDDER/Seller, including warranty period, whichever is later. In case BIDDER is unsuccessful, this Integrity Pact shall expire after six months from the date of the signing of the contract. Any violation of the same would entail disqualification of the Bidder and exclusion from future business dealings as per the existing provisions of GFR, 2017, PC Act, 1988.

10.2 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 intentions.

11. This Integrity Pact is deemed as part of the Contract/Tender documents and all concerned bidders are bound by its provisions.

(For & on behalf of the Buyer)

(For & on behalf of Bidder/Contractor)

(Office Seal)

(Office Seal)

Place: New Delhi

Date: _____

Witness 1 :-----
(Name & Address)

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Witness 2 : _____
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