

**Draft Power purchase agreement (PPA) For  
5 MW Canal Top Solar Project on Raiwada  
Canal, Visakhapatnam.**

**Greater Visakhapatnam Smart City Corporation Limited  
(GVSCCL)**

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**Preliminary**

**POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

THIS POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT is entered into on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

**BETWEEN**

1 Greater Visakhapatnam Smart City Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as “GVSCCL” or “Authority”), having its office Room No.306, Asilmetta Junction, Visakhapatnam – 530003 (which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns)

AND

2 \_\_\_\_\_ a company incorporated under the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 having its registered Office at [●], India (hereinafter referred to as “**Solar Power Developer**” or “**SPD**”), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors include its successors, permitted assigns and substitutes) of the Other Part<sup>s</sup>, GVSCCL and the Solar Power Developer shall be referred to in this Agreement collectively as Parties and individually as Party

**WHEREAS:**

- A. GVSCCL had resolved to execute Canal Top solar generation project of **5 MW** capacity including operation and maintenance (O&M) of the system(s) for a period of 25 years after commissioning of project, on RESCO Mode, located on Canal Top of Raiwada Canal in accordance with the terms and conditions to be set forth in a power purchase agreement to be entered into.
- B. GVSCCL had accordingly invited proposals through competitive bidding process, through [Request for Proposal No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_] Bidder was shortlisted for the next stage to execute the Canal Top solar generation project including operation and maintenance (O&M) of the system(s) for a period of 25 years after commissioning of project, on RESCO Model.
- C. GVSCCL had prescribed the technical and commercial terms and conditions, and invited application in the “**Request for Proposal**” along with the tariff proposal.
- D. After evaluation of the bids received, GVSCCL had accepted the Bid of the {selected bidder/ Consortium} requiring, *inter alia*, {the Selected Bidder/ Consortium comprising \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (collectively the “**Consortium**” with \_\_\_\_\_ as the lead member (the “**Lead Member**”) and issued its Letter of Award No. .... dated ..... (hereinafter called the “**LOA**” or “**Letter of Award**”) for the execution of this Power Purchase Agreement within [30 (thirty)] days of the date of issue thereof.
- E. {The selected bidder/ Consortium has since promoted and incorporated the **SPD** as a limited liability company under the Companies Act 2013, and has requested GVSCCL to accept the **SPD** as the entity which shall undertake and perform the obligations and exercise the rights of the selected bidder/ Consortium under the LOA,} including the obligation to enter into this Power Purchase Agreement pursuant to the LOA for executing the Project.

F. {By its letter dated ....., the **SPD** has also joined in the said request of the selected bidder/ Consortium to GVSCCL to accept it as the entity which shall undertake and perform the obligations and exercise the rights of the selected bidder/ Consortium including the obligation to enter into this Power Purchase Agreement pursuant to the LOA. The SPD has further represented to the effect that it has been promoted by the selected bidder/ Consortium for the purposes hereof}.

G. GVSCCL has agreed to the said request of the {selected bidder/ Consortium and the} SPD, and has accordingly agreed to enter into this Power Purchase Agreement with the SPD for execution of the Project on RESCO basis, subject to and on the terms and conditions set forth hereinafter.

**Now, therefore**, in consideration of the foregoing and the respective covenants and agreements set forth in this Power Purchase Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follow.<sup>1</sup>

\*  
1 Serially numbered footnotes in this Model Power Purchase Agreement are for guidance of GVSCCL and should be omitted from the draft Power Purchase Agreement forming part of Bid Documents. Footnotes marked "\$" or in other non-numerical characters shall be retained in the draft Power Purchase Agreement.

† All project-specific provisions in this Model Power Purchase Agreement have been enclosed in square parenthesis and may be modified, as necessary, before issuing the draft Power Purchase Agreement forming part of Bid Documents.

§ The provisions in curly parenthesis and the blank spaces shall be retained in the draft Power Purchase Agreement and shall be suitably modified/ filled after completion of the bid process to reflect the particulars relating to the selected bidder.

# ARTICLE 1

## 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### 1.1 Definitions

The words and expressions beginning with capital letters or defined in this Agreement shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning ascribed thereto herein, and the words and expressions defined in the Schedules and used therein shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Schedules.

“**Accounting Year**” means the financial year commencing from the first day of April of any calendar year and ending on the thirty-first day of March of the next calendar year;

“**Adjusted Equity**” means the Equity funded in Indian Rupees and adjusted on the first day of the current month (the “**Reference Date**”), in the manner set forth below, to reflect the change in its value on account of depreciation and variations in WPI, and for any Reference Date occurring:

- (a) on or before COD, the Adjusted Equity shall be a sum equal to the Equity funded in Indian Rupees and expended on the Project, revised to the extent of one half of the variation in WPI occurring between the first day of the month of Appointed Date and the Reference Date;
- (b) from COD and until the 4th (fourth) anniversary thereof, an amount equal to the Adjusted Equity as on COD shall be deemed to be the base (the “**Base Adjusted Equity**”) and the Adjusted Equity hereunder shall be a sum equal to the Base Adjusted Equity, revised at the commencement of each month following COD to the extent of variation in WPI occurring between COD and the Reference Date; and
- (c) after the 4th (fourth) anniversary of COD, the Adjusted Equity hereunder shall be a sum equal to the Base Adjusted Equity, reduced by 0.42% (zero point four two per cent) thereof at the commencement of each month following the 4th (fourth) anniversary of COD and the amount so arrived at shall be revised to the extent of variation in WPI occurring between COD and the Reference Date;

and the aforesaid shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Equity funded in Indian Rupees. For the avoidance of doubt, the Adjusted Equity shall, in the event of Termination, be computed as on the Reference Date immediately preceding the Transfer Date; provided that no reduction in the Adjusted Equity shall be made for a period equal to the duration, if any, for which the Concession Period is extended, but the revision on account of WPI shall continue to be made;

“**Affected Party**” has the meaning given to it in Article 35.

“**Agreement**” means this Power Purchase Agreement or PPA executed hereof, including the schedules, amendments, modifications and supplements made in writing by the Parties from time to time;

“**Agreement Period**” means the period starting on and from the Appointed Date and ending on the Transfer Date;

“**Appendix**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 10.3.1;

“**Applicable Laws**” means, with respect to any Person, any constitutional provision, law, statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, treaty, order, decree, judgment, decision, certificate, holding, injunction, registration, license, franchise, permit, authorization, guideline, Governmental Approval, consent or requirement of any Governmental Authority in India having jurisdiction over such Person or its property, enforceable by law or in equity, including the interpretation and administration thereof by such Governmental Authority;

“**Appointed Date**” means the date on which Financial Close is achieved or an earlier date that the Parties may by mutual consent determine, and shall be deemed to be the date of commencement of the Agreement period. For the avoidance of doubt, every Condition Precedent shall have been satisfied or waived prior to the Appointed Date and in the event all Conditions Precedent are not satisfied or waived, as the case may be, the Appointed Date shall be deemed to occur only when each and every Condition Precedent is either satisfied or waived, as the case may be.

“**Approvals**” means all permits, clearances, licenses, consents, authorizations, approvals, registrations, waivers, privileges, acknowledgements, agreements, or Agreements required to be obtained from or provided by any concerned authority for the purpose of setting up of the solar power project and/ or for supply of power pursuant to this Agreement;

“**Approved Valuer**” means a firm of valuers recognized as such by the Income Tax Department and having experience of valuing at least 5 (five) properties exceeding Rs. 20 cr. (Rupees Twenty crore) each in value;

“**Arbitration Act**” means the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and shall include modifications to or any re-enactment thereof, as in force from time to time;

“**Assignment**” has the meaning set forth in Article 29;

“**Associate**” means in relation to either party, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Party (as used in this definition, the expression “control” means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (Fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person, whether by operation of law or by contract or otherwise;

“**Award**” has the meaning set forth in Article 33;

“**Bank**” means a bank incorporated in India and having a minimum net worth of Rs. 1,000 crore (Rupees one thousand crore) or any other bank acceptable to Senior Lenders, but does not include a bank in which any Senior Lender has an interest;

“**Bank Rate**” means the rate of interest specified by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time in pursuance of section 49 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 or any replacement of such Bank Rate for the time being in effect;

“**Backup Meter**” means the meter installed, operated and maintained by the Solar Power Developer as per the provisions laid in the Article 18 metering which shall be connected to the same core of the current transformer (CT) and Potential Transformer (PT) to

which the Main Meter is connected and shall be used for accounting and billing of electricity in case of failure/repair/maintenance of Main Meter;

**“Billing Period”** means the calendar month ending with the Metering Date. The first Billing Period shall commence from the First Commissioning Date and end with the Metering Date corresponding to the month in which the First Commissioning occurs; for additional details refer Article 23 - Tariff and payment

**“Billing Date”** means the first Business Day after the Metering Date of each Billing Period refer Article 23;

**“Business Day”** means any day other than Saturday or Sunday or any other day on which banks in (Visakhapatnam) are required or authorized by Applicable Law to be closed for business;

**“Buyback Date”** means the date on which title to the System transfers to GVSCCL pursuant to GVSCCL exercising its purchase option under Article 28 & Schedule M

**“Capacity Utilization Factor”** (CUF) shall mean the ratio of actual energy generated by SPV project over the year to the equivalent energy output at its Installed Capacity over the yearly period.  $CUF = \frac{\text{Actual annual energy generated from the plant in Kwh}}{(\text{Installed Capacity in KW} * 365 * 24)}$

**“Central Financial Assistance (CFA)”** means the financial assistance to the eligible projects as per applicable MNRE Guidelines.

**“Commercial Operation”** with respect to a Unit or the Project, as the case may be, shall refer to the period from the Commissioned date of such Unit or Project;

**“Commissioned”** means, in respect of a Unit or the Project, as the case may be, passing of the Commissioning Test by the Units, as certified by the GVSCCL or its representative(s) and interconnection of the Unit with the Distribution Grid for receiving the Delivered Energy and “Commission” and “Commissioning” shall be construed accordingly;

**“Change in Law”** means the occurrence of any of the following after the date of Bid:

- a) the enactment of any new Indian law as applicable to the State;
- b) the repeal, modification or re-enactment of any existing Indian law;
- c) the commencement of any Indian law which has not entered into effect until the date of Bid;
- d) a change in the interpretation or application of any Indian law by a judgement of a court of record which has become final, conclusive and binding, as compared to such interpretation or application by a court of record prior to the date of Bid; or
- e) any change in the rates of any of the Taxes that have a direct effect on the Project;

**“Change in Ownership”** means a transfer of the direct and/or indirect legal or beneficial ownership of any shares, or securities convertible into shares, that causes the aggregate holding of the {selected bidder/Associate}, together with {its/their} Associates in the total Equity to decline below (i) 50% (fifty per cent) thereof during Construction Period, (ii) 26% (Twenty Six per cent) thereof during a period of 2 (two) years following COD, and during the remaining Agreement Period; provided that any material variation (as compared to the representations made by the SPD during the bidding process for the purposes of meeting the minimum conditions of eligibility or for evaluation of its application or Bid, as the case may be,) in the proportion of the equity holding of {the selected bidder/ any

Consortium Member} to the total Equity, if it occurs prior to COD, shall constitute Change in Ownership;

“**Commissioning Tests**” means the tests to be carried out to determine the Commissioning of the Unit or Project, as the case may be, in accordance with the Testing Procedures specified and as defined in this agreement;

“**Completion Certificate**” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 14;

“**Conditions Precedent**” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 4

{“**Consortium**” shall have the meaning set forth in Recital (D);}

{“**Consortium Member**” means a company specified in Recital (D) as a member of the Consortium;}

“**Construction Default**” means failure to achieve Commercial Operation by the Scheduled Commercial Operation Date or failure to commence construction of the Project within 03 (three) months following the Appointed Date of this Agreement;

“**Construction Period**” means the period from Effective Date till date the project got commissioned.

“**Construction Works**” means all works and things necessary to complete the Project in accordance with this Agreement;

“**Contracted Capacity**” shall mean 5 MW contracted with GVSCCL for supply by the Solar Power Developer at the Delivery Point from the Canal Top solar generation project

“**Contract Year**” means, with respect to the first contract year, the period beginning on the Commercial Operation Date of the Project and ending at 00.00 hours at midnight on 31st March of that Fiscal Year. Each successive contract year shall coincide with the succeeding Fiscal Year, except that the final contract year shall end on the date of expiry of the Term or on Termination of this Agreement, whichever is earlier;

“**Contractor**” means the person or persons, as the case may be, with whom the SPD has entered into any of the EPC Contract, the O&M or any other material agreement or contract for construction, and/or maintenance of the Project or matters incidental thereto, but does not include a person who has entered into an agreement for providing financial assistance to the SPD;

“**Cure Period**” means the period specified in this Agreement for curing any breach or default of any provision of this Agreement by the Party responsible for such breach or default and shall:

ii. commence from the date on which a notice is delivered by one Party to the other Party asking the latter to cure the breach or default specified in such notice;

iii. not relieve any Party from liability to pay Damages or compensation under the provisions of this Agreement; and

iv. not in any way be extended by any period of Suspension under this Agreement;

provided that if the cure of any breach by the SPD requires any reasonable action by the SPD that must be approved by GVSCCL hereunder, the applicable Cure Period shall be extended by the period taken by GVSCCL to accord their approval;

**“Damages”** shall have the meaning set forth in Sub-clause (x) of Clause 1.2.1; bb

**“Debt Due”** means the aggregate of the following sums expressed in Indian Rupees outstanding on the Transfer Date:

- i. the principal amount of the debt provided by the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements for financing the Total Project Cost (the “principal”) but excluding any part of the principal that had fallen due for repayment two year prior to the Transfer Date;
- v. all accrued interest, financing fees and charges payable under the Financing Agreements on, or in respect of, the debt referred to in Sub-clause (a) above until the Transfer Date but excluding (i) any interest, fees or charges that had fallen due one year prior to the Transfer Date, (ii) any penal interest or charges payable under the Financing Agreements to any Senior Lender, and (iii) any pre-payment charges in relation to accelerated repayment of debt except where such charges have arisen due to GVSCCL Default; and
- vi. any Subordinated Debt which is included in the Financial Package and disbursed by lenders for financing the Total Project Cost;
- vii. provided that if all or any part of the Debt Due is convertible into Equity at the option of Senior Lenders and/or the SPD, it shall for the purposes of this Agreement be deemed to be Debt Due even after such conversion and the principal thereof shall be dealt with as if such conversion had not been undertaken;

**“Debt Service”** means the sum of all payments on account of principal, interest, financing fees and charges due and payable in an Accounting Year to the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements;

**“Delivery Point”** shall be the interconnection point at which the Solar Power Developer shall deliver the power to the GVSCCL. The metering shall be done at this point of Interconnection. All charges and losses up to the Delivery Point shall be borne by the Solar Power Developer;

**“Deemed Generation”** has the meaning set forth in Article 16

**“Default Notice”** means GVSCCL Default Notice or Solar Power Developer Default Notice, as the case may be;

**“Delivered Energy”** means the Electricity measured by the Main Meter at the Delivery Point;

**“Development Period”** means the period starting from Effective date till the project get Commissioned.

**“Dispute”** has the meaning set forth in Article 33;

**“Disruption Period”** has the meaning set forth in Article 10 and Article 15;

**“Distribution Code”** means, collectively, the applicable Electricity Distribution Code /Manual and Related Matters Regulations; and the SERC Standard of Performance of Distribution Licensee, as amended from time to time;

“**Distribution Grid**” means the distribution system for the operation of which DISCOM holds the distribution rights;

“**Due Date**” shall mean the Last Day of the Month provided the Solar Power Developer raises bill up to 4th day of the month. For the bills raised after 4th it shall be 30th day from the date of raising of bill, by which date such Monthly Bill is payable by GVSCCL;

“**Disputed Amount**” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 23;

“**Dispute Resolution Procedure**” means the procedure for resolution of Disputes set forth in Article 33;

“**Document**” or “**Documentation**” means documentation in printed or written form, or in tapes, discs, drawings, computer programmes, writings, reports, photographs, films, cassettes, or expressed in any other written, electronic, audio or visual form;

“**Drawings**” means all of the drawings, calculations and documents pertaining to the Project;

“**Distribution Utility**” means the local electric distribution owner and operator providing electric distribution and interconnection services to Purchaser at the Delivery Point

“**Effective Date**” means the date on which the PPA is executed as defined in Article 3;

“**Expiration Date**” means the date on which the Agreement terminates by reason of expiration of the Term referring Article 28;

“**Electricity**” means the electrical energy measured in kilowatt-hours;

“**Emergency**” means a condition or situation that is likely to endanger the safety of the individuals on or about the Project, including Users thereof, or which poses an immediate threat of material damage to any of the Project Assets;

“**EPC Contract**” means the engineering, procurement and construction contract or contracts entered into by the SPD with one or more Contractors for, *inter alia*, engineering and construction of the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

“**EPC Contractor**” means the person with whom the SPD has entered into an EPC Contract;

“**Equity**” means the sum expressed in Indian Rupees representing the paid up equity share capital of the SPD for meeting the equity component of the Total Project Cost, and for the purposes of this Agreement shall include convertible instruments or other similar forms of capital, which shall compulsorily convert into equity share capital of the Company, and any interest-free funds advanced by any shareholder of the Company for meeting such equity component;

“**Emergency**” means (i) a condition or situation of physical damage to the GVSCCL electrical system including the local Distribution Grid, which threatens the safe and reliable operation of such system or which is likely to result in disruption of safe, adequate and continuous electric supply by the Project/Distribution Grid or could endanger life or property and whether or not caused by Force Majeure Event; or (ii) any other condition akin to the above that prevents safe and reliable operation of the Distribution Grid; Provided that in each of the two situations above, the condition leading to the Emergency must have been beyond the reasonable control of GVSCCL and/or should not have been attributable to any default, omission or commission on the part of GVSCCL and/or GVSCCL shall have maintained the Distribution Grid in accordance with the Distribution Code and Applicable Law;

“**Escrow Account**” means an Account which the SPD shall open and maintain with a Bank in which all inflows and outflows of cash on account of capital and revenue receipts and expenditures shall be credited and debited, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and includes the Sub-Accounts of such Escrow Account;

“**Escrow Agreement**” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 24;

“**Escrow Bank**” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 24;

“**Escrow Default**” shall have the meaning set forth in Schedule K;

“**Event of Default**” means GVSCCL Event of Default or Solar Power Developer Event of Default, as the case may be;

“**Financing Agreements**” means the agreements executed by the Solar Power Developer in respect of financial assistance to be provided by the Lenders by way of loans, guarantees, subscription to non-convertible debentures and other debt instruments including loan agreements, guarantees, notes, debentures, bonds and other debt instruments, security agreements, and other documents relating to the financing (including refinancing) of the Total Project Cost, and includes amendments or modifications made in accordance with Clause 5.2.2;

“**Fiscal Year**” shall mean, (i) the period commencing the Commissioning Date and ending at 00.00 hours at midnight on the following March 31; and (ii) thereafter, each period of commencing April 1 and end on the following March 31, unless this Agreement is terminated or expires, in which case the period ending on the date of expiry of such termination, as the case may be;

“**Financial Model**” means the financial model adopted by Senior Lenders, setting forth the capital and operating costs of the Project and revenues therefrom on the basis of which financial viability of the Project has been determined by the Senior Lenders, and includes a description of the assumptions and parameters used for making calculations and projections therein;

“**Financial Package**” means the financing package indicating the total capital cost of the Project and the means of financing thereof, as set forth in the Financial Model and approved by the Senior Lenders, and includes Equity, all financial assistance specified in the Financing Agreements, Subordinated Debt and Equity Support, if any;

“**Financing Agreements**” means the agreements executed by the SPD in respect of financial assistance to be provided by the Senior Lenders by way of loans, guarantees, subscription to non-convertible debentures and other debt instruments including loan agreements, guarantees, notes, debentures, bonds and other debt instruments, security agreements, and other documents relating to the financing (including refinancing) of the Total Project Cost, and includes amendments or modifications;

“**Force Majeure Event**” has the meaning given to it in Section 35;

“**Gol**” means the Government of the Republic of India and any agency, legislative body, department, political subdivision, authority or instrumentality thereof;

“**Governmental Authority**” means any central, state, regional, district, town, city, or municipal government, whether domestic or foreign, or any department, agency, bureau, or other administrative, regulatory or judicial body of any such government;

“**Government Instrumentality**” means any department, division or sub-division of the Government of India or the State Government and includes any commission, board, authority, agency or

municipal and other local authority or statutory body including Panchayat under the control of the Government of India or the State Government, as the case may be, and having jurisdiction over all or any part of the Project or the performance of all or any of the services or obligations of the SPD under or pursuant to this Agreement;

“**Good Industry Practice**” means the practices, methods, techniques, designs, standards, skills, diligence, efficiency, reliability and prudence which are generally and reasonably expected from a reasonably skilled and experienced operator engaged in the same type of undertaking as envisaged under this Agreement and which would be expected to result in the performance of its obligations by the SPD in accordance with this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits in reliable, safe, economical and efficient manner;

“**Indemnified Persons**” means GVSCCL Indemnified Parties or the Solar Power Developer Indemnified Parties, as the context requires;

“**Invoice Dispute Notice**” has the meaning given to it in Article 23;

“**Interconnection Facilities**” means all the facilities installed by the Solar Power Developer at the Relevant Premises to enable GVSCCL to receive the Delivered Energy from the Project at the Delivery Point, including transformers, and associated equipment, relay and switching equipment, protective devices and safety equipment;

“**Interconnection Scheme**” means the scheme set out in Schedule C and Schedule D for establishing connection of the Solar Power Developer’s installation comprising the Project on Relevant Premises;

“**Installed Capacity**” means the aggregate capacity of 5 (five) MW as certified after the commissioning test at the generating terminal(s);

“**Installation Work**” means the construction and installation of the System and the start-up, testing and acceptance (but not the operation and maintenance) thereof, all performed by or for the Solar Power Developer at the Premises;

“**Insolvency Event**” means with respect to a Party, that either:

i. Such Party has

a. applied for or consented to the appointment of, or the taking of possession by, a receiver, custodian, trustee, administrator, liquidator or the like of itself or of all or a substantial part of its assets or business;

b. been unable to pay its debts as such debts become due;

c. made a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;

d. commenced a voluntary proceeding under any insolvency or bankruptcy law;

e. filed a petition seeking to take advantage of any other law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding up, or composition or readjustment of debts; or

f. taken any corporate or other action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing; or

viii. It is clarified that a dissolution or liquidation will not be an Insolvency Event if such dissolution or liquidation is for the purpose of a merger, consolidation or reorganization, and the resulting company retains creditworthiness similar to the dissolved or liquidated entity and expressly assumes all obligations of the

dissolved and liquidated entity under this Agreement and is in a position to perform them;

**“Insurance Cover”** means the aggregate of the maximum sums insured under the insurances taken out by the SPD pursuant to Article 25, and includes all insurances required to be taken out by the SPD under Clause 25.1 but not actually taken, and when used in the context of any act or event, it shall mean the aggregate of the maximum sums insured and payable or deemed to be insured and payable in relation to such act or event;

**“Intellectual Property”** means all patents, trade-marks, service marks, logos, get-up, trade names, internet domain names, rights in designs, blue prints, programmes and manuals, drawings, copyright (including rights in computer software), database rights, semi-conductor, topography rights, utility models, rights in know-how and other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including applications for registration, and all rights or forms of protection having equivalent or similar effect anywhere in the world;

**“Invoice Date”** has the meaning set forth in Article 23

**“Inspection Report”** shall have the same meaning set forth in Article 13;

**“kV”** means Kilovolts;

**“kW”** means Kilowatts;

**“kWp”** means Kilowatts peak/Rated Power

**“kWh”** means Kilowatt-hour;

**“Law”** shall mean in relation to this Agreement, all laws including Electricity Laws in force in India and any statute, ordinance, regulation, notification or code, rule and shall further include without limitation all applicable rules, regulations, orders, notifications by an India Governmental Instrumentality pursuant to or under any of them and shall include without limitation all rules, regulations, decisions and orders of the Appropriate Commission;

**“Lender(s)”** means the banks, other financial institutions, multilateral agencies, RBI registered non-banking financial companies, mutual funds and agents or trustees of debenture/bond holders, including their successors and assignees, who have agreed as on or before commencement of supply of power from the Project to provide the Solar Power Developer with the debt financing for the Project, and any successor banks or financial institutions to whom their interests under the Financing Documents may be transferred or assigned, provided that such assignment or transfer does not relieve the Solar Power Developer of its obligations to GVSCCL under this Agreement in any manner and does not lead to an increase in the liability of GVSCCL at any given point of time;

**“Lender’s Representative”** means the person notified by the Lenders in writing as being the representative of the Lenders and such person may from time to time be replaced

**“Losses”** means all losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, causes of action, judgments, awards, damages, cleanup and remedial obligations, interest, fines, fees, penalties, costs and expenses (including all attorneys’ fees and other costs and expenses incurred in defending any such claims or other matters or in asserting or enforcing any indemnity obligation);

**“Main Meter”** means for each Unit, the Metering System which would primarily be used for accounting and billing of Electricity generated by Units comprising the Project to be installed at the

Delivery Point and operated and maintained by the Solar Power Developer pursuant to Article 18

“**Maintenance Manual**” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Article 15;

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means a material adverse effect of any act or event on the ability of either Party to perform any of its obligations under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and which act or event causes a material financial burden or loss to either Party;

“**Metering Date**” means the first Business Day of each calendar month subsequent to the month in which the Solar Power is generated by the Solar Power Developer. The billable units shall be equal to the difference between the meter reading on the Metering Date and the meter reading on the previous month’s Metering Date;

“**Metering System**” means the meters and other applicable devices/instruments installed and used for measurement of Electricity, delivered from the Electricity generated by Units comprising the Project, as per the specifications provided in Schedule C and shall comprise of the Main Meter and the Back Up Meter;

“**Minimum Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF)**” means Minimum Capacity Utilization Factor for the relevant year solar PV projects or [18%] whichever is higher.

“**Month**” means a period of thirty (30) days from (and excluding) the date of the event, where applicable, else a calendar month;

“**MW**” means Megawatts;

“**Minimum CUF**” means capacity utilization factor as stipulated in the States Tariff Order for the relevant year solar PV projects.

“**Non-Political Event**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 35.2;

“**Other Invoice**” means an invoice other than a Tariff Invoice raised by any of the Parties in accordance with Article 23;

“**Operation Period**” means the period commencing from COD and ending on the Transfer Date;

“**Party**” or “**Parties**” has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement

“**Performance Guarantee/ Performance Security**” has the meaning given to it in Schedule G;

“**Person**” means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, business trust, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture, firm, or other entity, or a Governmental Authority;

“**Phased Commissioning**” has the meaning given to it in Article 14;

“**Project**” means the development, financing, designing, construction, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the 5 MW Canal Top Solar PV power system on Raiwada Canal in Visakhapatnam;

“**Project Agreement**” has the meaning given in Article 5;

“**Project Assets**” means all physical and other assets relating to and forming part of the Site including:

- i. rights over the Site in the form of licence, Right of Way or otherwise;
- ii. tangible assets such as civil works and equipment
- iii. Project Facilities situated on the Site;
- iv. all rights of the SPD under the Project Agreements;
- v. financial assets, such as receivables, security deposits etc;
- vi. insurance proceeds; and
- vii. Applicable Permits and authorisations relating to or in respect of the Project;

“**Project Completion Date**” means the date on which the Completion Certificate is issued under the provisions of Article 14;

“**Project Milestones**” shall mean and include such date, period or Project Milestones as may be extended pursuant to this Agreement;

“**Project Site/ Site**” means the parcels of Canal Tops, rights-of-way, easements and access roads comprised in the Relevant Buildings upon which the Unit(s) comprising the Project will be installed;

“**Prudent Utility Practices**” shall mean the practices, methods and standards that are generally accepted internationally from time to time by electric utilities for the purpose of ensuring the safe, efficient and economic design, construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance of power generation equipment and which practices, methods and standards shall be adjusted as necessary, to take account of:

- i. operation and maintenance guidelines recommended by the manufacturers of the plant and equipment to be incorporated in the Power Project;
- ii. the requirements of Indian Law; and the physical conditions at the site of the Power Project;

“**Purchase Price or Buyback price**” means the fee payable by GVSCCL to the Solar Power Developer as prescribed in Article 28

“**GVSCCL Default or GVSCCL Event of Default**” has the meaning set forth in Article 28

“**Relevant Building**” means a GVSCCL Building comprising the Project Site;

“**Relevant Premises**” means the Canal Top, provided by GVSCCL to the Solar Power Developer for the purpose of implementing the Project;

“**Request for Proposal**” or “**RFP**” shall have the meaning set forth in Preamble;

“**Right of Way**” means the access to the site with the intention of using it for installation of Project, including the way from the entry point to the Canal Top through the shortest accessible way, easements and other rights of way, how so ever described, necessary for construction, operation and maintenance of the Projects in accordance with this Agreement;

“**Safety Requirements**” shall have the meaning set forth in Schedule E;

“**Scheduled Commercial Operation Date**” or “**COD**” means in respect of the Project, the date falling on the last day of the expiry of 12 months from the Effective Date, as extended or pre-poned in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

“**Selectee**” means a new company (i) proposed by the Lenders and approved by GVSCCL (ii) or proposed by GVSCCL and approved by the Lenders, for substituting the Power Producer for the residual period of the Agreement by amendment of the Agreement or by execution of a fresh power purchase agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the said Schedule.

“**Senior Lenders**” means the financial institutions, banks, multilateral lending agencies, trusts, funds and agents or trustees of debenture holders, including their successors and assignees, who have agreed to guarantee or provide finance to the SPD under any of the Financing Agreements for meeting all or any part of the Total Project Cost and who hold *pari-passu* charge on the assets, rights, title and interests of the SPD;

“**Solar Power**” shall mean electricity generated from the Canal Top solar generation project;

“**Solar Canal Top Power System/Project**” includes a solar PV panel power generation facility to be established by the Solar Power Developer on the Relevant Premises, located within GVSCCL’s license area, having an Installed Capacity and includes the integrated assembly of photovoltaic panels, mounting assemblies, inverters, converters, metering, lighting fixtures, transformers, ballasts, disconnects, combiners, switches, wiring devices and wiring, and all other material comprising the Installation Work, including protection equipment and the like necessary to deliver the Electricity generated by it to GVSCCL at the relevant Delivery Points;

“**Specifications and Standards**” means the specifications and standards relating to the quality, quantity, capacity and other requirements for the Project, as set forth in Schedule C, and any modifications thereof, or additions thereto, as included in the design and engineering for the Project submitted by the SPD to, and expressly approved by, GVSCCL.

“**Specified Documents**” has the meaning given to it in Article 34

“**Statutory Auditors**” means a reputable firm of chartered accountants acting as the statutory auditors of the SPD under the provisions of the Companies Act 2013 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof, for the time being in force, and appointed in accordance with Article 26

“**Statutory Entity**” means:

1. in case of a State:
  - a. any ministry, department, sub-division, instrumentality or agency under the direct control of the state Government; or
  - b. any company, corporation, government undertaking or other authority under the direct control of the state Government; or
  - c. any other entity under the direct control of the state Government or established under law; or
  - d. State Electricity Regulatory Commission,

And

2. in case of any other jurisdiction and the Central Government of the Republic of India, the government of that jurisdiction or the Central Government, any ministry department, sub-division instrumentality or agency or any company corporation government undertaking, commission, or any other entity under the direct or indirect control of such government or Central Government, or a regulatory entity established under law;

“**Substitution Agreement**” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 27 and Schedule L;

“**System Operations**” means the Solar Power Developer’s operation, maintenance and repair of

the System performed in accordance the requirements herein;

“**Tariff**” means the tariff specified for the relevant period in Article 23

“**Tariff Payment/ Solar Power Payment**” means the payments to be made under Tariff Invoice and the relevant Other Invoices;

“**Taxes**” means any Indian taxes including Goods and Services Tax, excise duties, customs duties, local taxes, cess and any impost or surcharge of like nature (whether Central, State or local) etc. on the goods, materials, equipment and services incorporated in and forming part of the Project charged, levied or imposed by any Government Instrumentality, but excluding any interest, penalties and other sums in relation thereto imposed on any account whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, Taxes shall not include taxes on corporate income;

“**Termination Notice**” has the meaning set forth in Article 28

“**Termination Payment**” means the amount payable, under and in accordance with this Agreement, by the parties upon Termination. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that the amount payable shall be subject to the conditions specified in Article 28;

“**Testing Procedures**” means the procedures for undertaking Commissioning/other Tests as agreed between the Solar Power Developer and GVSCCL or its representative(s);

“**Tests**” means the tests to be conducted by the SPD pursuant to the Testing Procedures before the project commissioned.

“**Technical Limits**” means the limits and constraints described in Schedule C, relating to the operations, maintenance and dispatch of the Project;

“**Total Project Cost**” means the capital cost incurred on construction and financing of the Project and shall be limited to the lowest of:

- a) the capital cost of the Project Assets less CFA as set forth in the Financial Package;
- b) the actual capital cost of the Project Assets less CFA upon completion of the Project; provided that in the event of Termination, the Total Project Cost shall be deemed to be modified to the extent of variation in WPI or Reference Exchange Rate occurring in respect of Adjusted Equity and Debt Due, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

“**Transfer Date**” means the date on which this Agreement expires pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement or is terminated by a Termination Notice.

“**Unit**” means each power generation installation consisting of solar PV panels and auxiliary equipment and facilities forming part of the Project to be installed and separately connected with the Distribution Grid and all the Units comprising the Project aggregate to the installed capacity of (5MW)

“**WPI**” means the Wholesale Price Index for all commodities as published by the Ministry of Industry, GOI and shall include any index which substitutes the WPI, and any reference to WPI shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the WPI published for the period ending with the preceding month

## 1.2 Interpretation

### 1.2.1 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires,

- i. references to any legislation or any provision thereof shall include amendment or re-enactment or consolidation of such legislation or any provision thereof so far as such amendment or re-enactment or consolidation applies or is capable of applying to any transaction entered into hereunder;
- ii. references to laws of the land or Indian law or regulation having the force of law shall include the laws, acts, ordinances, rules, regulations, bye laws or notifications which have the force of law in the territory of India and as from time to time may be amended, modified, supplemented, extended or re-enacted;
- iii. references to a “person” and words denoting a natural person shall be construed as a reference to any individual, firm, company, corporation, society, trust, government, state or agency of a state or any association or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality) of two or more of the above and shall include successors and assigns;
- iv. the table of contents, headings or sub-headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in, and shall not affect, the construction or interpretation of this Agreement;
- v. the words “include” and “including” are to be construed without limitation and shall be deemed to be followed by “without limitation” or “but not limited to” whether or not they are followed by such phrases;
- vi. references to “construction” or “building” include, unless the context otherwise requires, investigation, design, developing, engineering, procurement, delivery, transportation, installation, processing, fabrication, testing, commissioning and other activities incidental to the construction, and “construct” or “build” shall be construed accordingly;
- vii. references to “development” include, unless the context otherwise requires, construction, renovation, refurbishing, augmentation, up-gradation and other activities incidental thereto, and “develop” shall be construed accordingly;
- viii. any reference to any period of time shall mean a reference to that according to Indian Standard Time;
- ix. any reference to “hour” shall mean a period of 60 (sixty) minutes commencing either on the hour or on the half hour of the clock, which by way of illustration means 5.00 (five), 6.00 (six), 7.00 (seven) and so on being hours on the hour of the clock and 5.30 (five thirty), 6.30 (six thirty), 7.30 (seven thirty) and so on being hours on the half hour of the clock;
- x. any reference to day shall mean a reference to a calendar day;
- xi. references to a “business day” shall be construed as a reference to a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks in Visakhapatnam are generally open for business;
- xii. any reference to month shall mean a reference to a calendar month as per the Gregorian calendar;
- xiii. references to any date, period or Project Milestones shall mean and include such date, period or Project Milestones as may be extended pursuant to this Agreement;
- xiv. any reference to any period commencing “from” a specified day or date and “till” or “until” a specified day or date shall include both such days or dates;

provided that if the last day of any period computed under this Agreement is not a business day, then the period shall run until the end of the next business day;

- xv. the words importing singular shall include plural and vice versa;
- xvi. references to any gender shall include the other and the neutral gender;
- xvii. "lakh" means a hundred thousand (100,000) and "crore" means ten million (10,000,000);
- xviii. "indebtedness" shall be construed so as to include any obligation (whether incurred as principal or surety) for the payment or repayment of money, whether present or future, actual or contingent;
- xix. references to the "winding-up", "dissolution", "insolvency" or "reorganisation" of a company or corporation shall be construed so as to include any equivalent or analogous proceedings under the law of the jurisdiction in which such company or corporation is incorporated or any jurisdiction in which such company or corporation carries on business including the seeking of liquidation, winding-up, reorganisation, dissolution, arrangement, protection or relief of debtors;
- xx. save and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any reference, at any time, to any agreement, deed, instrument, licence or document of any description shall be construed as reference to that agreement, deed, instrument, licence or other document as amended, varied, supplemented, modified or suspended at the time of such reference; provided that this Sub-clause shall not operate so as to increase liabilities or obligations of GVSCCL hereunder or pursuant hereto in any manner whatsoever;
- xxi. any agreement, consent, approval, authorisation, notice, communication, information or report required under or pursuant to this Agreement from or by any Party or the Engineer In-charge shall be valid and effective only if it is in writing under the hand of a duly authorised representative of such Party or the Engineer In-charge, as the case may be, in this behalf and not otherwise;
- xxii. the Schedules and Recitals to this Agreement form an integral part of this Agreement and will be in full force and effect as though they were expressly set out in the body of this Agreement;
- xxiii. references to Recitals, Articles, Clauses, Sub-clauses or Schedules in this Agreement shall, except where the context otherwise requires, mean references to Recitals, Articles, Clauses, Sub-clauses and Schedules of or to this Agreement, and references to a Paragraph shall, subject to any contrary indication, be construed as a reference to a Paragraph of this Agreement or of the Schedule in which such reference appears;
- xxiv. the damages payable by either Party to the other of them, as set forth in this Agreement, whether on per diem basis or otherwise, are mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated loss and damage likely to be suffered and incurred by the Party entitled to receive the same and are not by way of penalty (the "Damages");
- xxv. time shall be of the essence in the performance of the Parties' respective obligations. If any time period specified herein is extended, such extended time shall also be of the essence; and
- xxvi. Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions used in this Agreement, but not defined herein, shall bear the same meaning as policies

and manuals as issued by GVSCCL from time to time or any statutory modification thereof in force at the date of this Agreement.

1.2.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement, any Documentation required to be provided or furnished by the Solar Power Developer to GVSCCL and/ or the Engineer In-charge shall be provided free of cost and in three copies, and if GVSCCL and/or the Engineer In-charge is required to return any such Documentation with their comments and/or approval, they shall be entitled to retain two copies thereof.

1.2.3 DELETED

1.2.4 Any word or expression used in this Power Purchase Agreement shall, unless otherwise defined or construed in this Power Purchase Agreement, bear its ordinary English meaning and, for these purposes, the General Clauses Act, 1897 shall not apply.

### 1.3 Measurements and arithmetic conventions

All measurements and calculations shall be in the metric system and calculations done to 2 (two) decimal places, with the third digit of 5 (five) or above being rounded up and below 5 (five) being rounded down.

### 1.4 Priority of agreements, clauses and schedules

1.4.1 This Agreement, and all other agreements and documents forming part of or referred to in this Agreement are to be taken as mutually explanatory and, unless otherwise expressly provided elsewhere in this Agreement, the priority of this Agreement and other documents and agreements forming part hereof or referred to herein shall, in the event of any conflict between them, be in the following order:

- i. this Agreement; and
- ii. all other agreements and documents forming part hereof or referred to herein;

i.e. the Agreement at (i) above shall prevail over the agreements and documents at (ii) above.

1.4.2 Subject to the provisions of Clause 1.4.1, in case of ambiguities or discrepancies within this Agreement, the following shall apply:

- a. between two or more Clauses of this Agreement, the provisions of a specific Clause
- b. relevant to the issue under consideration shall prevail over those in other Clauses;
- c. between the Clauses of this Agreement and the Schedules, the Clauses shall prevail and
- d. between Schedules and Annexes, the Schedules shall prevail;
- e. between any two Schedules, the Schedule relevant to the issue shall prevail;

- f. between the written description on the Drawings and the Specifications and Standards,
- g. the latter shall prevail;
- h. between the dimension scaled from the Drawing and its specific written dimension, the
- i. latter shall prevail; and
- j. between any value written in numerals and that in words, the latter shall prevail.

## ARTICLE 2

### 2 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The scope of the Project (the “Scope of the Project”) shall mean and include, during the Agreement (Contract) Period:

- a. Design, financing, procurement, construction and commissioning of the Canal Top solar generation project development as per the scope defined in Schedule A at sites specified in Schedule B, in conformity with the Technical Specifications and Standards set forth in Schedule C and Interconnection requirements set forth in Schedule D;
- b. operation and maintenance of the solar Canal Top project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and
- c. Performance and fulfilment of all other obligations of the Solar Project Developer (SPD) in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and matters incidental thereto or necessary for the performance of any or all of the obligations of the SPD under this Agreement.

For the purpose of clarity:

The scope of work for the bidder include survey of the project site mentioned in the RFP to ascertain at their own the space available for solar installations, canal features, canal banks as well as existing plantation along with banks of the canal and space availability for installation of canal top Solar Power Project and its associated works, Obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Distribution Company (DISCOM) for grid connectivity, complete design, engineering, manufacture, supply, storage, civil work, erection, testing & commissioning of the grid connected Canal Top solar PV project including operation and maintenance (O&M) of the project for a period of 25 years after commissioning.

The Solar power project is to be installed on the canal top as per the proposed site location. GVSCCL will allow canal top/ land to Solar Power producers for development of Solar Power Projects on Build, Operate and Own basis for 25 years on right to use basis. Ownership of such canal top/land will remain with GVSCCL. In case any extra land along the canal banks is required for installation of equipment's or any other associated works related to Solar Power Plant, the same will be provided by GVSCCL to the developer free of cost on right to use basis for 25 years. MOU for the same will be signed between the successful bidder and GVSCCL.

## ARTICLE 3

### 3 POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA)

#### 3.1 The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

- 3.1.1 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Applicable Laws and the Applicable Permits, GVSCCL hereby agrees to enter into this Power Purchase Agreement with the SPD. The agreement set forth herein the exclusive contractual rights, and authority to construct, operate and maintain the Solar Canal Top Project, (the "Power Purchase Agreement") for a period of 25 (twenty-five) years commencing from the date of COD. The SPD hereby accepts the Agreement and agrees to implement the Project subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, the date on which the PPA is executed is said to be "Effective Date".
- 3.1.2 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the GVSCCL hereby grants, obliges and entitles (as the case may be) the SPD to:
- a. Right of Way, access and permission to construct and operate the solar Canal Top project at the identified Site for the purpose of and to the extent conferred by the provisions of this Agreement;
  - b. finance and construct the Project;
  - c. operate, manage and maintain the project;
  - d. demand an appropriate Tariff from GVSCCL for supplying electricity as per this Agreement or any part thereof;
  - e. perform and fulfil all of the SPD's obligations under and in accordance with this Agreement;
  - f. bear and pay all costs, expenses and charges in connection with or incidental to the performance of the obligations of the SPD under this Agreement; and
  - g. neither assign, transfer or sublet or create any lien or Encumbrance on this Agreement, or on the whole or any part of the Project nor transfer, lease or part possession thereof, save and except as expressly permitted by this Agreement or the Substitution Agreement.

## ARTICLE 4

### 4 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

#### 4.1 Conditions Precedent

4.1.1 Save and except as expressly provided in Articles 4, 9, 10 and 21, or unless the context otherwise requires, the respective rights and obligations of the Parties under this Agreement shall be subject to the satisfaction in full of the conditions precedent specified in this Clause 4.1 (the “Conditions Precedent”).

4.1.2 The SPD may, upon providing the Performance Guarantee to GVSCCL in accordance with Article 9, at any time after [30 (thirty)] days from the date of this Agreement or on an earlier day acceptable to GVSCCL, by notice require GVSCCL to satisfy any or all of the Conditions Precedent set forth in this Clause (Clause 4.1.2) within a period of [90 (ninety)] days of the notice, or such longer period not exceeding [120 (one hundred and twenty)] days as may be specified therein, and the Conditions Precedent required to be satisfied by GVSCCL shall be deemed to have been fulfilled when GVSCCL shall have:

- a. given to the SPD the Right of Way to the Site in accordance with the provisions of Clause 10.3.1; and
- b. given approval for the general arrangement Drawings submitted by the SPD along with the notice, to enable the SPD to install the Canal Top solar project in accordance with the Specifications and Standards and subject to the terms and conditions specified in such approval;

4.1.3 The Conditions Precedent required to be satisfied by the SPD prior to the Appointed Date shall be deemed to have been fulfilled when the SPD shall have:

- a. provided Performance Security to GVSCCL;
- b. executed and procured execution of the Escrow Agreement;
- c. executed and procured execution of the Substitution Agreement;
- d. provided a notice to GVSCCL on meeting their conditions precedent along with a set of drawings and project completion schedule to be approved by GVSCCL
- e. procured all the Approvals required for the successful completion of the Project including Approvals specified in Schedule F and also from other agencies unconditionally or if subject to conditions, then all such conditions required to be fulfilled by the date specified therein shall have been satisfied in full and such Approvals are in full force and effect;
- f. executed the Financing Agreements and delivered to GVSCCL 3 (three) true copies thereof, duly attested by a Director of the SPD;
- g. delivered to GVSCCL 3 (three) true copies of the Financial Package and the Financial Model, duly attested by a Director of the SPD, along with 3 (three) soft copies of the Financial Model in MS Excel version or any substitute thereof, which is acceptable to the Senior Lenders;

- h. delivered to SPD from {the Consortium Members, their respective} confirmation, in original, of the correctness of their representations and warranties set forth in relevant Sub-clauses of Clause 7.1 of this Agreement; and
- i. delivered to GVSCCL a legal opinion from the legal counsel of the SPD with respect to the authority of the SPD to enter into this Agreement and the enforceability of the provisions thereof:

Provided that upon request in writing by the SPD, GVSCCL may, in its discretion, waive any of the Conditions Precedent set forth in this Clause 4.1.3. For the avoidance of doubt, GVSCCL may, in its sole discretion, grant any waiver hereunder with such conditions as it may deem fit.

4.1.4 Each Party shall make all reasonable endeavours to satisfy the Conditions Precedent within the time stipulated and shall provide the other Party with such reasonable cooperation as may be required to assist that Party in satisfying the Conditions Precedent for which that Party is responsible.

4.1.5 The Parties shall notify each other in writing at least once a month on the progress made in satisfying the Conditions Precedent. Each Party shall promptly inform the other Party when any Condition Precedent for which it is responsible has been satisfied.

## 4.2 DELETED

## 4.3 Damages for delay by the SPD

In the event that (i) the SPD does not procure fulfilment of any or all of the Conditions Precedent set forth in Clause 4.1.3 within a period of 120 (one hundred and twenty) days from the date of this Agreement, and (ii) the delay has not occurred as a result of failure to fulfil the obligations under Clause 4.1.2 or other breach of this Agreement by GVSCCL or due to Force Majeure, the SPD shall pay to GVSCCL , Damages in an amount calculated at the rate of 0.2% (zero point two per cent) of the Performance Security for each day's delay until the fulfilment of such Conditions Precedent, subject to a maximum of 100% (hundred per cent) of the Performance Security.

‡ If completion of construction on any part of the Site is considered critical for issue of Completion Certificate, such part shall be specified in this Sub-clause so that it does not form part of the Appendix referred to in Clause 10.3.1, on or after the Appointed Date.

## ARTICLE 5

### 5 OBLIGATIONS OF THE SOLAR POWER DEVELOPER (SPD)

#### 5.1 Obligations of the SPD

- 5.1.1 Subject to and on the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the SPD shall, at its own cost and expense, procure finance for and undertake the design, engineering, procurement, construction operation and maintenance of the Canal Top solar project and observe, fulfil, comply with and perform all its obligations set out in this Agreement or arising hereunder.
- 5.1.2 The SPD shall comply with all Applicable Laws and obtain Approvals (including renewals as required) in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 5.1.3 Subject to the provisions of Clauses 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, the SPD shall discharge its obligations in accordance with Good Industry Practice and as a reasonable and prudent person.
- 5.1.4 The SPD shall, at its own cost and expense, in addition to and not in derogation of its obligations elsewhere set out in this Agreement:
- a) make, or cause to be made, necessary applications to the relevant Government Instrumentalities with such particulars and details as may be required for obtaining Approvals (other than those set forth in Clause 5.1.2), and obtain and keep in force and effect such Approvals in conformity with the Applicable Laws, the Distribution Code, the terms and conditions of this Agreement and Prudent Utility Practices
  - b) procure, as required, the appropriate proprietary rights, licenses, agreements and permissions for materials, methods, processes and systems used or incorporated into the Canal Top solar project;
  - c) perform and fulfil its obligations under the Financing Agreements;
  - d) make reasonable efforts to maintain harmony and good industrial relations among the personnel employed by it or its Contractors in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
  - e) ensure and procure that its Contractors comply with all Approvals and Applicable Laws in the performance by them of any of the SPD's obligations under this Agreement;
  - f) not do or omit to do any act, deed or thing which may in any manner be violative of any of the provisions of this Agreement;
  - g) make its own arrangement for and take reasonable measures and shall be solely responsible for security of the Project Installations, including commercially reasonable monitoring of the Site's alarms, if any
  - h) comply with the directions of the GVSCCL/DISCOM in case of emergency to shut down the plant. GVSCCL/DISCOM will only issues directions to the same in case of the occurrence of a state of Emergency (a state of emergency may be defined as a situation where the safe working of the internal grid/ grid sanctity of the distribution grid is or is likely to be compromised due to conditions beyond the control of the GVSCCL). In such

a condition, the GVSCCL/DISCOM reserves the right, in order to ensure safe operation of the Grid in accordance with the applicable Distribution Code, Applicable Law and directions/regulations, to shut down the line and not accept any Electricity from such part of the Project that is affected by the Emergency. GVSCCL/DISCOM will exercise such right either through a written notice to the SPD or in case the written notice cannot be made at the time, through a verbal notice from the competent authority with the GVSCCL/DISCOM responsible for network management (and back it up with a written notice later), providing as much lead time as would be practicable upon GVSCCL/DISCOM exercising such right, the SPD will suitably back down its generation from the Project. VSCCL will, however, make reasonable endeavours to remedy such Emergency, and bring back normalcy at the earliest, GVSCCL will have no liability to the SPD in such circumstances.

- i) procure that all facilities and amenities within the Solar Canal Top power system are operated and maintained in accordance with Good Industry Practice
- j) support, cooperate with and facilitate GVSCCL in the implementation and operation of the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and
- k) undertake regular operation and maintenance of the Project and the Interconnection Facilities as per the specifications and requirements laid down by the Central Electricity Authority and respective State ERCs and captured in Schedule C and Schedule D respectively, as notified to the SPD, in accordance with Prudent Utility Practices.
- l) facilitate the execution of the Net Metering agreement of GVSCCL with the utility.
- m) payment of (if) any taxes, cess, duties or levies on the Electricity generated by the Project. All taxes, cess, duties or levies on the generation and sale of Contracted Electricity shall be paid by the Solar Power Developer and passed through to GVSCCL as a part of its normal invoicing process to GVSCCL as per Article 23;
- n) to commence supply of the entire Contracted Electricity to GVSCCL no later than the Scheduled COD, provided that the SPD shall not be in default of this undertaking if it fails to achieve Commissioning of the Installed Capacity on or before the Scheduled COD to the extent the Solar Power Developer has paid to GVSCCL liquidated damages pursuant to the sections listed in this agreement;
- o) not to assign any of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of GVSCCL;
- p) transfer the Canal Top solar project to GVSCCL upon Termination of this Agreement, in accordance with the provisions thereof.
- q) incur all costs and expenses associate with the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the Project.

## 5.2 Obligations relating to Project Agreements

- 5.2.1 It is expressly agreed that the SPD shall, at all times, be responsible and liable for all its obligations under this Agreement notwithstanding anything contained in the agreements related to this Project (the “Project Agreements”) or any other agreement, and no default under any Project Agreement or any other agreement shall excuse the SPD from its obligations or liability hereunder.
- 5.2.2 The SPD shall submit to GVSCCL the drafts of all Project Agreements including the Financing Agreements or any amendments or replacements thereto, for its review and comments, and GVSCCL shall have the right but not the obligation to undertake such review and provide its comments, if any, to the SPD within 30 (thirty) days of the receipt of such drafts. Within 7 (seven) days of execution of any Project Agreement or amendment thereto, the SPD shall submit to GVSCCL a true copy thereof, duly attested by a Director of the SPD, for its record. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the review and comments hereunder shall be limited to ensuring compliance with the terms of this Agreement. It is further agreed that any failure or omission of GVSCCL to review and/ or comment hereunder shall not be construed or deemed as acceptance of any such agreement or document by GVSCCL. No review and / or observation of GVSCCL and / or its failure to review and / or convey its observations on any document shall not relieve the SPD of its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement in any manner nor shall GVSCCL be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever.
- 5.2.3 The SPD shall not make any addition, replacement or amendments to any of the Financing Agreements without the prior written consent of GVSCCL if such addition, replacement or amendment has, or may have, the effect of imposing or increasing any financial liability or obligation on GVSCCL, and in the event that any replacement or amendment is made without such consent, the SPD shall not enforce such replacement or amendment nor permit enforcement thereof against GVSCCL. For the avoidance of doubt, GVSCCL acknowledges and agrees that it shall not unreasonably withhold its consent for restructuring or rescheduling of the debt of the SPD.
- 5.2.4 The SPD shall ensure that each of the Project Agreements contains provisions that entitle GVSCCL to step into such agreement, in its sole discretion, in substitution of the SPD in the event of Termination or Suspension. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that in the event GVSCCL does not exercise such rights of substitution within a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the Transfer Date and any extension thereof, the Project Agreements shall be deemed to cease to be in force and effect on the Transfer Date without any liability whatsoever on GVSCCL.

## 5.3 Obligations during Construction, Commissioning and Operation

- 5.3.1 The SPD will be responsible for the design, implementation, operation and maintenance of the project. The Solar Power Developer will Design, Engineer, Procure, Undertake Civil and Electrical work including Erection, Testing & Commissioning of the solar PV project and subsequently carry out the Operation and Comprehensive Maintenance (O&M) of the project for a period of 25 years in accordance with the provisions of the Request for Proposal [(RFP No. ....dated:..... of GVSCCL)]

- 5.3.2 The SPD will, within 60 (sixty) days of the Effective Date, submit to GVSCCL, detailed drawings of the systems to be developed under the Project for approval to GVSCCL. If GVSCCL has any objection/ recommendation in the Drawings, GVSCCL will communicate the same to SPD within a period of fifteen (15) working days of the date of submission of the Shop Drawings. Any delay will extend the Effective date and such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 5.3.3 The SPD will also provide to the GVSCCL a bill of materials listing the major equipment constituting the System. Such bill of materials will be provided within 100 (One Hundred) days of the Effective date.
- 5.3.4 The SPD shall procure the solar plant in line with the MNRE requirements on domestic content
- 5.3.5 The SPD will be required to submit a monthly progress report to GVSCCL beginning with signing of Agreement till the COD in such form and on such dates as is agreed by the Solar Power Developer with GVSCCL.
- 5.3.6 The SPD will notify GVSCCL at least 15 (fifteen) days before the likely date of Commissioning of any Unit and at least 15 (fifteen) days before the likely date for carrying out the Commissioning Tests. GVSCCL will have the option of nominating one representative each to participate in the process of confirming the Commissioning Tests of the Unit / Project
- 5.3.7 The SPD will bear all costs pertaining to the installation and Commissioning of the systems and these costs will not be recoverable in any form from GVSCCL.
- 5.3.8 Subject to Article 6, the SPD will be responsible for achieving the Commercial Operation of the Project latest by the Scheduled COD.
- 5.3.9 The SPD can undertake phased Commissioning. The SPD shall commission the Project in not more than three phases ("Phased Commissioning"), Provided that the entire Project will be commissioned no later than the Scheduled COD. In case of Phased Commissioning the SPD shall Commission 25% (twenty-five percent) of the capacity within 180 (one hundred and eighty) days of Effective Date, another 25% (twenty-five percent) within next 90 (ninety) days and the remaining within the scheduled COD.

And

The Solar Power Developer will, no later than 120 (one hundred and twenty) days from the Effective Date, furnish to GVSCCL, by way of a written notice, a proposed interconnection plan, together with details of the Relevant Premises pertaining to each phase, and estimated time lines for the Commissioning of the phases.

- 5.3.10 Testing Procedures: The SPD and GVSCCL or its representative(s) will develop suitable commissioning procedures 60 (sixty) working days before the Scheduled Commercial Operation Date (first batch of commissioning). Such procedures shall take into consideration relevant standards and benchmarks needed to be met by the systems as have been highlighted in the schedules and standards.
- 5.3.11 System Acceptance Testing: If the results of the testing as laid down by the Testing Procedures indicates that the System meets all the requirements set and is capable of generating electrical energy (5 MW) for 5 continuous hours using such instruments and meters as have been installed for such purposes, then the SPD will send a written notice to GVSCCL to that effect, and the date of successful conducting such tests and injection of Power at Delivery Point will be the "Commercial Operation Date." Or "COD". The Engineer In-charge will monitor the STPT- Short Term Performance Test which will be following the Testing Procedure.
- 5.3.12 The SPD shall supply electricity to the GVSCCL which may be in variation of +/- 3% of the Contracted capacity.
- 5.3.13 If the SPD is unable to undertake Commissioning Tests for any Unit on expiry of 30 days from the date mentioned in the notice provided by the SPD to GVSCCL for any reason attributable to GVSCCL (including due to non-availability of Grid for Interconnection, or lack of capacity of the Grid to support Electricity for conducting the Commissioning Tests, or absence of GVSCCL representative for Commissioning Tests), the relevant Unit will be deemed to have been Commissioned ("Deemed Commissioning") on the date mentioned in the notice for the purpose of Deemed Generation.
- 5.3.14 The SPD will undertake Commissioning Tests on Units that have been Deemed Commissioned within such time as is considered reasonable by GVSCCL or its representative(s) and in accordance with Prudent Utility Practices, once the cause attributable to GVSCCL that resulted in the relevant Unit being Deemed Commissioned has ceased. If the relevant Unit fails the Commissioning Tests, the SPD shall pay Damages to GVSCCL at the rate of 0.2% (zero point two per cent) of the Performance Security per day. The SPD shall remedy the Defects due to which the Unit failed the Commissioning Tests within a cure period of 30 (thirty) days and shall re-notify GVSCCL of Commissioning Tests for the relevant Unit in accordance with Clause 5.3.6. If the Unit successfully passes the Commissioning Tests, the Unit will be considered Commissioned for the purposes of this Agreement from the date it was Deemed Commissioned.
- 5.3.15 The SPD will provide to GVSCCL, information regarding Electricity generated during testing, commissioning, synchronization, testing and start-up and facilitate them in getting the Net Metering agreements executed.
- 5.3.16 The SPD will comply with the provisions of Applicable Law including regarding operation and maintenance of the Project and all matters incidental thereto.
- 5.3.17 The SPD will submit regular forecasts for availability of the Project and expected generation from the Project to GVSCCL as per applicable regulations.
- 5.3.18 The SPD will provide and lay down the dedicated electrical cables for transmission of Solar Power from the Project up to the Delivery Point. The Delivery Point will be where the Main Metering System is located.
- GVSCCL will be entitled to liquidated damages for delay in achieving the COD by Scheduled Commercial Operation Date if the SPD fails to Commission the Project on or before the Scheduled Commercial Operation Date. These damages will be met through the Performance Guarantee equivalent to the amounts due to it as above.

5.3.19 The SPD will have no liability to pay to the foregoing liquidated damages if the delay in achieving COD is solely due to:

- the occurrence of a Force Majeure event; or
- Event of Default by GVSCCL

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein and notwithstanding the payment of liquidated damages, in the event the SPD fails to achieve Commissioning of a Unit or the Project on or before 90 (ninety) days from the Scheduled Commercial Operation Date, for any reason whatsoever, other than for Force Majeure or Event of Default by GVSCCL under the Project Implementation Agreement, then either Party will be entitled, by written notice to the other Party of not less than 30 (thirty) days, to terminate this Agreement without any consequences other than that specified under this Agreement.

#### 5.4 Obligations relating to Change in Ownership

5.4.1 The SPD shall not undertake or permit any Change in Ownership, except with the prior written approval of GVSCCL.

5.4.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the SPD agrees and acknowledges that:

- I. all acquisitions of Equity by an acquirer, either by himself or with any person acting in concert, directly or indirectly, including by transfer of the direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or control of any Equity, in aggregate of not less than 25% (twenty-five per cent) of the total Equity of the SPD; or
- II. acquisition of any control directly or indirectly of the Board of Directors of the SPD by any person either by himself or together with any person or persons acting in concert with him, shall constitute a Change in Ownership requiring prior approval of GVSCCL from national security and public interest perspective, the decision of GVSCCL in this behalf being final, conclusive and binding on the SPD, and undertakes that it shall not give effect to any such acquisition of Equity or control of the Board of Directors of the SPD without such prior approval of GVSCCL. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that approval of GVSCCL hereunder shall be limited to national security and public interest perspective, and GVSCCL shall endeavour to convey its decision thereon expeditiously. It is also agreed that GVSCCL shall not be liable in any manner on account of grant or otherwise of such approval and that such approval or denial thereof shall not in any manner absolve the SPD from any liability or obligation under this Agreement.

For the purposes of this Clause 5.4.2:

- a) the expression “acquirer”, “control” and “person acting in concert” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeover) Regulations, 2011 or any statutory re-enactment thereof as in force as on the date of acquisition of Equity, or the control of the Board of Directors, as the case may be, of the SPD;
- b) the indirect transfer or control of legal or beneficial ownership of Equity shall mean transfer of the direct or indirect beneficial ownership or control of any company or companies whether in India or abroad which results in the acquirer acquiring control over the shares or voting rights of shares of the SPD; and
- c) power to appoint, whether by contract or by virtue of control or acquisition of shares of any company holding directly or through one or more companies (whether situate in India or abroad) the Equity of the SPD, not less than half of the directors on the Board

of Directors of the SPD or of any company, directly or indirectly whether situate in India or abroad, having ultimate control of not less than 25% (twenty five per cent) of the Equity of the SPD shall constitute acquisition of control, directly or indirectly, of the Board of Directors of the SPD.

#### 5.5 Obligations relating to employment of foreign nationals

The SPD acknowledges, agrees and undertakes that employment of foreign personnel by the SPD and/or its contractors and their sub-contractors shall be subject to grant of requisite regulatory permits and statutory approvals including employment/residential visas and work permits, if any required, and the obligation to apply for and obtain the same shall and will always be of the SPD and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, refusal of or inability to obtain any such permits and statutory approvals by the SPD or any of its Contractors or sub-contractors shall not constitute Force Majeure Event, and shall not in any manner excuse the SPD from the performance and discharge of its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement.

#### 5.6 Obligations relating to employment of trained personnel

The SPD shall ensure that the personnel engaged by it in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement are at all times properly trained for their respective functions in accordance with the Applicable Laws and also the applicable norms as may be notified by GVSCCL from time to time.

#### 5.7 Obligations relating to medical aid

For providing emergency medical aid, the SPD shall, set up and operate medical aid posts, as per the directions of Engineer In-charge, equipped to render first aid and to assist in accessing emergency medical aid from hospitals in the vicinity.

#### 5.8 Obligations relating to aesthetic quality of the Canal Top solar project

The SPD shall maintain a high standard in the appearance and aesthetic quality of the Canal Top solar project and achieve integration of the Solar Canal Top Power System with the character of the surrounding landscape through both appropriate design and sensitive management of all visible elements. The SPD shall engage professional architects and town planners of repute for ensuring that the design of the Canal Top solar project meets the aforesaid aesthetic standards.

#### 5.9 Obligations relating to noise control

The SPD shall take all such measures as may be necessary in accordance with Applicable Laws and Good Industry Practice to control and mitigate the noise arising from the Canal Top solar project and its impact on Users and the neighbourhood.

#### 5.10 Branding of Canal Top solar project

The Canal Top solar project or any part thereof shall not be branded in any manner to advertise, display or reflect the name or identity of the SPD or its shareholders.

## ARTICLE 6

### 6 OBLIGATIONS OF GVSCCL

#### 6.1 Obligations of GVSCCL

6.1.1 GVSCCL shall, at its own cost and expense, undertake, comply with and perform all its obligations set out in this Agreement or arising hereunder.

6.1.2 GVSCCL agrees to provide support to the SPD and undertakes to observe, comply with and perform, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Applicable Laws, the following:

- a) For harnessing solar power by GVSCCL for their own use, by installing solar power units, through developer mode, grant permission to the selected developer for use of Canal Top of GVSCCL without any charge, whatsoever it maybe, with utilization of complete energy by GVSCCL through long term Power Purchase Agreement (for the unit cost of solar power) for a period of 25 years. The developer to be selected through open bidding process.
- b) Purchase one hundred percent (100%) of the Solar Power generated by the System and made available by the Solar Company of the Installed Capacity at the Delivery Point during each relevant month of the Term
- c) upon written request from the SPD, and subject to the SPD complying with Applicable Laws, provide reasonable support and assistance to the SPD in procuring Approvals required from any Government Instrumentality for implementation and operation of the Project;
- d) allow the SPD to operate the Project as a must-run generating facility, subject to Law and the provisions of this Agreement;
- e) ensure that it shall accept all the Delivered Energy up to the Contracted capacity at all times from the Project;
- f) Deleted
- g) pay the SPD for Deemed Generation (wherever applicable)
- h) Enter into agreement with concerned Distribution licensee.
- i) make regular monthly payments to the SPD for the solar power generated and sold to GVSCCL at the tariff decided under this agreement;
- j) not initiate or conduct activities that it knows or reasonably should know may damage, impair or otherwise adversely affect the Project exposure or its function (including activities that may adversely affect the exposure of the Project to sunlight), without the SPD's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- k) provide (upon written request from the SPD,) reasonable assistance to the SPD in obtaining access to all necessary infrastructure facilities and utilities.
- l) Ensure that no barriers are erected or placed on or about the Project by any Government Agency/ Instrumentality or any persons claiming through or under it, except for reasons of Safety Requirements, Emergency, national security, or law and order;
- m) assist the SPD in procuring police assistance for removal of trespassers and security on or at the Project;

- n) not do or omit to do any act, deed or thing which may in any manner violates any of the provisions under this Agreement;
- o) support, cooperate with and facilitate the Project in the implementation and operation of the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;
- p) upon written request from the SPD and subject to the provisions of Clause 5.5, provide reasonable assistance to the SPD and any expatriate personnel of the SPD or its Contractors to obtain applicable visas and work permits for the purposes of discharge by the SPD or its Contractors their obligations under this Agreement; and
- q) GVSCCL will notify in written within 07 working days after the receipt of the notice for Phased Commissioning referred in clause 14.5.4.

## 6.2 Obligations relating to Inter-Connection

6.2.1 In consideration of this Agreement and the applicable charges, the covenants and warranties on the part of the SPD herein contained, GVSCCL, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, hereby grants to the SPD, commencing from [60 (sixty days)] days prior to Commercial Operation, leave and rights in respect of the land/ Canal Top owned by GVSCCL for the purpose of connecting the Canal Top solar project to nearest existing evacuation point and for no other purpose whatsoever.

6.2.2 DELETED

6.2.3 The access and Right of Way/ permission to use Canal Top granted by this Agreement to the SPD shall always be subject to existing rights of way. GVSCCL will carry out or cause to be carried out under its supervision, necessary alterations / additions for the take-off of the Canal Top solar project at Visakhapatnam at the cost of the SPD.

6.2.4 It is expressly agreed that the access and Right of Way granted hereunder shall terminate automatically and forthwith, without the need for any action to be taken by GVSCCL to terminate the permission to use the Canal Top, upon Termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever.

6.2.5 The GVSCCL shall enter into necessary agreement with the concerned department.

## ARTICLE 7

### 7 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

#### 7.1 Representations and warranties of the SPD

The Solar Power Developer represents and warrants to the GVSCCL that:

- a) it is duly organised and validly existing under the laws of India, and has full power and authority to execute and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby;
- b) it has taken all necessary corporate and other actions under Applicable Laws to authorize the execution and delivery of this Agreement and to validly exercise its rights and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- c) it has the financial standing and capacity to undertake the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; this Agreement constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with the terms hereof, and its obligations under this Agreement will be legally valid, binding and enforceable obligations against it in accordance with the terms hereof; However, that the enforcement of the rights and remedies herein is subject to the Applicable Laws and Change in Laws
- d) it is subject to the laws of India, and hereby expressly and irrevocably waives any immunity in any jurisdiction in respect of this Agreement or matters arising there under including any obligation, liability or responsibility hereunder;
- e) the information furnished in the Bid and as updated on or before the date of this Agreement is true and accurate in all respects as on the date of this Agreement;
- f) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement will not conflict with, result in the breach of, constitute a default under, or accelerate performance required by any of the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association {or those of any member of the Consortium or any Applicable Laws or any covenant, contract, agreement, arrangement, understanding, decree or order to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets is bound or affected};
- g) it has no such knowledge of any governmental approval/s (other than any governmental approvals which have been previously obtained or disclosed in writing to the other Party) which are required in connection with the due authorization, execution and delivery of this Agreement by it or the performance by it of its obligations hereunder which such it has reason to believe that it will be unable to obtain in due course;
- h) there are no actions, suits, proceedings, or investigations pending or, to its 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 result in the breach of this Agreement or which individually or in the aggregate may result in any material impairment of its ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement;
- i) it has no knowledge of any violation or default with respect to any order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or any legally binding order of any Government Instrumentality which may result in any material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement and no

fact or circumstance exists which may give rise to such proceedings that would adversely affect the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;

- j) it has complied with Applicable Laws in all material respects and has not been subject to any fines, penalties, injunctive relief or any other civil or criminal liabilities which in the aggregate have or may have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- k) it shall at no time undertake or permit any Change in Ownership except in accordance with the provisions of Clause 5.4; and that the {selected bidder/ Consortium Members}, together with {its/their} Associates, hold not less than 51% (fifty one per cent) of its issued and paid up Equity as on the date of this Agreement; and that no Member of the Consortium whose technical and financial capacity was evaluated for the purposes of pre-qualification and short-listing in response to the Request for Qualification shall hold less than 26% (twenty-six per cent) of such Equity during the Development Period;
- l) the selected bidder/ Consortium Members and its/their Associates have the financial standing and resources to fund the required Equity and to raise the debt necessary for undertaking and implementing the Project in accordance with this Agreement;
- m) the selected bidder/ each Consortium Member is duly organised and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, and is entering into this Agreement with the GVSCCL pursuant to the Letter of Award, and has agreed to and unconditionally accepted the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;
- n) all its rights and interests in the Project shall pass to and vest in GVSCCL on the Transfer Date free and clear of all liens, claims and Encumbrances, without any further act or deed on its part or that of GVSCCL,
- o) no representation or warranty by it contained herein or in any other document furnished by it to GVSCCL or to any Government Instrumentality in relation to Approvals, contained or will contain any untrue or misleading statement of material fact or omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary to make such representation or warranty not misleading;
- p) no sums, in cash or kind, have been paid or will be paid, by it or on its behalf, to any person by way of fees, commission or otherwise for securing the SPD or entering into this Agreement or for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of GVSCCL in connection therewith; and
- q) all information provided by the {selected bidder/ Consortium Members} in response to the Request for Qualification and Request for Proposal or otherwise, is to the best of its knowledge and belief, true and accurate in all material respects.

## 7.2 Representations and warranties of GVSCCL

GVSCCL represent and warrants to the Solar Power Developer that:

- a. it has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated herein and that it has taken all actions necessary to execute this Agreement, exercise its rights and perform its obligations, under this Agreement;

- b.it has taken all necessary actions under the Applicable Laws to authorise the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement;
- c.it has the financial standing and capacity to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- d.this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation enforceable against it in accordance with the terms hereof;
- e.it has no 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 Government Instrumentality which may result in any material adverse effect on GVSCCL's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- f. it has complied with Applicable Laws in all material respects; and
- g.it has good and valid right to the Site, and has power and authority to grant access as well as use of the site for solar Canal Top development and generation till the terms of the agreement are enforceable.

### 7.3 Disclosure

In the event that any occurrence or circumstance comes to the attention of either Party that renders any of its aforesaid representations or warranties untrue or incorrect, such Party shall immediately notify the other Party of the same. Such notification shall not have the effect of remedying any breach of the representation or warranty that has been found to be untrue or incorrect nor shall it adversely affect or waive any right, remedy or obligation of either Party under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 8

### 8 DISCLAIMER

#### 8.1 Disclaimer

- 8.1.1 The SPD acknowledges that prior to the execution of this Agreement, the SPD has, after a complete and careful examination, made an independent evaluation of the Request for Proposal, Power Purchase Agreement, Scope of the Project, Specifications and Standards, Site, existing structures, local conditions, and all information provided by GVSCCL or obtained, procured or gathered otherwise, and has determined to its satisfaction the accuracy or otherwise thereof and the nature and extent of difficulties, risks and hazards as are likely to arise or may be faced by it in the course of performance of its obligations hereunder. GVSCCL makes no representation whatsoever, express, implicit or otherwise, regarding the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, reliability and/or completeness of any assessment, assumption, statement or information provided by it and the SPD confirms that it shall have no claim whatsoever against GVSCCL in this regard.
- 8.1.2 The SPD acknowledges and hereby accepts the risk of inadequacy, mistake or error in or relating to any of the matters set forth in Clause 8.1.1 above and hereby acknowledges and agrees that GVSCCL shall not be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever to the SPD, the Consortium Members and their Associates or any person claiming through or under any of them.
- 8.1.3 The Parties agree that any mistake or error in or relating to any of the matters set forth in Clause 8.1.1 above shall not vitiate this Agreement, or render it voidable.
- 8.1.4 In the event that either Party becomes aware of any mistake or error relating to any of the matters set forth in Clause 8.1.1 above, that Party shall immediately notify the other Party, specifying the mistake or error; provided however, that a failure on part of GVSCCL to give any notice pursuant to this Clause 8.1.4 shall not prejudice the disclaimer of GVSCCL contained in Clause 8.1.1 and shall not in any manner shift to GVSCCL any risks assumed by the SPD pursuant to this Agreement.
- 8.1.5 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all risks relating to the Project shall be borne by the SPD and GVSCCL shall not be liable in any manner for such risks or the consequences thereof.

## 8.1.6 ARTICLE 9

# 9 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE/SECURITY & GENERATION PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

## 9.1 Performance Guarantee/Security

9.1.1 The SPD shall, for the performance of its obligations hereunder during the development, construction and commissioning period, provide to GVSCCL no later than 30 (thirty) days from the Effective Date, an irrevocable and unconditional guarantee from a Bank for a sum of Rs. 3.5 Crores (Rs Three Crore Fifty Lakh) which has already been decided in the form set forth in Schedule-G (the "Performance Security"). Until such time the Performance Security is provided by the SPD pursuant hereto and the same comes into effect, the Bid Security shall remain in force and effect, and upon such provision of the Performance Security pursuant hereto, GVSCCL shall release the Bid Security to the SPD.

9.1.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event Performance Guarantee/Security is not provided by the SPD within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the Effective Date, GVSCCL may encash the Bid Security and appropriate the proceeds thereof as damages, and thereupon all rights, privileges, claims and entitlements of the Solar Canal Top Power Developer SPD under or arising out of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by, and to have ceased with the concurrence of the SPD, and this Agreement shall be deemed to have been terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties.

## 9.2 Appropriation of Performance Guarantee/Security

Upon occurrence of a SPD Default or failure to meet any Conditions Precedent, GVSCCL shall, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies hereunder or in law, be entitled to encash and appropriate the relevant amounts from the Performance Security as Damages for such SPD Default or failure to meet any Condition Precedent. Upon such encashment and appropriation from the Performance Security, the SPD shall, within 30 (thirty) days thereof, replenish, in case of partial appropriation, to its original level the Performance Security, and in case of appropriation of the entire Performance Security provide a fresh Performance Security, as the case may be, and the SPD shall, within the time so granted, replenish or furnish fresh Performance Security as aforesaid failing which GVSCCL shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 28. Upon replenishment or furnishing of a fresh Performance Security, as the case may be, as aforesaid, the SPD shall be entitled to an additional Cure Period of 90 (ninety) days for remedying the SPD Default or to meet any Condition Precedent, and in the event of the SPD not curing its default or meeting such Condition Precedent within such Cure Period, GVSCCL shall be entitled to encash and appropriate such Performance Security as Damages, and to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 28.

## 9.3 Release of Performance Security

The Performance Security shall remain in force and effect for an initial period of 1 (one) year from the Effective Date and the validity thereof shall be renewed at least 30 (thirty) days prior to its expiry till 3 (three) months from COD. GVSCCL shall release the Performance Security forthwith upon expiry of the aforesaid 3 (three) months from the COD; provided however, that

1.The SPD furnish the Performance Security of Rs 1.75 Crores (Rs One Crore and seventy-five lakhs). This arrangement shall be in force throughout the 25 (Twenty-five) year period and 180 (one hundred and eighty) days beyond.

2.The SPD is not in breach of this Agreement.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that no payments due to the SPD under this Agreement shall be withheld by the GVSCCL on account of the Performance Security created hereunder, save and except the Damages or other amounts which are to be appropriated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement

#### 9.4 Performance Generation Guarantee

The Minimum CUF which the solar power provider will have to provide during first year of operations will not be the lower than 18%. The maximum Deration in generation allowed over the first ten years of operation is 10% (annual deration to be carried out on a written down method basis) and over the life of the project is 20%.

Post COD and upon satisfactory commissioning and normal operation of the solar Canal Top project for 3 months, GVSCCL shall return the Performance Guarantee in accordance to Clause 9.3.

The Performance Guarantee will come into effect if for any contract year, it is found that the SPD has not been able to generate minimum energy as outlined in the Minimum CUF, on account of reasons solely attributed to the SPD, such shortfall in performance shall make SPD liable to pay a compensation equivalent to shortfall in generation vis a vis Minimum CUF multiplied by twice the Tariff agreed in this agreement.

#### 9.5 References to Performance Security and Performance Guarantee

References to Performance Security occurring in this Agreement for and in respect of any period prior to the delivery of the Performance Security by the SPD to the GVSCCL, or in respect of any period subsequent to the expiry or release thereof, as the case may be, shall be construed solely for the purposes of calculating the amount of Damages payable by the SPD, and the amount so determined shall be appropriated from the Bid Security or Deemed Performance Security, as the case may be.

## ARTICLE 10

### 10 RIGHT OF WAY

#### 10.1 The Site

GVSCCL will grant to the SPD and its representatives, for the Term of the Agreement, a non-exclusive right-of-way for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress to the Relevant Premises, and to the site of the Solar Canal Top facility installation to be established by the SPD on each of the Relevant Premises to the extent possible and required for the safe and efficient operation of the plant without any detrimental effect to the safety and security of the premises (the "Access Rights"). GVSCCL will give access to and permission to initiate work on the Relevant Premises no later than sixty (60) days from the Effective date of this agreement.

The site of the Project shall comprise the real estate described in **Schedule B** and in respect of which the Right of Way shall be provided and granted by GVSCCL to the SPD in accordance with this Agreement (the "Project").

For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby acknowledged and agreed that references to the Site shall be construed as references to the real estate required for the Project as set forth in **Schedule A**.

## 10.2 Access and Right of Way

- 10.2.1 GVSCCL hereby grants to the SPD access to the Site for carrying out any surveys, investigations and analysis that SPD may deem necessary during the Development Period, it being expressly agreed and understood that GVSCCL shall have no liability whatsoever in respect of survey and investigations carried out or work undertaken by the SPD on or about the Site pursuant hereto in the event of Termination or otherwise.
- 10.2.2 In consideration of this Agreement and the covenants and warranties on the part of the SPD herein contained, GVSCCL, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, hereby grants to the SPD, commencing from the Appointed Date, the leave and the right in respect to the site/s (along with any Canal Top area, storage space, location for equipment placement) comprising the Site which is described, delineated and shown in **Schedule B** hereto (the "Relevant Premises"), on an "as is where is" basis, free of any Encumbrances, to develop, operate and maintain the said Relevant Premises, together with all and singular rights, liberties, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said Premises, or any part thereof belonging to or in any way appurtenant thereto or enjoyed therewith, for the duration of the Agreement Period and, for the purposes permitted under this Agreement, and for no other purpose whatsoever.
- 10.2.3 It is expressly agreed that the access to the site/s and the right to develop project on the site/s granted hereunder shall terminate automatically and forthwith, without the need for any action to be taken by GVSCCL to terminate the said access, upon the Termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that notwithstanding any temporary or permanent structures erected on the Site by the SPD or its partners, the right of access in respect of the Site shall automatically terminate, without any further act of the Parties, upon Termination of this Agreement. The SPD hereby irrevocably appoints GVSCCL (or its nominee) to be its true and lawful attorney, to execute and sign in the name of the SPD a transfer or surrender of the right of access to site/s granted hereunder at any time after the Agreement Period has expired or has been terminated earlier in terms hereof, a sufficient proof of which will be the declaration of any duly authorised officer of GVSCCL.

## 10.3 Procurement of the Site

- 10.3.1 Pursuant to the notice specified in Clause 4.1.2, GVSCCL Representative and the SPD shall, on a mutually agreed date and time, inspect the Site and prepare a memorandum containing an inventory of the Site including the vacant and unencumbered Canal Top space, assets and equipment on the Canal Tops, and any other immovable property on or attached to the Site (Canal Tops). Such memorandum shall have appended thereto an appendix (the "Appendix") specifying in reasonable detail those parts of the Site to which vacant access and Right of Way has not been granted to the SPD. Signing of the memorandum, in two counterparts (each of which shall constitute an original), by the authorised representatives of the Parties shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 10.2.2, be deemed to constitute a valid access and Right of Way to the SPD for free and unrestricted use and development of the vacant and unencumbered Site during the Agreement Period under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and for no other purpose whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that valid access and Right of Way with respect to the parts of the Site as set forth in the Appendix shall be deemed to have been granted to the SPD upon vacant access thereto being

provided by GVSCCL to the SPD.

10.3.2 GVSCCL shall make best efforts to procure and grant, no later than 120 (One Hundred and twenty) days from the Effective Date, the Right of Way to the SPD in respect of all access and right of way to the site/s included in the Appendix. Upon receiving Right of Way, the SPD will define the need to undertake construction of any specific infrastructure which needs to be developed and include that as under the Appendix as well. The SPD shall submit a plan of the required construction work to the GVSCCL Engineer In charge, get the GVSCCL Engineer In charge sanction for the same and complete the infrastructure development Works thereon within a reasonable period (proposed by the SPD and sanctioned by the Engineer In-charge) in accordance with Good Industry Practices. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that Construction Works on all infrastructure for which Right of Way is granted within 120 (One hundred and twenty) days of the Effective Date shall be completed before the Project Completion Date. It is also expressly agreed that completion of the respective Construction Works within the time determined by the Engineer In-charge hereunder shall be deemed to be Project Milestones, for the purposes of levy and recovery of Damages.

#### 10.4 Site to be free from Encumbrances

Subject to the provisions of Clause 10.3, the Site shall be made available by GVSCCL to the SPD pursuant hereto free from all Encumbrances and occupations and without the SPD being required to make any payment to GVSCCL on account of any costs, compensation, expenses and charges for the acquisition and use of such Site for the duration of the Agreement Period, except insofar as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that existing rights of way, easements, privileges, liberties and appurtenances to the Premises shall not be deemed to be Encumbrances. It is further agreed that the SPD accepts and undertakes to bear any and all risks arising out of the inadequacy or physical condition of the Site.

#### 10.5 Protection of Site from encroachments

During the term of the agreement, the SPD shall protect the Site from any and all occupations, encroachments or Encumbrances, and shall not place or create nor permit any Contractor or other person claiming through or under the SPD to place or create any Encumbrance or security interest over all or any part of the Site or the Project Assets, or on any rights of the SPD therein or under this Agreement, save and except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement.

#### 10.6 Special/temporary right of way

The SPD shall bear all costs and charges for any special or temporary right of way required by it in connection with access to the Site. The SPD shall obtain at its own cost such facilities on or outside the Site as may be required by it for the purposes of Project and the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

### 10.7 Access to GVSCCL and the Engineer In-charge

The right of way and right to the Site granted to the SPD hereunder shall always be subject to the right of access of GVSCCL and the Engineer In-charge and their employees/ agents for regular activities taken up by the GVSCCL for inspection, viewing and exercise of their rights and performance of their obligations under this Agreement.

### 10.8 System Disruptions due to site access

#### 10.8.1 Unavailability of Premises

If, for reasons other than the SPD breach of its obligations herein, the SPD ceases to have access rights to the Premise/s for up to three months, GVSCCL shall provide alternate site/s to set-up the operations within 4 (four) weeks of the date of disruptions and for the interim provide compensation under the Deemed Generation clause and pay cost of solar generation lost to the SPD

If, for reasons other than the SPD breach of its obligations herein, the SPD ceases to have access rights to the Premises for the long term (3 months or more) as necessary to operate and maintain the System prior to the Expiration Date, then the SPD will be entitled to terminate the Agreement. GVSCCL will pay the Buyback Price of the system to the SPD.

#### 10.8.2 Canal Repair and other System Disruptions

In the event that (a) GVSCCL repairs the Premises Canal for any reason not directly related to damage, if any, caused by the System, and such repair requires the partial or complete temporary disassembly or movement of the System, or (b) any act or omission of GVSCCL or GVSCCL ' employees, Affiliates, agents or subcontractors results in a disruption or outage in System production, and such events attributable to GVSCCL except Force Majeure, then, in either case, GVSCCL will (i) pay the SPD for all work required by the SPD to disassemble or move the System and then assemble the system and (ii) continue to make all payments for the Solar Power during such period of System disruption (the "Disruption Period") in the form of deemed generation.

In the event that (a) GVSCCL repairs the Premises' Canal for any reason directly related to damage, if any, caused by the System/SPD, and such repair requires the partial or complete temporary disassembly or movement of the System, or (b) any act or omission of SPD or its employees, Affiliates, agents or subcontractors results in a disruption or outage in System production, and such events not attributable to GVSCCL / Force Majeure, then, in either case SPD will (i) pay the GVSCCL for all work required by GVSCCL repair of Canal ; (ii) not be eligible for deemed generation and (iii) this period will be counted during accounting for calculation of CUF and evaluation of whether the system met the minimum performance requirements.

The SPD will inform about the disruption or outage in System production, for reasons attributable to GVSCCL in writing with date and time of such occurrence, and GVSCCL's liability will start from the date of intimation of disruption or outage in system production, on account of purchaser.

### 10.9 Access to Premises

The SPD will give the GVSCCL a schedule and reasonable written notice before any entry onto the Relevant Premises by the SPD's employees, agents or contractors. GVSCCL

will make available to the SPD access to the Project Installation and the Relevant Premises for the purposes set below. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the SPD shall be permitted to access the Relevant Premises twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week for emergency purposes, as reasonably determined by the SPD. Within twenty-four (24) hours of such emergency access, the SPD shall provide the GVSCCL with a written explanation of the nature of the emergency.

#### 10.10 Installation, Operation and Ownership of the Project

- a) GVSCCL will also authorize the SPD to use the Relevant Premises and the Site only for the purposes of installation, operation and maintenance of the solar power generation facility installation. The SPD undertakes not to use the Site for any purpose other than as aforesaid.
- b) The SPD shall be solely responsible for operation and maintenance of the Project Installations (subject, however, to the obligations and responsibilities of the GVSCCL herein), including without limitation the obligation to promptly make or pay (as determined by the GVSCCL ) for any repairs to any part or all of the Site to the extent directly caused by the SPD, its employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors, and shall, at all times during the Term, maintain the Project Installations in good operating condition. The SPD shall also be responsible for maintaining the structural integrity of the Canal Tops and ensure that any activity which may result in water seepage occurs.
- c) The SPD will also undertake cleaning of the solar systems at regular intervals, however the SPD will not use water jets/ pressurized hoses for the cleaning as the water may enter the internal circuitry laid down around these premises.
- d) The SPD shall bear all risk of loss with respect to the Project Installations and shall have full responsibility for its operation and maintenance in compliance with all the Laws and Approvals. The SPD shall coordinate in advance all such repair and maintenance work with the manager of the relevant buildings comprising the Site or his/her designee so as not to restrict parking access or interfere with scheduled activities on the relevant building comprising the Site. Upon such request for repair and maintenance work, the GVSCCL shall respond to such request within five (5) Business Days. If the GVSCCL does not respond to such request within such five (5) Business Days period, such request shall be deemed approved by the GVSCCL . All such work shall be diligently prosecuted to completion to the end that such work shall not remain in a partly finished condition any long than is necessary for its completion.
- e) Notwithstanding the Project Installation's presence as a fixture on the Relevant Premises, the GVSCCL shall not cause or permit any interference with the isolation of, and access to sunlight of, the Project as such access exists as of the Effective Date.
- f) The SPD acknowledges and agrees that, notwithstanding that the Project Installations are a fixture on the Relevant Premises, the SPD shall have no right, title or interest in the Relevant Premises except as that of a siting of Canal Top solar systems as per the terms set out in this Agreement.

#### 10.11 Covenants

- a) Security: The SPD shall make its own arrangement for and take reasonable measures and shall be solely responsible for security of the Project Installations, including commercially reasonable monitoring of the Site's alarms, if any.
- b) The GVSCCL will not initiate or conduct activities that it knows or reasonably should know may damage, impair or otherwise adversely affect the Project Installations or its function (including activities that may adversely affect the exposure of the Project Installation to sunlight), without the SPD's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. SPD should either accept or deny in writing any such request within 15 days.

## ARTICLE 11

### 11 UTILITIES

#### 11.1 Existing utilities and roads

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the SPD shall ensure that the respective entities owning the existing Canal Tops, right of way or utilities on, under or above the Site are enabled by it to keep such utilities in continuous satisfactory use, if necessary, by providing suitable measures

The SPD shall, subject to Applicable Laws and with assistance of GVSCCL , undertake shifting of any utility including electric lines, water pipes and telephone cables, etc. to an appropriate location or alignment within or outside the Site if and only if such utility causes or shall cause a material adverse effect on the construction, operation or maintenance of the Project. The cost of such shifting shall be borne by SPD.

## ARTICLE 12

### 12 CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT

#### 12.1 Obligations prior to commencement of construction

Prior to commencement of Construction Works, the SPD shall:

- a) submit to GVSCCL and the Engineer In-charge its detailed project plan including the system design, construction methodology and procedures, quality assurance procedures, and the procurement, engineering and construction time schedule for completion of the facility
  - b) appoint its representative duly authorised to deal with GVSCCL in respect of all matters under or arising out of or relating to this Agreement;
  - c) undertake, do and perform all such acts, deeds and things as may be necessary or required before commencement of design, development and construction work under and in accordance with this Agreement, the Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits; and
  - d) acquire and maintain in effect all approvals and clearances in order to enable it to perform its obligations under the Agreement. GVSCCL will render all reasonable assistance to the SPD to enable the latter to obtain such Approvals on or before the Scheduled COD without any legal obligation on the part of GVSCCL.
- Governmental Approvals: While providing the Installation Work, the Solar Power and System Operations, the SPD will obtain and maintain and secure all Governmental Approvals required to be obtained and maintained and secured by the SPD and to enable the SPD to perform such obligations.
  - Interconnection Requirements: The interconnection of the Canal Top solar system with the network to be made as per the technical standards for connectivity of distributed generated resources regulations as may be notified by the competent authority.

#### 12.2 Drawings

In respect of the SPD obligations relating to the Drawings of the Project, the following shall apply:

- a) the SPD shall prepare and submit, with reasonable promptness and in such sequence as is consistent with the Project Completion Schedule, 3 (three) copies each of all Drawings to the Engineer In-charge for review within 60 (sixty) days of the Effective date;
- b) by submitting the Drawings for review to the Engineer In-charge, the SPD shall be deemed to have represented that it has determined and verified that the design and engineering, including field construction criteria related thereto, are in conformity with the Scope of the Project and the Specifications and Standards;
- c) within 15 (Fifteen) days of the receipt of the Drawings, the GVSCCL Engineer In Charge shall review the same and submit the Drawings along with its observations to GVSCCL and the SPD with particular reference to their conformity or otherwise with the Scope of the Project and the Specifications and Standards. Within 15

(Fifteen) days of the receipt of the comments from the GVSCCL Engineer In charge, GVSCCL may review the same and convey its observations to the SPD and the Engineer In-charge with particular reference to their conformity or otherwise with the Scope of the Project and the Specifications and Standards. The SPD shall not be obliged to await the observations of GVSCCL on the Drawings submitted pursuant hereto beyond the said 30 (thirty) days period and may begin or continue Construction Works at its own discretion and risk;

- d) if the aforesaid observations of GVSCCL and/or the Engineer In-charge indicate that the Drawings are not in conformity with the Scope of the Project or the Specifications and Standards, such Drawings shall be revised by the SPD and resubmitted to the Engineer In-charge and GVSCCL for review within 7 (seven) days of receipt of observations of GVSCCL and/or the Engineer In-charge. The Engineer In-charge shall give his observations, if any, within 5 (five) days of receipt of the revised Drawings, and within 5 (five) days of the receipt of the comments from the Engineer In-charge, if any, GVSCCL shall review the same and convey its observations, if any, to the SPD and the Engineer In-charge;
- e) no review and/or observation of the Engineer In-charge and/or GVSCCL and/or its failure to review and/or convey its observations on any Drawings shall relieve the SPD of its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement in any manner nor shall GVSCCL be liable for the same in any manner;
- f) with the COD, the SPD shall furnish to GVSCCL and the Engineer In-charge a complete set of as-built Drawings, in 2 (two) hard copies and in pen drive form or in such other medium as may be acceptable to GVSCCL, reflecting the Solar Canal Top Power System as actually designed, engineered and constructed, including an as-built survey illustrating the layout of the Solar Canal Top Power System and setback lines, if any, of the buildings and structures forming part of Project Facilities.

### 12.3 Construction of the Solar Canal Top Power System

- 12.3.1 On or after the Appointed Date, the SPD shall undertake the construction of the Solar Canal Top Power System as specified in Schedule A and Schedule B, and in conformity with the Specifications and Standards set forth in Schedule C. The SPD shall commission the project as per the provision under Article 14 and the SPD agrees and undertakes that construction of the Solar Canal Top Power System shall be completed on or before the Scheduled Completion Date.
- 12.3.2 The SPD shall construct the Solar Canal Top Power System with the objective of commissioning the project by the proposed commissioning date (12 months from Effective date) or meet the commissioning milestones as set out in the phased commissioning section, which would all be laid down in a mutually agreed project completion schedule. In the event that the SPD fails to achieve any Project Milestone within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the date set forth for such milestone in project completion schedule, unless such failure has occurred due to Force Majeure or for reasons solely attributable to GVSCCL, it shall pay Damages to GVSCCL in a sum calculated at the rate of 0.2% (zero point two per cent) of the amount of Performance Security for delay of each day until such milestone is achieved; with the provision that these damages shall be limited to 100% (hundred percent) of the Performance Security and provided that if any or all project milestones are extended in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. In the event Project Completion date achieved on or before the Scheduled Completion Date, the Damages paid under this Clause 12.3.2 shall be refunded by GVSCCL to the SPD, but without any interest thereon. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that recovery of Damages under this Clause shall be without prejudice to the rights of GVSCCL under this Agreement, including the right of Termination thereof.
- 12.3.3 In the event that the Solar Canal Top Power System is not completed within [180 (one eighty)] days from the Scheduled Completion Date, unless the delay is on account of reasons solely attributable to GVSCCL or due to Force Majeure, GVSCCL shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement.

<sup>2††</sup> Please insert all the relevant particulars forming part of the Drawings, which the Government will approve, such as design for interconnection, integration of signalling system etc.

## ARTICLE 13

### 13 MONITORING OF CONSTRUCTION

#### 13.1 Monthly progress reports

During the Construction Period, the SPD shall, no later than [7 (seven)] days after the close of each month, furnish to GVSCCL and the Engineer In-charge a monthly report on progress of the Development Works and shall promptly give such other relevant information as may be required by GVSCCL and/or the Engineer In-charge.

#### 13.2 Inspection

During the Development Period, the Engineer In-charge shall inspect the Solar Canal Top Power System at least once a quarter and make a report of such inspection (the “Inspection Report”) stating in reasonable detail the defects or deficiencies, if any, with particular reference to the Scope of the Project and Specifications and Standards. It shall send a copy of the Inspection Report to GVSCCL and the SPD within 7 (seven) days of such inspection and upon receipt thereof, the SPD shall rectify and remedy the defects or deficiencies, if any, stated in the Inspection Report. Such inspection or submission of Inspection Report by the Engineer In-charge shall not relieve or absolve the SPD of its obligations and liabilities hereunder in any manner whatsoever. Without prejudice to the above, GVSCCL may undertake inspection of the Development Works at any time.

#### 13.3 TESTING PROCEDURES

The SPD and Engineer In-charge shall develop suitable testing procedures 1 (one) month before the earlier of Scheduled Commercial Operation Date or, where Phased Commissioning is to be undertaken by SPD, the date proposed by SPD for Commissioning of the first Unit. Such procedures shall take into consideration relevant standards. The procedures mutually agreed by SPD and Engineer In-charge in writing shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Agreement as Schedule D and shall form part of this Agreement. For determining that the Construction Works conform to the Specifications and Standards, the Engineer In-charge shall require the SPD to carry out or cause to be carried out tests, at such time and frequency and in such manner as may be specified by the Engineer In-charge from time to time, in accordance with the programme submitted by the SPD for quality assurance. The SPD shall, with due diligence, carry out or cause to be carried out all the tests in accordance with the instructions of the GVSCCL Engineer In charge and furnish the results thereof to the Engineer In-charge. For the avoidance of doubt, the costs to be incurred on any test including tests undertaken for determining the rectification of any defect or deficiency in construction shall be borne solely by the SPD.

13.3.1 In the event that results of any tests conducted under this Clause 13.3 establish any defects or deficiencies in the Development Works, the SPD shall carry out remedial measures and based on the remedial actions taken furnish a report to the Engineer In-charge in this behalf. The Engineer In-charge shall require the SPD to carry out or cause to be carried out these tests again to determine that such remedial measures have brought the development Works into compliance with the Specifications and Standards, and the procedure set forth in this Clause 13.3 shall be repeated until such work does not conform to the Specifications and Standards.

### 13.4 Delays during Development

Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 13.3.2, if the SPD does not achieve any of the Project Milestones or the GVSCCL Electrical Engineer shall have reasonably determined that the rate of progress of development Work is such that the Solar Canal Top Power System is not likely to be completed by the Scheduled Completion Date, it shall notify the SPD and GVSCCL to this effect, and the SPD shall, within 15 (fifteen) days of such notice, by a communication inform the Engineer In-charge and GVSCCL in reasonable detail about the steps it proposes to take to expedite progress and the period within which it shall achieve COD.

### 13.5 Suspension of unsafe Development Works

- 13.5.1 Upon recommendation of the Engineer In-charge to this effect, GVSCCL may by notice require the SPD to suspend forthwith the whole or any part of the Development Works if, in the reasonable opinion of GVSCCL, such work threatens the safety of the GVSCCL assets, personnel and users.
- 13.5.2 The SPD shall, pursuant to the notice under Clause 13.5.1, suspend the Development Works or any part thereof for such time and in such manner as may be specified by GVSCCL and thereupon carry out remedial measures to secure the safety of suspended works. The SPD may by notice require the Engineer In-charge to inspect such remedial measures forthwith and make a report to GVSCCL recommending whether or not the suspension hereunder may be revoked. Upon receiving the recommendations of the Engineer In-charge, GVSCCL shall either revoke such suspension or instruct the SPD to carry out such other and further remedial measures as may be necessary in the reasonable opinion of GVSCCL, and the procedure set forth in this Clause 13.5 shall be repeated until the suspension hereunder is revoked.
- 13.5.3 Subject to the provisions of Clause 31.7, all reasonable costs incurred for maintaining and protecting the Development Works or part thereof during the period of suspension (the "Preservation Costs"), shall be borne by the SPD; provided that if the suspension has occurred as a result of any breach of this Agreement by GVSCCL, the Preservation Costs shall be borne by GVSCCL.
- 13.5.4 If suspension of Development Works is for reasons not attributable to the SPD, the Engineer In-charge shall determine any extension of the dates set forth in the Project Completion Schedule to which the SPD is reasonably entitled, and shall notify GVSCCL accordingly whereupon GVSCCL shall extend such Project Completion Schedule dates in accordance with the recommendations of the Engineer In-charge. In the event that the Scheduled Completion Date is extended pursuant hereto, the Agreement Period shall be deemed to be extended by a period equal in length to the period of extension of the Scheduled Completion Date.

## ARTICLE 14

### 14 COMMISSIONING CERTIFICATE

#### 14.1 Tests

14.1.1 The SPD and GVSCCL (or its representatives) shall develop suitable testing procedures One (1) month before the earlier of Scheduled Commercial Operation Date as agreed by the SPD and GVSCCL or, where Phased Commissioning is to be undertaken by SPD, the date proposed by SPD for Commissioning of the first Unit. Such procedures shall take into consideration relevant standards. The procedures will be mutually agreed on by the SPD and GVSCCL (or its representatives) in writing shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Agreement post development. These procedures will also conform to the Canal Top Development Policies, Regulations and Procedures followed for that particular state and the basic standard requirements of the GVSCCL own electrical sections.

14.1.2 At least [30 (sixty)] days prior to the likely completion of the Solar Canal Top Power System, the SPD shall notify the Engineer In-charge of its intent to subject the Solar Canal Top Power System to Tests. The date and time of each of the Tests shall be determined by the Engineer In-charge in consultation with the SPD, and notified to GVSCCL (at least 10 (ten) days in advance), who may designate its representative to witness the Tests. The SPD shall provide such assistance as the Engineer In-charge and GVSCCL Representative may require for conducting the Tests. For the avoidance of doubt, the costs to be incurred on any Test shall be borne solely by the SPD.

14.1.3 The Engineer In-charge shall observe, monitor and review the results of the Tests to determine compliance of the Solar Canal Top Power System with Specifications and Standards and if it is reasonably anticipated or determined by the GVSCCL Electrical Engineer during the course of any Test that the performance of the Solar Canal Top Power System or any part thereof does not meet the Specifications and Standards, it shall have the right to suspend or delay such Test and require the SPD to remedy and rectify the defects or deficiencies. Upon completion of each Test, the Engineer In-charge shall provide to the SPD and GVSCCL copies of all Test data including detailed Test results. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that the Engineer In-charge may require the SPD to carry out or cause to be carried out additional Tests, in accordance with Good Industry Practice, for determining the compliance of the Solar Canal Top Power System with Specifications and Standards.

#### 14.2 Commissioning Certificate

Upon completion of Project, and the Engineer In-charge determining the Tests to be successful, the Engineer In-charge shall forthwith issue to the SPD and GVSCCL a certificate certifying the completion of the Solar Canal Top Power Systems (the "Commissioning Certificate").

#### 14.3 Rescheduling of Tests

If the Engineer In-charge certifies to GVSCCL and the SPD that it is unable to issue the Commissioning Certificate because of events or circumstances on account of which the Tests could not be held or had to be suspended, the SPD shall be entitled to reschedule the Tests and hold the same as soon as reasonably practicable.

#### 14.4 Safety Certification prior to COD

14.4.1 GVSCCL shall procure the services of competent authority, not later than [30 (thirty)] days after the issuance of the Commissioning Certificate, after reviewing the results of the Tests submitted by the Engineer In-charge to determine and certify that the Solar Canal Top Power System is safe for entering into commercial service. The competent authority may inspect the Solar Canal Top Power System and/or require the SPD to conduct or cause to be conducted such additional tests as may be prudent and necessary in accordance with Applicable Laws and Good Industry Practice. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that the SPD shall not be liable to pay any charges to GVSCCL towards such certification.

14.4.2 [Upon safety certification of the Solar Canal Top Power System in accordance with the provisions of Clause 14.4.1, GVSCCL shall procure the issuance of commercial service certificate in respect of the Solar Canal Top Power System required for the purpose of commencing operation of the same, not later than 30 (thirty) days from the date on which an application has been submitted by the SPD to the GVSCCL.

#### 14.5 Phased commissioning of Solar Canal Top Power System

14.5.1 The SPD will notify GVSCCL the likely date of Commissioning of any Unit as per clause 5.3.6.

14.5.2 The SPD will be entitled to undertake phased Commissioning as per clause 5.3.9

14.5.3 The SPD will be required to submit a monthly progress report to GVSCCL as per clause 5.3.5. The SPD shall also furnish to GVSCCL, by way of a written notice, a proposed interconnection plan, as per clause 5.3.9.

14.5.4 Within 07 working days after the receipt of the notice for Phased Commissioning referred to in Section 14.5.2 above, GVSCCL will by a written notice either:

- propose changes to dates for Commissioning of one or more Units; or
- agree to the dates for Phased Commissioning proposed by the SPD;

Provided that GVSCCL will be entitled to propose changes to the SPD's dates for Commissioning on the ground that, in accordance with Prudent Utility Practices, that Distribution Grid cannot accommodate Electricity from one or more Units identified by the SPD;

Provided further that GVSCCL will not have the right to defer the date(s) beyond a period of thirty (30) days from the date(s) mentioned in the notice.

Provided further that the SPD will be entitled to amend such interconnection plan with the consent of GVSCCL.

## ARTICLE 15

### 15 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

#### 15.1 System operations

- 15.1.1 The Solar Power Developer will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the project ensuring the generation and sale of power. It will be bearing all costs and expenses for the operation and maintenance of the same; provided that any repair or maintenance costs incurred by the Solar Power Developer as a result of GVSCCL' negligence or breach of its obligations hereunder will be reimbursed in full by Purchaser.
- 15.1.2 Solar Power Developer will not be responsible for any work done by others on any part of the System/Project authorized by GVSCCL and not authorized in advance by the Solar Power Developer in writing. Solar Power Developer will not be responsible for any loss, damage, cost or expense arising out of or resulting from improper environmental anyone instructed to do such work by Purchaser. In the event of a problem with the System, as a result of GVSCCL' actions, for which Solar Power Developer is not responsible as provided in this Agreement, GVSCCL may choose and pay Solar Power Developer for diagnosing and correcting the problem at Solar Power Developer or Solar Power Developer's contractors' standard rates and charges then in effect.

#### **Maintenance Requirements**

- 15.1.3 The Solar Power Developer will also undertake cleaning of the solar systems at regular intervals, however the solar company will not use water jets/ pressurized hoses for the cleaning as the water may enter the internal circuitry laid down around these premises.
- 15.1.4 The Solar Power Developer shall give undertaking that for the plant period of minimum 25 years all the power packs covered under this project will be operated, maintained and repaired whenever necessary so that all Units are operative and export maximum possible energy to the grid This shall be ensured through undertaking services that include, but are not limited to, the following
- I. Daily monitoring of plant performance.
  - II. Supply of all technical, production/operation data and information through a monthly report.
  - III. Planned visits on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis for preventative and corrective maintenance which include, but are not limited to the following:
    - a) Clean solar panels on weekly basis or as appropriate to get maximum output from the panels.
    - b) Check inverter cabinets (ventilation openings, lighting, leakages in inverter cabinets and cleaning of filters) and inverter maintenance. Solar Power Developer will keep the necessary spares at the Project Site.
    - c) Check security and fire protection system.
    - d) Check parts for corrosion.
    - e) Check the state of tightness of connections, fuses, main junction boxes, etc.

- f) Adequate spares to ensure uninterrupted operation and minimum downtime during the entire period.
- g) Comprehensive operation and maintenance of the Project up to the energy meter shall be the responsibility of the Solar Power Developer.
- h) Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance during entire life of the systems shall include supply of spares, consumables, machine breakdown insurance, transpiration, and general comprehensive insurance covering fire, earthquake and provision of security personnel with the insurance policy which shall be taken in the SPD's name as the primary beneficiary. Copies of the Insurance Policies are to be given to the concerned department, as and when taken/renewed. All risks associated with lapses or delays in insurance coverage, during the construction period, shall be at the Solar Power Developer's cost

15.1.5 Solar Power Developer shall ensure efficient operation of the Project and the associated facilities to achieve the maximum power generation from the Project. For this purpose, the Solar Power Developer shall engage the services of adequate number of Engineers and Technicians. The Solar Power Developer shall also attend to all failures, rectifications, breakdown, comprehensive Operation and Maintenance checks. Daily Management Information System (MIS) reports with generation and down time analysis data shall be made available to GVSCCL office by E-mail.

**System Disruption and Repair**

15.1.6 Solar Power Developer will be entitled to suspend delivery of electricity from the System to the Delivery Point for the purpose of maintaining and repairing the System upon giving one week's advance written notice to GVSCCL, except in the case of emergency repairs. Such suspension of service will not constitute a breach of this Agreement, provided that the Solar Power Developer will use commercially reasonable efforts to minimize any interruption in service to GVSCCL. However, any preventive maintenance will be done only during the period when Plant is not generating.

15.1.7 In the event that (a) GVSCCL repairs the Premises' Canal for any reason not directly related to damage, if any, caused by the System, and such repair requires the partial or complete temporary disassembly or movement of the System, or (b) any act or omission of GVSCCL or GVSCCL' employees, Affiliates, agents or subcontractors (collectively a "Purchaser Act") results in a disruption or outage in System production, and such events attributable to GVSCCL except Force Majeure, then, in either case, GVSCCL will (i) pay the SPD for all work required by the SPD to disassemble or move the System and (ii) continue to make all payments for the Solar Power during such period of System disruption (the "Disruption Period").

15.1.8 In the event that (a) GVSCCL repairs the Premises' Canal for any reason directly related to damage, if any, caused by the System/ SPD, and such repair requires the partial or complete temporary disassembly or movement of the System, or (b) any act or omission of SPD or its employees, Affiliates, agents or subcontractors results in a disruption or outage in System production, and such events not attributable to GVSCCL / Force Majeure, then, in either case, SPD will (i) pay the GVSCCL for all work required b GVSCCL repair of Canal; (ii) not be eligible for deemed generation and (iii) this period will be not be counted during accounting for

calculation of CUF and evaluation of whether the system met the Minimum CUF.

- 15.1.9 The SPD will inform about the disruption or outage in System production, for reasons attributable to Purchaser in writing with date and time of such occurrence, and purchaser's liability will start from the date of intimation of disruption or outage in system production, on account of purchaser.
- 15.1.10 The SPD shall coordinate in advance all such repair and maintenance work with the manager of the relevant buildings comprising the Site or his/her designee so as not to restrict parking access or interfere with scheduled activities on the relevant building comprising the Site. Upon such request for repair and maintenance work, the GVSCCL shall respond to such request within five (5) Business Days. If the GVSCCL does not respond to such request within such five (5) Business Days period, such request shall be deemed approved by the GVSCCL. All such work shall be diligently prosecuted to completion to the end that such work shall not remain in a partly finished condition any long than is necessary for its completion.
- 15.1.11 In the event that the SPD fails to repair or rectify any defect or deficiency set forth in the Maintenance Requirements within the period specified therein, it shall be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement and GVSCCL shall be entitled to recover Damages, to be calculated and paid for each day of delay until the breach is cured, at the rate of 0.2% (zero point two per cent) of the Performance Security per for every day of delay, but restricted to a maximum of 100% (hundred percent) of the Performance Security, in rectification of the defect or deficiency set forth in the Maintenance Requirements. Recovery of such Damages shall be without prejudice to the rights of GVSCCL under this Agreement, including the right of Termination thereof.
- 15.1.12 The Damages set forth in Clause 15.1.11 may be assessed and specified forthwith by the Engineer In-charge; provided that GVSCCL may, in its discretion, demand a smaller sum as Damages, if in its opinion, the breach has been cured promptly and the SPD is otherwise in compliance with its obligations hereunder. The SPD shall pay such Damages forthwith and in the event that it contests such Damages, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.

## 15.2 Maintenance Manual

- 15.2.1 With Scheduled Completion Date, the SPD shall, in consultation with the Engineer In-charge, evolve a repair and maintenance manual (the "Maintenance Manual") for the regular and preventive maintenance of the Solar Canal Top Power System in conformity with the Specifications and Standards, Maintenance Requirements, Safety Requirements and Good Industry Practice, and shall provide 5 (five) copies thereof to GVSCCL and 2 (two) copies to the GVSCCL Engineer In charge. The Maintenance Manual shall be revised and updated once every 3 (three) years and the provisions of this Clause 15.3 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to such revision.
- 15.2.2 Without prejudice to the provision of Clause 15.3.1, the Maintenance Manual shall, in particular, include provisions for maintenance of Project Assets and shall provide for life cycle maintenance, routine maintenance and reactive maintenance which may be reasonably necessary for maintenance and repair of the Project Assets, including replacement thereof, such that its overall condition conforms to Good Industry Practice.

### 15.3 Maintenance Programme

- 15.3.1 On or before COD and no later than 45 (forty-five) days prior to the beginning of each Accounting Year during the Operation Period, as the case may be, the SPD shall provide to GVSCCL and the Engineer In-charge, its proposed annual programme of preventive, urgent and other scheduled maintenance (the "Maintenance Programme") to comply with the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual and Safety Requirements. Such Maintenance Programme shall include:
- a. preventive maintenance schedule;
  - b. arrangements and procedures for carrying out urgent repairs;
  - c. criteria to be adopted for deciding maintenance needs;
  - d. intervals and procedures for carrying out inspection of all elements of the Solar Canal Top Power System;
  - e. intervals at which the SPD shall carry out periodic maintenance;
  - f. arrangements and procedures for carrying out safety related measures;
  - g. intervals for major maintenance works and the scope thereof; and
- 15.3.2 Within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the Maintenance Programme, the GVSCCL Engineer In charge shall review the same and convey its comments to the SPD with particular reference to its conformity with the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual and Safety Requirements.
- 15.3.3 The SPD may modify the Maintenance Programme as may be reasonable in the circumstances, and the procedure specified in Clauses 15.4.1 and 15.4.2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such modifications.

### 15.4 Safety, breakdowns and accidents

- 15.4.1 The SPD shall ensure safe conditions for the operation of Solar Canal Top Power System and in the event of unsafe conditions, damage, breakdowns and accidents, it shall follow the relevant operating procedures and undertake removal of obstruction and debris without delay. Such procedures shall conform to the provisions of this Agreement, Applicable Laws, Applicable Permits and Good Industry Practice.
- 15.4.2 In the event of any accident on the Solar Canal Top Power System and upon receipt of a request in writing sent by the SPD, GVSCCL shall at the cost of the SPD arrange for relief and evacuation in the same manner as applicable in case of accidents.

### 15.5 De-commissioning due to Emergency

- 15.5.1 If, in the reasonable opinion of the SPD, there exists an Emergency which warrants de-commissioning and closure of the whole or any part of the Solar Canal Top Power System, the SPD shall be entitled to de-commission and close the whole or any part of the Solar Canal Top Power System for so long as such Emergency and the consequences thereof warrant; provided that such de-commissioning and particulars thereof shall be notified by the SPD to GVSCCL without any delay, and the SPD shall diligently carry out and abide by any reasonable directions that GVSCCL may give for dealing with such Emergency
- 15.5.2 The SPD shall re-commission the Solar Canal Top Power System or the affected part thereof as quickly as practicable after the circumstances leading to its de-commissioning and closure have ceased to exist or have so abated as to enable the SPD to re-commission the Solar Canal Top Power System and shall notify

GVSCCL of the same without any delay.

15.5.3 Any decommissioning or closure of any part of the Solar Canal Top Power System and the re-commissioning thereof shall, as soon as practicable, be brought to the notice of affected persons by means of public announcements/notice.

#### 15.6 GVSCCL's right to take remedial measures

15.6.1 In the event the SPD does not maintain and/or repair the Solar Canal Top Power System or any part thereof in conformity with the Maintenance Requirements, the Maintenance Manual or the Maintenance Programme, as the case may be, and fails to commence remedial works within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the O&M Inspection Report or a notice in this behalf from GVSCCL or the Engineer In-charge, as the case may be, GVSCCL shall, without prejudice to its rights under this Agreement including Termination thereof, be entitled to undertake such remedial measures at the risk and cost of the SPD, and to recover its cost from the SPD. In addition to recovery of the aforesaid cost, a sum equal to 10% (ten per cent) of such cost shall be paid by the SPD to GVSCCL as Damages.

15.6.2 GVSCCL shall have the right, and the SPD hereby expressly grants to GVSCCL the right, to recover the costs and Damages specified in Clause 15.6.1 directly from the Escrow Account as if such costs and Damages were O&M Expenses, and for that purpose, the SPD hereby agrees to give irrevocable instructions to the Escrow Bank to make payment from the Escrow Account in accordance with the instructions of GVSCCL under this Clause 15.6.2 and debit the same to O&M Expenses.

#### 15.7 Overriding powers of GVSCCL

15.7.1 If in the reasonable opinion of GVSCCL, the SPD is in material breach of its obligations under this Agreement and, in particular, the Maintenance Requirements, and such breach is causing or likely to cause danger, GVSCCL may, without prejudice to any of its rights under this Agreement including Termination thereof, by notice require the SPD to take reasonable measures immediately for rectifying or removing such hardship or danger, as the case may be.

15.7.2 In the event that the SPD, upon notice under Clause 15.7.1, fails to rectify or remove any danger within a reasonable period, GVSCCL may exercise overriding powers under this Clause 15.7.2 and take over the performance of any or all the obligations of the SPD to the extent deemed necessary by it for rectifying or removing such danger; provided that the exercise of such overriding powers by GVSCCL shall be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is reasonably required hereunder; provided further that any costs and expenses incurred by GVSCCL in discharge of its obligations hereunder shall be deemed to be O&M Expenses, and GVSCCL shall be entitled to recover them from the SPD in accordance with the provisions of Clause 15.6 along with the Damages specified therein.

15.7.3 In the event of a national emergency, civil commotion, GVSCCL may take over the performance of any or all the obligations of the SPD to the extent deemed necessary by it, and exercise such control over the Solar Canal Top Power System or give such directions to the SPD as may be deemed necessary; provided that the exercise of such overriding powers by GVSCCL shall be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is reasonably required in the circumstances which caused the exercise of such overriding power by GVSCCL. It is also agreed that the SPD shall comply with such instructions as GVSCCL may issue in pursuance of the provisions of this Clause 15.7, and shall provide assistance

and cooperation to GVSCCL, on a best effort basis, for performance of its obligations hereunder.

#### 15.8 Restoration of loss or damage to the Solar Canal Top Power System

Any liability or obligation that may arise under this Agreement, any loss, damage, liability, payment, obligation or expense which is insured or not or for which the SPD can claim compensation, under any Insurance shall not be charged to or payable by GVSCCL.

Save and except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, in the event that the Solar Canal Top Power System or any part thereof suffers any loss or damage during the Agreement Period from any cause whatsoever, the SPD shall, at its cost and expense, rectify and remedy such loss or damage forthwith so that the Solar Canal Top Power System conforms to the provisions of this Agreement.

#### 15.9 Modifications to the Solar Canal Top Power System

The SPD shall not carry out any material modifications to the Solar Canal Top Power System save and except where such modifications are necessary for the Solar Canal Top Power System to operate in conformity with the Specifications and Standards, Maintenance Requirements, Good Industry Practice and Applicable Laws; provided that the SPD shall take prior approval of GVSCCL. For the avoidance of doubt, if any modification to the Solar Canal Top Power System has a material effect on its safety the same shall be subject to safety related certification in accordance with Applicable Laws and the procedure specified in Clause 14.4. For the avoidance of doubt, all modifications made hereunder shall comply with the Specifications and Standards, Applicable Laws and the provisions of this Agreement.

#### 15.10 Excuse from performance of obligations

The SPD shall not be considered in breach of its obligations under this Agreement if any part of the Solar Canal Top Power System is not available to Users on account of any of the following for the duration thereof:

- a. an event of Force Majeure;
- b. measures taken to ensure the safe use of the Solar Canal Top Power System except when unsafe conditions occurred because of failure of the SPD to perform its obligations under this Agreement; or
- c. Compliance with a request from GVSCCL or the directions of any Government Instrumentality, the effect of which is to close all or any part of the Solar Canal Top Power System. Notwithstanding the above, the SPD shall keep all unaffected parts of the Solar Canal Top Power System open to traffic provided they can be operated safely.

#### 15.11 Advertising on the Solar Canal Top Power System

The SPD shall not undertake or permit any form of commercial advertising, display or hoarding at any place on the Site

## ARTICLE 16

### 16 DEEMED GENERATION

- 16.1.1 One of the obligations of GVSCCL will be to pay Deemed Generation for being unable to off take Solar Energy from the SPD unless covered by the force majeure.
- 16.1.2 The SPD shall develop and commission the project within 12 (twelve) months of the Effective Date as per the timelines outlined in Article 5. Phased Commissioning, if any, shall be undertaken as outlined in Article 14.5.
- 16.1.3 If the SPD is unable to undertake Commissioning Tests for any Unit on expiry of 30 days from the date mentioned in the notice provided by the SPD to GVSCCL for any reason attributable to GVSCCL (including due to non-availability of Internal Grid for Interconnection, or lack of capacity of the Internal Grid to support Electricity for conducting the Commissioning Tests, or absence of GVSCCL representative for Commissioning Tests), the relevant Unit will be deemed to have been Commissioned (“Deemed Commissioning”) on the date mentioned in the notice for the purpose of Deemed Generation.
- 16.1.4 In case of phase commissioning (as outlined in Article 14.5), if the GVSCCL fails to off take Electricity at the Delivery Point from the date of Commissioning highlighted as per Article 14.5, it shall be eligible for deemed commissioning. In case of Deemed Commissioning for a particular phase (and for the capacity to be commissioned during that phase), the SPD will be eligible for deemed generation for the period between the date on which the system was deemed commissioned and the date on which the SPD resumes Commissioning Tests, as determined GVSCCL or its representative(s) pursuant (“Deemed Commissioning Period”).
- 16.1.5 The SPD shall also be eligible for deemed commissioning, if a unit has been Commissioned but the GVSCCL is unable to offtake solar power due to network unavailability or the availability of the Canal Top. In such a condition, the GVSCCL will be obligated to pay for the Electricity that could have been generated by the SPD during such period. Deemed generation shall be calculated at the Tariff specified in Article 23 (“Deemed Generation”).
- 16.1.6 For the purpose of calculation of quantum of Deemed Generation (a) during Deemed Commissioning Period, Minimum CUF shall be applied to the nominal installed capacity of the Unit under Deemed Commissioning and (b) for the period after Commissioning, such period during which GVSCCL failed to off take Electricity shall be divided into blocks of 15 minutes each and paid in blocks of 15 minutes. No deemed generation will be available for the first 15-minute block. The Electricity generated by the SPD during the same period of each 15 minutes block on the same date of the preceding year shall be taken as Deemed Generation, provided that if such situation occurs before expiry of one year after the Commercial Operation Date, Deemed Generation shall be based on the generation of Electricity in the same block of each 15 minutes on the immediately preceding day when there was no failure to off take on the part of GVSCCL. If in the first year of the operation, Deemed Generation shall be based on the generation of Electricity in the same block of each 15 minutes for last 15 days for which the energy generation were monitored.
- 16.1.7 For purposes of the section 16.1.3, availability in relation to the Distribution Grid for a given period shall mean the time in blocks of 15 minutes for that period when the Distribution Grid is able to evacuate the electricity from the entire Project,

expressed in percentage of the total hours in the period and shall not be less than ninety percent (90%).

- 16.1.8. In case the DISCOM is unable to evacuate power at any time during the operations, GVSCCL shall make alternate arrangements at the earliest possible for the evacuation of the said power. During the period (for the time the evacuation is not available), GVSCCL will compensate the SPD for the Deemed Power generated as provided in Clause 16.1.6. In case the internal system of the alternate arrangement fails, restricting power evacuation, GVSCCL shall pay cost equivalent to deemed generation to the SPD.
- 16.1.9 If, for reasons other than the SPD's breach of its obligations herein, the SPD ceases to have access rights to the Premises, GVSCCL will provide an alternate site to set-up the operations within 2 weeks of the date of disruptions and provide Deemed Generation cost to the SPD.
- 16.1.10 In the event that (a) GVSCCL repairs the Premises' Canal for any reason directly related damage, if any, caused by the System/ SPD, and such repair requires the partial or complete temporary disassembly or movement of the System, or (b) any act or omission of SPD or its employees, Affiliates, agents or subcontractors results in a disruption or outage in System production, and such events not attributable to GVSCCL / Force Majeure, then, in either case, SPD will (i) pay the GVSCCL for all work required by GVSCCL repair of Canal ; (ii) not be eligible for deemed generation and (iii) this period will be not be counted during accounting for calculation of CUF and evaluation of whether the system met the Minimum CUF.
- 16.1.11 The SPD shall be responsible to obtain all insurance for each Project Installation at its own cost. Relocation of the Project Installations. GVSCCL may request, for any purpose, the SPD by written notice to relocate the Project Installation from such Relevant Premises to alternate location(s) of similar size to be provided by the GVSCCL. Within 6 (six) months of receipt of such notice from the GVSCCL, the SPD shall relocate the Project Installation, subject to obtaining all necessary Approvals. A time of two week will be provided to the SPD for relocation of the premises for which the SPD will be eligible for deemed generation and cost of relocation.

## ARTICLE 17

### 17 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

#### 17.1 Safety Requirements

- 17.1.1 The SPD will take all necessary and reasonable safety precautions with respect to providing the Installation Work, Solar Power, and System Operations that will comply with all Applicable Laws pertaining to the health and safety of persons and real and personal property.
- 17.1.2 The SPD shall take entire responsibility for electrical safety of the installation(s) including connectivity with the grid and follow all the safety rules & regulations applicable as per Electricity Act, 2003 and CEA guidelines etc
- 17.1.3 Project Management shall include adherence to all requisite safety practices.
- 17.1.4 Security, safety, watch, and ward of all materials at sites shall be the responsibility of the SPD.
- 17.1.5 Contractor Safety Management to be strictly complied with by the SPD throughout Project activity.
- 17.1.6 The SPD shall comply with the provisions of this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits and conform to Good Industry Practice for securing the safety of the Solar Canal Top Power System. In particular, the SPD shall develop, implement and administer a surveillance and safety programme for providing a safe environment on or about the Solar Canal Top Power System, and shall comply with the safety requirements set forth in Schedule-E (the “**Safety Requirements**”).
- 17.1.7 The Parties hereby agree that the Engineer In-charge shall carry out safety audit of the Solar Canal Top Power System in accordance with the Safety Requirements at least once a quarter. The SPD shall, no later than 7 (seven) days after the close of each quarter, furnish to GVSCCL a copy of the safety certification issued by the Safety Consultant. All costs and expenses to be incurred for facilitating the safety audit shall be solely borne by the SPD.

## ARTICLE 18

### 18 MONITORING OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

#### 18.1 Metering

- 18.1.1 The SPD will install the Main Metering System at the Delivery Point for the measurement of electrical energy produced by the System.
- 18.1.2 The Metering system will consist of a Main Meter and Backup Meter. The Backup Meter will be required for any system with a capacity of 49 kW and above.
- 18.1.3 Both the Parties agree that the respective Delivery Point of the Units comprising the Project shall be the interface boundary on the SPD's side of the Main Meter. For each Delivery Point, a Main Meter and a Back Up Meter shall be established as per the provisions of Schedule C. The Back Up Meter shall be installed in accordance with the metering protocols currently followed by GVSCCL if any.
- 18.1.4 The Parties agree that the installation, sealing, inspection, calibration, maintenance and testing of Main Meters and the Back Up Meters shall be as per the provisions of Schedule C and shall also conform to the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation Meters) Regulation, 2006 as amended from time to time.
- 18.1.5 The meters will be sealed in the presence of representatives of the SPD and GVSCCL. Any seal(s) of Main Meter or Backup Meter will be broken only by GVSCCL's representative in the presence of the SPD's representative whenever such Meter is to be inspected, tested, adjusted, repaired or replaced.
- 18.1.6 The meter will be read by the SPD's personnel on the Metering Date in the presence of the authorized representative of GVSCCL. Both the Parties will sign a joint meter reading report. However, in case the Joint Meter Reading Report is not signed in the first three Business days of any month due to non-availability of GVSCCL's authorized representative, the report signed by the SPD will be considered as Joint Meter Reading Report. The Parties agree that such Joint meter reading Report will be final and binding on the Parties.
- 18.1.7 The Main Metering System at the Delivery Point and any additional meters required by Applicable Law will be tested, maintained and owned by the SPD.
- 18.1.8 In case of any change in the Delivery Point as mutually agreed between GVSCCL and the SPD will automatically apply to this Agreement without any further action.

#### 18.2 Meter Reading

- 18.2.1 The Parties may mutually agree to opt for remote/ automated meter reading (taking into account the date by which such meters will need to be installed prior to the First Commissioning Date) and will mutually decide upon the framework and methodology for such remote meter reading.
- 18.2.2 The risk and title to the SPD supplied by the SPD will pass to GVSCCL at the Delivery Point.
- 18.2.3 When the Meter and/or any component thereof is found to be outside the

acceptable limits of accuracy or otherwise not functioning properly, it will be repaired, re-calibrated or replaced by the SPD and/or the GVSCCL at the SPD's cost, as soon as possible.

18.2.4 All the Main Meters and Backup Meters will be calibrated once in a period of one (1) year.

18.2.5 In the event that a Main Meter at a Delivery Point is not in service as a result of maintenance, repairs or testing, then the Backup Meter at such Delivery Point shall be used during the period the Main Meter is not in service.

### 18.3 Remote Display

SPD will arrange to install LED based display screens along with relevant hardware at relevant stations as directed by the Engineer In-charge and will develop relevant software programs which will display real time generation on a minute, hourly, daily, monthly and annual basis. The cost of development of these systems will have to be borne by the SPD.

### 18.4 Records

18.4.1 Each Party will keep complete and accurate records and all other data required by each of them for the purposes of proper administration of this Agreement and the operation of the Project.

### 18.5 Daily status reports

Daily Management Information System (MIS) reports with generation and down time analysis data shall be made available to GVSCCL office by E-mail.

During Operation Period, the SPD shall, no later than 7 (seven) days after the close of each month, furnish to GVSCCL and the Engineer In-charge a monthly report stating in reasonable detail the condition of the Project including its compliance or otherwise with the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual, Maintenance Programme and Safety Requirements, and shall promptly give such other relevant information as may be required by the Engineer In-charge. In particular, such report shall separately identify and state in reasonable detail the defects and deficiencies that require rectification.

### 18.6 Reports of unusual occurrence

The Affected Party shall give notice to the other Party of any event of Force Majeure as soon as reasonably practicable, but not later than seven (7) days after the date on which such Party knew or should reasonably have known of the commencement of the event of Force Majeure. If an event of Force Majeure results in a breakdown of communications rendering it unreasonable to give notice within the applicable time limit specified herein, then the Party claiming Force Majeure shall give such notice as soon as reasonably practicable after reinstatement of communications, but not later than one (1) day after such reinstatement.

Provided that such notice shall be a pre-condition to the Affected Party's entitlement to claim relief under this Agreement. Such notice shall include full particulars of the event of Force Majeure, its effects on the Party claiming relief and the remedial measures proposed. The Affected Party shall give the other Party regular (and not less than monthly) reports on the progress of those remedial measures and such other information as the other Party may reasonably request about the Force Majeure Event.

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The SPD shall, upon occurrence of accidents or unusual occurrences, send to GVSCCL, by facsimile or e-mail, a report, in a mutually agreed form, stating accidents and unusual occurrences on the Solar Canal Top Power System, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event no later than 24 (twenty-four) hours after such occurrence. A weekly and monthly summary of such reports shall also be sent within 3 (three) days of the closing of each week and month, as the case may be. The record of such occurrences shall be maintained as per the prevailing practices on GVSCCL for the purposes of this Clause 18.6, accidents and unusual occurrences shall include:

- a. death or injury to any person;
- b. broken fences;
- c. damaged or dislodged fixed equipment;
- d. damage to or displacement of traction power conductor; or loss of traction power;
- e. smoke or fire;
- f. flooding;
- g. any other event rendering the Solar Canal Top Power System unsafe;

#### 18.7 Inspection

The Engineer In-charge shall inspect the System at least once a month. He shall make a report of such inspection (the "O&M Inspection Report") stating in reasonable detail the defects or deficiencies, if any, with particular reference to the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual, the Maintenance Programme and Safety Requirements, and send a copy thereof to GVSCCL and the SPD within 7 (seven) days of such inspection.

## ARTICLE 19

### 19 SECURITY

#### 19.1 Security

- 19.1.1 The SPD shall make its own arrangement for and take reasonable measures and shall be solely responsible for security of the Project Installations, including commercially reasonable monitoring of the Site's alarms, if any.
- 19.1.2 The SPD shall check security and fire protection systems on a monthly basis.
- 19.1.3 Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance during entire life of the systems shall include provision of adequate security provisions
- 19.1.4 GVSCCL acknowledges and agrees that unless otherwise specified in this Agreement it shall provide or cause to be provide assistance to the SPD, security within the limits of the Solar Canal Top Power System for the prevention of terrorism, hijacking, sabotage and/or similar acts or occurrences.
- 19.1.5 The SPD shall provide and maintain perimeter fencing or other suitable protection around the Canal Top solar project and shall be responsible for the security arrangements, which also includes providing & maintaining necessary equipment at the entry, exit and within the Canal Top solar project in order to maintain orderly conduct of its business and the security thereof.
- 19.1.6 The SPD shall abide by and implement any instructions of GVSCCL for enhancing the security within and around the Canal Top solar project. The SPD shall not be entitled to any compensation for disruption of its operations or loss or damage resulting from GVSCCL actions or the actions of any organization authorized by GVSCCL other than those resulting from wilful or grossly negligent acts or omissions of such organisation. GVSCCL agrees that it shall call the relevant organisations to take such actions as reasonably deemed necessary by them, without unduly or unreasonably disrupting the operations of the Canal Top solar project or interfering with the exercise of rights or fulfilment of obligations by the SPD under this Agreement. The SPD agrees that it shall extend its full support and cooperation to GVSCCL and to the other organizations authorised by GVSCCL in the discharge of their obligations there under.
- 19.1.7 Subject to the rights of the SPD under this Clause 19.1.7, GVSCCL or any agency duly authorised by it shall be entitled to inspect and search any person or vehicle entering the Site or departing there from, without unduly or unreasonably disrupting the operations of the Project.
- 19.1.8 GVSCCL shall ensure and procure that the personnel of the SPD and all its contractors, suppliers, sub-contractors and agents and the Users are allowed free ingress and egress from the limits of the Site without any unreasonable interference by the personnel of GVSCCL.

## ARTICLE 20

### 20 ENGINEER IN-CHARGE

#### 20.1 Appointment of Engineer In-Charge

The Authority has appointed its Project Management Consultant (the “PMC”) for assisting it to Design, Develop, Manage, and Implement Smart City Project under Smart City Mission to be the independent consultant under this Agreement (the “Engineer In-Charge”), until the expiry of the contract between the Authority and the PMC. On expiry or termination of the aforesaid contract, the Authority may in its discretion renew the appointment, or appoint another firm from a fresh panel constituted pursuant to Schedule-I to be the Engineer In-charge for a term of 3 (three) years, and such procedure shall be repeated after expiry of each appointment.

#### 20.2 Duties and functions

20.2.1 The Engineer In-charge shall discharge its duties and functions substantially in accordance with the terms of reference set forth in Schedule-H.

20.2.2 The Engineer In-charge shall submit regular periodic reports (at least once every month) to the Authority in respect of its duties and functions set forth in Schedule-H .

#### 20.3 Remuneration

The remuneration, cost and expenses of the Engineer In-charge shall be paid by the Authority.

#### 20.4 Termination of appointment

20.4.1 The Authority may, in its discretion, terminate the appointment of the Engineer In-charge at any time, but only after appointment of another Engineer In-charge in accordance with Clause 20.1.

20.4.2 If the SPD has reason to believe that the Engineer In-charge is not discharging its duties and functions in a fair, efficient and diligent manner, it may make a written representation to the Authority and seek termination of the appointment of the Engineer In-charge. Upon receipt of such representation, the Authority shall hold a tripartite meeting with the SPD and Engineer In-charge for an amicable resolution of the Dispute, and if any difference or disagreement between the Authority and the SPD remains unresolved, the Dispute shall be settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. In the event that the appointment of the Engineer In-charge is terminated hereunder, the Authority shall appoint forthwith another Engineer In-charge in accordance with Clause 20.1.

#### 20.5 Authorised signatories

The Authority shall require the Engineer In-charge to designate and notify to the Authority and the SPD up to 2 (two) persons employed in its firm to sign for and on behalf of the Engineer In-charge, and any communication or document required to be signed by the Engineer In-charge shall be valid and effective only if signed by any of the designated persons; provided that the Engineer In-charge may, by notice in writing, substitute any of the designated persons by any of its employees.

#### 20.6 Dispute resolution

If either Party disputes any advice, instruction, decision, direction or award of the Engineer In-charge, or, as the case may be, the assertion or failure to assert jurisdiction, the Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

## ARTICLE 21

### 21 FINANCIAL CLOSE

#### 21.1 Financial Close

21.1.1 The SPD hereby agrees and undertakes that it shall achieve Financial Close within 120 (one hundred and twenty) days from the Effective Date and in the event of delay, it shall be entitled to a further period not exceeding [60 (sixty)] days, subject to payment of Damages to GVSCCL in a sum calculated at the rate of [0.2% (zero point two per cent)] of the Performance Security for each day of delay; provided that the Damages specified herein shall be payable every week in advance and the period beyond the said [60 (sixty)] days shall be granted only to the extent of Damages so paid; provided further that no Damages shall be payable if such delay in Financial Close has occurred solely as a result of any default or delay by GVSCCL in procuring satisfaction of the Conditions Precedent specified in Clause 4.1.2 or due to Force Majeure. For the avoidance of doubt, the damages payable hereunder by the SPD shall be in addition to the Damages, if any, due and payable under the provisions of Clause 4.3.

21.1.2 The SPD shall, upon occurrence of Financial Close, notify GVSCCL forthwith, and shall have provided to GVSCCL, at least 2 (two) days prior to the Financial Close, 3 (three) true copies of the Financial Package and the Financial Model, duly attested by a Director of the SPD, along with 3 (three) soft copies of the Financial Model in MS Excel version or any substitute thereof, which is acceptable to the Senior Lenders.

#### 21.2 Termination due to failure to achieve Financial Close

21.2.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event that Financial Close does not occur, for any reason whatsoever, within the period set forth in Clause 21.1.1 or the extended period provided there under, all rights, privileges, claims and entitlements of the SPD under or arising out of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by, and to have ceased with the concurrence of the SPD, and the Power Purchase Agreement shall be deemed to have been terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that in the event the Parties hereto have, by mutual consent, determined the Appointed Date to precede the Financial Close, the provisions of this Clause 21.2.1 shall not apply.

21.2.2 Upon Termination, GVSCCL shall be entitled to encash the Performance Security and appropriate the proceeds thereof as Damages; provided, however, if Financial Close has not occurred solely as a result of GVSCCL being in default of any of its obligations under Clause 4.1.2, it shall, upon Termination, return the Performance Security.

## ARTICLE 22

### 22 CENTRAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### 22.1 Central Financial Assistance (CFA)

22.1.1 GVSCCL is not liable to provide CFA to SPD. However, GVSCCL shall assist the SPD if it intends to avail the CFA at its own cost and efforts.

22.1.2 The Central Financial Assistance shall be disbursed to the SPD as per the guidelines of MNRE.

22.1.3 Subject to the conditions specified in this Clause 22.2, the CFA shall be credited to the Escrow Account and shall be applied by the SPD for meeting the Total Project Costas per MNRE guidelines.

22.1.4 In the event of occurrence of a SPD Default, disbursement of Central Financial Assistance shall be suspended till such SPD Default has been cured by the SPD.

## ARTICLE 23

### 23 TARIFF AND EFFECT OF VARIATIONS IN PROJECTED GENERATION

#### 23.1 Consideration

GVSCCL will pay to the SPD a monthly payment (the “**Tariff**”) for the Solar Power generated by the Project during each calendar month of the Term equal to the product of the Actual Monthly Production as recorded in the Joint Meter Reading Report for the System for the relevant month multiplied by the Tariff

The SPD will bill GVSCCL for each kWh metered as above at the Delivery Point, at the Tariff as decided (in INR) prevailing at that point of time. The Tariff will be equal to **Rs.[\*\*]per kWh**

For the sake of simplicity, the second year will begin from the first date of the month following completion of one year from the Commercial Operation Date so as to maintain a monthly billing cycle.

#### 23.2 Invoice

The SPD will invoice Purchaser on the first day of each month (each, an “**Invoice Date**”), commencing on the first Invoice Date to occur after the Commercial Operation Date, for the Solar Power Payment in respect of the immediately preceding month. The last invoice will include production only through the Expiration Date of this Agreement. The Invoice to GVSCCL will include:

- a) The Solar Energy calculations for the relevant Billing Period;
- b) Supporting data, documents and calculations in accordance with this Agreement
- c) **Other Invoices:** Any amount due to either Party or payable by the other Party under this Agreement other than amounts set out in a Tariff Invoice shall be payable within thirty (30) days of presentation of a separate invoice (the “Other Invoice”) by either Party. Format as per Schedule J.

#### 23.3 Time of Payment

Purchaser will pay all amounts due hereunder within Thirty (30) working days after the date of the receipt of the invoice in GVSCCL’ office (“**Due Date**”).

#### 23.4 Method of Payment

GVSCCL will make all payments under the Agreement by cheque or electronic funds transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by the SPD from time to time. All payments made hereunder will be non-refundable, subject to the applicable tax deduction at source, and be made free and clear of any other tax, levy, assessment, duties or other charges and not subject to reduction, set-off, or adjustment of any kind. If GVSCCL deducts any tax at source, GVSCCL will issue a tax credit certificate as per law.

#### 23.5 Generation Factors

The Minimum CUF which the solar power developer will have to provide during first year of operations shall not be the less than [18%] of Installed capacity. The maximum Deration in generation allowed over the first ten years of operation is 10%, over life of the project is 20% of the Installed Capacity.

### 23.6 Shortfall in Generation

If for any contract year, it is found that the SPD has not been able to generate minimum energy as outlined in the Minimum CUF, on account of reasons solely attributed to the SPD, such shortfall in performance shall make SPD liable to pay a compensation equivalent to the higher of the following:

- a) shortfall in generation multiplied by Tariff agreed in this agreement.
- b) the penalty accruing to GVSCCL for not being able to meet its Renewable Purchase Obligation/ cost incurred for buying the shortfall in RE through RECs and the cost incurred by GVSCCL for procuring an equivalent amount of energy from the distribution utility.

### 23.7 Taxes and duties

It is expressly agreed by the Parties that the tariff shall be inclusive of all taxes and duties.

### 23.8 Tariff

GVSCCL agrees and undertakes that commencing from the COD it shall, by the [30<sup>th</sup>(thirtieth)] day (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day) from the last day of each month, pay the Tariff to the SPD for the relevant month, through electronic transfer, to the nominated bank account of the SPD, and shall also provide a statement setting out the computation of the Tariff, including details of Damages payable in accordance with this Agreement, and the net amount payable by the SPD to the GVSCCL in respect of the immediately preceding month in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. All Damages and any other amounts due and payable by the SPD to the GVSCCL in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Agreement may be deducted from the Tariff due and payable to the SPD and in the event the deductions hereunder exceed the Tariff in that month, the balance remaining shall be deducted from the Tariff due and payable to the SPD for the immediately following month.

### 23.9 Delayed payments

All amounts due and payable to the SPD under the provisions of this Agreement shall be paid within the period set forth in Clause 23.8. In the event of delay beyond such period, GVSCCL shall pay interest for the period of delay, calculated at a rate equal to [2% (two per cent) above the Bank Rate] on the amounts payable.

### 23.10 Disputed Payments

In the event that GVSCCL disputes an Invoice, it will give notice of such a dispute within 15 days of receiving the Invoice setting out details of the disputed amount. The notice should include

- a) details of the disputed amount; its estimate of what the correct amount should be;
- b) all written material in support of its claim; and

GVSCCL will pay by the Due Date 100% of any undisputed amount and in case the invoice is disputed, GVSCCL will pay an amount based on average consumption of last three consecutive undisputed Invoices. Amount so recovered will be subject to final adjustment on resolution of the dispute.

If a SPD does not dispute the Invoice, as the case may be, within thirty (30) days of receiving it, such Invoice will be taken as conclusive against SPD.

If the SPD agrees to the claim raised in the Invoice Dispute Notice, the SPD will revise such Tariff Invoice within seven (7) days of receiving such notice and if GVSCCL has already made the excess payment, refund to GVSCCL such excess amount within fifteen (15) days of receiving such notice.

If the SPD does not agree to the claim raised in the "Invoice Dispute Notice" issued pursuant, it will, within fifteen (15) days of receiving the Invoice Dispute Notice, furnish a reply to GVSCCL providing:

- i. reasons for its disagreement;
- ii. its estimate of what the correct amount should be; and
- iii. all written material in support of its counter-claim.

Upon receipt of reply of disagreement to the Invoice Dispute Notice, authorized representative(s) of each Party will meet and make best endeavours to amicably resolve such dispute. If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute amicably within fifteen (15) days of receipt of reply of disagreement to the Invoice Dispute Notice pursuant, the matter will be referred to Dispute Resolution in accordance with Article 33.

Upon resolution of the dispute, in case the SPD is subsequently found to have overcharged, the overcharged amount with an interest of [2% (two percent) above the Bank Rate] for the period it retained the additional amount will be adjusted against subsequent invoice. In the event the amount is payable by GVSCCL, it will pay, to the SPD, the disputed amount with an interest of [2% (two percent) above the Bank Rate] for the period it disputed the Tariff Invoice amount or the Other Invoice.

GVSCCL/the SPD will not have the right to challenge any Tariff Invoice or Other Invoice, as the case may be, or to bring any legal or administrative action of any kind questioning/modifying a Tariff Invoice or Other Invoice, as the case may be, after a period of three years from the Due Date of the Tariff Invoice or Other Invoice, as the case may be.

## ARTICLE 24

### 24 ESCROW ACCOUNT

#### 24.1 Escrow Account

24.1.1 The SPD shall, prior to the Appointed Date, open and establish an Escrow Account with a Bank (the “**Escrow Bank**”) in accordance with this Agreement read with the Escrow Agreement.

24.1.2 The nature and scope of the Escrow Account are fully described in the agreement (the “Escrow Agreement”) to be entered into amongst the SPD, GVSCCL, the Escrow Bank and the Senior Lenders through the Lenders Representative, which shall be substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-K.

#### 24.224.2. Deposits into Escrow Account

The SPD and/or GVSCCL, as the case may be, shall deposit or cause to be deposited the following inflows and receipts into the Escrow Account:

- a. all funds constituting the Financial Package;
- b. all payments on account of tariff and any other revenues from or in respect of the solar power projects, including the proceeds of any rentals, deposits, capital receipts or insurance claims;
- c. all payments by GVSCCL, after deduction of any outstanding Agreement Fee;
- d. Availed CFA amount

Provided that the Senior Lender’s may make direct disbursements to the SPD in accordance with the express provisions contained in this behalf in the Financing Agreements.

#### 24.3 Withdrawals during Agreement Period

The SPD shall, at the time of opening the Escrow Account, give irrevocable instructions, by way of an Escrow Agreement, to the Escrow Bank instructing, *inter alia*, that deposits in the Escrow Account shall be appropriated in the following order every month, or at shorter intervals as necessary, and if not due in a month then appropriated proportionately in such month and retained in the Escrow Account and paid out there from in the month when:

- i. All taxes due and payable by the SPD for and in respect of the Canal Top solar project system;
- ii. All payments relating to construction of the solar project system, subject to and in accordance with the conditions, if any, set forth in the Financing Agreements;
- iii. all payments and Damages certified by GVSCCL as due and payable to it by the SPD;
- iv. O&M Expenses and other costs and expenses incurred by GVSCCL in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and certified by GVSCCL as due and payable to it;
- v. monthly proportionate provision of Debt Service due in an Accounting Year;

- vi. monthly proportionate provision of debt service payments due in an Accounting Year in respect of Subordinated Debt;
- vii. O&M Expenses, subject to the ceiling, if any, set forth in the Financing Agreements;
- viii. any reserve requirements set forth in the Financing Agreements; and
- ix. balance, if any, in accordance with the instructions of the SPD.

24.3.1 The SPD shall not in any manner modify the order of payment specified in Clause 24.3.1, except with the prior written approval of GVSCCL.

#### 24.4.4. Withdrawals upon Termination

24.4.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, all amounts standing to the credit of the Escrow Account shall, upon Termination, be appropriated in the following order:

- a. all taxes due and payable by the SPD for and in respect of the solar power project.;
- b. all payments and Damages certified by GVSCCL as due and payable to it by the SPD;
- c. retention and payments relating to the liability set forth in Article 31;
- d. 90% (ninety per cent) of Debt Due excluding Subordinated Debt;
- e. Outstanding Debt Service including balance of Debt Due;
- f. outstanding Subordinated Debt;
- g. incurred or accrued O&M Expenses;
- h. any other payments required to be made under this Agreement; and
- i. balance, if any, in accordance with the instructions of the SPD:

24.4.2 The provisions of this Article 24 and the instructions contained in the Escrow Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until the obligations set forth in Clause 24.4.1 have been discharged.

## ARTICLE 25

### 25 INSURANCE

#### 25.1 Insurance during Agreement Period

The SPD shall effect and maintain at its own cost, during the Construction Period and the Operation Period, such insurances for such maximum sums as may be required under the Financing Agreements and the Applicable Laws, and such insurances as may be necessary or prudent in accordance with Good Industry Practice. The SPD shall also effect and maintain such insurances as may be necessary for mitigating the risks that may devolve on GVSCCL as a consequence of any act or omission of the SPD during the Construction Period. The SPD shall procure that in each insurance policy, GVSCCL shall be a co-insured and that the insurer shall pay the proceeds of insurance into the Escrow Account. For the avoidance of doubt, the level of insurance to be maintained by the SPD after repayment of Senior Lenders' dues in full shall be determined on the same principles as applicable for determining the level of insurance prior to such repayment of Senior Lenders' dues.

Without prejudice to the provisions contained in this Clause 25.1 the SPD shall, during the Operation Period, procure and maintain Insurance Cover including but not limited to the following:

1. Loss, damage or destruction of the Project Assets, including assets handed over by GVSCCL to the SPD, at replacement value;
2. comprehensive third party liability insurance including injury to or death of personnel of GVSCCL or others who may enter the Project Facilities;
3. the SPD's general liability arising out of the Agreement;
4. liability to third parties for goods or property damage;
5. workmen's compensation insurance; and
6. any other insurance that may be necessary to protect the SPD and its employees, including all Force Majeure Events that are insurable at commercially reasonable premiums and not otherwise covered in items (i) to (iv) above.

The SPD is advised to take insurance policy with reinstatement clause built-in so any proceeds from insurance claims can cover the cost of a new plant.

#### 25.2 Notice to GVSCCL

No later than 45 (forty five) days prior to commencement of the Construction, the SPD shall by notice furnish to GVSCCL, in reasonable detail, information in respect of the insurances that it proposes to effect and maintain in accordance with this Article 25. Within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of such notice, GVSCCL may require the SPD to effect and maintain such other insurances as may be necessary pursuant hereto, and in the event of any difference or disagreement relating to any such insurance, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.

### 25.3 Evidence of Insurance Cover

All insurances obtained by the SPD in accordance with this Article 25 shall be maintained with insurers on terms consistent with Good Industry Practice. Within 15 (fifteen) days of obtaining any insurance cover, the SPD shall furnish to GVSCCL, notarised true copies of the certificate(s) of insurance, copies of insurance policies and premia payment receipts in respect of such insurance, and no such insurance shall be cancelled, modified, or allowed to expire or lapse until the expiration of at least 45 (forty five) days after notice of such proposed cancellation, modification or non-renewal has been delivered by the SPD and acknowledged by GVSCCL.

### 25.4 Remedy for failure to insure

If the SPD shall fail to effect and keep in force all insurances for which it is responsible pursuant hereto, GVSCCL shall have the option to either keep in force any such insurances, and pay such premia and recover the costs thereof from the SPD, or in the event of computation of a Termination Payment, treat an amount equal to the Insurance Cover as deemed to have been received by the SPD.

### 25.5 Waiver of subrogation

All insurance policies in respect of the insurance obtained by the SPD pursuant to this Article 25 shall include a waiver of any and all rights of subrogation or recovery of the insurers there under against, *inter alia*, GVSCCL, and its assigns, successors, undertakings and their subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, insurers and underwriters, and of any right of the insurers to any set-off or counterclaim or any other deduction, whether by attachment or otherwise, in respect of any liability of any such person insured under any such policy or in any way connected with any loss, liability or obligation covered by such policies of insurance.

### 25.6 SPD's waiver

The SPD hereby further releases, assigns and waives any and all rights of subrogation or recovery against, *inter alia*, GVSCCL and its assigns, undertakings and their subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, successors, insurers and underwriters, which the SPD may otherwise have or acquire in or from or in any way connected with any loss, liability or obligation covered by policies of insurance maintained or required to be maintained by the SPD pursuant to this Agreement (other than third party liability insurance policies) or because of deductible clauses in or inadequacy of limits of any such policies of insurance.

### 25.7 Application of insurance proceeds

The proceeds from all insurance claims, except life and injury, shall be paid to the SPD by credit to the Escrow Account and it shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clause 24.3, apply such proceeds for any necessary repair, reconstruction, reinstatement, replacement, improvement, delivery or installation of the Solar power System, and the balance remaining, if any, shall be applied in accordance with the provisions contained in this behalf in the Financing Agreements.

## ARTICLE 26

### 26 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

#### 26.1 Audited accounts

26.1.1 The SPD shall maintain books of accounts recording all its receipts (including all revenues derived/collected by it from or on account of the Solar Canal Top Power System and/or its use), income, expenditure, payments (including payments from the Escrow Account), assets and liabilities, in accordance with this Agreement, Good Industry Practice, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits. The SPD shall provide 2 (two) copies of its Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and Profit and Loss Account, along with a report thereon by its Statutory Auditors, within 90 (ninety) days of the close of the Accounting Year to which they pertain and such audited accounts, save and except where expressly provided to the contrary, shall form the basis of payments by either Party under this Agreement. GVSCCL shall have the right to inspect the records of the SPD during office hours and require copies of relevant extracts of books of accounts, duly certified by the Statutory Auditors, to be provided to GVSCCL for verification of basis of payments, and in the event of any discrepancy or error being found, the same shall be rectified and such rectified account shall form the basis of payments by either Party under this Agreement.

26.1.2 The SPD shall, within 30 (thirty) days of the close of each quarter of an Accounting Year, furnish to GVSCCL its unaudited financial results in respect of the preceding quarter, in the manner and form prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India for publication of quarterly results by the companies listed on a stock exchange.

26.1.3 On or before the 90 (ninety) days of completion of each financial Year, the SPD shall provide to GVSCCL, for the preceding Accounting Year, a statement duly audited by its Statutory Auditors giving summarised information on tariff received and other revenues derived from the Solar Canal Top Power System, and such other information as GVSCCL may reasonably require.

#### 26.2 Appointment of auditors

26.2.1 The SPD shall, at its own cost and expense, appoint, and have during the subsistence of this Agreement as its Statutory Auditors, a firm chosen by it in accordance with the eligibility criteria set forth herein below:

- a. the firm should have conducted statutory audit of the annual accounts of at least 100 (one hundred) companies registered under the Companies Act 1956/2013, of which at least 10 (ten) should have been public sector undertakings;
- b. the firm should have at least 3 (three) practicing Chartered Accountants on its rolls, each with a minimum experience of 10 (ten) years in the profession;
- c. the firm or any of its partners should not have been disqualified or black-listed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or GVSCCL; and
- d. the firm should have an office in the Andhra Pradesh (AP) or in an adjacent State with at least 2 (two) practicing Chartered Accountants on its rolls in AP / such State.

The SPD may terminate the appointment of its Statutory Auditors after a notice of 45 (forty-five) days to GVSCCL subject to the replacement Statutory Auditors being appointed by it in accordance with clause 26.2.1.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, GVSCCL shall have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint at its cost from time to time and at anytime, another firm (the “Additional Auditors”) to audit and verify all those matters, expenses, costs, realizations and things which the Statutory Auditors are required to do, undertake or certify pursuant to this Agreement.

#### 26.3 Certification of claims by Statutory Auditors and Additional Auditor

Any claim or document provided by the SPD to GVSCCL 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 and Additional Auditor, if appointed. For the avoidance of doubt, such certification shall not be required for exchange of information in the normal course of business.

#### 26.4 Set-off

In the event any amount is due and payable by GVSCCL to the SPD, it may set-off any sums payable to it by the SPD and pay the balance remaining. Any exercise by GVSCCL of its rights under this Clause shall be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to it under this Agreement or otherwise.

#### 26.5 Dispute Resolution

In the event of there being any difference between the findings of the Additional Auditors and the certification provided by the Statutory Auditors, such Auditors shall meet to resolve the differences and if they are unable to resolve the same, such Dispute shall be resolved by GVSCCL by recourse to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

## ARTICLE 27

### 27 SUSPENSION OF SPD'S RIGHTS

#### 27.1 Suspension upon SPD Default

Upon occurrence of a SPD Default, GVSCCL shall be entitled, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies under this Agreement including its rights of Termination hereunder, to (i) suspend all rights of the SPD under this Agreement including the SPD's right to payment of Tariff, and other revenues pursuant hereto, and (ii) exercise such rights itself and perform the obligations hereunder or authorise any other person to exercise or perform the same on its behalf during such suspension (the "Suspension"). Suspension hereunder shall be effective forthwith upon issue of notice by GVSCCL to the SPD and may extend up to a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the date of issue of such notice; provided that upon written request from the SPD and the Lenders' Representative, GVSCCL shall extend the aforesaid period of [90 (ninety)] days by a further period not exceeding 60 (sixty) days.

#### 27.2 GVSCCL to act on behalf of SPD

During the period of Suspension, GVSCCL shall, on behalf of the SPD, appropriate all Tariff and revenues under and in accordance with this Agreement and deposit the same in the Escrow Account. GVSCCL shall be entitled to make withdrawals from the Escrow Account for meeting the costs incurred by it for remedying and rectifying the cause of Suspension, and thereafter for defraying the expenses specified in Clause 24.3.

During the period of Suspension hereunder, all rights and liabilities vested in the SPD in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to vest therein and all things done or actions taken, including expenditure incurred by GVSCCL for discharging the obligations of the SPD under and in accordance with this Agreement and the Project Agreements, shall be deemed to have been done or taken for and on behalf of the SPD and the SPD undertakes to indemnify GVSCCL for all costs incurred during such period. The SPD hereby licences and sub-licences respectively, GVSCCL or any other person authorised by it under Clause 27.1 to use during Suspension, all Intellectual Property belonging to or licensed to the SPD with respect to the Project and its design, engineering, construction, operation and maintenance, and which is used or created by the SPD in performing its obligations under the Agreement.

#### 27.3 Revocation of Suspension

In the event that GVSCCL shall have rectified or removed the cause of Suspension within a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the date of Suspension, it shall revoke the Suspension forthwith and restore all rights of the SPD under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that GVSCCL may, in its discretion, revoke the Suspension at any time, whether or not the cause of Suspension has been rectified or removed hereunder.

Upon the SPD having cured the SPD Default within a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the date of Suspension, GVSCCL shall revoke the Suspension forthwith and restore all rights of the SPD under this Agreement.

#### 27.4 Substitution of SPD

At any time during the period of Suspension, the Lenders' Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, shall be entitled to substitute the SPD under and in accordance with the

Substitution Agreement, and upon receipt of notice there under from the Lenders" Representative, GVSCCL shall withhold Termination for a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the date of Suspension, and any extension thereof under Clause 27.1, for enabling the Lenders" Representative to exercise its rights of substitution on behalf of Senior Lenders.

#### 27.5 Termination

At any time during the period of Suspension under this Article 27, the SPD may by notice require GVSCCL to revoke the Suspension and issue a Termination Notice.

Subject to the rights of the Lenders" Representative to undertake substitution in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and within the period specified in Clause 27.4, GVSCCL shall, within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice, terminate this Agreement under and in accordance with Article 28.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event that Suspension is not revoked within 90 (ninety) days from the date of Suspension hereunder or within the extended period, if any, set forth in Clause 27.1, the Power Purchase Agreement shall, upon expiry of the aforesaid period, be deemed to have been terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties and all the provisions of this Agreement shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to such Termination as if a Termination Notice had been issued by GVSCCL upon occurrence of a SPD Default.

## ARTICLE 28

### 28 TERMINATION

#### 28.1 Termination for SPD Default

28.1.1 Save as otherwise provided in this Agreement, in the event that any of the defaults specified below shall have occurred, and the SPD fails to cure the default within the Cure Period set forth below, or where no Cure Period is specified, then within a Cure Period of 60 (sixty) days, the SPD shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement (the "SPD Default"), unless the default has occurred solely as a result of any breach of this Agreement by GVSCCL or due to Force Majeure. The defaults referred to herein shall include:

- a) the Performance Security has been en-cashed and appropriated in accordance with Clause 9.2 and the SPD fails to replenish or provide fresh Performance Security within a Cure Period of 30 (thirty) days;
- b) subsequent to the replenishment or furnishing of fresh Performance Security in accordance with Clause 9.2, the SPD fails to cure, within a Cure Period of 60 (sixty) days, the SPD Default for which whole or part of the Performance Security was appropriated;
- c) the SPD does not achieve the latest outstanding Project Milestone due in accordance with the provisions of Schedule G and continues to be in default for [120 one hundred and twenty)] days;
- d) the SPD abandons or manifests intention to abandon the construction or operation or maintenance of the Project without the prior written consent of GVSCCL ;
- e) Project Completion Date does not occur within the period specified in Article 12 and Article 14;
- f) the SPD is in breach of the Maintenance Requirements or the Safety Requirements, as the case may be, or commits repeated default;
- g) the SPD has failed to make any payment to GVSCCL within the period specified in this Agreement;
- h) an Escrow Default has occurred and the SPD fails to cure the default within a Cure Period of 15 (fifteen) days;
- i) upon occurrence of a Financial Default, the Lenders" Representative has by notice required GVSCCL to undertake Suspension or Termination, as the case may be, in accordance with the Substitution Agreement and the SPD fails to cure the default within the Cure Period specified hereinabove;
- j) breach of any of the Project Agreements by the SPD has caused a Material Adverse Effect;
- k) the SPD creates any Encumbrance in breach of this Agreement;
- l) the SPD repudiates this Agreement or otherwise takes any action or evidences or conveys an intention not to be bound by the Agreement;
- m) a Change in Ownership has occurred in breach of the provisions of Clause 5.4;

- n) there is a transfer, pursuant to law either of (i) the rights and/or obligations of the SPD under any of the Project Agreements, or of (ii) all or part of the assets or undertaking of the SPD, and such transfer causes a Material Adverse Effect;
- o) an execution levied on any of the assets of the SPD has caused a Material Adverse Effect;
- p) the SPD is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the SPD or for the whole or material part of its assets that has a material bearing on the Project;
- q) the SPD has been, or is in the process of being liquidated, dissolved, wound-up, amalgamated or reconstituted in a manner that would cause, in the reasonable opinion of GVSCCL, a Material Adverse Effect;
- r) resolution for winding up of the SPD is passed, or any petition for winding up of the SPD is admitted by a court of competent jurisdiction and a provisional liquidator or receiver is appointed and such order has not been set aside within 90 (ninety) days of the date thereof or the SPD is ordered to be wound up by Court except for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction; provided that, as part of such amalgamation or reconstruction, the entire property, assets and undertaking of the SPD are transferred to the amalgamated or reconstructed entity and that the amalgamated or reconstructed entity has unconditionally assumed the obligations of the SPD under this Agreement and the Project Agreements; and provided that:
  - i. the amalgamated or reconstructed entity has the capability and operating experience necessary for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements;
  - ii. the amalgamated or reconstructed entity has the financial standing to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements and has a credit worthiness at least as good as that of the SPD as at the Appointed Date; and
  - iii. each of the Project Agreements remains in full force and effect;
- s) any representation or warranty of the SPD herein contained which is, as of the date hereof, found to be materially false, incorrect or misleading or the SPD is at any time hereafter found to be in breach thereof;
- t) the SPD submits to GVSCCL any statement, notice or other document, in written or electronic form, which has a material effect on GVSCCL's rights, obligations or interests and which is false in material particulars;
- u) the SPD has failed to fulfil any obligation, for which failure Termination has been specified in this Agreement; or
- v) the SPD commits a default in complying with any other provision of this Agreement if such default causes a Material Adverse Effect on GVSCCL.
- w) "Construction Default"

28.1.2 Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies which GVSCCL may have under this Agreement, upon occurrence of a SPD Default, GVSCCL shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the SPD; provided that before issuing the Termination Notice, GVSCCL shall by a notice inform the SPD of its intention to issue such Termination Notice and grant 15 (fifteen) days to the SPD to make a representation, and may after the expiry of such 15 (fifteen) days, whether or not it is in receipt of such representation, issue the Termination Notice.

28.1.3 GVSCCL shall, if there be Senior Lenders, send a copy of its notice of intention to issue a Termination Notice referred to in Clause 28.1.2 to inform the Lenders' Representative and grant 15 (fifteen) days to the Lenders' Representative, for making a representation on behalf of the Senior Lenders stating the intention to substitute the SPD in accordance with the Substitution Agreement. In the event GVSCCL receives such representation on behalf of Senior Lenders, it shall, in its discretion, either withhold Termination for a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the date of such representation or exercise its right of Suspension, as the case may be and any extensions thereof, for enabling the Lenders' Representative to exercise the Senior Lenders' right of substitution in accordance with the Substitution Agreement:

Provided that the Lenders' Representative may, instead of exercising the Senior Lenders' right of substitution, procure that the default specified in the notice is cured within the aforesaid period of 90 (ninety) days, and upon such curing thereof, GVSCCL shall withdraw its notice referred to above and restore all the rights of the SPD:

## 28.2 Termination for GVSCCL Default

In the event that any of the defaults specified below shall have occurred, and GVSCCL fails to cure such default within a Cure Period of 90 (ninety) days or such longer period as has been expressly provided in this Agreement, GVSCCL shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement (the "GVSCCL Default") unless the default has occurred as a result of any breach of this Agreement by the SPD or due to Force Majeure. The defaults referred to herein shall include:

- a. GVSCCL commits a material default in complying with any of the provisions of this Agreement and such default has a Material Adverse Effect on the SPD;
- b. GVSCCL has failed to make payment of Tariff to the SPD in accordance with Article 23 of this Agreement; or
- c. GVSCCL repudiate this Agreement or otherwise takes any action that amount to or manifests an irrevocable intention not to be bound by this Agreement.

Without prejudice to any other right or remedy which the SPD may have under this Agreement, upon occurrence of a GVSCCL Default, the SPD shall, subject to the provisions of the Substitution Agreement, be entitled to terminate this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to GVSCCL ; provided that before issuing the Termination Notice, the SPD shall by a notice inform GVSCCL of its intention to issue the Termination Notice and grant 15 (fifteen) days to GVSCCL to make a representation, and may after the expiry of such 15 (fifteen) days, whether or not it is in receipt of such representation, issue the Termination Notice.

### 28.3 Termination Payment

28.3.1 Upon Termination on account of a SPD Default during the Operation Period, GVSCCL shall pay to the SPD, by way of Termination Payment, an amount equal to 90% (ninety per cent) of the Debt Due less CFA availed and Insurance Cover.

28.3.2 Upon Termination on account of a GVSCCL Default, GVSCCL shall pay to the SPD, by way of Termination Payment, an amount equal to:

- a. Debt Due less CFA availed and Insurance Cover;
- b. 110% (one hundred and ten per cent) of the Adjusted Equity;

28.3.3 Termination Payment shall become due and payable to the SPD within 45 (forty-five) days of a demand being made by the SPD to GVSCCL with the necessary particulars, and in the event of any delay, GVSCCL shall pay interest at a rate equal to the Bank Rate on the amount of Termination Payment remaining unpaid; provided that such delay shall not exceed 90 (ninety) days. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that Termination Payment shall constitute full discharge by GVSCCL of its payment obligations in respect thereof hereunder.

Upon Termination on expiry of the Agreement Period on "Expiration Date" by efflux of time, no Termination Payment shall be due and payable to the SPD;

28.3.4 The SPD expressly agrees that Termination Payment under this Article 28 shall constitute a full and final settlement of all claims of the SPD on account of Termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever and that the SPD or any shareholder thereof shall not have any further right or claim under any law, treaty, convention, contract or otherwise.

### 28.4 Certain limitations on Termination Payment

28.4.1 Termination Payment, due and payable under this Agreement shall be limited to the Debt Due and Adjusted Equity, as the case may be, which form part of the Total Project Cost in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that within a period of 60 (sixty) days from COD, the SPD shall notify to GVSCCL, the Total Project Cost as on COD and its disaggregation between Debt Due and Equity, and it is further agreed that in the event such disaggregation is not notified to GVSCCL, Equity shall be deemed to be the amount arrived at by subtracting Debt Due from Total Project Cost.

### 28.5 Other rights and obligations of GVSCCL

- a. Upon Termination for any reason whatsoever, GVSCCL shall:
  - b. be deemed to have taken possession and control of the Solar System forthwith;
  - c. take possession and control of all materials, stores, implements, construction plants and equipment on or about the Site;
  - d. be entitled to restrain the SPD and any person claiming through or under the SPD from entering upon the Site or any part of the Project;
  - e. require the SPD to comply with the Divestment Requirements; and
  - f. succeed upon election by GVSCCL, without the necessity of any further action by the SPD, to the interests of the SPD under such of the Project Agreements as GVSCCL may in its discretion deem appropriate, and shall upon such election be liable to the

Contractors only for compensation accruing and becoming due and payable to them under the terms of their respective Project Agreements from and after the date GVSCCL elects to succeed to the interests of the SPD. For the avoidance of doubt, the SPD acknowledges and agrees that all sums claimed by such Contractors as being due and owing for works and services performed or accruing on account of any act, omission or event prior to such date shall constitute debt between the SPD and such Contractors, and GVSCCL shall not in any manner be liable for such sums. It is further agreed that in the event GVSCCL elects to cure any outstanding defaults under such Project Agreements, the amount expended by GVSCCL for this purpose shall be deducted from the Termination Payment.

#### 28.6 Survival of rights

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, any Termination pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the accrued rights of either Party including its right to claim and recover money damages, insurance proceeds, security deposits, and other rights and remedies, which it may have in law or contract. All rights and obligations of either Party under this Agreement, including Termination Payments and Divestment Requirements, shall survive the Termination to the extent such survival is necessary for giving effect to such rights and obligations.

#### 28.7 Buyback Option

As long as a GVSCCL Default or SPD Default has not occurred, GVSCCL has the option to purchase the Solar Canal Top Power System by paying the SPD the Buyback Price as per Schedule M to this Agreement. GVSCCL may exercise this option anytime during the Agreement period based on the prevalent conditions. To exercise its purchase option, GVSCCL will, not less than Ninety (90) days prior to the proposed Purchase Date, provide written notice to the Solar Company of GVSCCL's intent to exercise its option to purchase the System on such Purchase Date. In the event GVSCCL confirms its intention to exercise the purchase option in writing to the SPD,

- I. GVSCCL will pay the applicable Buyback Price to the SPD on the Purchase Date, such payment to be made in accordance with any written instructions delivered to GVSCCL by the SPD for payments under the Agreement, and
- II. the Parties will promptly execute all documents necessary to
  - a) cause title to the System to pass to GVSCCL on the Purchase Date, free and clear of all liens, and
  - b) assign all vendor warranties for the System to GVSCCL. Upon execution of the documents and payment of the applicable Buyback Price, in each case as described in the preceding sentence, the Agreement will terminate automatically and GVSCCL will become the owner of the System.

Upon such termination, the Solar Company will offer its operations and maintenance ("O&M") services to GVSCCL and the Parties may enter into an O&M agreement in this regard. The terms and conditions of the O&M agreement will be negotiated in good faith between the Parties.

## ARTICLE 29

### 29 ASSIGNMENT AND CHARGES

#### 29.1 Restrictions on assignment and charges

29.1.1 Subject to Clauses 29.2 and 29.3, this Agreement shall not be assigned by the SPD to any person, save and except with the prior consent in writing of GVSCCL, which consent GVSCCL shall be entitled to decline without assigning any reason.

29.1.2 Subject to the provisions of Clause 29.2, the SPD shall not create nor permit to subsist any Encumbrance, or otherwise transfer or dispose of all or any of its rights and benefits under this Agreement or any Project Agreement to which the SPD is a party except with prior consent in writing of GVSCCL, which consent GVSCCL shall be entitled to decline without assigning any reason.

#### 29.2 Permitted assignment and charges

The restraints set forth in Clause 29.1 shall not apply to:

- a. liens arising by operation of law (or by an agreement evidencing the same) in the ordinary course of business of the Project;
- b. mortgages/pledges/hypothecation of goods/assets other than Project Assets and their related documents of title, arising or created in the ordinary course of business of the Project, and as security only for indebtedness to the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements and/or for working capital arrangements for the Project;
- c. assignment of rights, interest and obligations of the SPD to or in favour of the Lenders' Representative as nominee and for the benefit of the Senior Lenders, to the extent covered by and in accordance with the Substitution Agreement as security for financing provided by Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements; and
- d. liens or encumbrances required by any Applicable Law.

#### 29.3 Substitution Agreement

The Lender's Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, may exercise the right to substitute the SPD pursuant to the agreement for substitution of the SPD (the "**Substitution Agreement**") to be entered into amongst the SPD, GVSCCL and the Lender's Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, substantially in the form set forth in Schedule - L.

Upon substitution of the SPD under and in accordance with the Substitution Agreement, the Nominated Company substituting the SPD shall be deemed to be the SPD under this Agreement and shall enjoy all rights and be responsible for all obligations of the SPD under this Agreement as if it were the SPD; provided that where the SPD is in breach of this Agreement on the date of such substitution, GVSCCL shall by notice grant a Cure Period of [90 (ninety) days] to the SPD for curing such breach.

#### 29.4 Assignment by GVSCCL

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, GVSCCL may, after giving [60 (sixty)] days' notice to the SPD, assign and/ or transfer any of its rights and benefits and/or obligations under this Agreement to an assignee who is, in the reasonable opinion of GVSCCL, capable of fulfilling all of GVSCCL' then outstanding obligations under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 30

### 30 CHANGE IN LAW

#### 30.1 Increase in costs

If as a result of Change in Law, the SPD suffers an increase in costs or reduction in net after-tax return or other financial burden, the aggregate financial effect of which exceeds the higher of Rs. 1 crore (Rupees one crore) and 0.5% (zero point five per cent) of the Tariff [----] in any Accounting Year, the SPD may so notify GVSCCL and propose amendments to this Agreement so as to place the SPD in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law resulting in the cost increase, reduction in return or other financial burden as aforesaid. Upon notice by the SPD, the Parties shall meet, as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than [30 (thirty)] days from the date of notice and either agree on amendments to this Agreement or on any other mutually agreed arrangement:

Provided that if no agreement is reached within 90 (ninety) days of the aforesaid notice, the SPD may by notice require GVSCCL to pay an amount that would place the SPD in the same financial position that it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law and within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice, along with particulars thereof, GVSCCL shall pay the amount specified therein; provided that if GVSCCL shall dispute such claim of the SPD, the same shall be settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that this Clause 30.1 shall be restricted to changes in law directly affecting the SPD's costs of performing its obligations under this Agreement.

#### 30.2 Reduction in costs

If as a result of Change in Law, the SPD benefits from a reduction in costs or increase in net after-tax return or other financial gains, the aggregate financial effect of which exceeds the higher of Rs. 1 crore (Rupees one crore) and 0.5% (zero point five per cent) of the Tariff [-----] in any Accounting Year, GVSCCL may so notify the SPD and propose amendments to this Agreement so as to place the SPD in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law resulting in the decreased costs, increase in return or other financial gains as aforesaid. Upon notice by GVSCCL, the Parties shall meet, as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than 30 (thirty) days from the date of notice, and either agree on such amendments to this Agreement or on any other mutually agreed arrangement:

Provided that if no agreement is reached within 90 (ninety) days of the aforesaid notice, GVSCCL may by notice require the SPD to pay an amount that would place the SPD in the same financial position that it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law, and within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice, along with particulars thereof, the SPD shall pay the amount specified therein to GVSCCL; provided that if the SPD shall dispute such claim of GVSCCL, the same shall be settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that this Clause

Shall be restricted to changes in law directly affecting the SPD's costs of performing its obligations under this Agreement.

### 30.3 Protection of NPV

30.3.1 Pursuant to the provisions of Clauses 30.1 and 30.2 and for the purposes of placing the SPD in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no Change in Law affecting the costs, returns or other financial burden or gains, the Parties shall rely on the Financial Model to establish a net present value (the “NPV”) of the net cash flow and make necessary adjustments in costs, revenues, compensation or other relevant parameters, as the case may be, to procure that the NPV of the net cash flow is the same as it would have been if no Change in Law had occurred.

### 30.4 Restriction on cash compensation

30.4.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that the demand for cash compensation under this Article 30 shall be restricted to the effect of Change in Law during the respective Accounting Year and shall be made at any time after commencement of such year, but no later than one year from the close of such Accounting Year. Any demand for cash compensation payable for and in respect of any subsequent Accounting Year shall be made after the commencement of the Accounting Year to which the demand pertains, but no later than 2 (two) years from the close of such Accounting Year.

## ARTICLE 31

### 31 LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

#### 31.1 General indemnity

- 31.1.1 The SPD will indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless GVSCCL and its officers, servants, agents, Government Instrumentalities and GVSCCL owned and/or controlled entities/enterprises, (the “GVSCCL Indemnified Persons”) against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims from third parties for any loss, damage, cost and expense of whatever kind and nature, whether arising out of any breach by the SPD of any of its obligations under this Agreement or any related agreement or on account of any defect or deficiency in the provision of services by the SPD to any consignor or from any negligence of the SPD under contract or tort or on any other ground whatsoever, except to the extent that any such suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims have arisen due to any negligent act or omission, or breach or default of this Agreement on the part of GVSCCL Indemnified Persons.
- 31.1.2 GVSCCL will indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the SPD against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims from third parties for any loss, damage, cost and expense of whatever kind and nature arising out of (i) defect in title and/or the rights of GVSCCL in the land comprised in the Site, and/or (ii) breach by GVSCCL of any of its obligations under this Agreement or any related agreement, which materially and adversely affect the performance by the SPD of its obligations under this Agreement, save and except that where any such claim, suit, proceeding, action, and/or demand has arisen due to a negligent act or omission, or breach of any of its obligations under any provision of this Agreement or any related agreement and/or breach of its statutory duty on the part of the SPD, its subsidiaries, affiliates, contractors, servants or agents, the same shall be the liability of the SPD.

#### 31.2 Indemnity by the SPD

- 31.2.1 Without limiting the generality of Clause 31.1, the SPD shall fully indemnify, hold harmless and defend GVSCCL and GVSCCL Indemnified Persons from and against any and all loss and/or damages arising out of or with respect to:
- a. failure of the SPD to comply with Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits;
  - b. payment of taxes required to be made by the SPD in respect of the income or other taxes of the SPD’s contractors, suppliers and representatives; or
  - c. non-payment of amounts due as a result of materials or services furnished to the SPD or any of its contractors which are payable by the SPD or any of its contractors.

31.2.2 Without limiting the generality of the provisions of this Article 31, the SPD shall fully indemnify, hold harmless and defend GVSCCL Indemnified Persons from and against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, claims, demands, liabilities and damages which GVSCCL Indemnified Persons may hereafter suffer, or pay by reason of any demands, claims, suits or proceedings arising out of claims of infringement of any domestic or foreign patent rights, copyrights or other intellectual property, proprietary or confidentiality rights with respect to any materials, information, design or process used by the SPD or by the SPD's Contractors in performing the SPD's obligations or in any way incorporated in or related to the Project. If in any such suit, action, claim or proceedings, a temporary restraint order or preliminary injunction is granted, the SPD shall make every reasonable effort, by giving a satisfactory bond or otherwise, to secure the revocation or suspension of the injunction or restraint order. If, in any such suit, action, claim or proceedings, the Solar Canal Top Power system or any part thereof or comprised therein, is held to constitute an infringement and its use is permanently enjoined, the SPD shall promptly make every reasonable effort to secure for GVSCCL a licence, at no cost to GVSCCL, authorising continued use of the infringing work. If the SPD is unable to secure such licence within a reasonable time, the SPD shall, at its own expense, and without impairing the Specifications and standards, either replace the affected work, or part, or process thereof with non- infringing work or part or process, or modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing.

### 31.3 Notice and contest of claims

In the event that either Party receives a claim or demand from a third party in respect of which it is entitled to the benefit of an indemnity under this Article 31 (the "Indemnified Party") it shall notify the other Party (the "Indemnifying Party") within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the claim or demand and shall not settle or pay the claim without the prior approval of the Indemnifying Party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event that the Indemnifying Party wishes to contest or dispute the claim or demand, it may conduct the proceedings in the name of the Indemnified Party, subject to the Indemnified Party being secured against any costs involved, to its reasonable satisfaction.

### 31.4 Defence of claims

31.4.1 The Indemnified Party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to contest, defend and litigate any claim, action, suit or proceeding by any third party alleged or asserted against such Party in respect of, resulting from, related to or arising out of any matter for which it is entitled to be indemnified hereunder, and reasonable costs and expenses thereof shall be indemnified by the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party acknowledges in writing its obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Party in respect of loss to the full extent provided by this Article 31, the Indemnifying Party shall be entitled, at its option, to assume and control the defence of such claim, action, suit or proceeding, liabilities, payments and obligations at its expense and through the counsel of its choice; provided it gives prompt notice of its intention to do so to the Indemnified Party and reimburses the Indemnified Party for the reasonable cost and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party prior to the assumption by the Indemnifying Party of such defence. The Indemnifying Party shall not be entitled to settle or compromise any

claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party, unless the Indemnifying Party provides such security to the Indemnified Party as shall be reasonably required by the Indemnified Party to secure the loss to be indemnified hereunder to the extent so compromised or settled.

31.4.2 If the Indemnifying Party has exercised its rights under Clause 31.3, the Indemnified Party shall not be entitled to settle or compromise any claim, action, suit or proceeding without the prior written consent of the Indemnifying Party (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

31.4.3 If the Indemnifying Party exercises its rights under Clause 31.3, the Indemnified Party shall nevertheless have the right to employ its own counsel, and such counsel may participate in such action, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the Indemnified Party, when and as incurred, unless:

a. the employment of counsel by such party has been authorised in writing by the Indemnifying Party; or

b. the Indemnified Party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be a conflict of interest between the Indemnifying Party and the Indemnified Party in the conduct of the defence of such action; or

c. the Indemnifying Party shall not, in fact, have employed independent counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party, to assume the defence of such action and shall have been so notified by the Indemnified Party; or

d. the Indemnified Party shall have reasonably concluded and specifically notified the Indemnifying Party either:

I. that there may be specific defences available to it which are different from or additional to those available to the Indemnifying Party; or

II. that such claim, action, suit or proceeding involves or could have a material adverse effect upon it beyond the scope of this Agreement:

Provided that if Sub-clauses (b), (c) or (d) of this Clause 31.4.3 shall be applicable, the counsel for the Indemnified Party shall have the right to direct the defence of such claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding on behalf of the Indemnified Party, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of such counsel shall constitute legal or other expenses hereunder.

### 31.5 No consequential claims

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article 31, the indemnities herein provided shall not include any claim or recovery in respect of any cost, expense, loss or damage of an indirect, incidental or consequential nature, including loss of profit, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

### 31.6 Survival on Termination

The provisions of this Article 31 shall survive Termination.

## ARTICLE 32

### 32 RIGHTS AND TITLE OVER THE SITE

#### 32.1 Rights

For the purpose of this Agreement, the SPD shall have rights to the use of the Canal subject to and in accordance with this Agreement, and to this end, it may regulate the entry and use of the Project by third parties in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

#### 32.2 Access rights of GVSCCL and others' Access to Canal Tops

##### **Deployment and Operation**

32.2.1 GVSCCL will grant to the SPD and its representatives, for the Term of the Agreement, a non-exclusive right-of-way for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress to the Relevant Premises and to the Project Installation to be established by the SPD on each of the Relevant Premises to the extent as mutually agreed upon by the Parties (the "Access Rights"). GVSCCL will give access to and permission to initiate work on each of the Relevant Premises no later than sixty (60) days from the Effective date of this agreement.

##### **Access to Premises**

32.2.2 The SPD will give the GVSCCL a schedule and reasonable written notice before any entry onto the Relevant Premises by the SPD's employees, agents or contractors. GVSCCL will make available to the SPD access to the Project Installation and the Relevant Premises for the purposes set below. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the SPD shall be permitted to access the Relevant Premises twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week for emergency purposes, as reasonably determined by the SPD. Within twenty-four (24) hours of such emergency access, the SPD shall provide the GVSCCL with a written explanation of the nature of the emergency.

32.2.3 The SPD shall allow free access to the Site at all times for the authorized representatives of GVSCCL, Senior Lenders, and the Engineer In-charge, and for the persons duly authorized by any Government Instrumentality to inspect the project site and to investigate any matter within their authority, and upon reasonable notice, the SPD shall provide to such persons reasonable assistance necessary to carry out their respective duties and functions.

#### 32.3 Property taxes

Property taxes on the Project, if applicable shall be payable by GVSCCL as owner of the Site. provided, however, that any such taxes payable by the SPD under Applicable Laws for use of the Site shall not be reimbursed or payable by GVSCCL .

#### 32.4 Restriction on sub-letting

The SPD shall not sub-license or sub-let the whole or any part of the Project, save and except as may be expressly set forth in this Agreement; provided that nothing contained herein shall be construed or interpreted as restricting the right of the SPD to appoint Contractors for the performance of its obligations hereunder including for maintenance of all or any part of the project.

## ARTICLE 33

### 33 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

#### 33.1 Dispute resolution

33.1.1 Any dispute, difference or controversy of whatever nature howsoever arising under or out of or in relation to this Agreement (including its interpretation) between the Parties, and so notified in writing by either Party to the other Party (the “Dispute”) shall, in the first instance, be attempted to be resolved amicably in accordance with the conciliation procedure set forth in Clause 33.2.

33.1.2 The Parties agree to use their best efforts for resolving all Disputes arising under or in respect of this Agreement promptly, equitably and in good faith, and further agree to provide each other with reasonable access during normal business hours to all non-privileged records, information and data pertaining to any Dispute.

#### 33.2 Conciliation

In the event of any Dispute between the Parties, either Party may call upon the Engineer In charge to mediate and assist the Parties in arriving at an amicable settlement thereof. Failing mediation by the Engineer In-charge or without the intervention of the Engineer In-charge, either Party may require such Dispute to be referred to Managing Director of GVSCCL and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SPD for amicable settlement, and upon such reference, the said persons shall meet no later than [7 (seven)] days from the date of reference to discuss and attempt to amicably resolve the Dispute. If such meeting does not take place within the [7 (seven)] day period or the Dispute is not amicably settled within [15 (fifteen)] days of the meeting or the Dispute is not resolved as evidenced by the signing of written terms of settlement within [30 (thirty)] days of the notice in writing referred to in Clause 33.1.1 or such longer period as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, either Party may refer the Dispute to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Clause 31.3.

#### 33.3 Arbitration

33.3.1 Any Dispute which is not resolved amicably by conciliation, as provided in Clause 33.2, shall be finally decided by reference to arbitration by a board of arbitrators appointed in accordance with Clause 33.3.2. Such arbitration shall be held in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, New Delhi (the “Rules”), or such other rules as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Arbitration Act. The venue of such arbitration shall be Visakhapatnam, and the language of arbitration proceedings shall be English.

33.3.2 There shall be a board of [3 (three)] arbitrators, of whom each Party shall select one, and the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the [2 (two)] arbitrators so selected, and in the event of disagreement between the [2 (two)] arbitrators, the appointment shall be made in accordance with the Rules.

33.3.3 The sole arbitrator or the Arbitral Tribunal shall give his award within [12] months from the date of his entering on the reference or within extended time, as the parties may consent for the same, as the case may be on all the matters referred to him and shall indicate his/their finding, along with sum awarded, separately on each individual item of dispute. In case the matter is referred to arbitral tribunal for adjudication and the views of two arbitrators differs on the issue then view of presiding arbitrator shall prevail. The demand of arbitration shall specify the matters which are in question or subject of the dispute or differences as also the amount of claim item wise, together with counter claims or set off shall be referred to arbitration and other matters shall not be included in the reference. The arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as amended from time to time including provisions in force at the time the reference is made.

33.3.4 During the dispute resolution period, both the Parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations as per provisions of the Agreement.

33.3.5 This Section is severable from the rest of this Agreement and shall remain in effect even if this Agreement is terminated for any reason.

33.3.6 The arbitrators shall make a reasoned award (the "Award"). Any Award made in any arbitration held pursuant to this Article 33 shall be final and binding on the Parties as from the date it is made, and the SPD and GVSCCL agree and undertake to carry out such Award without delay.

33.3.7 The SPD and GVSCCL agree that an Award may be enforced against the SPD and/or GVSCCL, as the case may be, and their respective assets wherever situated.

33.3.8 This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall remain in full force and effect, pending the Award in any arbitration proceedings hereunder.

#### 33.4 Adjudication by Regulatory Authority or Commission

In the event of constitution of a statutory Regulatory Authority or Commission with powers to adjudicate upon disputes between the SPD and GVSCCL, all Disputes arising after such constitution shall, instead of reference to arbitration under Clause 33.3, be adjudicated upon by such Regulatory Authority or Commission in accordance with the Applicable Law and all references to Dispute Resolution Procedure shall be construed accordingly. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties hereto agree that the adjudication hereunder shall not be final and binding until an appeal against such adjudication has been decided by an appellate tribunal or High Court, as the case may be, or no such appeal has been preferred within the time specified in the Applicable Law.

## ARTICLE 34

### 34 DISCLOSURE

#### 34.1 Disclosure of Specified Documents

The SPD, on request of GVSCCL, shall make available for inspection by any person, copies of this Agreement, the Maintenance Manual, the Maintenance Programme and the Maintenance Requirements (hereinafter collectively referred to as the **Specified Documents**), free of charge, during normal business hours on all working days at the SPD's Registered Office.

#### 34.2 Disclosure of Documents relating to safety

The SPD shall, on request of GVSCCL, make available for inspection by any person copies of all Documents and data relating to safety of the Project, free of charge, during normal business hours on all working days, at the SPD's Registered Office. The SPD shall make copies of the same available to any person upon payment of copying charges on a "no profit no loss" basis.

#### 34.3 Withholding disclosure of Protected Documents

Notwithstanding the provisions of Clauses 34.1 and 34.2, GVSCCL shall be entitled to direct the SPD, from time to time, to withhold the disclosure of Protected Documents (as defined herein below) to any person in pursuance of the aforesaid Clauses.

Explanation:

The expression Protected Documents shall mean such of the Specified Documents or documents referred to in Clauses 34.1 and 34.2, or portions thereof, the disclosure of which GVSCCL is entitled to withhold under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

## Article 35

### 35 FORCE MAJEURE

#### 35.1 Force Majeure

As used in this Agreement, the expression “**Force Majeure**” or “**Force Majeure Event**” shall mean occurrence in India of any or all of **Non-Political Event**, Indirect Political Event and Political Event, as defined in Clauses 35.2, 35.3 and 35.4 respectively, if it affects the performance by the Party claiming the benefit of Force Majeure (the “**Affected Party**”) of its obligations under this Agreement and which act or event (i) is beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party, and (ii) the Affected Party could not have prevented or overcome by exercise of due diligence and following Good Industry Practice, and (iii) has Material Adverse Effect on the Affected Party.

#### 35.2 Non-Political Event

A Non-Political Event shall mean one or more of the following acts or events:

- a. act of God, epidemic, extremely adverse weather conditions, lightning, earthquake, landslide, cyclone, flood, volcanic eruption, chemical or radioactive contamination or ionising radiation, fire or explosion (to the extent of contamination or radiation or fire or explosion originating from a source external to the Project);
- b. strikes or boycotts (other than those involving the SPD, Contractors or their respective employees/representatives, or attributable to any act or omission of any of them) interrupting supplies and services to the Project for a continuous period of 24 (twenty-four) hours and an aggregate period exceeding 7 (seven) days in an Accounting Year, and not being an Indirect Political Event set forth in Clause 35.3;
- c. any failure or delay of a Contractor but only to the extent caused by another Non-Political Event and which does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the SPD by or on behalf of such Contractor;
- d. any delay or failure of an overseas contractor to deliver equipment in India if such delay or failure is caused outside India by any event specified in Sub-clause (a) above and which does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the SPD by or on behalf of such contractor;
- e. any judgement or order of any court of competent jurisdiction or statutory authority made against the SPD in any proceedings for reasons other than
  - I. failure of the SPD to comply with any Applicable Law or Applicable Permit, or
  - II. on account of breach of any Applicable Law or Applicable Permit or of any contract, or
  - III. enforcement of this Agreement, or
  - IV. exercise of any of its rights under this Agreement by GVSCCL;
- f. the discovery of geological conditions, toxic contamination or archaeological remains on the Site that could not reasonably have been expected to be discovered through a site inspection; or

g. any event or circumstances of a nature analogous to any of the foregoing.

### 35.3 Indirect Political Event

An Indirect Political Event shall mean one or more of the following acts or events:

- a. an act of war (whether declared or undeclared), invasion, armed conflict or act of foreign enemy, blockade, embargo, riot, insurrection, terrorist or military action, civil commotion or politically motivated sabotage;
- b. industry-wide or State-wide strikes or industrial action for a continuous period of 24 (twenty-four) hours and exceeding an aggregate period of 7 (seven) days in an Accounting Year;
- c. any failure or delay of a Contractor to the extent caused by any Indirect Political Event and which does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the SPD by or on behalf of such Contractor;
  - i. any Indirect Political Event that causes a Non-Political Event; or
  - ii. any event or circumstances of a nature analogous to any of the foregoing.

### 35.4 Political Event

A Political Event shall mean one or more of the following acts or events by or on account of any Government Instrumentality:

- a. Change in Law, only if consequences thereof cannot be dealt with under and in accordance with the provisions of Article 30 and its effect, in financial terms, exceeds the sum specified in Clause 30.1;
- b. compulsory acquisition in national interest or expropriation of any Project or rights of the SPD or of the Contractors;
- c. unlawful or unauthorised or without jurisdiction revocation of, or refusal to renew or grant without valid cause, any clearance, licence, permit, authorisation, no objection certificate, consent, approval or exemption required by the SPD or any of the Contractors to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements; provided that such delay, modification, denial, refusal or revocation did not result from the SPD's or any Contractor's inability or failure to comply with any condition relating to grant, maintenance or renewal of such clearance, licence, authorisation, no objection certificate, exemption, consent, approval or permit;

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- i. any failure or delay of a Contractor but only to the extent caused by another Political Event and which does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the SPD by or on behalf of such Contractor; or
- ii. any event or circumstance of a nature analogous to any of the foregoing.

### 35.6 Duty to report Force Majeure Event

35.6.1 Upon occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Affected Party shall by notice report such occurrence to the other Party forthwith. Any notice pursuant hereto shall include full particulars of:

- a. the nature and extent of each Force Majeure Event which is the subject of any claim for relief under this Article 35 with evidence in support thereof;
- b. the estimated duration and the effect or probable effect which such Force Majeure Event is having or will have on the Affected Party's performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- c. the measures which the Affected Party is taking or proposes to take for alleviating the impact of such Force Majeure Event; and
- d. any other information relevant to the Affected Party's claim.

The Affected Party shall not be entitled to any relief for or in respect of a Force Majeure Event unless it shall have notified the other Party of the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event no later than 7 (seven) days after the Affected Party knew, or ought reasonably to have known, of its occurrence, and shall have given particulars of the probable material effect that the Force Majeure Event is likely to have on the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. For so long as the Affected Party continues to claim to be materially affected by such Force Majeure Event, it shall provide the other Party with regular (and not less than weekly) reports containing information as required by Clause 35.6.1, and such other information as the other Party may reasonably request the Affected Party to provide.

### 35.7 Effect of Force Majeure Event on the Agreement

35.7.1 Upon the occurrence of any Force Majeure Event prior to the Appointed Date, the period set forth in Clause 21.1.1 for achieving Financial Close shall be extended by a period equal in length to the duration of the Force Majeure Event. At any time after the Appointed Date, if any Force Majeure Event occurs, the Agreement Period and the dates set forth in the Project Completion Schedule shall be extended by a period equal in length to the duration for which such Force Majeure Event subsists.

### 35.8 Allocation of costs arising out of Force Majeure

35.8.1 Upon occurrence of any Force Majeure Event prior to the Appointed Date, the Parties shall bear their respective costs and no Party shall be required to pay to the other Party any costs thereof.

35.8.2 Upon occurrence of a Force Majeure Event after the Appointed Date, the costs incurred and attributable to such event and directly relating to the Project (the "Force Majeure costs") shall be allocated and paid as follows:

- a. upon occurrence of a Non-Political Event, the Parties shall bear their respective Force Majeure Costs and neither Party shall be required to pay to the other Party any costs thereof;
- b. upon occurrence of an Indirect Political Event, all Force Majeure Costs attributable to such Indirect Political Event, and not exceeding the Insurance Cover for such Indirect Political Event, shall be borne by the SPD, and to the extent Force Majeure Costs exceed such Insurance Cover, one half of such excess amount shall be reimbursed by GVSCCL to the SPD; and
- c. Upon occurrence of a Political Event, all Force Majeure Costs attributable to such Political Event shall be reimbursed by GVSCCL to the SPD.

35.8.3 For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure Costs may include interest payments on debt, O&M Expenses, any increase in the cost of Construction Works on account of inflation and all other costs directly attributable to the Force Majeure Event, but shall not include debt repayment obligations, and for determining such costs, information contained in the Financial Package may be relied upon to the extent that such information is relevant.

35.8.4 Save and except as expressly provided in this Article 35, neither Party shall be liable in any manner whatsoever to the other Party in respect of any loss, damage, cost, expense, claims, demands and proceedings relating to or arising out of occurrence or existence of any Force Majeure Event or exercise of any right pursuant hereto.

#### 35.9 Termination Notice for Force Majeure Event

If a Force Majeure Event subsists for a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days or more within a continuous period of 365 (three hundred and sixty five) days, either party may in its discretion terminate this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the other Party without being liable in any manner whatsoever, save as provided in this Article 35, and upon issue of such Termination Notice, this Agreement shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, stand terminated forthwith; provided that before issuing such Termination Notice, the Party intending to issue the Termination Notice shall inform the other Party of such intention and grant 15 (fifteen) days-time to make a representation, and may after the expiry of such 15 (fifteen) days period, whether or not it is in receipt of such representation, in its sole discretion issue the Termination Notice.

#### 35.10 Termination Notice and Payment for Force Majeure Event

35.10.1 The provisions are set under Article 28 of his agreement.

35.10.2 If Termination is on account of a Non-Political Event, GVSCCL shall make a Termination Payment to the SPD in an amount equal to 90% (ninety per cent) of the Debt Due less CFA availed and Insurance Cover.

35.10.3 Termination is on account of an Indirect Political Event, GVSCCL shall make a Termination Payment to the SPD in an amount equal to:

- a. Debt Due less CFA availed and Insurance Cover
- b. 110% (one hundred and ten per cent) of the Adjusted Equity;

35.10.4 Termination is on account of a Political Event, GVSCCL shall make a Termination Payment to the SPD in an amount that would be payable under Clause 28.4.1 as if it were a GVSCCL Default.

#### 35.11 Dispute resolution

In the event that the Parties are unable to agree in good faith about the occurrence or existence of a Force Majeure Event, such Dispute shall be finally settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure; provided that the burden of proof as to the occurrence or existence of such Force Majeure Event shall be upon the Party claiming relief and/or excuse on account of such Force Majeure Event.

#### 35.12 Excuse from performance of obligations

If the Affected Party is rendered wholly or partially unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement because of a Force Majeure Event, it shall be excused from performance of such of its obligations to the extent it is unable to perform on account of such Force Majeure Event; provided that:

- a) the suspension of performance shall be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is reasonably required by the Force Majeure Event;
- b) the Affected Party shall make all reasonable efforts to mitigate or limit damage to the other Party arising out of or as a result of the existence or occurrence of such Force Majeure Event and to cure the same with due diligence; and
- c) when the Affected Party is able to resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement, it shall give to the other Party notice to that effect and shall promptly resume performance of its obligations hereunder.

## Schedule A

### SCHEDULE A - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The SPD shall be obligated to perform following Scope of Work in relation to the Project. The Scope of Work of the SPD includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Design, develop, procure, construct and commission, operate and maintain various Canal mounted SPV power packs totalling to capacity of 5 (five) MW, which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Solar PV modules.
- b. Mounting frames, structures, array foundation, earthing, grid design, and module inter-connection.
- c. All System Junction boxes.
- d. Power Conditioning Units (PCU) with monitoring.
- e. Appropriate AC power evacuation panels or inverters, according to Project Site requirements, with bus bars (in-built or otherwise) and circuit breakers.
- f. Protection/isolation systems.

- g. Power and Control Cables.
- h. Earthing system for PV Array, DC power system, lightning protection system.
- i. Data monitoring system with remote monitoring facilities.
- j. Transportation, unloading, and loading of all equipment at Project Site.
- k. Project Management including adherence to all requisite safety practices.
- l. MPPT - Max power point tracking built in the PCU
- m. Firefighting and fire detection systems
- n. Making arrangements for water in the plant area for module cleaning along with cleaning mechanism;
- o. Control room/panel (which ever may be found appropriate) for the plant built in suitable material, with proper ventilation for temperature control of the equipment and serviceability.

2. Installation and Commissioning of Canal Top Solar Power System totalling to capacity of 5 (five) MW, that includes:

- a. Design and construction of foundations for holding module mounting structures without puncturing the Canal; maintaining proper cable routings through PVC pipes not obstructing the movement through the installation area.
- b. Before commencement of work, the SPD to obtain all approvals for related drawings to be obtained from the concerned authorities.
- c. All drawings shall conform to relevant IS standards.
- d. Special care to be taken while designing all structures for modules to cater to heavy rainfall, strong winds and earthquake that may be prevalent in the area.
- e. Pre-commissioning and Commissioning of all supplied equipment.
- f. Test running of the grid-connected solar Project including load trials at Project Site, prior to handover and commencing energy export for metering.
- g. Grid commissioning; the plant needs to be grid interactive. Interconnection points to be checked and certified by GVSCCL for accuracy and safety.
- h. Installation of Main Meter and Back up Meter shall be done by the SPD and the SPD shall submit drawings for grid interface for each individual facility and get approved prior to commencement of work on Project Site.
- i. Commissioning certificate from relevant authorities for the Project.

3. General Instructions

- a. Construction Water and Construction Power shall be the responsibility of the SPD.

- b. Security, safety, watch & ward of all materials at sites shall be the responsibility of the SPD.
- c. The SPD to obtain comprehensive insurance cover for the Project.
- d. Liaison with statutory authorities as applicable for all the Project approvals.
- e. Expenses for any other works, supply of material, and providing services required for the successful commissioning and operation of the Project, but not specifically mentioned in this document.
- f. Contractor Safety Management to be strictly complied with by the SPD throughout Project activity.
- g. First-Aid medical facilities at the Project Site during construction to be provided by the SPD.
- h. All local Labour, employment, and other issues shall be handled independently by the SPD.
- i. The entire responsibility and risk relating towards the workforce working at the Project Site, and compliance of different statutory regulations like Workman Compensation Act, ESIC, Factory Act 1948, Contract Labour Regulation, and Abolition Act 1970, Shop and Establishment Act 1948, and other Statutory regulatory bodies shall solely lie with the SPD. The SPD shall also be solely responsible for payment of Wages, PF, Bonus, Retrenchment Compensation Leave etc. applicable as per various statutory regulations to their entire workforce, and keep GVSCCL indemnified in this regard against any Claim.

4. The following Statutory Clearances to be obtained by the SPD wherever applicable:

- a. Electrical System approval (Electrical Inspector)
- b. Fire System approval (CFO)
- c. All equipment, accessories, materials, civil construction & erection works should comply with statutory requirements and IS standards.
- d. All statutory requirements for working at the Project Site like Labour Registration, Workman Compensation Policy, ESIC etc. to be complied with by the Vendor before deployment of resources at the Project Site.

5. The SPD shall give undertaking that for the plant period of minimum 25 years all the facilities covered under this project will be operated, maintained and repaired whenever necessary so that all Units are operative and export maximum possible energy to the grid This shall be ensured through undertaking services that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Daily monitoring of plant performance.
- b. Supply of all technical, production/operation data and information through a monthly report.
- c. Planned visits on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis for preventative and corrective maintenance which include, but are not limited to the following:
  - i. Clean solar panels on weekly basis or as appropriate to get maximum

output from the panels.

ii. Check inverter cabinets (ventilation openings, lighting, leakages in inverter cabinets and cleaning of filters) and inverter maintenance. SPD will keep the necessary spares at the Project Site.

iii. Check security and fire protection system.

iv. Check parts for corrosion.

v. Check the state of tightness of connections, fuses, main junction boxes, etc.

d. Adequate spares to ensure uninterrupted operation and minimum downtime during the entire period.

e. Comprehensive operation and maintenance of the Project up to the energy meter shall be the responsibility of the SPD.

f. Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance during entire life of the systems shall include supply of spares, consumables, machine breakdown insurance, transpiration, and general comprehensive insurance covering fire, earthquake and provision of security personnel with the insurance policy which shall be taken in the SPD's name as the primary beneficiary. Copies of the Insurance Policies are to be given to the concerned department, as and when taken/renewed. All risks associated with lapses or delays in insurance coverage, during the construction period, shall be at the SPD's cost

g. The SPD shall ensure efficient operation of the Project and the associated facilities to achieve the maximum power generation from the Project. For this purpose the SPD shall engage the services of adequate number of Engineers and Technicians. The SPD shall also attend to all failures, rectifications, breakdown, comprehensive Operation and Maintenance checks. Daily Management Information System (MIS) reports with generation and down time analysis data shall be made available to GVSCCL office by E-mail.

6. The SPD should not misuse the area and/or assign responsibility for the safety of machinery within the premises.

## SCHEDULE B SITE OF THE PROJECT

### 1. The Site

1.1. Site of the GVSCCL shall include the Canal Top, land, structures and road works as described in Annex-I of this Schedule B.

1.2. An inventory of the Site including the land, buildings, structures, road works, trees and any other immovable property on, or attached to, the Site shall be prepared jointly by GVSCCL and the SPD.

1.3. All the piece and parcel of terrace portion of Canal Top measuring approximately\*\*\*\* square feet and having shade free area of approximately \*\*\*\* square feet situated on building located at\*\*\*\*. It is proposed to install a System of \*\*\*\* MW capacity on

the said premises.

### Annex 1

Sr.No.	Installation Location on Raiwada Canal	Approx Length available as per survey (Kms)	Proposed SPV Plant Capacity (MW)
1	Between 1 & 7	11.5	5 MW



## SCHEDULE C - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS and STANDARDS

(Note: The most recent specification by MNRE at the time of notifying the tender will be applicable.)

Technical specifications - The proposed projects shall be commissioned as per the technical specifications given below. Any shortcomings will lead to termination in full or part as decided by GVSCCL & Competent Authority's decision will be final and binding on the bidder.

### DEFINITION

A Grid Tied Solar Canal Top Photo Voltaic (SPV) power plant consists of SPV array, Module Mounting Structure, Power Conditioning Unit (PCU) consisting of Maximum Power Point Tracker (MPPT), Inverter, and Controls & Protections, interconnect cables and switches. PV Array is mounted on a suitable structure. Grid tied SPV system is without battery and should be designed with necessary features to supplement the grid power during day time. Components and parts used in the SPV power plants including the PV modules, metallic structures, cables, junction box, switches, PCUs etc., should conform to the BIS or IEC or international specifications, wherever such specifications are available and applicable. Solar PV system shall consist of following equipment's/components.

- Solar PV array consisting of required number of Crystalline PV modules.
- Grid interactive Power Conditioning Unit with Remote Monitoring System
- Mounting structures
- Junction Boxes.
- Earthing and lightning protections.
- IR/UV protected PVC Cables, pipes and accessories

### SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES:

1. The PV modules used should be made in India.
2. The PV modules used must qualify to the latest edition of IEC PV module qualification test or equivalent BIS standards Crystalline Silicon Solar Cell Modules IEC 61215/IS14286. In addition, the modules must conform to IEC 61730 Part-2-requirements for construction & Part 2 - requirements for testing, for safety qualification or equivalent IS.
  - a. For the PV modules to be used in a highly corrosive atmosphere throughout their lifetime, they must qualify to IEC 61701/IS 61701.
  - b. The total solar PV array capacity should not be less than project capacity (MW) and should comprise of solar crystalline modules of minimum 250 Wp and above wattage. Module capacity less than minimum 250 watts should not be accepted.

- c. Protective devices against surges at the PV module shall be provided. Low voltage drop bypass diodes shall be provided.
  - d. PV modules must be tested and approved by one of the IEC authorized test centre's.
  - e. The module frame shall be made of corrosion resistant materials, preferably having anodized aluminum.
  - f. The bidder shall carefully design & accommodate requisite numbers of the modules to achieve the rated power in his bid. GVSCCL shall allow only minor changes at the time of execution.
  - g. Other general requirement for the PV modules and subsystems shall be the following: -
    - i. The rated output power of any supplied module shall have tolerance of +3%.
    - ii. The peak-power point voltage and the peak-power point current of any supplied module and/or any module string (series connected modules) shall not vary by more than 2 (two) per cent from the respective arithmetic means for all modules and/or for all module strings, as the case may be.
    - iii. The module shall be provided with a junction box with either provision of external screw terminal connection or sealed type and with arrangement for provision of by-pass diode. The box shall have hinged, weather proof lid with captive screws and cable gland entry points or may be of sealed type and IP-65 rated.
    - iv. IV curves at STC should be provided by bidder.
3. Modules deployed must use a RF identification tag. The following information must be mentioned in the RFID used on each modules (This can be inside or outside the laminate, but must be able to withstand harsh environmental conditions).
- a. Name of the manufacturer of the PV module
  - b. Name of the manufacturer of Solar Cells.
  - c. Month & year of the manufacture (separate for solar cells and modules)
  - d. Country of origin (separately for solar cells and module)
  - e. I-V curve for the module Wattage,  $I_m$ ,  $V_m$  and FF for the module
  - f. Unique Serial No and Model No of the module
  - g. Date and year of obtaining IEC PV module qualification certificate.
  - h. Name of the test lab issuing IEC certificate.
  - i. Other relevant information on traceability of solar cells and module as per ISO 9001 and ISO 14001

4. Warranties:
  - a. Material Warranty:
    - i. Material Warranty is defined as: The manufacturer should warrant the Solar Module(s) to be free from the defects and/or failures specified below for a period not less than ten (10) years from the date of sale.
    - ii. Defects and/or failures due to manufacturing
    - iii. Defects and/or failures due to quality of materials
    - iv. Non conformity to specifications due to faulty manufacturing and/or inspection processes. If the solar Module(s) fails to conform to this warranty, the manufacturer will repair or replace the solar module(s), at the Owners sole option
  - b. Performance Warranty:
    - i. The predicted electrical degradation of power generated not exceeding 20% (twenty percent) of the minimum rated power over the 25 year period and not more than 10% (ten percent) after 10 year period of the full rated original output.

#### **ARRAY STRUCTURE**

1. Hot dip galvanized MS mounting structures may be used for mounting the modules/ panels/arrays. Each structure should have angle of inclination as per the site conditions to take maximum isolation. However, to accommodate more capacity the angle inclination may be reduced until the plant meets the specified performance ratio requirements.
2. The Mounting structure shall be so designed to withstand the wind speed of 200 km/ hour. It may be ensured that the design has been certified by a recognized Lab/ Institution in this regard and submit wind loading calculation sheet to GVSCCL. Suitable fastening arrangement such as grouting and calming should be provided to secure the installation against the specified wind speed.
3. The mounting structure steel shall be as per latest IS 2062: 1992 and galvanization of the mounting structure shall be in compliance of latest IS 4759.
4. Structural material shall be corrosion resistant and electrolytically compatible with the materials used in the module frame, its fasteners, nuts and bolts. Aluminum structures also can be used which can withstand the specified wind speed. Necessary protection towards rusting need to be provided either by coating or anodization.
5. The fasteners used should be made up of stainless steel. The structures shall be designed to allow easy replacement of any module. The array structure shall be so designed that it will occupy minimum space without sacrificing the output from the SPV panels
6. Regarding civil structures, the bidder need to take care of the load bearing capacity

and need to arrange suitable structures based on the type of the soil.

7. The mounting of solar modules shall be done in such a way that the lower position of solar module shall be of min 1000 mm above the surface level of the canal.

#### **JUNCTION BOXES (JBs)**

1. The junction boxes are to be provided in the PV array for termination of connecting cables. The J. Boxes (JBs) shall be made of GRP/FRP/Powder Coated Aluminium/cast aluminium alloy with full dust, water & vermin proof arrangement. All wires/cables must be terminated through cable lugs. The JB's shall be such that input & output termination can be made through suitable cable glands.
2. Copper bus bars/terminal blocks housed in the junction box with suitable termination threads conforming to IP65 standard and IEC 62208 Hinged door with EPDM rubber gasket to prevent water entry. Single / double compression cable glands. Provision of earthings. It should be placed at 5 feet height or above for ease of accessibility.
3. Each Junction Box shall have High quality Suitable Capacity Metal Oxide Varistors (MOVs)/SPDs, suitable Reverse Blocking Diodes. The Junction Boxes shall have suitable arrangement for monitoring and disconnection of each group.
4. Suitable markings shall be provided on the bus bar for easy identification and the cable ferrules must be fitted at the cable termination points for identification

#### **DC DISTRIBUTION BOARD:**

1. DC Distribution panel to receive the DC output from the array field.
2. DC DPBs shall have sheet form enclosure of dust & vermin proof conform to IP 65 protection.

The bus bars are made of copper of desired size. Suitable capacity MCBs/MCCB shall be provided for controlling the DC power output to the PCU along with necessary surge arrestors.

#### **AC DISTRIBUTION PANEL BOARD:**

1. AC Distribution Panel Board (DPB) shall control the AC power from PCU/ inverter, and should have necessary surge arrestors. Interconnection from ACDB to mains at LT Bus bar while in grid tied mode.
2. All switches and the circuit breakers, connectors should conform to IEC 60947, part I, II and III/ IS60947 part I, II and III.
3. The changeover switches, cabling work should be undertaken by the bidder as part of the project.
4. All the Panel's shall be metal clad, totally enclosed, rigid, floor mounted, air insulated, cubical type suitable for operation on three phase / single phase, 415 or 230 volts, 50 Hz
5. The panels shall be designed for minimum expected ambient temperature of 45 degree Celsius, 80 percent humidity and dusty weather.

6. All indoor panels will have protection of IP54 or better. All outdoor panels will have protection of IP65 or better.
7. Should conform to Indian Electricity Act and rules (till last amendment).
8. All the 415 AC or 230 volts devices / equipment like bus support insulators, circuit breakers, SPDs, VTs etc., mounted inside the switchgear shall be suitable for continuous operation and satisfactory performance under the following supply conditions

Variation in supply voltage	+/- 10%
Variation in supply frequency	+/- 3 Hz

**PCU/ARRAY SIZE RATIO:**

1. The combined wattage of all inverters should not be less than rated capacity of power plant under STC.
2. Maximum power point tracker shall be integrated in the PCU/inverter to maximize energy drawn from the array.

**PCU/ Inverter:**

As SPV array produce direct current electricity, it is necessary to convert this direct current into alternating current and adjust the voltage levels to match the grid voltage. Conversion shall be achieved using an electronic Inverter and the associated control and protection devices. All these components of the system are termed the “Power Conditioning Unit (PCU)”. In addition, the PCU shall also house MPPT (Maximum Power Point Tracker), an interface between Solar PV array & the Inverter, to the power conditioning unit/inverter should also be DG set interactive. If necessary. Inverter output should be compatible with the grid frequency. Typical technical features of the inverter shall be as follows:

- Switching devices: IGBT/MOSFET
- Control: Microprocessor /DSP
- Nominal AC output voltage and frequency: 415V, 3 Phase, 50 Hz (in case single phase inverters are offered, suitable arrangement for balancing the phases must be made.)
- Output frequency: 50 Hz
- Grid Frequency Synchronization range: + 3 Hz or more
- Ambient temperature considered: -200 C to 500 C
- Humidity: 95 % Non-condensing
- Protection of Enclosure: IP-20 (minimum) for indoor.  
IP-65 (minimum) for outdoor.
- Grid Frequency Tolerance range: + 3 or more

Grid Voltage tolerance:	- 20% & + 15 %
No-load losses:	Less than 1% of rated power
Inverter efficiency (minimum):	>95% (in case of 10kW or above )
Inverter efficiency (minimum):	> 90% (In case of less than 10 kW)
THD:	< 3%
PF:	> 0.9

1. Three phase PCU/ inverter shall be used with each power plant system (10kW and/or above) but in case of less than 10kW single phase inverter can be used.
2. b)PCU/inverter shall be capable of complete automatic operation including wake-up, synchronization & shutdown.
3. c) The output of power factor of PCU inverter is suitable for all voltage ranges or sink of reactive power, inverter should have internal protection arrangement against any sustainable fault in feeder line and against the lightning on feeder.
4. d)Built-in meter and data logger to monitor plant performance through external computer shall be provided.
5. e)The power conditioning units / inverters should comply with applicable IEC/ equivalent BIS standard for efficiency measurements and environmental tests as per standard codes IEC 61683/IS 61683 and IEC 60068- 2(1,2,14,30) /Equivalent BIS Std.
6. f) The charge controller (if any) / MPPT units environmental testing should qualify IEC 60068-2(1, 2, 14, 30)/Equivalent BIS std. The junction boxes/ enclosures should be IP 65(for outdoor)/ IP 54 (indoor) and as per IEC 529 specifications.
7. g)The PCU/ inverters should be tested from the MNRE approved test centres / NABL /BIS /IEC accredited testing- calibration laboratories. In case of imported power conditioning units, these should be approved by international test houses.

#### **INTEGRATION OF PV POWER WITH GRID:**

The output power from SPV would be fed to the inverters which converts DC produced by SPV array to AC and feeds it into the main electricity grid after synchronization. In case of grid failure, or low or high voltage, solar PV system shall be out of synchronization and shall be disconnected from the grid. Once the DG set comes into service PV system shall again be synchronized with DG supply and load requirement would be met to the extent of availability of power. 4 pole isolation of inverter output with respect to the grid/ DG power connection need to be provided.

#### **DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM / PLANT MONITORING**

1. Data Acquisition System shall be provided for each of the solar PV plant.
2. Data Logging Provision for plant control and monitoring, time and date stamped system data logs for analysis with the high quality, suitable PC. Metering and

Instrumentation for display of systems parameters and status indication to be provided.

3. Solar Irradiance: An integrating Pyranometer / Solar cell based irradiation sensor (along with calibration certificate) provided, with the sensor mounted in the plane of the array. Readout integrated with data logging system.
4. Temperature: Temperature probes for recording the Solar panel temperature and/or ambient temperature to be provided complete with readouts integrated with the data logging system
5. The following parameters are accessible via the operating interface display in real time separately for solar power plant:
  - a. AC Voltage.
  - b. AC Output current.
  - c. Output Power
  - d. Power factor.
  - e. DC Input Voltage.
  - f. DC Input Current.
  - g. Time Active.
  - h. Time disabled.
  - i. Time Idle.
  - j. Power produced
  - k. Protective function limits (Viz-AC Over voltage, AC Under voltage Over frequency, Under frequency ground fault, PV starting voltage, PV stopping voltage).
6. All major parameters available on the digital bus and logging facility for energy auditing through the internal microprocessor and read on the digital front panel at any time) and logging facility (the current values, previous values for up to a month and the average values) should be made available for energy auditing through the internal microprocessor and should be read on the digital front panel.
7. PV array energy production: Digital Energy Meters to log the actual value of AC/ DC voltage, Current & Energy generated by the PV system provided. Energy meter along with CT/PT should be of 0.5 accuracy class.
8. Computerized DC String/Array monitoring and AC output monitoring shall be provided as part of the inverter and/or string/array combiner box or separately.
9. String and array DC Voltage, Current and Power, Inverter AC output voltage and current (All 3 phases and lines), AC power (Active, Reactive and Apparent), Power Factor and AC energy (All 3 phases and cumulative) and frequency shall be monitored.

10. Computerized AC energy monitoring shall be in addition to the digital AC energy meter.
11. The data shall be recorded in a common work sheet chronologically date wise. The data file shall be MS Excel compatible. The data shall be represented in both tabular and graphical form.
12. All instantaneous data shall be shown on the computer screen.
13. Software shall be provided for USB download and analysis of DC and AC parametric data for individual plant.
14. Provision for Internet monitoring and download of data shall be also incorporated.
15. Remote Server and Software for centralized Internet monitoring system shall be also provided for download and analysis of cumulative data of all the plants and the data of the solar radiation and temperature monitoring system.
16. Ambient / Solar PV module back surface temperature shall be also monitored on continuous basis.
17. Simultaneous monitoring of DC and AC electrical voltage, current, power, energy and other data of the plant for correlation with solar and environment data shall be provided.
18. Remote Monitoring and data acquisition through Remote Monitoring System software at the owner /SECI location with latest software/hardware configuration and service connectivity for online / real time data monitoring/control complete to be supplied and operation and maintenance/control to be ensured by the supplier. Provision for interfacing these data on GVSCCL server and portal in future shall be kept.

**TRANSFORMER “IF REQUIRED” & METERING:**

1. Dry type relevant Step up transformer along with all protections, switchgears, Vacuum circuit breakers, cables etc. along with required civil work.
2. The bidirectional electronic energy meter (0.5 S class) shall be installed for the measurement of import/Export of energy.
3. The bidder must take approval/NOC from the Concerned DISCOM for the connectivity, technical feasibility, and synchronization of SPV plant with distribution network and submit the same to GVSCCL before commissioning of SPV plant.
4. Reverse power relay shall be provided by bidder (if necessary), as per the local DISCOM requirement.

**POWER CONSUMPTION:**

The generated power shall be exported to the grid and will be utilised elsewhere through open access by GVSCCL/GVMC.

**PROTECTIONS**

The system should be provided with all necessary protections like earthing, Lightning, and

grid islanding as follows:

- **LIGHTNING PROTECTION**

The SPV power plants shall be provided with lightning & overvoltage protection. The main aim in this protection shall be to reduce the over voltage to a tolerable value before it reaches the PV or other sub system components. The source of over voltage can be lightning, atmosphere disturbances etc. The entire space occupying the SPV array shall be suitably protected against Lightning by deploying required number of Lightning Arrestors. Lightning protection should be provided as per IEC 62305 standard. The protection against induced high-voltages shall be provided by the use of metal oxide varistors (MOVs) and suitable earthing such that induced transients find an alternate route to earth.

- **SURGE PROTECTION**

Internal surge protection shall consist of three MOV type surge-arrestors connected from +ve and -ve terminals to earth (via Y arrangement).

- **EARTHING PROTECTION**

1. Each array structure of the PV yard should be grounded/ earthed properly as per IS:3043-1987. In addition, the lightning arrester/masts should also be earthed inside the array field. Earth Resistance shall be tested in presence of the representative of Department/SECI as and when required after earthing by calibrated earth tester. PCU, ACDB and DCDB should also be earthed properly.
2. Earth resistance shall not be more than 5 ohms. It shall be ensured that all the earthing points are bonded together to make them at the same potential.

- **GRID ISLANDING:**

1. In the event of a power failure on the electric grid, it is required that any independent power-producing inverters attached to the grid turn off in a short period of time. This prevents the DC-to-AC inverters from continuing to feed power into small sections of the grid, known as “islands.” Powered islands present a risk to workers who may expect the area to be unpowered, and they may also damage grid-tied equipment. The Canal Top PV system shall be equipped with islanding protection. In addition to disconnection from the grid (due to islanding protection) disconnection due to under and over voltage conditions shall also be provided.
2. A manual disconnect 4pole isolation switch beside automatic disconnection to grid would have to be provided at utility end to isolate the grid connection by the utility personnel to carry out any maintenance. This switch shall be locked by the utility personnel.

## **CABLES**

Cables of appropriate size to be used in the system shall have the following characteristics:

- Shall meet IEC 60227/IS 694, IEC 60502/IS1554 standards
- Temp. Range: -10oC to +80oC.
- Voltage rating 660/1000V
- Excellent resistance to heat, cold, water, oil, abrasion, UV radiation
- Flexible
- Sizes of cables between array interconnections, array to junction boxes, junction boxes to Inverter etc. shall be so selected to keep the voltage drop (power loss) of the entire solar system to the minimum. The cables (as per IS) should be insulated with a special grade PVC compound formulated for outdoor use.
- Cable Routing/ Marking: All cable/wires are to be routed in a GI cable tray and suitably tagged and marked with proper manner by good quality ferule or by other means so that the cable easily identified.
- The Cable should be so selected that it should be compatible up to the life of the solar PV panels i.e. 25years.
- The ratings given are approximate. Bidder to indicate size and length as per system design requirement. All the cables required for the plant provided by the bidder. Any change in cabling sizes if desired by the bidder/approved after citing appropriate reasons. All cable schedules/layout drawings approved prior to installation.
- Multi Strand, Annealed high conductivity copper conductor PVC type ‘A’ pressure extruded insulation or XLPE insulation. Overall PVC/XLPE insulation for UV protection Armoured cable for underground laying. All cable trays including covers to be provided. All cables conform to latest edition of IEC/ equivalent BIS Standards as specified below:
- BoS item / component Standard Description Standard Number Cables General Test and Measuring Methods, PVC/XLPE insulated cables for working Voltage up to and including 1100 V ,UV resistant for outdoor installation IS /IEC 69947.
- The size of each type of DC cable selected shall be based on minimum voltage drop however; the maximum drop shall be limited to 1%.
- The size of each type of AC cable selected shall be based on minimum voltage drop however; the maximum drop shall be limited to 2 %.

**CONNECTIVITY**

The maximum capacity for interconnection with the grid at a specific voltage level shall be as specified in the Distribution Code/Supply Code of the State and amended from time to time. Following criteria have been suggested for selection of voltage level in the distribution system for ready reference of the solar suppliers.

<b>Plant Capacity</b>	<b>Connecting voltage</b>
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Up to 10 kW	240V-single phase or 415V-three phase at the option of the consumer
Above 10kW and up to 100 kW	415V – three phase
Above 100kW	At HT/EHT level (11kV/33kV/66kV) as per DISCOM rules

1. Utilities may have voltage levels other than above, DISCOMS may be consulted before finalization of the voltage level and specification be made accordingly.
2. For large PV system (Above 100 kW) for commercial installation having large load, the solar power can be generated at low voltage levels and stepped up to 11/33 kV level through the step up transformer. The transformers and associated switchgear would require to be provided by the SPV bidders.

**TOOLS & TACKLES AND SPARES:**

1. After completion of installation & commissioning of the power plant, necessary tools & tackles are to be provided free of cost by the bidder for maintenance purpose. List of tools and tackles to be supplied by the bidder for approval of specifications and make from SECI/ owner.
2. A list of requisite spares in case of PCU/inverter comprising of a set of control logic cards, IGBT driver cards etc. Junction Boxes. Fuses, MOVs / arrestors, MCCBs etc along with spare set of PV modules be indicated, which shall be supplied along with the equipment. A minimum set of spares shall be maintained in the plant itself for the entire period of warranty and Operation & Maintenance which upon its use shall be replenished.

**DANGER BOARDS AND SIGNAGES:**

Danger boards should be provided as and where necessary as per IE Act. /IE rules as amended up to date. Three signage shall be provided one each at battery -cum- control room, solar array area and main entry from administrative block. Text of the signage may be finalized in consultation with SECI/ owner.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:**

The firefighting system for the proposed power plant for fire protection shall be consisting of:

1. Portable fire extinguishers in the control room for fire caused by electrical short circuits
2. Sand buckets in the control room
3. The installation of Fire Extinguishers should confirm to TAC regulations and BIS standards. The fire extinguishers shall be provided in the control room housing PCUs as well as on the Canal or site where the PV arrays have been installed.

### **DRAWINGS & MANUALS:**

1. Two sets of Engineering, electrical drawings and Installation and O&M manuals are to be supplied. Bidders shall provide complete technical data sheets for each equipment giving details of the specifications along with make/makes in their bid along with basic design of the power plant and power evacuation, synchronization along with protection equipment.
2. Approved ISI and reputed makes for equipment be used.
3. For complete electro-mechanical works, bidders shall supply complete design, details and drawings for approval to GVSCCL before progressing with the installation work

### **PLANNING AND DESIGNING:**

1. The bidder should carry out Shadow Analysis at the site and accordingly design strings & arrays layout considering optimal usage of space, material and labor. The bidder should submit the array layout drawings along with Shadow Analysis Report to GVSCCL for approval.
2. GVSCCL reserves the right to modify the landscaping design, Layout and specification of subsystems and components at any stage as per local site conditions/requirements.
3. The bidder shall submit preliminary drawing for approval & based on any modification or recommendation, if any. The bidder shall submit three sets of hard copies and soft copy in CD of final drawing for formal approval to proceed with construction work.

### **DRAWINGS TO BE FURNISHED BY BIDDER AFTER AWARD OF CONTRACT**

1. The Contractor shall furnish the following drawings Award/Intent and obtain approval
2. General arrangement and dimensioned layout
3. Schematic drawing showing the requirement of SV panel, Power conditioning Unit(s)/ inverter, Junction Boxes, AC and DC Distribution Boards, meters etc.
4. Structural drawing along with foundation details for the structure.
5. Itemized bill of material for complete SV plant covering all the components and associated accessories.
6. Layout of solar Power Array
7. Shadow analysis of the Canal

## **SAFETY MEASURES:**

The bidder shall take entire responsibility for electrical safety of the installation(s) including connectivity with the grid and follow all the safety rules & regulations applicable as per Electricity Act, 2003 and CEA guidelines etc.

## **DISPLAY BOARD**

The bidder has to display a board at the project site mentioning the following:

1. Plant Name, Capacity, Location, Type of Renewable Energy plant (Like solar wind etc.), Date of commissioning, details of tie-up with transmission and distribution companies, over generation and Export FY wise.
2. Financial Assistance details from SECI/MNRE/Any other financial institution apart from loan. This information shall not be limited to project site but also be displayed at site offices/head quarter offices of the successful bidder
3. The size and type of board and display shall be approved by Engineer-in-charge before site inspection.

**In addition to the above specifications following is also required:**

### ***Remote Display***

SPD will arrange to install LED based display screens along with relevant hardware at relevant stations and will develop relevant software programs which will display real time generation on a minute, hourly, daily, monthly and annual basis. The cost of development of these systems will have to be borne by the SPD.

## **TESTING PROCEDURES**

The SPD and GVSCCL (or its representatives) shall develop suitable testing procedures three (3) months before the Scheduled Commercial Operation Date as agreed by the SPD and GVSCCL or, where Phased Commissioning is to be undertaken by SPD, the date proposed by SPD for Commissioning of the first Unit. Such procedures shall take into consideration relevant standards. The procedures mutually agreed by SPD and GVSCCL (or its representatives) in writing shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Agreement. These procedures will conform to the State Net Metering Policies for applicable State of India. The testing procedure for testing of the installed capacity during commissioning will be at the interconnection point and will be back calculated based on the electricity generated.

## **SCHEDULE D - INTERCONNECTION SCHEME**

### **Interconnection Requirements: Scope of Work for the SPD**

- A. The project aims to develop a canal top solar power plant that feeds the generated energy to the grid. The scope would include design, manufacture, supply, install and commission and operate for 25 years the SPV power plant installed.

B. All work must be carried out as per the following:

- ❖ Indian Electricity Act and rules therein
- ❖ Indian Electricity Grid Code
- ❖ Regulations of Chief Electrical Inspector

Besides the above measures, certain precautions prescribed by the CEA shall also be incorporated into the solar PV system design:

- ❖ PV systems shall be provided with adequate rating fuses, fuses on inverter input side (DC) as well as output side (AC) side for overload and short circuit protection as well as disconnecting switches to isolate the DC and AC system for maintenances.
- ❖ Fuses of adequate rating shall also be provided in each solar array module to protect them against short circuit.

**C. Phase Imbalance:**

- ❖ Phase imbalance can occur due to varied power injected into different phases of the grid. Whenever solar power plants (SPPs) of lower capacities with single phase inverters are used to feed power into the grid using a single phase injection point, they tend to induce imbalance. This imbalance can be resolved simply by connecting / injecting power to different phases in the same grid.
- ❖ The developer shall have to follow the phase imbalance limits imposed by the Off Taker and shall also have to follow the guidelines before connecting such limits to the grid.
- ❖ The injection phase for each system to be injected into a single phase shall be approved by the Off Taker.

**D. Energy Meter and Statutory Clearances**

**a) Energy Meter**

Each facility will be provided with an energy meter for accurate periodical readings of AC energy generated and fed to the grid. This shall be inspected, tested and calibrated at the time of installation and also during operation lifetime of Project.

**b) Statutory clearances to be arranged by the SPD**

- a) Civil & Structural Drawings approval, wherever necessary
- b) Electrical System approval (Electrical Inspector)
- c) Fire System approval (CFO)
- d) All statutory requirements for working at the Project Site like Labour Registration, Workman Compensation Policy, ESIC etc.

## SCHEDULE E - SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

**1 Guiding principles**

- 1.1 Safety Requirements aim at reduction in injuries, loss of life and damage to property resulting from accidents on the Project, irrespective of the person(s) at fault.

- 1.2 Users of the Project include staff of the GVSCCL, SPD and its contractors working on the Project.
- 1.3 Safety Requirements apply to all phases of construction, operation and maintenance with emphasis on identification of factors associated with accidents, consideration of the same, and implementation of appropriate remedial measures.
- 1.4 Safety Requirements include measures associated with safe movement, safety management, safety equipment, fire safety, enforcement and emergency response etc.

## **2 Obligations of the SPD**

The SPD shall abide by the following insofar as they relate to safety:

- (a) Applicable Laws and Approvals;
- (b) General and subsidiary Rules, Accident manual & Disaster Management Manual of GVSCCL and DISCOM
- (c) Provisions of this Agreement; and
- (d) Relevant Standards/Guidelines contained in internationally accepted codes; and
- (e) Good Industry Practice.

## **3 Safety measures during Development Period**

- 3.1 The Parties shall require the Engineer In-charge for carrying out safety audit at the design stage of the Project.
- 3.2 The SPD shall provide to the Engineer In-charge, in four copies, the relevant drawings containing the design details that have a bearing on safety during development of project (the “**Safety Drawings**”). The Engineer In-charge shall review the design details, record its comments and recommendations, if any, and forward one copy each, of the Safety Drawings to GVSCCL, DISCOM and to SPD.
- 3.3 The design details shall be compiled, analysed and used by the Engineer In-charge for evolving a package of recommendations consisting of safety related measures for the Project. The safety audit shall be completed in a period of [one] month and a report thereof (the “**Safety Report**”) shall be submitted to GVSCCL , in five copies.  
One copy of the Safety Report shall be forwarded by the Engineer In-charge to the SPD.
- 3.4 The SPD shall endeavour to incorporate the recommendations of the Safety Report in the design of the Project, as may reasonably be required in accordance with Applicable Laws, Manuals and Guidelines of GVSCCL, Specifications and Standards, and Good Industry Practice. If the SPD does not agree with any or all of such recommendations, it shall state the reasons thereof and convey them to GVSCCL forthwith. In the event that any or all of the works and services recommended in the Safety Report fall beyond the scope of the SPD shall make a report thereon and seek the instructions of GVSCCL for funding such works in accordance with the provisions of Article 17.
- 3.5 Without prejudice to the provisions of Paragraph 4, within [15 (fifteen)] days of receiving the Safety Report, GVSCCL shall review the same and by notice direct the SPD to carry out any or all of the recommendations contained therein with such modifications as GVSCCL may specify; provided that any works or services required to be undertaken hereunder shall be governed by the provisions of Article 17.

#### **4 Safety measures during Construction Period**

- 4.1 No later than 90 days after the signing of this agreement, SPD in consultation with Engineer In-charge will submit safety manual pertaining to construction phase.
- 4.2 The Engineer In-charge shall carry out a safety audit of the completed Construction Works.
- 4.3 The Engineer In-charge shall study the Safety Report for the Development Period and inspect the Project to assess the adequacy of safety measures. The Engineer In-charge shall complete the safety audit within a period of [1 (one)] month and submit a Safety Report recommending a package of additional safety measures, if any, that are considered essential for reducing accident hazards on the Project. Such recommendations shall be processed, *mutatis mutandis*, and acted upon in the manner set forth in Paragraphs 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 of this Schedule-E
- 4.4 The SPD shall make adequate arrangements during the Construction Period for the safety of workers and road users in accordance with Applicable Laws and Good Industry Practice for safety in construction zones, and notify GVSCCL and the Engineer In-charge about such arrangements. The SPD shall comply with various instructions related to work site safety, as compiled in compendium of Instruction issued by GVSCCL and any other instruction pertaining to work site safety, as may be issued by GVSCCL from time to time.

#### **5 Safety measures during Operation Period**

##### **5.1 System integrity**

In the design of power supply, circuits and equipment's, particular care shall be taken to minimize the likely incidence of fault.

##### **5.2 Restoration of service**

The Project shall be designed such that in the event a fault occurs, a limited service can be provided within a few minutes by isolation of the affected area or equipment, to the extent possible.

##### **5.3 Safety management**

- 5.4 No later than 90 days prior to schedule completion date, SPD in consultation with Engineer In-charge will submit safety manual for operation phase.
- 5.5 The SPD shall develop, implement and administer a surveillance and safety programme for Users, including correction of safety violations and deficiencies and all other actions necessary to provide a safe environment in accordance with this Agreement.
- 5.6 The SPD shall keep a copy of every FIR recorded by the Police with respect to any accident occurring on the Project. In addition, the SPD shall also collect data for all cases of accidents not recorded by the Police. The information so collected shall be summarized in the form prescribed by GVSCCL for this purpose. The SPD shall also record the exact location of each accident on a route map. The aforesaid data shall be submitted to GVSCCL at the conclusion of every quarter.
- 5.7 The SPD shall submit to GVSCCL, On or before 90 (ninety) days of completion of each financial year, an annual report (in [two] copies) containing, without limitation,

a detailed listing and analysis of all accidents of the preceding Year and the measures taken by the SPD pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 5.1 of this Schedule-E for averting or minimising such accidents in future.

- 5.8 Once in every Year, a safety audit shall be carried out by the Engineer In-charge. It shall review and analyze the annual report and accident data of the preceding year, and undertake an inspection of the Project. The Engineer In-charge shall complete the safety audit within a period of 1 (one) month and submit a Safety Report recommending specific improvements, if any, required to be made in the Project. Such recommendations shall be processed, *mutatis mutandis*, and acted upon in the manner set forth in Paragraphs 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 of this Schedule-E.

**6 Costs and expenses**

Costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Safety Requirements set forth herein, including the provisions of Paragraph 2 of this Schedule-E, shall be met in accordance with Article 19, and in particular, the costs of the safety audit and incidental thereto, shall be met by the SPD.

## SCHEDULE F- APPROVALS

1. To be obtained by the SPD

All approvals including approvals/consents required under local regulations, building codes and approvals required from the Distribution Utility etc relating to installation and operation of the System (including the government incentives/subsidies available for the Project) and generation and supply of solar power from the Project.

2. To be obtained by GVSCCL

Any authorizations required of GVSCCL, including those required for installation of Project at the Premises.

## SCHEDULE G - PERFORMANCE SECURITY

The Managing Director  
Greater Visakhapatnam Smart City Corporation Limited  
Tenneti Bhavan, Asilmetta Junction,  
Visakhapatnam, 530002, Andhra Pradesh, India

### WHEREAS:

- (A) .....(the “Solar Power Developer” or SPD) and the Managing Director, Greater Visakhapatnam Smart City Corporation Limited Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh having its principal offices at, Tenneti Bhavan, Asilmetta Junction, Visakhapatnam, 530002, Andhra Pradesh, India (“GVSCCL” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its executers, administrators, successors and assignees) have entered into a Power Purchase Agreement dated .....(the “Agreement”) whereby GVSCCL has agreed to the SPD undertaking the Design, Engineer, Procure, Undertake Civil and Electrical work including Erection, Testing & Commissioning of and subsequently carry out the Operation and Comprehensive Maintenance (O&M) of, for a period of 25 years, the Canal Top solar generation project of 5 MW on RESCO Mode on Raiwada Canal in Visakhapatnam, in response to the RFP dated..... issued by GVSCCL and GVSCCL considering such response to the RFP of.....[insert the name of the selected Solar Power Developer] and selecting the SPD and issuing LoA No ----- -- to (Insert Name of selected Solar Power Developer) as per terms of RFP and the same having been accepted by the SPD or a Project Company, M/s ----- {a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed for this purpose}, if applicable ].
- (B) The Agreement requires the SPD to furnish a Performance Security to GVSCCL in a sum of Rs.3.50 crores (Rupees Three Crores and Fifty Lakhs) (the “Performance Guarantee”) as security for due and faithful performance of its obligations, under and in accordance with the Agreement, during the Construction Period (as defined in the Agreement).
- (C) We, ..... through our Branch at .....(the “Bank”) have agreed to furnish this Bank Guarantee by way of Performance Security.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bank hereby, unconditionally and irrevocably, guarantees and affirms as follows:

1. The Bank hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees the due and faithful performance of the SPD’s obligations during the Construction Period, under and in accordance with the Agreement, and agrees and undertakes to pay to GVSCCL , upon its mere first written demand, and without any demur, reservation, recourse, contest or protest, and without any reference to the SPD, such sum or sums up-to an aggregate sum of the “Performance Guarantee” as GVSCCL shall claim, without GVSCCL being required to prove or to show grounds or reasons for its demand and/or for the

sum  
specified therein.

2. A letter from GVSCCL, under the hand of an Officer not below the rank of Superintending Engineer or equivalent of GVSCCL that the SPD has committed default in the due and faithful performance of all or any of its obligations under and in accordance with the Agreement shall be conclusive, final and binding on the Bank. The Bank further agrees that GVSCCL shall be the sole judge as to whether the SPD is in default in due and faithful performance of its obligations during the Construction Period under the Agreement and its decision that the SPD is in default shall be final, and binding on the Bank, notwithstanding any differences between GVSCCL and the SPD, or any dispute between them pending before any court, tribunal, arbitrators or any other authority or body, or by the discharge of the SPD for any reason whatsoever.
3. In order to give effect to this Guarantee, GVSCCL shall be entitled to act as if the Bank were the principal debtor and any change in the constitution of the SPD and/or the Bank, whether by their absorption with any other body or corporation or otherwise, shall not in any way or manner affect the liability or obligation of the Bank under this Guarantee.
4. It shall not be necessary, and the Bank hereby waives any necessity, for GVSCCL to proceed against the SPD before presenting to the Bank its demand under this Guarantee.
5. GVSCCL shall have the liberty, without affecting in any manner the liability of the Bank under this Guarantee, to vary at any time, the terms and conditions of the Agreement or to extend the time or period for the compliance with, fulfilment and/or performance of all or any of the obligations of the SPD contained in the Agreement or to postpone for any time, and from time to time, any of the rights and powers exercisable by GVSCCL against the SPD, and either to enforce or forbear from enforcing any of the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement and/or the securities available to GVSCCL, and the Bank shall not be released from its liability and obligation under these presents by any exercise by GVSCCL of the liberty with reference to the matters aforesaid or by reason of time being given to the SPD or any other forbearance, indulgence, act or omission on the part of GVSCCL or of any other matter or thing whatsoever which under any law relating to sureties and guarantors would but for this provision have the effect of releasing the Bank from its liability and obligation under this Guarantee and the Bank hereby waives all of its rights under any such law.
6. This Guarantee is in addition to and not in substitution of any other guarantee or security now or which may hereafter be held by GVSCCL in respect of or relating to the Agreement or for the fulfilment, compliance and/or performance of all or any of the obligations of the SPD under the Agreement.
7. Notwithstanding anything contained hereinbefore, the liability of the Bank under this

Guarantee is restricted to the Guarantee Amount and this Guarantee will remain in force until the 2<sup>nd</sup> (second) anniversary of the Effective Date of the Power Purchase Agreement entered into between the SPD and GVSCCCL, and unless a demand or claim in writing is made by GVSCCCL on the Bank under this Guarantee, no later than 6 (six) months from the date of expiry of this Guarantee, all rights of GVSCCCL under this Guarantee shall be forfeited and the Bank shall be relieved from its liabilities hereunder. Provided, however, that the Performance Security shall not be released if the SPD is in breach of this Agreement.

8. The Bank undertakes not to revoke this Guarantee during its currency, except with the previous express consent of GVSCCCL in writing, and declares and warrants that it has the power to issue this Guarantee and the undersigned has full powers to do so on behalf of the Bank.
9. Any notice by way of request, demand or otherwise hereunder may be sent by post addressed to the Bank at its above referred Branch, which shall be deemed to have been duly authorised to receive such notice and to effect payment thereof forthwith, and if sent by post it shall be deemed to have been given at the time when it ought to have been delivered in due course of post and in proving such notice, when given by post, it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was posted and a certificate signed by an officer of GVSCCCL that the envelope was so posted shall be conclusive.
10. This Guarantee shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force and effect for the period stated in paragraph 7 above or until it is released earlier by GVSCCCL pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement

Signed and sealed this ..... day of ....., 20..... at .....

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

For and on behalf of

The BANK by:

(Signature)

(Name)

(Designation)

(Code Number)

(Address)

NOTES:

- (i) The bank guarantee should contain the name, designation and code number of the officer(s) signing the guarantee.
- (ii) The address, telephone number and other details of the Head Office of the Bank as well as of issuing Branch should be mentioned on the covering letter of issuing Branch.

SCHEDULE H - (DELETED)

## SCHEDULE I - TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ENGINEER IN-CHARGE

### **1 Scope**

These Terms of Reference for the Engineer In-charge (the “**TOR**”) are being specified

#### **1.1**

pursuant to the Power Purchase Agreement dated..... (the “**Agreement**”), which has been entered into between GVSCCL and ..... (the “**SPD**”) for the Project at \*\*\* on design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) basis, and a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked as Annex-A to form part of this TOR.

### **2 Definitions and interpretation**

#### **2.1**

The words and expressions beginning with or in capital letters used in this TOR and not defined herein but defined in the Agreement shall have, unless repugnant to the context, the meaning respectively assigned to them in the Agreement.

#### **2.2**

References to Articles, Clauses and Schedules in this TOR shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be deemed to be references to the Articles, Clauses and Schedules of the Agreement, and references to Paragraphs shall be deemed to be references to Paragraphs of this TOR.

#### **2.3**

The rules of interpretation stated in Clauses 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of the Agreement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to this TOR.

### **3 Role and functions of the Engineer In-charge**

#### **3.1**

The role and functions of the Engineer In-charge shall include the following:

- (i) review of the Drawings and Documents as set forth in Paragraph 4 and periodically submit list of those drawings which are deemed to be approved under the provision of clause 12.2
- (ii) review, inspection and monitoring of Construction Works as set forth in Paragraph 5;
- (iii) conducting periodic Tests and Tests on completion of construction and issuing Completion Certificate as set forth in Paragraph 5;
- (iv) review, inspection and monitoring of O&M as set forth in Paragraph 6;
- (v) conducting safety audit of the project during the Construction Period and the Operation Period;
- (vi) review, inspection and monitoring of Divestment Requirements as set forth in Paragraph 7;
- (vii) determining, as required under the Agreement, the costs of any works or services and/or their reasonableness;
- (viii) computing and determining the Damages payable by the SPD under the Agreement;
- (ix) determining, as required under the Agreement, the period or any extension thereof, for performing any duty or obligation;

- (x) Undertaking safety Audit of the project as stipulated in Schedule E of this agreement.
  - (xi) assisting the Parties in resolution of disputes as set forth in Paragraph 9; and
  - (xii) undertaking all other duties and functions in accordance with the Agreement.
- 3.2 The Engineer In-charge shall discharge its duties in a fair, impartial and efficient manner, consistent with the highest standards of professional integrity and Good Industry Practice.

#### **4 Development Period**

- 4.1 During the Development Period, the Engineer In-charge shall undertake a detailed review of the Drawings to be furnished by the SPD along with supporting data. The Engineer In-charge shall complete such review and send its comments/observations to GVSCCL and the SPD within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such Drawings. In particular, such comments shall specify the conformity or otherwise of such Drawings with the Scope of the Project and Specifications and Standards.
- 4.2 The Engineer In-charge shall review any modified Drawings or supporting Documents sent to it by the SPD and GVSCCL and furnish its comments within 7 (seven) days of receiving such Drawings or Documents.
- 4.3 The Engineer In-charge shall review the Drawings sent to it by the SPD in accordance with Schedule-E and furnish its comments thereon to GVSCCL and the SPD within [7 (seven)] days of receiving such Drawings. The Engineer In-charge shall also review the Safety Report and furnish its comments thereon to GVSCCL within [15 (fifteen)] days of receiving such report.
- 4.4 The Engineer In-charge shall review the detailed design, construction methodology, quality assurance procedures and the procurement, engineering and construction time schedule sent to it by the SPD and furnish its comments within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt thereof.
- 4.5 Upon reference by GVSCCL, the Engineer In-charge shall review and comment on the EPC Contract or any other contract for construction, operation and maintenance of the Project, and furnish its comments within 7 (seven) days from receipt of such reference from GVSCCL.

#### **5 Construction Period**

- 5.1 In respect of the Drawings, Documents and Safety Report received by the GVSCCL Engineer In charge for its review and comments during the Construction Period, the provisions of Paragraph 4 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*.
- 5.2 The Engineer In-charge shall review the monthly progress report furnished by the SPD and send its comments thereon to GVSCCL and the SPD within 7 (seven) days of receipt of such report.
- 5.3 The Engineer In-charge shall inspect the Construction Works (if any) once every month, preferably after receipt of the monthly progress report from the SPD, but before the 20th (twentieth) day of each month in any case, and make out a report of such

inspection (the “**Inspection Report**”) setting forth an overview of the status, progress, quality and safety of construction, including the work methodology adopted, the materials used and their sources, and conformity of Construction Works with the Scope of the Project and the Specifications and Standards. In a separate section of the Inspection Report, the Engineer In-charge shall describe in reasonable detail the lapses, defects or deficiencies observed by it in the construction of the project. The Inspection Report shall also contain a review of the maintenance of the existing roads in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement. The Engineer In-charge shall send a copy of its Inspection Report to GVSCCL and the SPD within 7 (seven) days of the inspection.

- 5.4 The Engineer In-charge may inspect the project more than once in a month if any lapses, defects or deficiencies require such inspections.
- 5.5 For determining that the Construction Works conform to Specifications and Standards, the Engineer In-charge shall require the SPD to carry out, or cause to be carried out, tests on a sample basis, to be specified by the Engineer In-charge in accordance with Good Industry Practice for quality assurance. The Engineer In-charge shall issue necessary directions to the SPD for ensuring that the tests are conducted in a fair and efficient manner, and shall monitor and review the results thereof.
- 5.6 The sample size of the tests, to be specified by the Engineer In-charge under Paragraph 5.5, shall comprise 10% (ten per cent) of the quantity or number of tests prescribed for each category or type of tests provided that the Engineer In-charge may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, increase the aforesaid sample size by up to 10% (ten per cent) for certain categories or types of tests.
- 5.7 The timing of tests referred to in Paragraph 5.5, and the criteria for acceptance/ rejection of their results shall be determined by the Engineer In-charge. The tests shall be undertaken on a random sample basis and shall be in addition to, and independent of, the tests that may be carried out by the SPD for its own quality assurance in accordance with Good Industry Practice.
- 5.8 In the event that the SPD carries out any remedial works for removal or rectification of any defects or deficiencies, the Engineer In-charge shall require the SPD to carry out, or cause to be carried out, tests to determine that such remedial works have brought the Construction Works into conformity with the Specifications and Standards, and the provisions of this Paragraph 5 shall apply to such tests.

In the event that the SPD fails to achieve any of the Project Milestones as per the detail Project Completion Schedule provided by SPD, the Engineer In-charge shall undertake a review of the progress of construction and identify potential delays, if any. If the Engineer In-charge shall determine that completion of the Project is not feasible within the time specified in the Agreement, it shall require the SPD to indicate within 15 (fifteen) days the steps proposed to be taken to expedite progress, and the period within which the Project Completion Date shall be achieved. Upon receipt of a report from the SPD, the Engineer In-charge shall review the same and send its comments to GVSCCL and the SPD forthwith.

- 5.10 If at any time during the Construction Period, the Engineer In-charge determines that the SPD has not made adequate arrangements for the safety of workers in the zone of construction or that any work is being carried out in a manner that threatens the safety of the workers, it shall make a recommendation to GVSCCL forthwith, identifying the whole or part of the Construction Works that should be suspended for ensuring safety in respect thereof.
- 5.11 In the event that the SPD carries out any remedial measures to secure the safety of

suspended works, it may, by notice in writing, require the Engineer In-charge to inspect such works, and within 3 (three) days of receiving such notice, the Engineer In charge shall inspect the suspended works and make a report to GVSCCL forthwith, recommending whether or not such suspension may be revoked by GVSCCL.

- 5.12 If suspension of Construction Works is for reasons not attributable to the SPD, the Engineer In-charge shall determine the extension of dates set forth in the Project Completion Schedule, to which the SPD is reasonably entitled, and shall notify GVSCCL and the SPD of the same.
- 5.13 The Engineer In-charge shall carry out, or cause to be carried out, all the Tests and issue a Completion Certificate, as the case may be. For carrying out its functions under this Paragraph 5.13 and all matters incidental thereto, the Engineer In-charge shall act under and in accordance with the provisions of Article 14.
- 5.14 Commissioning Tests: The Engineer In-charge will work with the SPD to undertake the Commissioning Tests, in accordance with the Testing Procedures, once the SPD is ready to commission the whole or a part of the solar Canal Top system. The GVSCCL Engineer In charge shall verify the results of the Commissioning Tests for each Unit. If the Unit has successfully passed the Commissioning Tests, the Engineer In-charge shall issue a certificate to that effect and shall provide a copy of the same to the SPD and the GVSCCL .In order to determine if Commercial Operation Date has been achieved, the Engineer In-charge shall also certify whether 95% of the Installed Capacity has successfully passed the Commissioning Tests and shall provide a copy of the same to the SPD and the GVSCCL .On successful completion of the commissioning test, the Engineer In-charge will provide a commissioning certificate to the SPD and a copy of the same to the GVSCCL that the commissioning tests have been successfully undertaken and that the system can be immediately commissioned. This commissioning test will be in addition to the certificate for interconnection to be obtained from the chief electrical inspector, Central Government (appointed for the GVSCCL ) before a Unit may be connected at the Delivery Point.
- 5.15 Testing Procedures: The Engineer In-charge along with the SPD will develop suitable testing procedures three (3) months before the earlier of the Scheduled Commercial Operation Date or, where Phased Commissioning is to be undertaken by Solar Company, the date proposed by Solar Company for Commissioning of the first Unit. Such procedures shall take into consideration relevant standards. The procedures mutually agreed by the Engineer In-charge and SPD in writing shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Agreement as Schedule 3 and shall form part of this Agreement. The Testing Procedures under this Agreement shall be consistent with the testing procedures under the Project Implementation Agreement.
- 5.16 The The Engineer In-charge shall aid and advise the SPD in preparing the Maintenance Manual.

## 6 Operation Period

- 6.1 In respect of the Drawings, Documents and Safety Report received by the GVSCCL Engineer In charge for its review and comments during the Operation Period, the provisions of Paragraph 4 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*.
- 6.2 The Engineer In-charge shall review the annual Maintenance Programme furnished by the SPD and send its comments thereon to GVSCCL and the SPD within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the Maintenance Programme.
- 6.3 The Engineer In-charge shall review the monthly status report furnished by the SPD and send its comments thereon to GVSCCL and the SPD within 7 (seven) days of receipt of such report.
- 6.4 The Engineer In-charge shall inspect the project, once every month, preferably after receipt of the monthly status report from the SPD. In a separate section of the O&M Inspection Report, the Independent
- 6.5 Engineer shall describe in reasonable detail the lapses, defects or deficiencies observed by it in O&M of the Project. The Engineer In-charge shall send a copy of its O&M Inspection Report to GVSCCL and the SPD within 7 (seven) days of the inspection.
- 6.6 The Engineer In-charge may inspect the Project more than once in a month, if any lapses, defects or deficiencies require such inspections.
- 6.7 The Engineer In-charge shall in its O&M Inspection Report specify the tests, if any, that the SPD shall carry out, or cause to be carried out, for the purpose of determining that the Project Facilities is in conformity with the Maintenance Requirements. It shall monitor and review the results of such tests and the remedial measures, if any, taken by the SPD in this behalf.
- 6.8 In respect of any defect or deficiency referred to in Clause 15.2, the Engineer In-charge shall, in conformity with Good Industry Practice, specify the permissible limit of deviation or deterioration with reference to the Specifications and Standards and shall also specify the time limit for repair or rectification of any deviation or deterioration beyond the permissible limit.
- 6.9 The Engineer In-charge shall determine if any delay has occurred in completion of repair or remedial works in accordance with the Agreement, and shall also determine the Damages, if any, payable by the SPD to GVSCCL for such delay.
- 6.10 The Engineer In-charge shall monitor and review the curing of defects and deficiencies by the SPD as set forth in Clause 19.4.
- 6.11 In the event that the SPD notifies the Engineer In-charge of any modifications that it proposes to make to the Project, the Engineer In-charge shall review the same and send its comments to GVSCCL and the SPD within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving the proposal.
- 6.12 Deemed Generation: In case of delay in commissioning due to causes attributable to the GVSCCL, the SPD will be eligible for Deemed Generation for the time period when the SPD is ready to commission till the time the SPD commissions the systems. The GVSCCL

Engineer In charge will certify that the SPDs systems were ready for commissioning but could not be commissioned due to inability to off take by the GVSCCL. Once the GVSCCL is ready to off take the solar energy, the Engineer In-charge will direct the SPD to undertake Commissioning Tests on Units that have been Deemed Commissioned within such time as is considered reasonable by the Engineer In-charge in accordance with Prudent Utility Practices, once the cause attributable to GVSCCL that resulted in the relevant Unit being Deemed Commissioned has ceased.

## **7 Termination**

- 7.1 At any time, not earlier than 90 (ninety) days prior to Termination but not later than 15 (fifteen) days prior to such Termination, the Engineer In-charge shall, in the presence of a representative of the SPD, inspect the Project for determining compliance by the SPD with the Divestment Requirements set forth in Clause 35.1 and, if required, cause tests to be carried out at the SPD's cost for determining such compliance. If the Engineer In-charge determines that the status of the Project is such that its repair and rectification would require a larger amount than the sum set forth in Clause 36.2, it shall recommend retention of the required amount in the Escrow Account and the period of retention thereof.
- 7.2 The Engineer In-charge shall inspect the Project Facilities once in every 15(fifteen) days during a period of 90 (ninety) days after Termination for determining the liability of the SPD under Article 36, in respect of the defects or deficiencies specified therein. If any such defect or deficiency is found by the Engineer In-charge, it shall make a report in reasonable detail and send it forthwith to GVSCCL and the SPD.

## **8 Determination of costs and time**

- 8.1 The Engineer In-charge shall determine the costs, and/or their reasonableness, that are required to be determined by it under the Agreement.
- 8.2 The Engineer In-charge shall determine the period, or any extension thereof, that is required to be determined by it under the Agreement.

## **9 Assistance in Dispute resolution**

- 9.1 When called upon by either Party in the event of any Dispute, the Engineer In-charge shall mediate and assist the Parties in arriving at an amicable settlement.
- 9.2 In the event of any disagreement between the Parties regarding the meaning, scope and nature of Good Industry Practice, as set forth in any provision of the Agreement, the Engineer In-charge shall specify such meaning, scope and nature by issuing a reasoned written statement relying on good industry practice and authentic literature.

## **10 Other duties and functions**

The Engineer In-charge shall perform all other duties and functions specified in the Agreement.

## **11 Miscellaneous**

- 11.1 The Engineer In-charge shall notify its programme of inspection to GVSCCL and to the SPD, who may, in their discretion, depute their respective representatives to be present during the inspection.
- 11.2 A copy of all communications, comments, instructions, Drawings or Documents sent by the Engineer In-charge to the SPD pursuant to this TOR, and a copy of all the test results

with comments of the Engineer In-charge thereon shall be furnished by the Engineer In-charge to GVSCCL forthwith.

- 11.3 The Engineer In-charge shall obtain, and the SPD shall furnish in two copies thereof, all communications and reports required to be submitted, under this Agreement, by the SPD to the Engineer In-charge, whereupon the Engineer In-charge shall send one of the copies to GVSCCL along with its comments thereon.
- 11.4 The Independent Engineer shall retain at least one copy each of all Drawings and Documents received by it, including „as-built“ Drawings, and keep them in its safe custody.
- 11.5 Upon completion of its assignment hereunder, the Engineer In-charge shall duly classify and list all Drawings, Documents, results of tests and other relevant records, and hand them over to GVSCCL or such other person as GVSCCL may specify, and obtain written receipt thereof. Two copies of the said document shall also be furnished in micro film form or in such other medium as may be acceptable to GVSCCL.

## SCHEDULE J - FORMAT FOR INVOICE

On letter head

To

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Date of JMR-

Meter No.-

Date of Issue-

Meter Reading		Electricity (kWh)	Tariff (Rs./kWh)	Tax (Rs.)	Total Amount Payable (Rs.)
Start Date	End Date				

Payment shall be made before- Date

Sign

Company Seal

## SCHEDULE K - ESCROW AGREEMENT

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT is entered into on this the ..... day of ..... 20.....

AMONGST

- 1 ..... Limited, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, [1956/2013] and having its registered office at ..... (hereinafter referred to as the “SPD” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, permitted assigns and substitutes);
- 2 ..... (name and particulars of Lenders’ Representative) and having its registered office at ..... acting for and on behalf of the Senior Lenders as their duly authorised agent with regard to matters arising out of or in relation to this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Lenders’ Representative” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and substitutes);
- 3 ..... (name and particulars of the Escrow Bank) and having its registered office at ..... (hereinafter referred to as the “Escrow Bank” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and substitutes); and
- 4 The Managing Director, Greater Visakhapatnam Smart City Corporation Limited, Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh and having its principal offices at Tenneti Bhavan, Asilmetta Junction, Visakhapatnam, 530002, Andhra Pradesh, India (hereinafter referred to as the “GVSCCL” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its administrators, successors and assigns), acting for and on

WHEREAS:

- (A) GVSCCL has entered into a Power Purchase Agreement dated ..... with the SPD (the “Power Purchase Agreement”) for **the Canal Top solar generation project of 5 MW on RESCO Mode on Raiwada Canal in Visakhapatnam**, and a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked as Annex-A to form part of this Agreement.
- (B) Senior Lenders have agreed to finance the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Financing Agreements.
- (C) The Power Purchase Agreement requires the SPD to establish an Escrow Account, inter alia, on the terms and conditions stated therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the respective covenants and agreements set forth in this Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 Definitions

In this Agreement, the following words and expressions shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

“Agreement” means this Escrow Agreement and any amendment thereto made in accordance with the provisions contained herein;

“Power Purchase Agreement” means the Power Purchase Agreement referred to in Recital (A) above shall include all of its Recitals and Schedules and any amendments made thereto in accordance with the provisions contained in this behalf therein;

“Cure Period” means the period specified in this Agreement for curing any breach or default of any provision of this Agreement by the SPD, and shall commence from the date on which a notice is delivered by GVSCCL or the Lenders’ Representative, as the case may be, to the SPD asking the latter to cure the breach or default specified in such notice;

“Escrow Account” means an escrow account established in terms of and under this Agreement, and shall include the Sub-Accounts;

“Escrow Default” shall have the meaning ascribed hereto in Clause 6.1 in this Escrow Agreement;

“Lenders’ Representative” means the person referred to as the Lenders’ Representative in the foregoing Recitals;

“Parties” means the parties to this Agreement collectively and “Party” shall mean any of the Parties to this Agreement individually;

“Payment Date” means, in relation to any payment specified in Clause 4.1 in this Escrow Agreement, the date(s) specified for such payment; and

“Sub-Accounts” means the respective Sub-Accounts of the Escrow Account, into which the monies specified in Clause 4.1 would be credited every month and paid out if due, and if not due in a month then appropriated proportionately in such month and retained in the respective Sub Accounts and paid out there from on the Payment Date(s).

## 1.2 Interpretation

1.2.1 References to Lenders’ Representative shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, mean references to the Lenders’ Representative, acting for and on behalf of Senior Lenders.

1.2.2 The words and expressions beginning with capital letters and defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning ascribed thereto herein, and the words and expressions used in this Agreement and not defined herein but defined in the Power Purchase Agreement shall, unless repugnant to the context, have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Power Purchase Agreement.

1.2.3 References to Clauses are, unless stated otherwise, references to Clauses of this Agreement.

1.2.4 The rules of interpretation stated in Clauses 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of the Power Purchase Agreement shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to this Agreement.

## 2 ESCROW ACCOUNT

### 2.1 Escrow Bank to act as trustee

2.1.1 The SPD hereby appoints the Escrow Bank to act as trustee for GVSCCL, the Lenders' Representative and the SPD in connection herewith and authorises the Escrow Bank to exercise such rights, powers, authorities and discretion as are specifically delegated to the Escrow Bank by the terms hereof together with all such rights, powers, authorities and discretion as are reasonably incidental hereto, and the Escrow Bank accepts such appointment pursuant to the terms hereof.

2.1.2 The SPD hereby declares that all rights, title and interest in and to the Escrow Account shall be vested in the Escrow Bank and held in trust for GVSCCL, the Lenders' Representative and the SPD, and applied in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

No person other than GVSCCL, the Lenders' Representative and the SPD shall have any rights hereunder as the beneficiaries of, or as third party beneficiaries under this Agreement.

### 2.2 Acceptance of Escrow Bank

The Escrow Bank hereby agrees to act as such and to accept all payments and other amounts to be delivered to and held by the Escrow Bank pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement. The Escrow Bank shall hold and safeguard the Escrow Account during the term of this Agreement and shall treat the amount in the Escrow Account as monies deposited by the SPD, Senior Lenders or GVSCCL with the Escrow Bank. In performing its functions and duties under this Agreement, the Escrow Bank shall act in trust for the benefit of, and as agent for, GVSCCL, the Lenders' Representative and the SPD or their nominees, successors or assigns, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

### 2.3 Establishment and operation of Escrow Account

2.3.1 Within 30 (thirty) days from the date of this Agreement, and in any case prior to the Appointed Date, the SPD shall open and establish the Escrow Account with the ..... (name of Branch) Branch of the Escrow Bank. The Escrow Account shall be denominated in Rupees.

2.3.2 The Escrow Bank shall maintain the Escrow Account in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and its usual practices and applicable regulations, and pay the maximum rate of interest payable to similar customers on the balance in the said account from time to time.

2.3.3 The Escrow Bank and the SPD shall, after consultation with the Lenders'

Representative, agree on the detailed mandates, terms and conditions, and operating procedures for the Escrow Account, but in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Agreement and such mandates, terms and conditions, or procedures, this Agreement shall prevail.

#### 2.4 Escrow Bank's fee

The Escrow Bank shall be entitled to receive its fee and expenses in an amount, and at such times, as may be agreed between the Escrow Bank and the SPD. For the avoidance of doubt, such fee and expenses shall form part of the O&M Expenses and shall be appropriated from the Escrow Account in accordance with Clause 4.1.

#### 2.5 Rights of the parties

The rights of GVSCCL, the Lenders' Representative and the SPD in the monies held in the Escrow Account are set forth in their entirety in this Agreement and GVSCCL, the Lenders' Representative and the SPD shall have no other rights against or to the monies in the Escrow Account.

#### 2.6 Substitution of the SPD

The Parties hereto acknowledge and agree that upon substitution of the SPD with the Nominated Company, pursuant to the Substitution Agreement, it shall be deemed for the purposes of this Agreement that the Nominated Company is a Party hereto and the Nominated Company shall accordingly be deemed to have succeeded to the rights and obligations of the SPD under this Agreement on and with effect from the date of substitution of the SPD with the Nominated Company.

### 3 DEPOSITS INTO ESCROW ACCOUNT

#### 3.1 Deposits by the SPD

##### 3.1.1 The SPD agrees and undertakes that it shall deposit into and/or credit the Escrow Account with:

- (a) all monies received in relation to the Project from any source, including the Senior Lenders, lenders of Subordinated Debt and GVSCCL;
- (b) all funds constituting the Financial Package;
- (c) all revenues from or in respect of the Solar Canal Top Power System, including the proceeds of any rentals, deposits, capital receipts or insurance claims;
- (d) all payments by GVSCCL, after deduction of any outstanding Agreement Fee;
- (e) all proceeds received pursuant to any insurance claims.

##### 3.1.2 The SPD may at any time make deposits of its other funds into the Escrow Account, provided that the provisions of this Agreement shall apply to such deposits.

#### 3.2 Deposits by GVSCCL

GVSCCL agrees and undertakes that, as and when due and payable, it shall deposit

into and/or credit the Escrow Account with:

- (a) Grant and any other monies disbursed by the Government to the SPD;
- (b) all payments in respect of the Solar Canal Top Power System; and
- (c) Termination Payments:

Provided that, notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 4.1.1, GVSCCL shall be entitled to appropriate from the aforesaid amounts, any amount due and payable to it by the SPD and the balance remaining shall be deposited into the Escrow Account.

### 3.3 Deposits by Senior Lenders

The Lenders' Representative agrees, confirms and undertakes that the Senior Lenders shall deposit into and/or credit the Escrow Account with all disbursements made by them in relation to or in respect of the Project; provided that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Senior Lenders shall be entitled to make direct payments to the EPC Contractor under and in accordance with the express provisions contained in this behalf in the Financing Agreements.

### 3.4 Interest on deposits

The Escrow Bank agrees and undertakes that all interest accruing on the balances of the Escrow Account shall be credited to the Escrow Account; provided that the Escrow Bank shall be entitled to appropriate there from the fee and expenses due to it from the SPD in relation to the Escrow Account and credit the balance remaining to the Escrow Account.

## 4 WITHDRAWALS FROM ESCROW ACCOUNT

### 4.1 Withdrawals during Agreement Period

4.1.1 At the beginning of every month, or at such shorter intervals as the Lenders' Representative and the SPD may by written instructions determine, the Escrow Bank shall withdraw amounts from the Escrow Account and appropriate them in the following order by depositing such amounts in the relevant Sub-Accounts for making due payments, and if such payments are not due in any month, then retain such monies in such Sub-Accounts and pay out there from on the Payment Date(s):

- i. All taxes due and payable by the SPD for and in respect of the Canal Top solar project system;
- ii. All payments relating to construction of the solar project system, subject to and in accordance with the conditions, if any, set forth in the Financing Agreements;
- iii. all payments and Damages certified by GVSCCL as due and payable to it by the SPD;
- iv. O&M Expenses and other costs and expenses incurred by GVSCCL in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and certified by GVSCCL as due and payable to it;

- v. monthly proportionate provision of Debt Service due in an Accounting Year;
  - vi. monthly proportionate provision of debt service payments due in an Accounting Year in respect of Subordinated Debt;
  - vii. O&M Expenses, subject to the ceiling, if any, set forth in the Financing Agreements;
  - viii. any reserve requirements set forth in the Financing Agreements; and
  - ix. balance, if any, in accordance with the instructions of the SPD.
- 4.1.2 No later than 60 (sixty) days prior to the commencement of each Accounting Year, the SPD shall provide to the Escrow Bank, with prior written approval of the Lenders' Representative, details of the amounts likely to be required for each of the payment obligations set forth in this Clause 4.1; provided that such amounts may be subsequently modified, with prior written approval of the Lenders' Representative, if fresh information received during the course of the year makes such modification necessary.

#### 4.2 Withdrawals upon Termination

Upon Termination of the Power Purchase Agreement, all amounts standing to the credit of the Escrow Account shall, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement, be appropriated and dealt with in the following order:

- i. all taxes due and payable by the SPD for and in respect of the Solar Canal Top Power System;
- ii. 90% (ninety per cent) of Debt Due excluding Subordinated Debt;
- iii. outstanding Agreement Fee;
- iv. all payments and Damages certified by GVSCCL as due and payable to it by the SPD pursuant to the Power Purchase Agreement and any claims in connection with or arising out of Termination;
- v. outstanding Debt Service including the balance of Debt Due;
- vi. outstanding Subordinated Debt;
- vii. incurred or accrued O&M Expenses;
- viii. any other payments required to be made under the Power Purchase Agreement; and
- ix. balance, if any, in accordance with the instructions of the SPD:

Provided that the disbursements specified in Sub-clause (ix) of this Clause 4.2 shall be undertaken only after the Vesting Certificate has been issued by GVSCCL.

#### 4.3 Application of insufficient funds

Funds in the Escrow Account shall be applied in the serial order of priority set forth in Clauses 4.1 and 4.2, as the case may be. If the funds available are not sufficient to

meet all the requirements, the Escrow Bank shall apply such funds in the serial order of priority until exhaustion thereof.

#### 4.4 Application of insurance proceeds

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement, the proceeds from all insurance claims, except life and injury, shall be deposited into and/or credited to the Escrow Account and utilised for any necessary repair, reconstruction, reinstatement, replacement, improvement, delivery or installation of the Solar Canal Top Power System, and the balance remaining, if any, shall be applied in accordance with the provisions contained in this behalf in the Financing Agreements.

#### 4.5 Withdrawals during Suspension

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, GVSCCL may exercise all or any of the rights of the SPD during the period of Suspension under Article 27 of the Power Purchase Agreement. Any instructions given by GVSCCL to the Escrow Bank during such period shall be complied with as if such instructions were given by the SPD under this Agreement and all actions of GVSCCL hereunder shall be deemed to have been taken for and on behalf of the SPD.

### 5 OBLIGATIONS OF THE ESCROW BANK

#### 5.1 Segregation of funds

Monies and other property received by the Escrow Bank under this Agreement shall, until used or applied in accordance with this Agreement, be held by the Escrow Bank in trust for the purposes for which they were received, and shall be segregated from other funds and property of the Escrow Bank.

#### 5.2 Notification of balances

7 (seven) business days prior to each Payment Date (and for this purpose the Escrow Bank shall be entitled to rely on an affirmation by the SPD and/or the Lenders' Representative as to the relevant Payment Dates), the Escrow Bank shall notify the Lenders' Representative of the balances in the Escrow Account and Sub-Accounts as at the close of business on the immediately preceding business day.

#### 5.3 Communications and notices

In discharge of its duties and obligations hereunder, the Escrow Bank:

- (a) may, in the absence of bad faith or gross negligence on its part, rely as to any matters of fact which might reasonably be expected to be within the knowledge of the SPD upon a certificate signed by or on behalf of the SPD;
- (b) may, in the absence of bad faith or gross negligence on its part, rely upon the authenticity of any communication or document believed by it to be authentic;
- (c) shall, within 5 (five) business days after receipt, deliver a copy to the Lenders' Representative of any notice or document received by it in its capacity as the Escrow Bank from the SPD or any other person hereunder or in connection herewith; and

- (d) shall, within 5 (five) business days after receipt, deliver a copy to the SPD of any notice or document received by it from the Lenders' Representative in connection herewith.

#### 5.4 No set off

The Escrow Bank agrees not to claim or exercise any right of set off, banker's lien or other right or remedy with respect to amounts standing to the credit of the Escrow Account. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby acknowledged and agreed by the Escrow Bank that the monies and properties held by the Escrow Bank in the Escrow Account shall not be considered as part of the assets of the Escrow Bank and being trust property, shall in the case of bankruptcy or liquidation of the Escrow Bank, be wholly excluded from the assets of the Escrow Bank in such bankruptcy or liquidation.

#### 5.5 Regulatory approvals

The Escrow Bank shall use its best efforts to procure, and thereafter maintain and comply with, all regulatory approvals required for it to establish and operate the Escrow Account. The Escrow Bank represents and warrants that it is not aware of any reason why such regulatory approvals will not ordinarily be granted to the Escrow Bank.

### 6 ESCROW DEFAULT

#### 6.1 Escrow Default

6.1.1 Following events shall constitute an event of default by the SPD (an "Escrow Default") unless such event of default has occurred as a result of Force Majeure or any act or omission of GVSCCL or the Lenders' Representative:

- (a) the SPD commits breach of this Agreement by failing to deposit any receipts into the Escrow Account as provided herein and fails to cure such breach by depositing the same into the Escrow Account within a Cure Period of 5 (five) business days;
- (b) the SPD causes the Escrow Bank to transfer funds to any account of the SPD in breach of the terms of this Agreement and fails to cure such breach by depositing the relevant funds into the Escrow Account or any Sub-Account in which such transfer should have been made, within a Cure Period of 5 (five) business days; or
- (c) the SPD commits or causes any other breach of the provisions of this Agreement and fails to cure the same within a Cure Period of 5 (five) business days.

6.1.2 Upon occurrence of an Escrow Default, the consequences thereof shall be dealt with under and in accordance with the provisions of the Power Purchase Agreement.

### 7 TERMINATION OF ESCROW AGREEMENT

#### 7.1 Duration of the Escrow Agreement

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect so long as any sum remains to be advanced or is outstanding from the SPD in respect of the debt, guarantee or financial assistance received by it from the Senior Lenders, or any of its obligations to

GVSCCL remain to be discharged, unless terminated earlier by consent of all the Parties or otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

## 7.2 Substitution of Escrow Bank

The SPD may, by not less than 45 (forty-five) days prior notice to the Escrow Bank, GVSCCL and the Lenders' Representative, terminate this Agreement and appoint a new Escrow Bank, provided that the new Escrow Bank is acceptable to the Lenders' Representative and arrangements are made satisfactory to the Lenders' Representative for transfer of amounts deposited in the Escrow Account to a new Escrow Account established with the successor Escrow Bank.

The termination of this Agreement shall take effect only upon coming into force of an Escrow Agreement with the substitute Escrow Bank.

## 7.3 Closure of Escrow Account

The Escrow Bank shall, at the request of the SPD and the Lender's Representative made on or after the payment by the SPD of all outstanding amounts under the Power Purchase Agreement and the Financing Agreements including the payments specified in Clause 4.2, and upon confirmation of receipt of such payments, close the Escrow Account and Sub-Accounts and pay any amount standing to the credit thereof to the SPD. Upon closure of the Escrow Account hereunder, the Escrow Agreement shall be deemed to be terminated.

## 8 SUPPLEMENTARY ESCROW AGREEMENT

### 8.1 Supplementary escrow agreement

The Lenders' Representative and the SPD shall be entitled to enter into a supplementary escrow agreement with the Escrow Bank providing, inter alia, for detailed procedures and documentation for withdrawals from Sub-Accounts pursuant to Clause 4.1.1 and for matters not covered under this Agreement such as the rights and obligations of Senior Lenders and lenders of Subordinated Debt, investment of surplus funds, restrictions on withdrawals by the SPD in the event of breach of this Agreement or upon occurrence of an Escrow Default, procedures relating to operation of the Escrow Account and withdrawal there from, reporting requirements and any matters incidental thereto; provided that such supplementary escrow agreement shall not contain any provision which is inconsistent with this Agreement and in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between provisions of this Agreement and such supplementary escrow agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

## 9 INDEMNITY

### 9.1 General indemnity

9.1.1 The SPD will indemnify, defend and hold GVSCCL, Escrow Bank and the Senior Lenders, acting through the Lenders' Representative, harmless against any and all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense arising out of any breach by the SPD of any of its obligations under this Agreement or

on account of failure of the SPD to comply with Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits.

9.1.2 GVSCCL will indemnify, defend and hold the SPD harmless against any and all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense arising out of failure of GVSCCL to fulfil any of its obligations under this Agreement materially and adversely affecting the performance of the SPD's obligations under the Power Purchase Agreement or this Agreement other than any loss, damage, cost and expense arising out of acts done in discharge of their lawful functions by GVSCCL, its officers, servants and agents.

9.1.3 The Escrow Bank will indemnify, defend and hold the SPD harmless against any and all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense arising out of failure of the Escrow Bank to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement materially and adversely affecting the performance of the SPD's obligations under the Power Purchase Agreement other than any loss, damage, cost and expense, arising out of acts done in discharge of their lawful functions by the Escrow Bank, its officers, servants and agents.

## 9.2 Notice and contest of claims

the event that any Party hereto receives a claim from a third party in respect of which it is entitled to the benefit of an indemnity under Clause 9.1 or in respect of which it is entitled to reimbursement (the "Indemnified Party"), it shall notify the other Party responsible for indemnifying such claim hereunder (the "Indemnifying Party") within [15 (fifteen)] days of receipt of the claim and shall not settle or pay the claim without the prior approval of the Indemnifying Party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event that the Indemnifying Party wishes to contest or dispute the claim, it may conduct the proceedings in the name of the Indemnified Party and shall bear all costs involved in contesting the same. The Indemnified Party shall provide all cooperation and assistance in contesting any claim and shall sign all such writings and documents as the Indemnifying Party may reasonably require.

## 10 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### 10.1 Dispute resolution

10.1.1 Any dispute, difference or claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, which is not resolved amicably, shall be decided finally by reference to arbitration to a Board of Arbitrators comprising one nominee of each Party to the dispute, and where the number of such nominees is an even number, the nominees shall elect another person to such Board. Such arbitration shall be held in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, New Delhi (the "Rules") or such other rules as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

10.1.2 The Arbitrators shall issue a reasoned award and such award shall be final and binding on the Parties. The venue of arbitration shall be Visakhapatnam and the language of arbitration shall be English.

## 11 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

### 11.1 Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of India, and the Courts at Visakhapatnam shall have jurisdiction over all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

### 11.2 Waiver of sovereign immunity

GVSCCL unconditionally and irrevocably:

- (a) agrees that the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Agreement constitute commercial acts done and performed for commercial purpose;
- (b) agrees that, should any proceedings be brought against it or its assets, property or revenues in any jurisdiction in relation to this Agreement or any transaction contemplated by this Agreement, no immunity (whether by reason of sovereignty or otherwise) from such proceedings shall be claimed by or on behalf of GVSCCL with respect to its assets;
- (c) waives any right of immunity which it or its assets, property or revenue now has, may acquire in the future or which may be attributed to it in any jurisdiction; and
- (d) consents generally in respect of the enforcement of any judgement or award against it in any such proceedings to the giving of any relief or the issue of any process in any jurisdiction in connection with such proceedings (including the making, enforcement or execution against it or in respect of any assets, property or revenues whatsoever irrespective of their use or intended use of any order or judgement that may be made or given in connection therewith).

### 11.3 Priority of agreements

In the event of any conflict between the Power Purchase Agreement and this Agreement, the provisions contained in the Power Purchase Agreement shall prevail over this Agreement.

### 11.4 Alteration of terms

All additions, amendments, modifications and variations to this Agreement shall be effectual and binding only if in writing and signed by the duly authorised representatives of the Parties.

### 11.5 Waiver

#### 11.5.1 Waiver by any Party of a default by another Party in the observance and performance of any provision of or obligations under this Agreement:

- (a) shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or subsequent default hereof or of other provisions of or obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) shall not be effective unless it is in writing and executed by a duly authorised representative of the Party; and

- (c) shall not affect the validity or enforceability of this Agreement in any manner.
- 11.5.2 Neither the failure by any Party to insist on any occasion upon the performance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement or any obligation there under nor time or other indulgence granted by any Party to another Party shall be treated or deemed as waiver of such breach or acceptance of any variation or the relinquishment of any such right hereunder.
- 11.6 No third party beneficiaries
- This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties and no other person or entity shall have any rights hereunder.
- 11.7 Survival
- 11.7.1 Termination of this Agreement:
- (a) shall not relieve the Parties of any obligations hereunder which expressly or by implication survive termination hereof; and
- (b) except as otherwise provided in any provision of this Agreement expressly limiting the liability of either Party, shall not relieve either Party of any obligations or liabilities for loss or damage to the other Party arising out of, or caused by, acts or omissions of such Party prior to the effectiveness of such termination or arising out of such termination.
- 11.7.2 All obligations surviving the cancellation, expiration or termination of this Agreement shall only survive for a period of 3 (three) years following the date of such termination or expiry of this Agreement.
- 11.8 Severability
- If for any reason whatever any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable or is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction or any other instrumentality to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected in any manner, and the Parties will negotiate in good faith with a view to agreeing to one or more provisions which may be substituted for such invalid, unenforceable or illegal provisions, as nearly as is practicable to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision. Failure to agree upon any such provisions shall not be subject to dispute resolution under Clause 10.1 of this Agreement or otherwise.
- 11.9 Successors and assigns
- This Agreement shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 11.10 Notices
- All notices or other communications to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall either be delivered personally or sent by courier or registered post with an additional copy to be sent by facsimile or e-mail. The address for service of each Party, its facsimile number and e-mail address are set out under its name on

the signing pages hereto. A notice shall be effective upon actual receipt thereof, save that where it is received after 5.30 (five thirty) p.m. on a business day, or on a day that is not a business day, the notice shall be deemed to be received on the first business day following the date of actual receipt. Without prejudice to the foregoing, a Party giving or making a notice or communication by facsimile or e-mail shall promptly deliver a copy thereof personally, or send it by courier or registered post to the addressee of such notice or communication. It is hereby agreed and acknowledged that any Party may by notice change the address to which such notices and communications to it are to be delivered or mailed. Such change shall be effective when all the Parties have notice of it.

11.11 Language

All notices, certificates, correspondence and proceedings under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in English.

11.12 Authorised representatives

Each of the Parties shall, by notice in writing, designate their respective authorised representatives through whom only all communications shall be made. A Party hereto shall be entitled to remove and/or substitute or make fresh appointment of such authorised representative by similar notice.

11.13 Original Document

This Agreement may be executed in four counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original of this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE DATE FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.**

THE COMMON SEAL OF SPD has been affixed pursuant to the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the SPD at its meeting held on the ..... day of 20..... hereunto affixed in the presence of ....., Director, who has signed these presents in token thereof and ....., Company Secretary /Authorised Officer who has countersigned the same in token thereof<sup>s</sup>:

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

For and on behalf of SENIOR LENDERS by the Lenders' Representative:

(Signature)  
(Name)

(Signature)  
(Name)  
(Designation)  
(Address)

(Designation)  
(Address)  
(Fax No.)  
(e-mail address)

(Fax No.)  
(e-mail address)

<sup>s</sup> To be affixed in accordance with the articles of association of the SPD.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED,  
For and on behalf of  
ESCROW BANK by:

(Signature)  
(Name)  
(Designation)  
(Address)  
(Fax)  
(e-mail address)

In the presence of:

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SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED,  
For and on behalf of  
GVSCCL by:

(Signature)  
(Name)  
(Designation)  
(Address)  
(Fax)  
(e-mail address)

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## SCHEDULE L - SUBSTITUTION AGREEMENT

THIS SUBSTITUTION AGREEMENT is entered into on this the ..... day of ..... 20....

AMONGST

- 1 The Managing Director, Greater Visakhapatnam Smart City Corporation Limited. Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh and having its principal offices at Tanneti Bhavan, Asilmetta Junction, Visakhapatnam 530002, Andhra Pradesh (“GVSCCL”) which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its administrators, successors and assigns);
- 2 [..... Limited], a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act [1956 or 2013] and having its registered office at ....., (hereinafter referred to as the “SPD” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its successors and permitted assigns and substitutes);
- 3 (name and particulars of Lenders’ Representative) and having its registered office at ....., acting for and on behalf of the Senior Lenders as their duly authorised agent with regard to matters arising out of or in relation to this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Lenders’ Representative”, which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its successors and substitutes);

WHEREAS:

- (A) GVSCCL has entered into a Power Purchase Agreement dated ..... with the SPD (the “Power Purchase Agreement”) for Canal Top solar generation project of 5 MW capacity including operation and maintenance (O&M) of the system(s) for a period of 25 years after commissioning of project, on RESCO Mode, located on Canal Top of Raiwada Canal in Visakhapatnam (the “Project”), and a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked as Annex-A to form part of this Agreement.
- (B) Senior Lenders have agreed to finance the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Financing Agreements.
- (C) Senior Lenders have requested GVSCCL to enter into this Substitution Agreement for securing their interests through assignment, transfer and substitution of the Agreement to a Nominated Company in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Power Purchase Agreement.
- (D) In order to enable implementation of the Project including its financing, construction, operation and maintenance, GVSCCL has agreed and undertaken to transfer and assign the Project to a Nominated Company in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the respective covenants and

agreements set forth in this Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

## 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### 1.1 Definitions

In this Substitution Agreement, the following words and expressions shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

“Agreement” means this Substitution Agreement and any amendment thereto made in accordance with the provisions contained in this Agreement;

“Financial Default” means occurrence of a material breach of the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreements or a continuous default in Debt Service by the SPD for a minimum period of 3 (three) months;

“Lenders’ Representative” means the person referred to as the Lenders’ Representative in the foregoing Recitals;

“Nominated Company” means a company, incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, [1956 or 2013], selected by the Lenders’ Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, and proposed to GVSCCL for assignment/transfer of the Agreement as provided in this Agreement;

“Notice of Financial Default” shall have the meaning ascribed hereto in Clause 3.2.1;

“Parties” means the parties to this Agreement collectively and “Party” shall mean any of the Parties to this Agreement individually.

### 1.2 Interpretation

1.2.1 References to Lenders’ Representative shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, mean references to the Lenders’ Representative, acting for and on behalf of Senior Lenders.

1.2.2 References to Clauses are, unless stated otherwise, references to Clauses of this Agreement.

1.2.3 The words and expressions beginning with capital letters and defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning ascribed thereto herein, and the words and expressions used in this Agreement and not defined herein but defined in the Power Purchase Agreement shall, unless repugnant to the context, have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Power Purchase Agreement.

1.2.4 The rules of interpretation stated in Clauses 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of the Power Purchase Agreement shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to this Agreement.

## 2 ASSIGNMENT

### 2.1 Assignment of rights and title

The SPD hereby agrees to assign the rights, title and interest in the Agreement to, and in favour of, the Lenders’ Representative pursuant to and in accordance with the

provisions of this Agreement and the Power Purchase Agreement by way of security in respect of financing by the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements.

### 3 SUBSTITUTION OF THE SPD

#### 3.1 Rights of substitution

3.1.1 Pursuant to the rights, title and interest assigned under Clause 2.1, the Lenders' Representative shall be entitled to substitute the SPD by a Nominated Company under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Power Purchase Agreement.

3.1.2 GVSCCL hereby agrees to substitute the SPD by endorsement on the Agreement in favour of the Nominated Company selected by the Lenders' Representative in accordance with this Agreement. (For the avoidance of doubt, the Senior Lenders or the Lenders' Representative shall not be entitled to operate and maintain the Project as SPD either individually or collectively).

#### 3.2 Substitution upon occurrence of Financial Default

3.2.1 Upon occurrence of a Financial Default, the Lenders' Representative may issue a notice to the SPD (the "Notice of Financial Default") along with particulars thereof, and send a copy to GVSCCL for its information and record. A Notice of Financial Default under this Clause 3 shall be conclusive evidence of such Financial Default and it shall be final and binding upon the SPD for the purposes of this Agreement.

3.2.2 Upon issue of a Notice of Financial Default hereunder, the Lenders' Representative may, without prejudice to any of its rights or remedies under this Agreement or the Financing Agreements, substitute the SPD by a Nominated Company in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

3.2.3 At any time after the Lenders' Representative has issued a Notice of Financial Default, it may by notice require GVSCCL to suspend all the rights of the SPD and undertake the operation and maintenance of the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the Power Purchase Agreement, and upon receipt of such notice, GVSCCL shall undertake Suspension under and in accordance with the provisions of the Power Purchase Agreement. The aforesaid Suspension shall be revoked upon substitution of the SPD by a Nominated Company, and in the event such substitution is not completed within 90 (ninety) days from the date of such Suspension, GVSCCL may terminate the Power Purchase Agreement forthwith by issuing a Termination Notice in accordance with the provisions of the Power Purchase Agreement; provided that upon written request from the Lenders' Representative and the SPD, GVSCCL may extend the aforesaid period of 90 (ninety) days by a period not exceeding 60 (sixty) days. For the avoidance of doubt, GVSCCL expressly agrees and undertakes to terminate the Power Purchase Agreement forthwith, upon receipt of a written request from the Lenders' Representative at any time after 150 (one hundred and fifty) days from the date of Suspension hereunder.

#### 3.3 Substitution upon occurrence of SPD Default

3.3.1 Upon occurrence of a SPD Default, GVSCCL shall by a notice inform the Lenders'

Representative of its intention to issue a Termination Notice and grant 15 (fifteen) days time to the Lenders' Representative to make a representation, stating the intention to substitute the SPD by a Nominated Company.

3.3.2 In the event that the Lenders' Representative makes a representation to GVSCCL within the period of 15 (fifteen) days specified in Clause 3.3.1, stating that it intends to substitute the SPD by a Nominated Company, the Lenders' Representative shall be entitled to undertake and complete the substitution of the SPD by a Nominated Company in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement within a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of such representation, and GVSCCL shall either withhold Termination or undertake Suspension for the aforesaid period of 90 (ninety) days; provided that upon written request from the Lenders' Representative and the SPD, GVSCCL shall extend the aforesaid period of 90 (ninety) days by a period not exceeding 60 (sixty) days.

#### 3.4 Procedure for substitution

3.4.1 GVSCCL and the SPD hereby agree that on or after the date of Notice of Financial Default or the date of representation to GVSCCL under Clause 3.3.2, as the case may be, the Lenders' Representative may, without prejudice to any of the other rights or remedies of the Senior Lenders, invite, negotiate and procure offers, either by private negotiations or public auction or tenders for the take over and transfer of the Project including the Agreement to the Nominated Company upon such Nominated Company's assumption of the liabilities and obligations of the SPD towards GVSCCL under the Power Purchase Agreement and towards the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements.

3.4.2 To be eligible for substitution in place of the SPD, the Nominated Company shall be required to fulfil the eligibility criteria that were laid down by GVSCCL for short listing the bidders for award of the Agreement; provided that the Lenders' Representative may represent to GVSCCL that all or any of such criteria may be waived in the interest of the Project, and if GVSCCL determines that such waiver shall not have any material adverse effect on the Project, it may waive all or any of such eligibility criteria.

3.4.3 Upon selection of a Nominated Company, the Lenders' Representative shall request GVSCCL to:

- (a) accede to transfer to the Nominated Company the right to construct, operate and maintain the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Power Purchase Agreement;
- (b) endorse and transfer the Agreement to the Nominated Company, on the same terms and conditions, for the residual Agreement Period; and
- (c) enter into a Substitution Agreement with the Lenders' Representative and the Nominated Company on the same terms as are contained in this Agreement.

3.4.4 If GVSCCL has any objection to the transfer of Agreement in favour of the Nominated Company in accordance with this Agreement, it shall within 15 (fifteen)

days from the date of proposal made by the Lenders' Representative, give a reasoned order after hearing the Lenders' Representative. If no such objection is raised by GVSCCL, the Nominated Company shall be deemed to have been accepted. GVSCCL thereupon shall transfer and endorse the Agreement within 15 (fifteen) days of its acceptance/deemed acceptance of the Nominated Company; provided that in the event of such objection by GVSCCL, the Lenders' Representative may propose another Nominated Company whereupon the procedure set forth in this Clause 3.4 shall be followed for substitution of such Nominated Company in place of the SPD.

### 3.5 Selection to be binding

The decision of the Lenders' Representative and GVSCCL in selection of the Nominated Company shall be final and binding on the SPD. The SPD irrevocably agrees and waives any right to challenge the actions of the Lenders' Representative or the Senior Lenders or GVSCCL taken pursuant to this Agreement including the transfer/assignment of the Agreement in favour of the Nominated Company. The SPD agrees and confirms that it shall not have any right to seek revaluation of assets of the Project or the SPD's shares. It is hereby acknowledged by the Parties that the rights of the Lenders' Representative are irrevocable and shall not be contested in any proceedings before any court or Government and the SPD shall have no right or remedy to prevent, obstruct or restrain GVSCCL or the Lenders' Representative from effecting or causing the transfer by substitution and endorsement of the Agreements requested by the Lenders' Representative.

## 4 PROJECT AGREEMENTS

### 4.1 Substitution of Nominated Company in Project Agreements

The SPD shall ensure and procure that each Project Agreement contains provisions that entitle the Nominated Company to step into such Project Agreement, in its discretion, in place and substitution of the SPD in the event of such Nominated Company's assumption of the liabilities and obligations of the SPD under the Power Purchase Agreement.

## 5 TERMINATION OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

### 5.1 Termination upon occurrence of Financial Default

At any time after issue of a Notice of Financial Default, the Lenders' Representative may by a notice in writing require GVSCCL to terminate the Power Purchase Agreement forthwith, and upon receipt of such notice, GVSCCL shall undertake Termination under and in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the Power Purchase Agreement.

### 5.2 Termination when no Nominated Company is selected

In the event that no Nominated Company acceptable to GVSCCL is selected and recommended by the Lenders' Representative within the period of [90 (ninety)] days or any extension thereof as set forth in Clause 3.3.2, GVSCCL may terminate the Power Purchase Agreement forthwith in accordance with the provisions thereof.

### 5.3 Realisation of Debt Due

GVSCCL and the SPD hereby acknowledge and agree that, without prejudice to their any other right or remedy, the Lenders' Representative is entitled to receive from the SPD, without any further reference to or consent of the SPD, the Debt Due upon Termination of the Power Purchase Agreement. For realisation of the Debt Due, the Lenders' Representative shall be entitled to make its claim from the Escrow Account in accordance with the provisions of the Power Purchase Agreement and the Escrow Agreement.

## 6 DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

### 6.1 Duration of the Agreement

This Agreement shall come into force from the date hereof and shall expire at the earliest to occur of the following events:

- (a) Termination of the Agreement; or
- (b) no sum remains to be advanced and no sum is outstanding to the Senior Lenders, under the Financing Agreements.

## 7 INDEMNITY

### 7.1 General indemnity

7.1.1 The SPD will indemnify, defend and hold GVSCCL and the Lenders' Representative harmless against any and all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense of whatever kind and nature arising out of any breach by the SPD of any of its obligations under this Agreement or on account of failure of the SPD to comply with Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits.

7.1.2 GVSCCL will indemnify, defend and hold the SPD harmless against any and all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense arising out of failure of GVSCCL to fulfil any of its obligations under this Agreement, materially and adversely affecting the performance of the SPD's obligations under the Power Purchase Agreement or this Agreement, other than any loss, damage, cost and expense, arising out of acts done in discharge of their lawful functions by GVSCCL, its officers, servants and agents.

7.1.3 The Lenders' Representative will indemnify, defend and hold the SPD harmless against any and all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damage, cost and expense arising out of failure of the Lenders' Representative to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement, materially and adversely affecting the performance of the SPD's obligations under the Power Purchase Agreement, other than any loss, damage, cost and expense, arising out of acts done in discharge of their lawful functions by the Lenders' Representative, its officers, servants and agents.

### 7.2 Notice and contest of claims

In the event that any Party hereto receives a claim from a third party in respect of which it is entitled to the benefit of an indemnity under Clause 7.1 or in respect of which it is entitled to reimbursement (the "Indemnified Party"), it shall notify the

other Party responsible for indemnifying such claim hereunder (the “Indemnifying Party”) within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the claim and shall not settle or pay the claim without the prior approval of the Indemnifying Party, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event that the Indemnifying Party wishes to contest or dispute the claim, it may conduct the proceedings in the name of the Indemnified Party and shall bear all costs involved in contesting the same. The Indemnified Party shall provide all cooperation and assistance in contesting any claim and shall sign all such writings and documents as the Indemnifying Party may reasonably require.

## 8 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### 8.1 Dispute resolution

8.1.1 Any dispute, difference or claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement which is not resolved amicably shall be decided by reference to arbitration to a Board of Arbitrators comprising one nominee each of GVSCCL, SPD and the Lenders’ Representative. Such arbitration shall be held in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, New Delhi (the “Rules”) or such other rules as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, and shall be subject to provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

8.1.2 The Arbitrators shall issue a reasoned award and such award shall be final and binding on the Parties. The venue of arbitration shall be Visakhapatnam and the language of arbitration shall be English.

## 9 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

### 9.1 Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of India, and the Courts at Visakhapatnam shall have jurisdiction over all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

### 9.2 Waiver of sovereign immunity

GVSCCL unconditionally and irrevocably:

- (a) agrees that the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Agreement constitute commercial acts done and performed for commercial purpose;
- (b) agrees that, should any proceedings be brought against it or its assets, property or revenues in any jurisdiction in relation to this Agreement or any transaction contemplated by this Agreement, no immunity (whether by reason of sovereignty or otherwise) from such proceedings shall be claimed by or on behalf of GVSCCL with respect to its assets;
- (c) waives any right of immunity which it or its assets, property or revenues now has, may acquire in the future or which may be attributed to it in any jurisdiction; and
- (d) consents generally in respect of the enforcement of any judgement or award against it in any such proceedings to the giving of any relief or the issue of any

process in any jurisdiction in connection with such proceedings (including the making, enforcement or execution against it or in respect of any assets, property or revenues whatsoever irrespective of their use or intended use of any order or judgement that may be made or given in connection therewith).

### 9.3 Priority of agreements

In the event of any conflict between the Power Purchase Agreement and this Agreement, the provisions contained in the Power Purchase Agreement shall prevail over this Agreement.

### 9.4 Alteration of terms

All additions, amendments, modifications and variations to this Agreement shall be effectual and binding only if in writing and signed by the duly authorised representatives of the Parties.

### 9.5 Waiver

#### 9.5.1 Waiver by any Party of a default by another Party in the observance and performance of any provision of or obligations under this Agreement:

- (a) shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or subsequent default hereof or of other provisions of or obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) shall not be effective unless it is in writing and executed by a duly authorised representative of the Party; and
- (c) shall not affect the validity or enforceability of this Agreement in any manner.

#### 9.5.2 Neither the failure by either Party to insist on any occasion upon the performance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement or any obligation thereunder nor time or other indulgence granted by a Party to another Party shall be treated or deemed as waiver of such breach or acceptance of any variation or the relinquishment of any such right hereunder.

### 9.6 No third party beneficiaries

This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties and no other person or entity shall have any rights hereunder.

### 9.7 Survival

#### 9.7.1 Termination of this Agreement:

- (a) shall not relieve the Parties of any obligations hereunder which expressly or by implication survive termination hereof; and
- (b) except as otherwise provided in any provision of this Agreement expressly limiting the liability of either Party, shall not relieve either Party of any obligations or liabilities for loss or damage to the other Party arising out of or caused by acts or omissions of such Party prior to the effectiveness of such termination or arising out of such termination.

#### 9.7.2 All obligations surviving the cancellation, expiration or termination of this Agreement

shall only survive for a period of 3 (three) years following the date of such termination or expiry of this Agreement.

#### 9.8 Severability

If for any reason whatever any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable or is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction or any other instrumentality to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected in any manner, and the Parties will negotiate in good faith with a view to agreeing to one or more provisions which may be substituted for such invalid, unenforceable or illegal provisions, as nearly as is practicable to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision. Failure to agree upon any such provisions shall not be subject to dispute resolution under Clause 8 of this Agreement or otherwise.

#### 9.9 Successors and assigns

This Agreement shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

#### 9.10 Notices

All notices or other communications to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing, shall either be delivered personally or sent by courier or registered post with an additional copy to be sent by facsimile or e-mail. The address for service of each Party, its facsimile number and e-mail address are set out under its name on the signing pages hereto. A notice shall be effective upon actual receipt thereof, save that where it is received after 5.30 (five thirty) p.m. on any day, or on a day that is a public holiday, the notice shall be deemed to be received on the first working day following the date of actual receipt. Without prejudice to the foregoing, a Party giving or making a notice or communication by facsimile or e-mail shall promptly deliver a copy thereof personally, or send it by courier or registered post to the addressee of such notice or communication. It is hereby agreed and acknowledged that any Party may by notice change the address to which such notices and communications to it are to be delivered or mailed. Such change shall be effective when all the Parties have notice of it.

#### 9.11 Language

All notices, certificates, correspondence and proceedings under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in English.

#### 9.12 Authorised representatives

Each of the Parties shall by notice in writing designate their respective authorised representatives through whom only all communications shall be made. A Party hereto shall be entitled to remove and/or substitute or make fresh appointment of such authorised representative by similar notice.

#### 9.13 Original Document

This Agreement may be executed in three counterparts, each of which when executed

and delivered shall constitute an original of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE DATE FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

THE COMMON SEAL OF SPD has been affixed pursuant to the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the SPD at its meeting held on the ..... day of 20..... hereunto affixed in the presence of ....., Director, who has signed these presents in token thereof and ....., Company Secretary /Authorised Officer who has countersigned the same in token thereof<sup>§</sup>:

(Signature)  
(Name)  
(Designation)  
(Address)  
(Fax No.)  
(e-mail address)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

For and on behalf of  
GVSCCCL by:

(Signature)  
(Name)  
(Designation)  
(Address)  
(Fax No.)  
(e-mail address)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED,  
For and on behalf of  
SENIOR LENDERS by the Lenders' Representative:

(Signature)  
(Name)  
(Designation)  
(Address)  
(Fax)

In the presence of:

- 1.
- 2.

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<sup>§</sup> To be affixed in accordance with the articles of association of the SPD.

## SCHEDULE M - BUY Back PRICE

(Refer clause 28.8 for Buy back option)

The Buyback Price with respect to the System under the Agreement shall be calculated on prorate basis as follows:

**Initial Cost:-** Cost quoted by the bidders or total cost calculated as per Rs. ----- per MW whichever is lower. The Depreciation rate is taken as **5.28%Per Year for first 13 years and 1.78% per year for remaining 12 years (as per CERC regulations).**

Year of Term (End of Year)	% of Initial cost*	Buyback Price ( in Rs Crores)
1	94.72%	
2	89.44%	
3	84.16%	
4	78.88%	
5	73.60%	
6	68.32%	
7	63.04%	
8	57.76%	
9	52.48%	
10	47.20%	
11	41.92%	
12	36.64%	
13	31.36%	
14	29.58%	
15	27.80%	
16	26.02%	
17	24.24%	
18	22.46%	
19	20.68%	
20	18.90%	
21	17.12%	
22	15.34%	
23	13.56%	
24	11.78%	

\* The Buyback Prices shall be reduced by the amount of CFA availed to the Power Producer.