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Underground Coal Gasification

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DISCLAIMER

This RFP is being issued by the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (GMDC) (hereunder called "Authority"/ "GMDC") to the Bidder interested in undertaking pre-feasibility study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG-Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)

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Bidder should carefully examine and analyze the RFP and bring to the notice of GMDC any error, omission or inaccuracies therein that are apparent and to carry out its own investigation with respect to all matters related to the captioned subject, seek professional advice on technical, financial, legal, regulatory and taxation matters and satisfy himself of consequences of entering into any agreement and / or arrangement relating to the captioned subject. GMDC and its employees make no representation or warranty, express or implied, and shall incur no liability under any law, statute, rules or regulations as to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of the information contained in the RFP or in any material on which this RFP is based or with respect to any written or verbal information made available to any Proposer or its representative(s).

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The bidder shall bear all costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its bid including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by GMDC or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its bid, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

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DEFINITIONS

In this RFP, the following word (s), unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, shall have the meaning(s) assigned to them herein below:

1. **“GMDC”/Authority** shall mean the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited who shall appoint the Service provider for the captioned work.
2. **“Bidder”** shall mean any firm or body corporate, either Indian registered subsidiary/ sister concerns of foreign firm OR foreign firm registered in foreign country under respective laws of country of origin and having approvals and permissions required under the law to conduct business in India. If it is Indian registered subsidiary/ sister concern of foreign firm, then it should be either a Company under the India Companies Act 1956/2013, or a Limited Liability Partnership firm registered under LLP act. Bidders may participate as a sole bidder or in collaboration/ consortium.
3. **Bid/Proposal** means the Bid submitted by the Bidder(s) in response to this RFP in accordance with the provisions hereof including Technical Bid and Price Bid along with all other documents forming part and in support thereof as specified in this RFP.
4. **“Bid Due Date”** means last date of Bid submission as set out in Clause 1.6 of SECTION III
5. **Commencement Date:** The Commencement date shall be fifteen days from the date of LOA (or a date mutually agreed between GMDC and Service Provider when the Service provider shall commence the work).
6. **“Conflict of Interest”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 9 of SECTION III.
7. **“Consortium”** shall mean the group of legally constituted entities, who have come together to participate in captioned work.
8. **“Contract/ Agreement”** is the agreement to be entered into between ‘Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC)’ and ‘Service provider’ comprising of all terms and conditions stated in this RFP.
9. **“Contract Price”** shall mean the Service Fees as specified in Letter of Award issued by GMDC to the Service provider.
10. **“Composite Score”** shall mean score obtained by Service provider as per the formula provided in clause 5.5.
11. **“Corrupt Practice”** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under clause 8 of SECTION III this RFP.
12. **“EMD/ Bid Security”** Not applicable for this RFP
13. **“Evaluation Process”** means steps of evaluation specified in clause 6 of SECTION III
14. **“Fees/Service Charges/Service Fees”** shall mean the charges payable by GMDC for the Services rendered by the Service provider.
15. **Financial Score** shall mean score obtained by the Bidder as per the formula provided in clause 5.4 of SECTION III.
16. **“iCEM”** means the Institute of International Centre of Excellence in Mining Safety & Automation (iCEM) promoted by GMDC as a Society and Not-for-Profit Trust for enabling sustainable mining.
17. **Letter of Award** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under clause 7.1 of RFP SECTION III.
18. **“Pre-Qualification Criteria”** means criteria specified in clause 5.1 of SECTION III
19. **“Parties”** means the parties to the Agreement and “Party” means either of them, as the context may admit or require.

20. **“Preferred Bidder”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 6.4 (ii) of RFP SECTION III.
21. **“Successful Bidder”** means the Preferred Bidder selected in terms hereof and to whom GMDC shall issue the Letter of Award in accordance with the provisions hereof and who shall undertake the Terms of Reference as per the terms specified in RFP.
22. **“Service Provider”** means the Successful Bidder who shall undertake the work as specified in terms of the RFP.
23. **“Terms of Reference/Scope of Work”** means all activities as per the Terms of Reference or Scope of Work mentioned in Section II of this RFP which the Service provider is required to carry out as per Good Industry Practice.
24. **Technical Score** shall mean score obtained by the Bidder as per the Technical Score system provided in clause 5.2 of RFP SECTION III.
25. **“Third Party”** means any Person other than GMDC and the Service provider.
26. **“UCG Program”** shall mean the development with regard to Underground Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects proposed to be undertaken by GMDC in general over a period of time.
27. **“UCG Projects”** shall mean the specific Underground Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects proposed to be undertaken by GMDC at the mines specified in this RFP.
28. **“Reference Exchange Rate”** will be the exchange rate between different currencies as prevailing as on the date of payment and benchmarked to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Reference rates for the day (published on <https://www.rbi.org.in> website). In case the exchange rate for a specific currency is not available from the RBI References, then the benchmark rate will be based on other such standard official rates for India as such as <https://www.cbic.gov.in/Exchange-Rate-Notifications>.

Any other term(s), not defined herein above but defined elsewhere in this RFP shall have the meaning(s) ascribed to such term(s) therein and shall be deemed to have been included in this Section.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (GMDC) is a leading Public Sector Mining and Minerals Company of Gujarat with operational experience of over 60 years. GMDC's product portfolio spans across mining, value added products and power. Its power portfolio includes clean energy sources such as solar and wind besides thermal power.

GMDC's mining activities are spread across Gujarat in Kutch, Devbhoomi Dwarka, Panchmahal, Vadodara, Bhavnagar, Bharuch, Surat and Chhotaudepur districts of the state. It is currently mining Lignite at four operational lignite mines, Bauxite (11 operating mines), Fluorspar, Manganese, Ball Clay, Silica Sand, Bentonitic Clay and Limestone. GMDC also value adds to minerals through works such as pyrite removal from Lignite, Beneficiation of Bauxite, Beneficiation of Low-Grade Manganese and Beneficiation of Fluorspar. The Company has set up a 250 MW lignite based Thermal Power Station in Kutch as a forward integration. It has also set up wind power plant of 200.9 MW at Maliya, Jodiya, Godsar, Bhanvad, Bada, Verbala, Rojmal in Kutch and solar power plant of 5 MW at Panandhro in Kutch. GMDC's existing metals and mineral portfolio includes Fluorspar, Manganese, Bauxite, and Multi-metal in addition to other associated minerals like Silica Sand, Bentonite, Ball Clay and Limestone.

GMDC has undertaken a strategic transformation exercise over the last few years with a view to achieve growth milestones, diversify its product portfolio, leverage existing assets, provide inputs to the industry and contribute to the growth of the state's economy. As part of its strategic transformation exercise, GMDC is already in the process of expanding its mining operations by setting up six new lignite-based projects in Kutch and South Gujarat. Further, GMDC through its metal division also intends to expand and develop metal mining portfolio by developing existing metal mining projects and exploring new opportunities in metal mining sector in India. A number of other projects are in the pipeline based on identified thrust areas.

The company is planning to significantly expand its annual lignite production from about 8 mtpa to 15-18 mtpa in the next few years by opening and operationalizing new lignite mines in Gujarat (in both the Kutch region and in south Gujarat). Further, leveraging its capabilities in lignite, it has participated in auctions of commercial blocks of coal conducted by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India. GMDC won the bids for Burapahar block, the Baitarani West coal block and more recently at Kudanali Lubri block, (all blocks in the state of Odisha in India).

As part of its business diversification and growth strategy, GMDC plans to explore the possibility of underground coal and lignite gasification to cater to different downstream sectors. (For ease of use, throughout this RFP, the term UCG will refer to Underground Gasification for both coal and lignite). The envisaged gasification project(s) will serve as a beachhead for the germination and growth of the nascent coal gasification sector in India and will dovetail with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of coal gasification being an important pathway for ensuring the energy, food and materials security for India and decreasing the import dependence on energy and chemical commodities.

As a first step, GMDC had entrusted the study on production feasibility, techno-economics of surface gasification of lignite, and opportunities for commercialization of SynGas and its downstream products like power generation and chemicals for lignite mines at Bhavnagar and South Gujarat to iCEM. This study has already been completed.

Through this RFP, GMDC now intends to take up the pre-feasibility study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) of coal resources at Burapahar (Odisha), and lignite resources at EFG-Valia, Ghala (Gujarat).

For the purpose of bidding, the bids are invited in two packages, each as follows:

Package 1: Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha)

Package 2: EFG Valia and Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)

Work is intended to be awarded package-wise to the best evaluated bidder of each package under Quality and Cost based Bidding System (QCBS). Details of the evaluation method are provided in the evaluation section.

The basic premises and assumptions regarding the proposed study are mentioned below to provide clarity to the Service Provider:

Mines: The Service Provider of the respective package will need to consider the prefeasibility study for UCG for coal and lignite mines at GMDC's Odisha coal mine and South Gujarat lignite mines. The specific mines and the estimated total reserves at these mines are as follows:

Estimated Geological Reserves of Coal and Lignite (MT) in the GMDC mines specified for UCG is as follows:

Package	Mine	Coal	Lignite
Package-1	Burapahar, Dist. Sundargarh, Odisha	605	0
Package-2	EFG Valia, Dist. Bharuch, Gujarat	0	459
	Ghala, Dist. Surat, Gujarat	0	36
Total		605	495

The outcome of this study will inform and guide the next study on technical feasibility and pilot plant for UCG and hence the Service Provider must be aware that this is a crucial study and will have to add value leading to successful underground coal and lignite gasification by GMDC.

Objective of the Study

While underground gasification of coal is a known science, through this pre-feasibility study, GMDC seeks an evaluation whether the proposed UCG Projects will be technically feasible, economically viable and environmentally sustainable, before investing in detailed studies or pilot plant operations.

SECTION II: TERMS OF REFERENCE / SCOPE OF WORK AND TIMELINE

1. Scope of Work

The Scope of work shall be as follows:

A. Review of available data

- a) Collect, compile and review the available geological report, hydrogeological report, geotechnical data, coal/ lignite quality data of the identified sites.
- b) Analyse the mine data (such as mining plan) and visit project sites to understand & assess necessary conditions.

B. Assessment of UCG resource and reserves

- a) Assess the seam stability, permeability, potential risk of water ingress and subsidence by evaluating the available geotechnical and hydrogeological data.
- b) Gather additional data, if required for pre-feasibility assessment, through exploratory drilling (minimum 2 holes for each project site with drilling upto depth of 500m for each site or till bed rock) and testing.
- c) Generate geological, rock mechanics and hydrogeological models of the target areas.
- d) Propose suitable sites (multiple for each project as preferable and reserve options) for the pilot projects based on the assessment.

C. Technical Pre-Feasibility

- a) Assess the suitability of latest & proven UCG technologies and suggest the best suitable options for Coal Block (Odisha) or Lignite Blocks (Gujarat) (as per the awarded package).
- b) Estimate the resource availability, recoverable reserves, potential SynGas yield, and its calorific value and identify seams suitable for the gasification project.
- c) Prepare conceptual flow diagrams/ preliminary design of well pattern, gas injection and SynGas production system.
- d) Prepare report on the options for Pilot Plant's downstream integration for SynGas usages, such as power generation, methanol, hydrogen, ammonia, etc.
- e) Prepare a work plan for the pilot project and estimate the capital cost and operating cost of the pilot plants including site characterization.
- f) Financial modelling for commercial UCG plant based on the Service Provider's experience on the subject matter, findings of the pre-feasibility study, options for SynGas downstream usage along with assumptions took into consideration. The financial model shall be inclusive of but not limited to capital cost, operating cost, revenue streams, EBITDA, project IRR etc. for Gasification unit and Gas clean up unit.

D. Environment, Safety & Risk Assessment

- a) Identify and evaluate key risks, including but not limited to groundwater contamination, subsidence, air emissions, gas leakages, and surface safety hazards.
- b) Recommend mitigation and monitoring measures to minimize environmental and safety risks.
- c) Identify applicable environmental regulations, permits, licenses, and approvals required in subsequent phases.
- d) Prepare detailed risk assessment covering environmental impacts, technical feasibility, and financial viability of the Project.

2. Timeline and Deliverables

The total time envisaged for the scope of work described above is 6 months for each package. However, beyond this six-month study, the Service Provider is expected to remain available for a presentation to the GMDC Board.

S. No.	Deliverables	Timeline from T
A.	Inception Report	T + 1 Months
B.	Draft pre-feasibility report	T + 3 Months
C.	Final Report after incorporating comments	T + 6 Months
D.	Executive presentation to the GMDC Board	As and when required

“T” represents the Commencement Date. The Commencement Date shall be fifteen days from the date of LOA (or a mutually agreed date when the Service Provider shall commence the work).

There shall be review meetings at the end of T+1, T+3, T+6 months and later if and as required.

The total Contract period shall be 06 months from the Commencement Date.

SECTION III: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Bidding Process

- a. GMDC has adopted a single stage two packet bidding system comprising of Technical Bid and Price Bid with evaluation through a Quality cum Cost Based System (QCBS) Method as detailed out in this "Request for Proposal for Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG-Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat). The Technical Bid and the Price Bid shall be submitted physically in hard copy prior to the time, date and address provided in clause 1.6. Complete Bid shall be submitted on or before the time and date fixed for submission of Bid ("Bid Due Date"). Bid delivered after Bid Due Date will be rejected.
- b. The Bidders need to offer their Bids conforming to Terms of Reference and Terms and Conditions provided as part of this RFP Document.
- c. Bidders are required to quote price separately for **Burapahar Coal Block (Package 1)** and **EFG Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Package 2)**
- d. In first step, evaluation of Technical Bid will be carried out as specified in Clause 6.2 of SECTION III. Based on Technical evaluation, the Price Bids of only Bidders meeting Responsiveness Criteria, Pre-Qualification Criteria and Qualification criteria as specified in clause 6.2(a), 5.1 and 5.2 shall be opened.
- e. In the second stage, a Price Bid Evaluation of Technically Qualified Bidders will be carried out as per Clause 5.4 and 6.3. The Bids will finally be ranked from the highest to lowest according to their combined technical and price scores (the "**Composite Score**") derived based on Quality cum Cost Based method (the "QCBS") specified in Clause 5.5 of RFP SECTION III for each Package. The Bidder obtaining Highest Composite score shall be considered as Preferred Bidder (the "**Preferred Bidder**").
- f. The evaluation will be carried out for each package and each package shall be awarded separately as per the terms specified in Bid Evaluation Section.

1.2. Due Diligence

The bidders are encouraged to examine and familiarize themselves fully about the nature of assignment, scope of work, all instructions, forms, terms and conditions of RFP, local condition and any other matters considered relevant by them before submitting the Bid. The bidders are also encouraged to send written queries to GMDC and attend a Pre-Bid meeting.

1.3. Acknowledgement by Bidder

By submitting the bid or proposal, the bidder acknowledges that:

- 1) It made a complete and careful examination of the RFP.
- 2) It received all relevant information requested from GMDC.
- 3) It accepted the risk of inadequacy, error or mistake in the information provided in the RFP or furnished by or on behalf of GMDC relating to any of the matters referred to in Clause 1.2 above; and
- 4) It acknowledged that it does not have a Conflict of Interest
- 5) It agreed to be bound by the undertakings provided by it under and in terms hereof.

GMDC shall not be liable for any omission, mistake or error in respect of any of the above or on account of any matter or thing arising out of or concerning or relating to the RFP or the Bidding Process, including any error or mistake therein or in any information or data given by GMDC.

1.4. Cost of Bidding

The Bidders shall be responsible for all costs associated with the preparation of their Bids and their participation in the Bid Process. GMDC will not be responsible or in any way liable for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bidding Process.

1.5. RFP Fee

Bidders are exempted from the submission of RFP Fees.

1.6. Schedule of Bidding

GMDC shall endeavour to adhere to the bidding schedule as specified in the table below.

Sr. No.	Event Description	Date, Time and Address
1	Date from which RFP documents will be available	RFP shall be available from 15/12/2025 at website http://www.gmdcltd.com/current-tenders/
2	Last date for receiving Pre-Bid queries / clarifications	Bidders may send their queries by 07/01/2026 up to 18:00 hrs IST (UTC +05:30) to following contacts to reach out for any pre-bid queries/assistance, clearly mentioning the RFP title and the query in editable format. Mr. Swagat Ray, General Manager (PP&D) Address: Khanij Bhavan, 132 ft Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad - 380052 Email : ppd@gmdcltd.com cc: (i) dgsharma@gmdcltd.co.in
3	Pre-Bid Meeting	The Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held at 12:00 PM IST (UTC +05:30) and 07:00 PM IST (UTC +05:30) on 13/01/2026 at GMDC office situated at Khanij Bhavan, 132- ft Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad – 380052. A link will be provided to the bidders who may want to join online.
4	Submission of the Bid	Bidders shall be required to submit the Technical Bid and the Price Bid physically in hard copy in sealed cover duly super scribed as mentioned in RFP Clause 4.4 to GMDC addressed as below through registered post/ courier/ speed post/ hand delivery. Address: Mr. Swagat Ray, General Manager (PP&D) Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Khanij Bhavan, 132 ft. Ring road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad - 380052 Gujarat, India

		Land Lines: 079-27912443 The submission should be made strictly on or before: 09/02/2026 16:00 Hrs. IST (UTC +05:30)
5	Opening of the Technical Bid	09/02/2026 at 17:00 hrs. (IST) (UTC +05:30) at the GMDC office situated at Ahmedabad as per the address specified in Sl. No. 4
6	Opening of the Price Bid	To be intimated later after completion of Technical Evaluation.
7	Signing of Agreement	Within 15 days from the date of issuance of LOA after receipt of Performance Security.

GMDC shall endeavour to adhere to the bidding schedule as specified above. However, there may be changes in the bidding schedule due to unavoidable circumstances. Any change shall be informed by placing the Corrigendum on the website.

2. GENERAL

2.1. Bid Validity

- a) Bids shall remain valid for a period of not less than 180 days (One Hundred and Eighty days) from the Bid Due Date/Bid Submission Date (the “**Bid Validity Period**”). The Bid of the Bidder shall be considered non-responsive if such Bid is valid for a period less the Bid Validity Period.
- b) In exceptional circumstances, prior to expiry of the original Bid Validity Period, Authority may request the Bidders to extend the period of validity for a specified additional period. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing.

2.2. Numbers of Bids by Bidder

No Bidder shall submit more than one Bid pursuant to this RFP. If a Bidder submits or participates in more than one Bid, such Bids shall be disqualified.

2.3. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The Bidding Process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the Courts at Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar in India shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process.

2.4. Authority's Right to accept and Reject any Bid or all Bids.

- a) Notwithstanding anything contained in this RFP, GMDC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the Bidding Process /Bid Evaluation Process and reject all Bids, at any time without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment, and without assigning any reasons thereof.
- b) It shall be deemed that by submitting the Bids, the Bidder agrees and releases GMDC, its employees, agents and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/ or performance of any obligations hereunder, pursuant hereto and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process and waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, any and all rights and/or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or in future.
- c) Without prejudice to the generality of Clause (a) and (b) above, GMDC reserves the right to reject any Proposal/Bid if:

- 1) Bid does not meet the Pre-qualification and Qualification criteria specified in this RFP
- 2) at any time, a material misrepresentation is made or discovered, or
- 3) The Bidder found to be indulging in Fraudulent and Corrupt Practices as defined in this RFP.
- 4) The Bidder does not provide, within the time specified by GMDC, the supplemental information sought by GMDC for evaluation of the Bid.
- 5) Bidder submits conditional Bid.

If such disqualification / rejection occurs after the Bids have been opened and the Preferred Bidder as per award criteria gets disqualified / rejected, then GMDC reserves the right to consider the next best Preferred Bidder or take any other measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of GMDC, including annulment of the Selection Process.

2.5. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security

Bidders are exempted from the submission of EMD/Bid Security.

3. DOCUMENTS AND PRE-BID CONFERENCE

3.1. Content of RFP

This RFP comprises the Disclaimer set forth hereinabove, the contents as listed below and will additionally include any Addenda issued in accordance with Clause 3.4.

SECTION I:	Background
SECTION II:	Terms of Reference/Scope of Work
SECTION III:	Instructions to Bidders (ITB)
SECTION IV:	Service Fees & Payment Terms
SECTION V:	Contract Terms & Conditions
SECTION IV:	Annexure

3.2. Clarification to RFP Documents

- a) Bidders requiring any clarification on the RFP may notify GMDC in writing through email at the address provided in clause 1.6. They should send in their queries on or before the date mentioned in clause 1.6 section in order to enable Authority/GMDC to have adequate notice of the said queries so that the same can be addressed at the Pre-Bid Meeting or shortly later. GMDC shall Endeavour to respond to the queries at short span of time prior to Bid Due Date. The responses to queries will be uploaded on website of GMDC <http://www.gmdcltd.com>. GMDC is not bound to take cognizance of any queries raised after the date mentioned in the clause 1.6 for sending queries.
- b) GMDC shall endeavour to respond to the questions raised or clarifications sought by the Bidders. However, GMDC reserves the right not to respond to any question or provide any clarification, in its sole discretion, and nothing in this Clause shall be taken or read as compelling or requiring GMDC to respond to any question or to provide any clarification.
- c) GMDC may also on its own motion, if deemed necessary, issue interpretations and clarifications and amendment to RFP. All clarifications and interpretations issued by GMDC shall be deemed to be part of the Bidding Documents. Verbal clarifications and information given by Authority or its

employees or representatives shall not in any way or manner be binding on GMDC.

3.3. Pre-Bid Meeting

- a) A pre-bid meeting would be held at time and an address specified in clause 1.6. Bidders shall bear their own cost of attending any pre-bid meeting.
- b) During the course of pre-bid meeting, the Bidders will be free to seek clarifications and make suggestions for consideration of GMDC. GMDC shall endeavour to provide clarifications and such further information as it may, in its sole discretion, considers appropriate for facilitating a fair, transparent and competitive Bidding Process.
- c) Clarifications/responses would be shared by uploading such responses online only at website of Authority/GMDC (i.e. <http://www.gmdcltd.com>) if required in the form of an addendum and or corrigendum.
- d) Non-attendance at the pre-bid conference shall not be a cause for disqualification of a Bidder. However, terms and conditions of the Addendum(s) shall be legally binding on all the Bidders irrespective of their attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference.

3.4. Amendment of Bidding Documents

- a) At any time prior to the bid due date, GMDC may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to clarifications requested by a Bidder, modify the RFP by the issuance of Addenda/corrigendum.
- b) Any Addendum/Corrigendum issued hereunder will be in writing and shall be uploaded on Authority/ GMDC website <http://www.gmdcltd.com>
- c) In order to afford the Bidders a reasonable time for taking an Addendum into account, or for any other reason, GMDC may, in its sole discretion, extend the Bid Due Date.

4. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

4.1. Language of Bid

- a) The Bids and all related correspondence and documents in relation to the Bidding Process shall be in English language. All supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Bidders with the Bid may be in any other language provided that they are accompanied by notarized translations in the English language, duly authenticated and certified by the Bidder.
- b) The Bidders shall ensure that any number mentioned in the Bid shall be followed by words in relation to such numerical format of the number, and in the event, there is a conflict in the numerical and the word format of the number, the number provided in words shall prevail.

4.2. Bid Currency

All prices quoted in the Bid shall be quoted in Indian National Rupee(s) (INR).

4.3. Format and Signing of Bid

- a) The Bidder shall provide all the information sought under this RFP. GMDC will evaluate only those Bids that are received in the required formats and complete in all respects.
- b) The Bid must be properly signed by the authorized signatory (the "Authorized Signatory") as

detailed below:

- (1) By a duly authorized person holding the Power of Attorney, in case Bidder is either a Limited Company or a Limited Liability Partnership firm as per the respective Indian laws.
- (2) In case of the Bidder being a Company incorporated under Indian Companies Act 1956/2013, the Power of Attorney shall be supported by a Board Resolution in favour of the person vesting power to the person signing the Bid.
- (3) In case of bidders participating in collaboration/ consortium, the documents must be signed by the authorised representative of the collaboration/consortium.

In case Bidder is a Foreign firm: By a duly authorized person holding the Power of Attorney, in case foreign Bidder is constituted/registered under respective laws of country of origin.

4.4. Submission Format & Sealing and Marking of Proposals

- a) The Technical Bid shall be submitted in **Hard copy**. The documents and format to be submitted for Technical Bid shall be as follows:

Sr. No	Annexure No.	Particulars
1	1	Letter of Bid Submissions signed by authorized signatory of Bidder.
2	2	<p>Bidder's Organization and Experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporation Documents For Indian Bidder (i.e. Indian subsidiary/ Parents of a Foreign firm): Certificate of registration in India along with RBI approval certificate, GSTIN certificate, PAN details OR Partnership deed, GSTIN registration, PAN details OR Incorporation certificate, MOA, AOA, GSTIN Registration, PAN details as may be applicable. For Foreign Bidder: Incorporation documents and or registration documents under relevant legislation of country of its incorporation. In case the incorporation documents are in other than English language, it should be accompanied by a notarized translation to English language only. • Documentary evidence for work experience from the client such relevant portion of Work Order/Contract and Client completion certificate to be submitted. For confidential engagements, bidder may submit sanitized details supported by the auditor / certified Chartered Accountant /self-certification from the Managing Director of bidder's Indian entity to ascertain authenticity.
3	3	Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and Facilities to be provided by Authority (Optional)
4	4	Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment/TOR
5	5	Team Composition and Task Assignments
6	6	Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Proposed Experts and Support Staff
7	7	<p>Certificate from the Statutory Auditor/ registered Chartered Accountant / registered CPA / equivalent specifying positive net worth as per clause 5.1 (iii) with UDIN (For Indian firms)</p> <p>In case a foreign firm is the Bidder, then it must provide evidence of meeting the Financial Capability/Qualification criteria either in equivalent</p>

		Indian Rupees or USD certified by a Statutory Auditor/registered Chartered Accountant / registered CPA / equivalent. In case Bidder's corporate policy does not permit to disclose our absolute figures then Bidder should submit this certificate by registered chartered accountant/CPA confirming that the Net Worth is positive.
8	8	No Blacklisting certificate Affidavit
9	9	Authorization of signatory in the form of Board Resolution/ or Power of Attorney (POA notarized and Applicable in case of bid not being signed by the person directly authorized by the firm), as applicable
10	10	Undertaking for information and document provided are true.
11	11	Original RFP documents issued along with updated addendums/ amendments thereto, duly signed by the Bidder through its authorized signatory on all pages.
		A pen drive comprising of soft copy of Technical Bid should also be submitted as a part of Technical Bid by placing it in the Technical Bid envelope.

The bidders can submit only one Technical Bid for both packages. The documents of Technical Bid shall be submitted in hard copy (physical submission) as per the list of submittals provided in table above as per referred Annexure if applicable.

In case of Bidder is Foreign firm, documents other than English language should be accompanied by a notarized translation to English language only.

The Technical Bid shall be placed and sealed in separate envelope on which the following shall be super scribed:

Envelope-1:

"RFP for Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG-Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)- Technical Bid."

- b) **Price Bid is to be filled up as per the format provided in the Annexure 11, separate for each Package, and submitted on bidding firm's letter head in hard copy.**

The Price Bids of Package-1 and Package-2 shall be placed and sealed in separate envelopes on which the following shall be super scribed:

Envelope-2:

"RFP for Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG-Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat) – Price Bid (Package 1)"

Envelope-3

"RFP for Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG-Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat) – Price Bid (Package 2)"

- c) All three envelopes specified in sub clause a) and b) shall be placed in outer envelopes, super scribed and delivered by the due date as per the address given:

"RFP for Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG-Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)– Bid Submission"

Addressed to:

Mr. Swagat Ray,

General Manager (PP&D)

Gujarat Mineral Development Corp.

Khanij Bhavan, 132-ft. Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380052

4.5. Bid Due Date

- a) The last date and time of submission of the Bids (the “Bid Due Date/Bid Submission Date”) is specified in clause **1.6**.
- b) The Bidders are required to submit their Bids (i.e. Technical Bid and Price Bid) on or before the Bid Due Date specified in clause 1.6.
- c) GMDC may, in its sole discretion, extend the Bid Due Date by issuing an Addendum uniformly for all Bidders as per clause 3.4. In such event, all rights and obligations of Authority and Bidders previously subject to the earlier deadline will thereafter be subject to the Bid Due Date as extended. Any such change in the Bid Due Date shall be notified to the Bidders by dissemination of requisite information in this behalf by uploading the Addenda on Authority website of GMDC on <http://www.gmdcltd.com>.

4.6. Late Submission

- a) The Bids (i.e. Physical submissions for Technical Bid and Price Bid) received by GMDC after the specified time and Date shall not be eligible for consideration and shall be summarily rejected.
- b) Authority shall not be responsible for any delay or non-receipt / non-delivery of any documents.

4.7. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids

- a) Bidder shall not be able to modify any part of its Bid after the Bid Due Date. In order to avoid forfeiture of Bid Security, a Bidder may withdraw his Bid after submission thereof. The Bidder may modify/ withdraw its bid after submission but prior to the Bid Due Date and time.
- b) Any alteration/ modification in the Bid or additional information supplied subsequent to the Bid Due Date, unless the same has been expressly sought for by GMDC, shall be disregarded.

5. BID EVALUATION CRITERIA

All bids must be considered responsive as described in **clause 6.2 (a)** in order to be considered fit to be evaluated. To be considered eligible and qualified, each Bidder should meet Eligibility Criteria and obtain minimum **70 marks** in the technical scores specified hereunder will progress to the next stage of Price Bid opening. The Eligibility and Technical Score are described below.

Taking credit from Associate (i.e., subsidiary/parent/sister concern firm) for meeting the Pre-Qualification Criteria and Technical Qualification Criteria is permitted as per the provisions of clause 5.3.

5.1. Pre-Qualification Criteria

A Bidder must meet Pre-Qualification Criteria as specified hereunder in order to qualify for next stage of evaluation.

- (a) The Bidder shall be a legal entity registered in India under the relevant legislation. The Bidder may also be a branch office of any foreign entity, provided that such foreign entity is

- registered in the country of its incorporation and has obtained appropriate approvals from the RBI to operate in India.
- (b) The Bidder shall be any firm or body corporate either Indian registered subsidiary/ Sister concerns of foreign firm OR foreign firm registered in foreign country under respective laws of country of origin and having the approvals and permissions required under law to conduct business in India. If it is either an Indian registered subsidiary/ Sister concern of foreign firm, then it should be either Limited Liability Partnership firm registered under LLP act or a Company under the Companies Act 1956/2013. The Bidders are required to provide Incorporation and Registration Certificate as evidence. In case the Bidder is a foreign firm then incorporation documents other than English language should be accompanied by a notarized translation to English language only.
 - (c) A bidder can also participate if he can furnish satisfactory evidence that he has a valid collaboration/ consortium agreement with a collaborator/consortium member so as to fully meet the technical and financial criteria (individually or jointly i.e. the collaborator/consortium member by themselves or along with the bidder) stipulated as in Clauses – 5.2 and 5.1(e) respectively.
 - (d) In the case of bidders participating in consortium as above, the lead member will be termed as “Bidder”. Such agreement shall be in force and shall be further valid at least up to the completion of the proposed contract. In case the collaboration/ consortium agreement is expected to cease to remain valid during execution of the contract, the bidders must suitably extend the validity of the agreement till completion of work as mentioned in TOR of this RFP.
 - (e) Financial Criteria: The individual net worth of the bidder and the associate/ collaborator/ consortium member, as the case may be, should be positive as per the latest audited financial statements. The bidder must submit a certificate from the Statutory Auditor/ registered Chartered Accountant / registered CPA / equivalent with UDIN, specifying that the individual net worth of the bidder and the associate/ collaborator/ consortium member, as the case may be is positive as on 31.03.2025.
 - (f) The Bidder or the associates/ collaborator/ consortium member should not have been blacklisted as on the bid submission date by Central or State Government in India or by any Central or State Government Undertaking. Towards fulfilment of this criteria, the Bidder should submit self-certified No-Blacklisting Affidavit as per the format provided in **Annexure 8**.

5.2. Technical Score Criteria

The Bids of the Bidders meeting Pre-Qualification criteria shall be considered for assessment and assigning of Technical Score. The Technical Score of the Bidder shall be evaluated as per the Technical Score system provided hereunder.

Sr. No.	Parameter/ Marking Head	Marks
A	Experience of the Bidder:	40
1	Preparation of pre-feasibility study/feasibility study report for Underground Coal Gasification (UCG)	30 (2 Projects. 15 marks for each Project)
2	Bidder should have prepared technical feasibility report & installed, tested and commissioned one Pilot scale plant. or	10 (1 Project. 10 Marks for the Project)

	Bidder should have installed, tested and commissioned one commercial Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) Plant	
B	Team	20
1	Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) Expert	10
2	Project Manager	6
3	Team Member (Geology/Hydrogeology/Environment)	4
C	Approach and Methodology for the Proposed Work – Evaluated through Bidder’s presentation to GMDC	40
1	Understanding of Critical factors/ parameters for carrying out the pre-feasibility study of Underground Coal Gasification Project.	15
2	Experience pertaining to the preparation of Pre-feasibility report for Underground Coal Gasification Project – 1 Case Study	15
3	Given the industry status, best practices and objectives of GMDC, what is the suggested best fit approach and methodology for the preparation of the Pre-feasibility Report and providing assistance to GMDC for implementation of suggested project strategies	10
	Total (A+B+C)	100
	Qualifying Marks	70

*For Criteria A, the Bidder should provide Documentary evidence for work experience from the client such relevant portion of Work Order/contract/Client completion certificate to be submitted. For confidential engagements, bidder may submit sanitized details supported by the Auditor of the firm or a registered Chartered Accountant / registered CPA / equivalent OR self-certification from the

Managing Director/CEO of bidder’s firm to ascertain authenticity.

Bidder must Score minimum **70 marks** out of total 100 marks in Technical Marking/Score Section specified herein above. The bids of bidders obtaining lower than this threshold score will be declared disqualified and shall not be evaluated further.

The Qualification and evaluation criteria for proposed Team as specified in **B** of table hereinabove is specified below.

Position	Minimum qualification	Marks criteria for technical marking
Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) Expert	1. Educational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate in Mining, Petroleum, Chemical Engineering, Geology. 2. Experience Minimum 10 years of experience in Underground Coal Gasification including pre-feasibility study/ feasibility study / set-up of pilot plant/ commercial UCG project.	1. Relevance of experience: 6 marks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 relevant project/ assignment: 4 marks Over 1 relevant project/ assignment: 6 marks 2. Length of experience: 4 marks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Years of total experience: 3 marks >10 years of experience: 4 marks Total (1+2) = 10 marks

Project Manager	<p>1. Educational</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate in Mining, Petroleum, Chemical Geology or relevant field. <p>2. Experience</p> <p>Minimum 07 years of project management experience in exploration, mining, energy or UCG related Projects.</p>	<p>1. Relevance of experience: 4 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 relevant project/ assignment: 2 marks. • Over 1 relevant project/ assignment: 4 marks <p>2. Length of experience: 2 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07 Years of total experience: 1 mark • >07 years of experience: 2 marks <p>Total (1+2) = 6 marks</p>
Team Member (Geology/Hydrogeology/ Environment)	<p>1. Educational</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate in Mining, Geology, Environment or relevant field. <p>2. Experience</p> <p>Minimum 05 years of experience in geological/hydrogeological studies/environment studies of coal mines.</p>	<p>1. Relevance of experience: 2 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 relevant project/ assignment: 1 mark • Over 1 relevant project/ assignment: 2 marks <p>2. Length of experience: 2 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 05 Years of total experience: 1 marks • >05 years of experience: 2 marks <p>Total (1+2) = 4 marks</p>

5.3. Credit from Parent / Subsidiary / Sister Concern/ Collaborator/ Consortium Member/ for meeting the Pre-Qualification and Technical Score criteria

- (i) Taking credit from subsidiary/parent/sister concern firm for meeting the Pre – Qualification Criteria and Technical Qualification Criteria is permitted subject to the provisions specified hereunder.
- (ii) In case a bidder is relying on qualifications of a subsidiary/parent/sister concern firm for being considered for determination of compliance/meeting requirement with regards to the Pre-Qualification and Technical Score Criteria, then under such circumstances, the bidder shall clearly indicate, with supporting documentation, the relationship between the bidder and the entity whose qualifications it is seeking to rely upon.
 - a) The bidder, if a subsidiary of another company, may claim such qualification only if the parent company has more than 50% shareholding in it.
 - b) Similarly, a bidder may claim such qualification from its subsidiary only if it has more than 50% shareholding in the subsidiary.
 - c) Finally, a bidder may claim credit from a sister concern only if the parent company holds more than 50% shareholding in both the bidding company and the sister concern.

If the firms are not in the nature of companies, then the determination of the relationship would be based on possessing a controlling stake. If bidding firm is a partnership firm, then the determination of relationship is based on the percentage of profit sharing. In such case more than 50% of profit-sharing shall be considered eligible for claiming credit from the Parent (Parent firm or common partners holds more than 50% profit sharing in bidding firm) / Subsidiary (Bidding firm or common partners holds more than 50% profit sharing in subsidiary firm) / Sister

- Concern (Parent firm holds more than 50% profit sharing in both bidding firm and sister concern firm).
- (iii) Any claims of credit from a Parent/Subsidiary/Sister Concern firm must be accompanied by a certificate by a registered chartered accountant clearly explaining how the Parent/ Subsidiary/ Sister Concern firm meets the above definition of the Parent/Subsidiary/Sister Concern firm with relation to the Bidding Firm.
 - (iv) A bidder who does not meet the above criteria, can also participate if he can furnish satisfactory evidence that he has a valid collaboration/consortium agreement with a collaborator/consortium member so as to fully meet the above criteria (individually or jointly i.e. the collaborator/ consortium member by themselves or along with the bidder) stipulated as in Clauses – 5.2 above.
 - (v) The total number of participants including bidder and collaborator/consortium member in a tender shall not exceed two. The lead member of consortium and the consortium member must have at least 51% equity interest and 26% equity interest respectively in the bidding consortium, totalling to 100%. There is no such requirement in case of collaboration.
 - (vi) The collaboration/ consortium agreement must clearly indicate the roles, responsibilities and the equity interest (if applicable) of each member. If desired by GMDC, the Bidders will have to furnish additional information regarding the distribution of responsibilities earmarked by the collaborators/ consortium members for the execution of work as mentioned in the RFP.
 - (vii) In the case of bidders participating in collaboration/ consortium as above, such agreement shall be in force and shall be further valid at least up to the completion of the proposed contract. Should the collaboration/ consortium agreement be scheduled to expire during the execution of the contract, the bidders must suitably extend the validity of the agreement till completion of work as mentioned in TOR of this RFP.
 - (viii) The collaborators/consortium members will need to execute a “Joint Deed of Undertaking” as per the format in Annexure-14 after being declared as the “Successful Bidder” The collaborator/consortium members would be jointly and severally bound and shall be responsible to GMDC for the successful performance of the Work as per the specifications in terms of the Contract.

5.4. Evaluation of Price Bid and Financial Score

- (a) The Price Bid of only Technically qualified (Bidders passing Responsiveness Tests and meeting Pre-Qualification Criteria and obtaining minimum threshold marks in the Technical score system as specified in clauses 6.2, 5.1 and 5.2 respectively) Bidders shall be opened.
- (b) The Bidder shall be required to quote Lumpsum “**Service Fees**” for each Package (Fees exclusive of GST but inclusive of all other taxes, costs and expenses for executing the Scope/TOR as per the reference Price Bid format provided in Annexure 11.
- (c) The Price bids shall be opened Package wise. The Price Bids for Package 1 (Burapahar) shall be opened first. The Financial Score of each bidder based on its Service Fees for Package 1 shall be evaluated as follows:

$$\text{Financial Score/Price Score (FiS)} = 100 \times \text{FiL}/\text{FiC}$$

Where;

FiL is the L1 (Lowest Bidder)'s Services Fees.

FiC is the Services Fees quoted by Bidder

Services Fees refers to the Total Services Fees quoted for the execution of the Scope of Work. Bidder quoting Lowest charges shall be given 100 marks

- (d) The price bid of the preferred bidder in the Package-1 will not be opened in the Package-2. The Price Bid for Package 2 shall be opened separately after declaration of "Preferred Bidder" of Package-1, as per clause 5.5 hereinafter. The price bid evaluation of Package -2 shall be carried out as per the provision set forth in sub clause (c) hereinabove.

5.5. Composite Score

- (i) The Composite Score of the Bidder shall be determined by combining Technical and Financial Scores based on the following formula.

$$\text{Composite Score (CS)} = \text{Technical Score (TeS)} * 0.80 + \text{Financial Score (FiS)} * 0.20$$

The technical experience has been assigned **80%** of weightage while price quote is assigned **20%** weightage.

- (ii) The Bidder obtaining Highest Composite Score shall be generally declared as the Preferred Bidder. After negotiations at the discretion of GMDC, the LOA would be granted to the preferred bidder who would then be the Successful Bidder with whom the Agreement shall be signed.
- (iii) In the event of two or more Bidders/Firms getting the same composite score, the Bidder with higher score in technical evaluation shall be selected.
- (iv) In the event of the preferred bidder withdrawing or disqualifying for any reason, the respective Rank lists shall be used to arrive at the next Preferred Bidder.

6. EVALUATION PROCESS

6.1. Opening of Technical Bid

- (i) GMDC shall open the Technical Bids received in response to this RFP, at time, date and Place specified in clause 1.6 in the presence of the Bidders who choose to attend. The Bidders' representatives who are present at such opening shall sign a register evidencing their attendance as a witness to the Bids opening process.
- (ii) The Bidder's names and such other details as Authority in its sole discretion may consider appropriate, shall be announced at the opening of the Technical Bid.
- (iii) GMDC will subsequently examine and evaluate Technical Bids in accordance with the provisions set out hereunder in clause 6.2.

6.2. Evaluation of Technical Bid

The Bidders shall be required to submit documents as listed in this RFP document as per **clause 5.1 and 5.2** along with the supporting documents. GMDC shall examine and evaluate the Technical Bids as per the evaluation steps specified below.

a) *Test of Responsiveness for Timely and proper Submission*

- 1) Prior to evaluation of the Technical Bids (i.e. Qualification Criteria), GMDC shall determine whether each Bid is responsive to the requirements of the RFP. A Bid shall be considered responsive only if:
- (i) The Technical Bid is submitted in Hard copy properly as per the terms of the RFP.
 - (ii) The Price Bids of each Package are submitted separately in Hard copy as per the terms of the RFP.
 - (iii) Physical submission of Technical Bid is made within specified timeline including any

extension thereof pursuant hereto;

- (iv) The price bid and physical submissions are received by the Bid Due Date including any extension thereof pursuant hereto;
 - (v) It contains all the information (complete in all aspects) as requested in this RFP and/or Bid Documents (in formats same as those specified in the RFP);
 - (vi) It does not contain any conditionality; and
 - (vii) It is not non-responsive in terms hereof and any other conditions specified elsewhere in RFP.
- 2) GMDC reserves the right to reject any Bid which is non-responsive and no request for alteration, modification, substitution or withdrawal shall be entertained by GMDC in respect of such Bid.
- 3) Evaluation of Pre-Qualification Criteria and document checks of only those Bidders shall be carried out whose Bids have been determined to be responsive.

b) Assessment of Pre-Qualification Criteria

- 1) GMDC shall examine and evaluate the Pre-qualification of each Technical Bid upon determining its responsiveness as per sub clause (a) above.
- 2) The Bidder must meet Pre-Qualification Criteria specified in clause 5.1 and have submitted all documents as per clause 5.1 in order to qualify for next stage of assessment.
- 3) Assessment of technical bids to assign Technical Score of only those Bidders shall be carried out whose Bids are meeting Pre-Qualification Criteria and who have submitted all required documents pursuant to sub clause 2) above.

c) Determination of Technical Score

- 1) GMDC shall examine and assign technical score to each pre-qualified Technical Bid as per Technical Marking System provided clause 5.2 of ITB.
- 2) Responsive and Pre-Qualified Bidders may be called to make multi-media presentation on "Approach and Methodology" by GMDC as part of the technical evaluation process.
- 3) The Bids of the Bidder determined to be responsive, meeting Pre-Qualification criteria and securing minimum **score of 70 in Technical Score** shall be declared Technically Qualified Bids (the "Qualified Bids"/ "Qualified Bidder").
- 4) The Price Bids of only technically qualified Bids shall be opened. Evaluation of Price Bids of only Qualified Bids shall be carried out.

6.3. Opening of Price Bid and Financial Score

- (i) The Price Bid shall be filled up by the Bidder as per the indicative format specified in Annexure 11 of this RFP.
- (ii) The Price Bids of only the Bidders determined to be Responsive and meeting the Pre-Qualification Criteria and obtaining required Technical Score in accordance with Clause 6.2, 5.1 and 5.2 shall be opened in the presence of such of the Bidders and/or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.
- (iii) The Price Bids for Package 1 (Burapahar) shall be opened first, the Financial Score of each bidder based on its Service Fees for Package 1 shall be evaluated and preferred bidder will be finalized for Package-1. The price bid of the preferred bidder of package-1 shall not be opened for package-2. Thereafter, the Financial Score of other bidders based on their Service Fees for Package 2 shall be evaluated and preferred bidder will be finalized for Package-2.

- (iv) The time and date of opening of Price Bids shall be informed to the Bidders who are declared as Qualified Bidders pursuant to sub clause 6.2 (c) in advance. The Bidders' authorized representatives who may choose to remain present shall be required to sign and record their attendance. The name of Bidder, bid rates, etc. will be announced at such opening.
- (v) GMDC shall allot Financial Score to each eligible bid in accordance with the provision set forth in clause 5.4.

6.4. Composite Score

- (i) The Technical Score and Financial Score obtained by the Bidder shall be combined as per the formula provided in the clause 5.5.
- (ii) The Bidder achieving "Highest Composite Score" shall be generally declared as Preferred Bidder (the "Preferred Bidder") and considered for award after following the due process including negotiation.

6.5. Clarification of Bids and Request for additional/missing information

To facilitate evaluation of Bids, GMDC may, at its sole discretion, seek in writing clarifications / documents / missing information in writing from any Bidder regarding its Bid. If the response from the Bidder is not received by GMDC before the expiration of the deadline prescribed in the written request, GMDC reserves the right to proceed with evaluation process at the total risk and cost of the Bidder.

6.6. Verification and Disqualification

- (i) GMDC reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents submitted by the Bidder in response to the RFP and the Bidder shall, when so required by GMDC, make available all such information, evidence and documents as may be necessary for such verification. Any such verification or lack of such verification, by GMDC shall not relieve the Bidder of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of GMDC there under.
- (ii) GMDC reserves the right to reject any Bid if:
 - At any time, a material misrepresentation in terms of misleading or false representation is made or uncovered, or
 - Bidder is blacklisted/barred by any Government Agency.
 - In case of fraudulent Bid and the Bidder found to be involved in fraudulent and corrupt practice as per RFP Clause 8.
 - In case the Bidder has Conflict of Interest as per clause 9.
 - A Bidder makes an effort to influence Authority in its decisions on Evaluation process/Selection process.
 - While evaluating the Bid, if it comes to Authority's knowledge expressly or implied, that some Bidders may have compounded in any manner whatsoever or otherwise joined to form an alliance resulting in distorting competitive price discovery or delaying the processing of proposal.
 - Record of poor performance such as abandoning the work, rescinding of Contract for which the reasons are attributable to the non-performance of the Bidder, consistent history of litigation awarded against the applicant or financial failure due to bankruptcy.

- A bidder who submits or participates in more than one Bid under this RFP.

Such misrepresentation/ improper response/blacklisting/record of poor performance shall lead to the disqualification of the Bidder. If such disqualification / rejection occur after the Bids have been opened and the Preferred Bidder gets disqualified / rejected, then GMDC reserves the right to:

- a) Invite the remaining Bidders to submit their Bids or
 - b) Take any such measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of GMDC, including annulment of the Bidding Process.
- (iii) In case it is found during the evaluation of Bids or at any time before signing of the Contract or after its execution and during the period of subsistence thereof, that one or more of the prequalification criteria/ Technical Score Criteria /conditions have not been met by the Bidder, or the Bidder has made material misrepresentation or has given any materially incorrect or false information, the Bidder shall be disqualified forthwith if not yet appointed as the Service provider either by issue of the LOA or entering into of the Contract, and if the Successful Bidder has already been issued the LOA or has entered into the Contract, as the case may be, the same shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein or in this RFP, be liable to be terminated, by a communication in writing by GMDC to the Successful Bidder or the Service provider , as the case may be, without GMDC being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Successful Bidder or the Service provider. In such an event, GMDC shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the Performance Security, as the case may be, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to GMDC under the RFP and/or the Contract.

6.7. Contacts during Bid Evaluation

Bids shall be deemed to be under consideration immediately after they are opened and until such time GMDC makes official intimation of award/ rejection to the Bidders. While the Bids are under consideration, Bidders and/ or their representatives or other interested parties are advised to refrain, save and except as required under the Bidding Documents, from contacting by any means, GMDC and/ or their Service providers/ employees/representatives on matters related to the Bids under consideration.

6.8. Correspondence with Bidder

Save and except as provided in this RFP, GMDC shall not entertain any correspondence with any Bidder in relation to acceptance or rejection of any Bid.

6.9. Confidentiality

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and recommendation for the Bidders shall not be disclosed to any person who is not officially concerned with the process or is not a retained professional advisor advising GMDC in relation to, or matters arising out of, or concerning the Bidding Process. GMDC will treat all information submitted as part of the Bid, in confidence and will require all those who have access to such material to treat the same in confidence. GMDC may not divulge any such information unless it is directed to do so by any statutory entity that has the power under law to require its disclosure or is to enforce or assert any right or privilege of the statutory entity and/ or GMDC or as may be required by law or in connection with any legal process.

7. SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDER AND SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

7.1. Notification of Award

- (i) Prior to expiry of the Bid Validity Period, Authority shall notify the Preferred Bidder(s) as the Successful Bidders through letter that his/their Bid has/have been accepted (the "Successful Bidder(s)"). This letter ("Letter of Award"/ "LOA") shall be issued, in duplicate and shall specify the sum which GMDC shall pay to the Successful Bidder and sum that the Successful Bidder shall pay to Authority in consideration of Project scope as per the terms of Contract.
- (ii) Successful Bidder shall, within 7 (seven) days of the receipt of the LOA, sign and return the duplicate copy of the LOA in acknowledgement thereof. In the event the duplicate copy of the LOA duly signed by the Successful Bidder is not received by the stipulated date, GMDC may, unless it consents to extension of time for submission thereof, at its sole discretion, consider the next Eligible and Qualified Bidder.

7.2. Signing of Agreement

- (i) After acknowledgement of the LOA as aforesaid by the Successful Bidder, it shall cause the Successful Bidder, subject to furnishing the performance security as per the RFP provisions, to execute/sign the Agreement within the 15 (fifteen) days from the date of LOA (the "Execution Date"). The Successful Bidder shall not be entitled to seek any deviation, modification, or amendment in the Draft Agreement.
- (ii) The Draft copy of Agreement (the "Contract") is specified in Section V of this RFP.
- (iii) The Successful Bidder shall get correct amount of Stamp Duty adjudicated (Stamp Paper of INR 300 denominations can be used), at Ahmedabad in accordance with applicable law, and submit the same in two copies duly stamped and executed within thirty (30) days from the dispatch of Letter of Award. GMDC shall return one copy duly sealed and signed as a token of acceptance of the Contract. Stamp Duty, and any other charges as may be levied under applicable law, shall be paid by the Successful Bidder.
- (iv) After the signing of Agreement, the Successful Bidder shall call the "Service Provider".

7.3. Performance Security

- (i) The Successful Bidder shall furnish Performance Security to Authority for securing the due and faithful performance of its obligations under the Agreement, within 15 days from the LOA, in the form of Demand Draft or an unconditional and irrevocable bank guarantee (Annexure 12) for amount of equivalent to **10% (Ten percent) of Service Fees** (without GST) quoted for the Scope of Work payable to GMDC by the Successful Bidders (the "Performance Security") from Banks approved by Govt. of Gujarat (GOG) from time to time, except co-operative Banks. A list of banks approved by GOG up to 31st March 2026 is placed at Annexure-14 for reference. Such performance security shall be in favour of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd and admissible and payable at Ahmedabad branch from Approved Bank to Authority.

In case Bidder intends to provide Bank Guarantee then it should compulsorily provide e-Bank Guarantee Confirmation through ICICI Bank through SFMS¹ under our IFS Code: ICIC0000024 and UIC GMDC530265584 for Field 7037. Bank Name: ICICI BANK LTD

- (ii) The Service provider shall maintain a valid and binding Performance Security for a period of 03 months from the scheduled completion of agreement period. The Service provider shall ensure that the Performance Security shall subsist in full force and effect in terms hereof, throughout the

¹Structured Finance Messaging System (SFMS) is a RBI mandated Bank Guarantee Messaging System.

Agreement Period and thereafter until expiry of three months. In case Contract Period is extended then the Service provider shall have to renew Performance Security for a period as per the extended Contract Period.

- (iii) GMDC shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the amount of the Performance Security in whole or in part:
 - (a) in the event GMDC requires to recover any sum due and payable to it by the Service provider including but not limited to Damages; and which the Service provider has failed to pay in relation thereof; and
 - (b) In relation to Service provider's breach in accordance with the terms contained in the Agreement.
- (iv) At any time during the Validity Period, the Performance Security has either been partially or completely been encashed by GMDC in accordance with the provision of the Agreement. The Service provider shall within 15 (fifteen) days of such encashment either replenish, or provide a fresh performance security, as the case may be, failing which GMDC shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement.
- (v) At the end of the Contract Period, the Performance Security shall be returned to the Service provider without any interest, subject to any deductions which may be made by GMDC in respect of any outstanding dues under the terms of the Agreement.

7.4. Commencement of Work/Assignment

The Service provider shall commence the work within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of the LOA, or such other date as GMDC may permit (the "Commencement Date"). If the Service provider fails to either sign the Agreement as specified in Clause 7.2 or commence the assignment as specified herein, GMDC may invite the second ranked Bidder for negotiations. In such an event, the LOA or the Agreement, as the case may be, may be cancelled / terminated.

7.5. Proprietary Data

Subject to the provisions of Clause 6.9, all documents and other information provided by GMDC or submitted by Bidder to GMDC shall remain or become the property of GMDC. Bidder and the Service provider, as the case may be, are to treat all information as strictly confidential. GMDC will not return any Bid or any information related thereto. All information collected, analysed, processed or in whatever manner provided by the Service provider to GMDC in relation to the Assignment pursuant to TOR shall be the property of GMDC.

7.6. Tax Liability

- (i) The Service Fees quoted in Price Bid Annexure 11 shall be inclusive of all taxes, duties, surcharge Levies etc. as applicable ("Price Quote") except applicable Goods and Service Tax. Applicable GST at the time of invoicing shall be reimbursed by GMDC
- (ii) GMDC shall be entitled to deduct tax at source as may be applicable. The TDS certificate(s) shall be submitted as per the due date specified in the Income Tax Act.

8. FRAUD AND CORRUPT PRACTICES

- a) The Bidders and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the Bidding Process and subsequent to the issue of the LOA and during

- the subsistence of the Contract. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, or in the LOA or the Contract, GMDC may reject a Bid, withdraw the LOA, or terminate the Contract, without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder, if it determines that the Bidder or as the case may be, has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice in the Bidding Process. In case of cancellation of Contract, if already awarded, Authority shall be entitled to recover from the Bidder the amount of any loss arising from such cancellation in accordance with provisions of RFP Document. Recoverable loss would be limited to the value of the Contract.
- b) Without prejudice to the rights of GMDC under sub Clause (a) hereinabove and the rights and remedies which GMDC may have under the LOA or the Contract or otherwise if a Bidder or Service provider as the case may be, is found by GMDC to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice during the Bidding Process, or after the issue of the LOA or the execution of the Contract and/or otherwise, such Bidder or Service provider shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or RFP issued by GMDC during a period of 2 (two) years from the date such Bidder or Service provider as the case may be, is found by GMDC to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practices, as the case may be.
- c) For the purposes of this Clause 8, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:
- (i) **“corrupt practice”** means (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the actions of any person connected with the Bidding Process (for avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of GMDC who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly, with the Bidding Process or the LOA or has dealt with matters concerning the Contract or arising there from, before or
 - (ii) after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of GMDC, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the Bidding Process); or (ii) engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the Bidding Process or after the issue of the LOA or after the execution of the Contract, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Project or the LOA or the Contract or otherwise, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical adviser of GMDC in relation to any matter concerning the Project;
 - (iii) **“fraudulent practice”** means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or suppression of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the Bidding Process;
 - (iv) **“coercive practice”** means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any person or property to influence any person’s participation or action in the Bidding Process;
 - (v) **“undesirable practice”** means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by GMDC with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the Bidding Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and
 - (vi) **“Restrictive practice”** means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Bidders with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the Bidding Process.

9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a) The Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest that may affect the Selection Process or the Service (the "Conflict of Interest"). Any Bidder found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. In the event of disqualification, GMDC shall forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security, if available, or as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to GMDC for, inter alia, the time, cost and effort of GMDC including consideration of such Bidder's Proposal/Bid, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to GMDC hereunder or otherwise.
- b) GMDC requires that the Service provider provides professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold GMDC's interests paramount, avoid conflicts with other assignments or its own interests, and act without any consideration for future work. The Service provider shall not accept or engage in any assignment that would be in conflict with its prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place it in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interests of GMDC.
- c) Without limiting the generality of the above, shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the Selection Process, if the relationship between two Bidders is established through common holding, either directly or through Associates, of at least 26% holding of equity/profit sharing in another company/firm, or in each other and other terms as specified hereunder.
 - A. The Bidder, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof) and any other Bidder, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling ownership interest. Common controlling ownership interest for Company, Limited Liability Partnership Firm is defined as follows. Associates of the Bidding firm shall mean Parent and/or Subsidiary and/or sister concerned firm having meaning specified in **definition section**.
 - (1) **If Bidder is a Company:** In such case, the Bidder (including its Associate or any shareholder thereof of Bidder and/or its Associates) possessing over 26% of the paid up and subscribed capital in its own company or Associate as the case may be, also holds:
 - a) more than 26% of the paid up and subscribed equity capital in the other Bidder, its Member or Associate of such other Bidder or Associates is Company; and/or
 - b) More than 26% of profit sharing in other Bidder or Associates such other Bidder or Associates is a Limited Liability Partnership firm. and/or
 - (2) **If Bidder is a Limited Liability Partnership Firm:** In such case, the Bidder or its Partners or Associate having a profit sharing of more than 26% of such Bidder or its Partners or Associate as the case may be also holds;
 - a) more than 26% of the paid up and subscribed equity capital in the other Bidder or Associate of such other Bidder, its Member or Associates is Company; and/or
 - b) More than 26% of profit sharing in other Bidder or its Associates such other Bidder or its Associates is a Limited Liability Partnership firm. and/or
 - B. A constituent of such Bidders is also a constituent of another Bidders; or.
 - C. such Bidders receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy or grant from any other Bidder/s, or has provided any such subsidy to any other Bidders; or
 - D. such Bidder has the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid as any other Bidders; or
 - E. such Bidders has a relationship with another Bidders, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to each other's information about, or to influence the Bid of either or each of the other Bidders; or

- F. There is a conflict among this and other assignments of the Bidder (including its personnel and other members, if any) and any subsidiaries or entities controlled by such Bidder or having common controlling shareholders. The duties of the Service provider will depend on the circumstances of each case. While providing services to GMDC for this particular assignment, the Service provider shall not take up any assignment that by its nature will result in conflict with the present assignment; or
- G. Bidder shall furnish an affirmative statement as to the existence of, or potential for conflict of interest on the part of the Bidder or any prospective subcontractor due to prior, current contracts, engagements, or affiliations with Authority. Additionally, such disclosure shall address any and all potential elements (time frame for service delivery, resource, financial or other) that would adversely impact the ability of the Bidder to complete the requirements as given in the RFP.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) The Bidding Process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the Courts at Ahmedabad shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process.
- b) GMDC, in its sole discretion and without incurring any obligation or liability, reserves the right, at any time, to;
 - (i) Suspend and/ or cancel the Bidding Process and/ or amend and/ or supplement the Bidding Process or modify the dates or other terms and conditions relating thereto;
 - (ii) consult with any Bidder in order to receive clarification or further information;
 - (iii) retain any information and/ or evidence submitted to GMDC by, on behalf of, and/ or in relation to any Bidder; and/ or
 - (iv) Independently verify, disqualify, reject and/ or accept any and all submissions or other information and/ or evidence submitted by or on behalf of any Bidder.
- c) By submitting the Bid, the Bidder agrees and releases GMDC, its employees, agents and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/ or performance of any obligations hereunder, pursuant hereto and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process and waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, any and all rights and/ or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or in future.
- d) **No Partnership:** Nothing contained in the RFP shall be construed or interpreted as constituting a partnership between the Parties. Neither Party shall have any authority to bind the other in any manner whatsoever other than as per provisions laid out in this Agreement.
- e) The Service provider shall be deemed to be acting as an independent contractor of Authority and shall not be deemed an agent, legal representative, joint venture or partner of Authority. Neither party is authorized to bind the other to any obligation, affirmation or commitment with respect to any other person or entity.

SECTION IV: SERVICE FEES, PAYMENT TERMS AND SERVICE LEVELS

Authority hereby agrees to pay the Service Fees to the Service Provider for Scope of the Work /TOR specified in SECTION – II of the RFP and as per the Charges and payment terms specified hereunder.

1. Service Fees

- a) Authority/ GMDC will pay the Service Fees to the Service Provider for Scope of the Work /TOR specified in SECTION – II of the RFP at Agreed Prices specified hereunder as per the Payment Terms specified in clause 2 of this section IV.

Package	Scope Description	Time Period (a)	Total Service Fee Amount (INR)
1	Pre-feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Blocks (Odisha) (Package-1)	06 months	XYZ
or			
2	Pre-feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at EFG-Valia and Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat) (Package-2)	06 months	XYZ

The Bidders are permitted to quote Service Fees in Indian National Rupee (INR) only.

- b) The Service Fees quoted by Bidders shall be inclusive of all applicable taxes (except GST) but inclusive all taxes applicable in the Bidder's country of Origin. Further, the risk of applicability of any other taxes, duties and levies in foreign country of origin, shall be borne by the Service provider.
- c) The Service Fees quoted by Bidders represent remuneration of Bidder's staff, Travel expense, expense towards dine, hotel stay, office rents, conveyance, testing cost, process costs, material consumption for scoping study, cost towards packaging of samples, cost towards transportation of samples to designated locations, insurance, labour and taxes as specified in sub point b) hereinabove. The above quoted rates also represent hedging cost for foreign exchange fluctuation and any other expense as specified elsewhere in RFP to be incurred for executing the Terms of Reference.
- d) GMDC shall be entitled to deduct tax at source as may be applicable. The TDS certificate(s) shall be submitted as per the due date specified in the Income Tax Act of India.

Each Bidder must quote his rates after thorough reading of this RFP document and estimate his cost after thorough detailed due diligence of the site, statutory laws/regulations. **GMDC reserves right to seek any clarifications regarding price quoted from bidders before any decisions.**

2. Payment Terms

- a) Payment Currency and Foreign exchange fluctuation risk
- (i) The contract under this service will be an Indian National Rupees (INR) contract.
 - (ii) If the selected firm is an Indian entity, then the payment shall be made as per the payment milestone specified in sub clause mentioned hereunder by depositing the invoice amount in Service Provider's Bank account in Indian currency i.e., INR only.
 - (iii) If the selected firm is a foreign entity, then the payment shall be made as per the payment milestone specified in sub clause hereunder. In this case, it is assumed that any possible risk arising from depreciation in the foreign exchange rate is built into its Price Bid/ Contract Price. No additional payment for any variation in the currency exchange rate is available under the contract.

Payment currency: For foreign firms, the payment shall be made in Indian currency i.e. INR. The amount of Indian currency equal to corresponding USD amount shall be determined using the Reference Exchange Rate as on date of payment as benchmarked to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Reference rates for the day (published on <https://www.rbi.org.in> website).

Mode of Payment: The Foreign firm can exercise option of receiving payment from GMDC through either Direct Bank Transfer/Wire Transfer OR Letter of Credit (LC) arrangement. However, the foreign firm, at the time of bidding itself, shall exercise an option in writing, in favour of taking payments due against the payment milestone specified hereunder, through either Direct Bank Transfer/Wire Transfer OR Letter of Credit arrangement. The option so exercised shall be an integral part of the Bid proposal. The option once exercised shall be final and no change shall be permitted thereafter during the course of execution of Contract. In case the foreign firm exercised the option of receiving payments through LC arrangement then modalities for such arrangement shall be worked out during later stage. However, all incidental bank charges for such arrangement shall be borne by the Service provider. Further, the LC condition shall inter-alia provide that GMDC shall issue letter of authorisation against each bill/invoice which shall become basis for the payment to the Service provider.

- b) GMDC shall make payment of Service Fees to the Service Provider on achieving the milestones specified below.

Sl. No.	Milestones	Timeline from T	Payment Milestones (in terms of % of total service fees)
A.	Submission of Inception Report	T + 1 Months	20
B.	Submission of Draft pre-feasibility report	T + 3 Months	30
C.	Submission of Final Report after incorporating comments	T + 6 Months	50

- c) The Service Provider shall submit the invoice upon achieving the Milestones stated above.
- d) Authority/GMDC shall make payment within 15 days of submission of invoices upon verifying the deliverables and subject to deduction of any damages pursuant to Contract conditions and Service Levels).
- e) Applicable GST, over and above approved Service Fees, at the time of invoicing shall be reimbursed by GMDC. The risk of applicability of any taxes, duties and levies except GST, shall rest with the Service Provider.
- f) GMDC shall be entitled to deduct tax at source as may be applicable. The TDS certificate(s) shall be submitted as per the due date specified in the Income Tax Act.
- g) GMDC shall also reserves the right to renegotiate/withhold or deduct the amount/proportion of monthly payment in case of (i) non-deployment of key manpower and/ or (ii) other manpower not deployed exclusively for the project.

SECTION V: CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into on this the _____ day of _____, 20____

BETWEEN

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited, a company incorporated under Indian Companies act, 1956 and having its corporate office at Khanij Bhavan, 132-Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad- 380052 (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority/GMDC” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its administrators, successors and assigns) of ONE PART;

AND

_____, (i.e. Name of the Preferred Bidder) having its registered office at _____, hereunder referred to as the “**Service Provider**” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context include its successors and permitted assigns, of the OTHER PART.

GMDC and the Service provider are hereinafter individually referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

WHEREAS

- A. GMDC vide its Request for Proposal, dated _____ **DD/MM/YYYY** invited Bids from competent parties through transparent and competitive bidding process for “**Pre-feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) or EFG-Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)**” as per the terms specified in RFP and this Agreement (hereinafter called the “**Project / Assignment**”);
- B. Pursuant to the evaluation of the bids received, GMDC has accepted the bid of the Service provider dated _____ as per the terms and conditions specified in RFP documents, subsequent Addendum and terms specified in this Agreement and issued a Letter of Award (LOA) No. _____ dated _____ accepting the particular Bid Proposal.
- C. The Service Provider has accepted the LOA by its letter dated _____, requiring inter alia the execution of the Contract. GMDC hereby agrees to appoint the Service Provider for providing its Services towards “**Pre-feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) or EFG-Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)**” on the terms, conditions and covenants hereinafter 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 (GMDC and Service provider) **hereby agree as follows:**

The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Agreement:

This Agreement along with all Annexure/schedule hereto.

1. Request for Proposal document issued by GMDC in its entirety including all its parts/sections, annexure, corrigendum and Addendums thereto.
2. Letter of Acceptance (LOA) no. _____ issued on _____.
3. Terms of Reference provided in RFP SECTION II (which shall be placed as Schedule I in the Contract when it is executed)
4. Payment Terms provided in RFP SECTION IV (which shall be placed as Schedule II in the Contract when it is executed).
5. Service provider’s Key Personnel specified in Schedule ____
6. Joint Deed of Undertaking (in case of collaboration/ consortium)

7. Any relevant correspondence between the two parties that the signatories have agreed to include as part of the Contract for validating and clarifying any points in the Contract or by way of revised or improved understanding of any terms of the Contract as appended herein.

While all above documents are deemed to be part of the Agreement, in the event of any discrepancy / conflict in the terms of the above referred documents or interpretation thereof, the provisions of the more recent document, date wise, shall prevail over the older document.

1. GENERAL

1.1. Definition and Interpretation

- 1.1. In this Agreement, the following words and expressions shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, have the meaning hereinafter respectively ascribed to them hereunder:
- a. **“Applicable Law”** means all the laws, acts, ordinances, rules, regulations, notifications, guidelines or bye-laws, in force and effect, as of the date hereof and which may be promulgated or brought into force and effect hereinafter in India, including judgments, decrees, injunctions, writs or orders of any court of record, as may be in force and effect during the subsistence of this Contract, including without limitation those laws/regulations applicable to the Project;
 - b. **“Applicable Clearances”** means all clearances, permits, no-objection certifications, exemptions, authorisations, consents and approvals required to be obtained or maintained under Applicable Law, in connection with the Project during the subsistence of this Agreement.
 - c. **“Authority”** or **“GMDC”** means the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited [including without limitation its authorized representatives];
 - d. **“Consultant/Service provider”** means any private or public entity selected to provide the Services to GMDC under this Contract.
 - e. **“Contract”** means this Agreement signed by the Parties and all the attached documents listed in Preliminary and the Annexures/schedules.
 - f. **“Contract Period”/“ Agreement Period”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 2.4
 - g. **“Day”** means calendar day.
 - h. **“Dispute”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 9
 - i. **“Effective Date”** shall have meaning specified in clause 2.1.
 - j. **“Force Majeure”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 2.6.1.
 - k. **“Insurance”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 3.9.
 - l. **“Material Breach”** means breach serious enough to destroy the value of this Agreement and to give a basis for an action for breach of Agreement.
 - m. **“Party”** means the “Authority” or the Service provider, as the case may be, and **“Parties”** means both of them.
 - n. **“Performance Security”** shall have a meaning specified in clause 7.3
 - o. **“Personnel”** means professionals and support staff provided by the Service provider and assigned to perform the Services or any part thereof;
 - p. **“Services”/ “Scope of Services/Terms of Reference (TOR)”** means the work to be performed by the Service provider pursuant to this Contract, as described in RFP SECTION II;
 - q. **“sub Service providers”** means any person or entity to whom/which the Service provider

subcontracts any part of the Services. Sub-contracting of entire ToR is not permitted. However, for any specific technical matter requiring advice/inputs from experts or specific agencies, the Service provider may engage sub-Service provider under intimation to Authority. Sub-contracting does not absolve the Service provider from its obligations provided in this Agreement.

- r. **“Terms of Reference”** (“TOR”) are the description of scope of Service to be performed by the Service provider. Detailed TOR is specified in RFP SECTION II;
- s. **“Third Party”** means any person or entity other than the “Authority”, or the Service provider.

1.2. Principles of Interpretation

- a. The table of contents, numbers, headings and marginal headings in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of facilitating reference and shall not impact the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.
- b. Words importing Persons or Parties shall include firms, companies, corporations, trusts, associations and any organizations, having legal capacity to sue and be sued in their names.
- c. Words importing the singular also include the plural and vice versa where the context requires.
- d. Words importing one gender also include the other gender.
- e. In case of ambiguities or discrepancies in this Agreement, the following shall apply:
 - (i) Between the Articles and the Schedules, the Articles shall prevail;
 - (ii) Between any value written in numerals and that in words, the latter shall prevail.

1.3. Relationship between Parties

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relation of master and servant or of agent and principal as between GMDC and the Service Provider. The Service Provider shall, subject to this Agreement, have complete charge of Personnel performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

1.4. Rights and Obligations

The mutual rights and obligations of GMDC and the Service Provider shall be as set forth in the Agreement, in particular:

- a) the Service provider shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement; and
- b) GMDC shall make payments to the Service Provider in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

1.5. 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 Ahmedabad, India shall have exclusive jurisdiction over matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

1.6. Language

All notices required to be given by one Party to the other Party and all other communications, documentation, amendments and proceedings which are in any way relevant to this Agreement shall be in writing and in English language.

1.7. Table of Content and Heading

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.

1.8. Notices

Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, telex, telegram or facsimile to such Party at the address specified hereunder.

If to Authority;

RFP Issuing Authority: _____ (To be inserted)

Email: _____ (To be inserted)

Address: Khanij Bhavan, 132 ft Ring road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad

Land Lines: 079-27912443

Board Lines: 079-27913501, 079-27913200

If to Consultant/ Service Provider.

1.9. Location

The Services shall be performed at GMDC Corporate office Ahmedabad and at such locations as are incidental thereto, including the offices of the Service provider.

1.10. Authorised Representative

- a) Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the "Authority" or the Service Provider may be taken or executed by the officials specified hereunder.
- b) GMDC may, from time to time, designate one of its officials as GMDC Representative. Unless otherwise notified, GMDC Representative shall be General Manager (PP&D), GMDC Ltd.
- c) The Service Provider may designate one of its employees as Service Provider's Representative. Unless otherwise notified, the Service Provider's Representative shall be: -----

2. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

2.1. Effectiveness of Agreement

This Agreement shall come into force and effect on the date of this Agreement (the “Effective Date”). The agreement shall be signed within fifteen (15) days of placement of LOA.

2.2. Commencement of Services

The Service Provider shall commence the Services within a period of 15 (fifteen) days of placement of LOA, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties (the “Commencement Date”).

2.3. Termination of Agreement for failure to commence Services

If the Service Provider does not commence the Services within the period specified in Clause 2.2 above without valid reasons, GMDC may, by not less than 1 (one) weeks’ notice to the Service Provider, declare this Agreement to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration, this Agreement shall stand terminated and the Service Provider shall be deemed to have accepted such termination.

2.4. Contract Period

- a) Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clauses 2.3 hereof, this Agreement shall, unless extended by the Parties by mutual consent as per the sub clause (b) hereunder, the Agreement shall remain in force for a period of **06 months** from the Commencement Date (**DD/MM/YYYY**).
- b) In the event of work relating to the Service Provider TOR is not completed for reasons not attributable to the Service Provider within the Contract Period stated in sub clause a) herein above, then the period can be suitably extended on mutually agreeable period of Authority and Service Provider within the same Service Fees.

2.5. Modification of Agreement

Modification of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including any modification of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. However, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification made by the other Party.

2.6. Force Majeure

2.6.1. Definition

- a) For the purposes of this Agreement, “Force Majeure” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, and which makes a Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances, and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, pandemic, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by government agencies.
- b) Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party’s Sub-Service provider or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both (A) take into account at the

time of the conclusion of this Agreement, and (B) avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.

- c) Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

2.6.2. No Breach of Agreement

The failure of a Party to fulfil any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Agreement insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2.6.3. Measures to be taken.

- a) A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfil its obligations hereunder with a minimum of delay.
- b) A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 14 (fourteen) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.
- c) The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

2.6.4. Extension of Time

Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Agreement, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

2.6.5. Payments

During the period of its inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Service Provider shall be entitled to be reimbursed for payment due up to the Services Delivered as per work completion Milestone provided in RFP Section IV.

2.6.6. Consultation

Not later than 30 (thirty) days after the Service Provider has, as the result of an event of Force Majeure, become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures to be taken in the circumstances.

2.7. Suspension of Agreement

GMDC may, by written notice of suspension to the Service Provider, suspend all payments to the Service Provider hereunder if the Service Provider shall be in breach of this Agreement or shall fail to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, due to the reasons within the control of the Service Provider, including the carrying out of the Services; provided that such notice of

suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the breach or failure, and (ii) shall provide an opportunity to the Service provider to remedy such breach or failure within a period not exceeding 15 (fifteen) days after receipt by the Service provider of such notice of suspension.

2.8. Termination of Agreement

2.8.1. Termination by Authority

GMDC may, by not less than 30 (thirty) days' written notice of termination to the Service Provider, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in this Clause 2.8.1, terminate this Agreement if:

- a) If the Service Provider fails to furnish Performance Security as per the terms of the agreement.
- b) the Service Provider fails to remedy any breach hereof or any failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of such notice of breach or within such further period as GMDC may have subsequently granted in writing;
- c) the Service Provider becomes insolvent or bankrupt or enters into any agreement with its creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or goes into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;
- d) Any representation made or warranties given by the Service Provider under this Agreement is found to be false or misleading;
- e) If the Service Provider fails to make any payments/damages/penalties due to Authority within the period specified in this Agreement or extended period as mutually agreed by the Parties without any valid reason.
- f) the Service Provider fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of Dispute Resolution Procedure pursuant to Clause 9 hereof;
- g) the Service Provider submits to GMDC a statement which has a material effect on the rights, obligations or interests of GMDC and which the Service provider knows to be false;
- h) any document, information, data or statement submitted by the Service Provider in its Proposals, based on which the Service Provider was considered eligible or successful, is found to be false, incorrect or misleading;
- i) as the result of Force Majeure, the Service provider is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than 60 (sixty) days; or

2.8.2. By Service Provider

The Service Provider may, by not less than 30 (thirty) days' written notice to GMDC, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in this Clause 2.8.2, terminate this Agreement if:

- a) GMDC fails to pay any amount due to the Service provider pursuant to this Agreement and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clause 9 hereof within 45 (forty-five) days after receiving written notice from the Service Provider that such payment is overdue;
- b) GMDC is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement and has not remedied the same within 30 (thirty) days (or such longer period as the Service Provider may have subsequently granted in writing) following the receipt by GMDC of the Service provider's notice specifying such breach;
- c) as the result of Force Majeure, the Service Provider is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than 60 (sixty) days; or

- d) GMDC fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause 9 hereof.

2.8.3. Cessation of rights and obligations

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to provisions hereof, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, or which expressly survives such Termination; (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause 3.2.3 hereof; (iii) any right or remedy which a Party may have under this Agreement or the Applicable Laws.

2.8.4. Payment upon Termination

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to hereof, GMDC shall make the payments to the Service Provider as per provision set forth in RFP part IV hereof for Services performed prior to the date of termination. In case of incomplete milestone during such Termination, the payment for such incomplete milestone shall not be made.

2.8.5. Disputes about Events of Termination

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in Clauses 2.7.1 or 2.7.2 hereof has occurred, such Party may, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of notice of termination from the other Party, refer the matter to arbitration pursuant to Clause 9 hereof, and this Agreement shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER

3.1. General

3.1.1. Standard of Performance

The Service Provider shall perform the Services and carry out their obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Service Provider shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful advisers to GMDC, and shall at all times support and safeguard GMDC's legitimate interests in any dealings with Sub-Service providers or Third Parties.

3.1.2. Terms of Reference

The scope of Services to be performed by the Service provider is specified in the Terms of Reference (the "TOR") at RFP SECTION II. The Service provider shall provide the Deliverables specified therein in conformity with the time schedule stated therein. Additionally, the Service provider shall provide monthly progress report to GMDC during the Contract Period. All services shall be performed in confirmation with applicable laws.

3.2. Conflict of Interest

The Service provider shall not have a Conflict of Interest and any breach hereof shall constitute a breach of the Agreement.

3.2.1. Service providers not to Benefit from Commission, Discounts etc.

The remuneration of the Service providers pursuant to Payment Terms specified in RFP SECTION IV hereof shall constitute the Service provider's sole remuneration in connection with this Contract or the Services and, the Service providers shall not accept for their own benefit any

trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations hereunder, and the Service Provider shall use their best efforts to ensure that any Sub-Service provider/ Sub Consultant, as well as Personnel and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

3.2.2. Service providers and Affiliates not to engage in Certain Activities

The Service Provider shall hold the GMDC's interest paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their corporate interests.

The clause shall not prohibit the Service Provider to serve competing clients and clients with potentially conflicting interests as well as counter-parties in merger, acquisition and alliance opportunities. However, in such cases the Service Provider agrees to a professional responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of Client information.

3.2.3. Confidentiality

- (i) The Service Provider, their Sub-Service providers/ Sub consultant and the Personnel of either of them shall not, either during the term or after the expiration of this Contract, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Project, the Services, this Contract or GMDC's business or operations without the prior written consent of GMDC, provided however that this clause shall not apply to any information (a) which already forms part of the public domain; or (b) which is received from a third party; or (c) which is independently developed; (d) which is required to be submitted to any regulatory, statutory or governmental authority; (e) information related to project's scope which the Service Provider can share as the credential of the Service Provider in future after the 1 (one) year beyond the Contract period.
- (ii) Service Provider's work for GMDC is confidential and for the GMDC's internal use only. Service Provider will not disclose the deliverables to any third parties without the GMDC's prior written permission. If necessitated GMDC shall sign Non-Disclosure Agreement with the Service Provider.
- (iii) GMDC acknowledges that Deliverables are solely for its internal use and it may use the same internally. GMDC will not disclose the Deliverables or make the Deliverables available for use by any third party without the prior written consent of Service Provider and such third-party first signing Service Provider's standard form of non-reliance letter. Any disclosure of Deliverables to potential investor and JV partners can be made without consent of Service Provider and without signing Service Provider's standard form of non-reliance letter as long as the same is shared without attribution to the Service Provider. Such restriction will not apply for disclosure of Deliverables under any mandatory disclosure required under law or for GMDC's internal decision making in relation to this project to the Ministries and Government stakeholders under Government of India ("Permitted Disclosure"). GMDC agrees that Permitted Discourse of the final Deliverables will be as is, along with standard Service Providers disclaimer for them to use the final Deliverables only and solely for initial intended purpose. Further, GMDC agrees that it will not share the Service Provider's name directly or in any substantive manner for any investment purpose, in any legal document such as prospectus, proxy statement, offering memorandum or similar document or material prepared unless required by law and without the pre-consent of the Service Provider. GMDC agrees that Service Provider will not be responsible for any losses incurred by GMDC or any third party as a result of or in connection with usage of Service Provider 's name or reliance on the Deliverables as a result of Disclosure to a third-party or as a result of or in connection with Permitted Disclosure. Further, as provided in this clause, if any disclosure needs to be made by GMDC under law, then it shall inform the Service Provider about the same.

3.3. Liability of the Service Provider

- 3.3.1.** The Service Provider's liability under this Agreement shall be determined by the Applicable Laws and the provisions hereof.
- 3.3.2.** The Service Provider shall, subject to the limitation specified in Clause 7.2.1, be liable to GMDC for any direct loss or damage accrued or likely to accrue due to deficiency in Services rendered by it.
- 3.3.3.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the aggregate maximum liability of the Service provider under this Contract shall not exceed the Contract Value/ Total Service Fees subject to that this cap shall not apply to damages specified in clause 7.1 and 7.2.
- 3.3.4.** The Services in this assignment shall not be deemed investment, legal, regulatory, tax, accounting or other regulated advice. Service Provider does not supplant the Client's management or other decision-making bodies. While the Service Provider does not guarantee results, it agrees to make the best efforts to achieve the same. GMDC remains solely responsible for its decisions, actions, use of the Deliverables and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Neither party shall be responsible for any lost profits. Beyond the limits of liability set in the Agreement, neither party will be liable for any indirect, consequential, incidental, punitive or special damage.

3.4. Accounting, Inspection and Auditing

The Service Provider shall keep accurate and systematic accounts and records of the work performed by it under the Contract including details of all invoices raised and payments received and shall make the same available to GMDC as and when requested by GMDC. Any such inspection shall be subject to prior notice and conducted within reasonable office hours and limited to working papers and files relating to the assignment. Nothing herein shall obligate the Service Provider to disclose to Authority any documents or other material relating to the profitability or internal profit and loss/balance sheets associated with Service Provider's business, payroll information, or information or material that constitute, in the opinion of Service Provider's legal counsel, legally privileged documents or information that Service Provider is bound to maintain as confidential by written obligation to a third party.

3.5. Service Provider's Actions requiring Authority's prior Approval

The Service Provider shall obtain GMDC's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following actions:

- (i) Appointing such members of the Personnel as specified in Scope of Services not proposed as part of its Proposal;
- (ii) Entering into a subcontract for the performance of the Services as per the provision of RFP.
- (iii) Any other action that may be specified by GMDC during the course of this Contract.

3.6. Reporting Obligations

The Service Provider shall submit to GMDC the reports and documents specified in TOR specified in RFP SECTION II, within the time periods set forth in the said Clause. Additionally, the Service Provider shall also submit monthly progress report.

3.7. Documents Prepared by the Service providers to be the Property of GMDC

- (i) All final version of plans, drawings, specifications, designs, documents, reports, frameworks, software, databases, content, presentations and documents prepared by the Service Provider solely in performing the Services under this Contract (“Deliverables”) shall become and remain the property of GMDC, and Service Provider shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to GMDC, together with a detailed inventory thereof.
- (ii) Any pre-existing Intellectual Property Right (IPR) developed by the Service Provider independent of the Contract, including know-how, questionnaires, assessments, modules, courses, frameworks, software, algorithms, databases, content, models, industry perspectives, designs, etc. (“Consultant Tools”), for which the Service Provider at the time of signing of this Agreement has a legal right, or otherwise, if it does not have a legal right, which would meet the commonly used tests and criteria for IPR identification will be and remain owned by the Service Provider including any and all derivative works, modifications or enhancements of the same made before, during, and after the Contract. To the extent the Deliverables under this Contract include any Service Provider Tools, the Service Provider hereby grants GMDC a nonexclusive, non-transferable, non-sub licensable, worldwide, royalty-free license to use Service Provider Tools solely as part of the Deliverables. GMDC agrees that, without Service Provider’s prior written permission, it will not or permit any third party to (a) access, copy or reverse engineer any Service Provider Tool or Deliverable, or (b) remove or circumvent security or technological safeguards, including notices, digital protection mechanisms, metadata, watermarks, or disclaimers provided with any Service Provider or Deliverable.

3.8. Documents and Materials Furnished by GMDC

Documents and materials made available to the Service Provider by GMDC shall be the property of GMDC and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Service Provider shall make available to GMDC an inventory of such documents and materials and shall dispose of such equipment and materials in accordance with GMDC's instructions.

3.9. Accuracy of Documents

- (i) The Service Provider shall be responsible for accuracy of the documents drafted and/ or vetted and data collected by it directly or procured from other agencies/authorities, estimates and all other details prepared by it as part of these services. The Service Provider shall also be responsible for promptly correcting inaccuracies/ errors / any negligence or inadequate due diligence on part of the Service Provider, at its own cost and risk, the documents including any re-survey / investigations.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything, the Service Provider will have no obligation to independently verify information provided by GMDC or their Service providers.
- (iii) Authority acknowledges and agrees that Service Provider shall not provide professional legal, accounting, or tax advice. However, the Service Provider agrees to peruse and assess the legal and regulatory provisions and framework in so far as they are required to carry out the Scope of Work/TOR. This will include perusal, if so, required of contracts entered into by GMDC with its vendors and partners.
- (iv) The Service Provider makes no representations or warranties of any kind with respect to third-party material. Any warranties, obligations and liabilities, and GMDC’s remedies, in each case with respect to third-party material, are limited to whatever recourse may be available in the applicable third-party agreement and Consultant shall have no liability with respect to such third-party material.

3.10. Insurance to be taken out by the Service Provider

- (i) The Service Provider shall procure and maintain, at its own cost, Professional Liability Insurance or other appropriate insurance required as per the Good Industry Practice or Service Provider's own standard practices during the Contract Period (the "Insurance"). At the Authority's request, the Service Provider shall provide evidence of insurance covers or a certificate of all insurances maintained on request of Authority.
- (ii) The Service Provider shall indemnify GMDC for any liability pertaining to loss of any life, health, accidents, travel and any other losses to its personnel including sub-Service provider/specialist deployed by the Service Provider as well as assets deployed to perform its scope of work specified under this Contract.
- (iii) The Authority undertakes no responsibility in respect of any life, health, accident, travel and other insurance which may be necessary or desirable for the Personnel of the Service Provider or its sub-contractors / sub-Service providers / specialists associated with the Service Provider for the purposes of the Services, nor for any member of any such person.

3.11. Indemnity

- (i) The Service Provider shall indemnify GMDC for any liability pertaining to loss of any life, health, accidents, travel and any other losses to its personnel including sub-Service provider/specialist employed by the Service Provider to perform scope of work specified under this Contract or any asset /equipment deployed by the Service Provider for execution of the scope.
- (ii) The Service Provider shall indemnify GMDC and hold it harmless from against all claims, liability, loss including third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark or industrial design rights arising from use of the Goods any part thereof and /or loss, damage or expense including counsel/legal fees arising from or by reasons of an action or claimed trademark, patents or copyright infringements or any litigation based thereon with respect to any part of the execution of scope.
- (iii) The Authority undertakes no responsibility in respect of any life, health, accident, travel and other insurance which may be necessary or desirable for the Personnel of the Service Provider or its sub-consultants / sub-Service Providers / specialists associated with the Service Provider for the purposes of the Services, nor for any member of any such person.

4. SERVICE PROVIDER'S PERSONNEL

- a) The Service Provider shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel as specified in clause 5.2 (i.e. Technical Marking System) of SECTION III of this RFP and as may be required to carry out the Services.
- b) GMDC expects all the Key Personnel i.e. _____ **(Insert position as per the Technical Marking System clause 5.2)** etc. as specified in the Proposal to be available during the implementation of the Agreement. Above is a minimum list. Additional resources may be presented in support roles but cannot be a substitute for the named resources, while bidding or during the execution of the agreement. Additional resources may be deployed in support roles but cannot be a substitute for the named resources, during the execution of the Agreement. The Consultant/ Service Provider shall deploy additional resources if it is required to perform Scope of Services. The OMC shall be brought in subject matter experts for a meeting/ consultation with GMDC management and executing the Scope of work as and when need for their advice/ services needed.

- c) GMDC will not consider any substitution of Key Personnel except under compelling circumstances beyond the control of the Service provider. No substitution of key personnel shall be entertained. In case of compelling circumstances beyond the control of the Service provider, substitution of the key personnel shall be subject to equally or better qualified and experienced personnel being provided to the satisfaction of GMDC.
- d) If the Service Provider hereafter proposes to engage any person as Professional Personnel, it shall submit to GMDC its proposal along with a CV of such person in the form provided at Annexure of the RFP. GMDC may approve or reject such proposal within 14 (fourteen) days of receipt thereof. In case the proposal is rejected, the Service provider may propose an alternative person for GMDC's consideration. In the event GMDC does not reject a proposal within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of receipt thereof under this, it shall be deemed to have been approved by GMDC.
- e) The working hours and leaves of the Personnel will be as per the company policies of the Service Provider.
- f) The person designated as the Team Leader/ Project Manager of the Service Provider's Personnel as specified in Technical Marking System shall be responsible for the coordinated, timely and efficient functioning of the Personnel. In addition, Project Manager as specified in Technical Marking System shall act as Project Manager (the "Project Manager") who shall be responsible for day-to-day performance of the Services for the Scope.
- g) The Service Provider is required to deploy all personnel for this assignment. The Service Provider shall deploy additional resources if it is required to perform Scope of Services specified in this RFP.
- h) The sub-contracting of entire TOR by the Service Provider is not permitted. However, for any specific technical matter requiring advice/inputs from experts or specific agencies, the Service Provider may engage sub-Service Providers / sub consultant under intimation to Authority/ GMDC. Sub-contracting does not absolve the Service Provider from its obligations provided in this Agreement.

5. OBLIGATIONS OF GMDC

5.1. Assistance in clearance

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, GMDC shall make best efforts to ensure that GMDC shall:

- a) provide the Service Provider and its Personnel with work permits and such other documents as may be necessary to enable the Service Provider or its Personnel to perform the Services;
- b) Issue to officials, agents and representatives of GMDC all such instructions as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.

5.2. Payment

In consideration of the Services performed by the Service Provider under this Agreement, GMDC shall make to the Service Provider such payments and in such manner as is provided in Clause 6 of this Agreement.

5.3. Documents and Other Support

GMDC shall provide all necessary information/documents/data subject to internal and external confidential requirements. If necessary, a Non – disclosure Agreement will be signed. GMDC shall provide support in terms of followings;

- a) All study Reports and Documents pertaining to GMDC projects as available with GMDC.

- b) Facilitating Site visits (at no transportation cost to GMDC) and meetings with relevant stakeholders
- c) Provide any other information that may be required in connection with the assignment.
- d) Assign a dedicated team to collaborate on the project, ensuring the provision of necessary resources, data, and expertise from GMDC as required and also during the preparation of the Pre-Feasibility Report.

The supports as defined above are non-exhaustive and the parties will jointly decide the contours at such later stage post selection of the Partner Agency.

6. PAYMENT TO THE SERVICE PROVIDER

Authority shall make payment to Service Provider as per the terms specified in SECTION IV of RFP.

7. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND PENALTY

7.1. Performance Security

- (a) For securing the due and faithful performance of the obligations of the Service Provider under this agreement, during the Agreement Period, the Service Provider, has in terms of the RFP and letter of award furnished to GMDC the required Performance Security dated _____ of amount _____ drawn in favour of “_____” from _____ Bank in the form of Bank Guarantee/DD and valid till _____ and admissible and payable at Ahmedabad branch, the receipt & veracity of which, is hereby acknowledged by GMDC (the “Performance Security”).
- (b) The Service Provider shall maintain a valid and binding Performance Security for a period of three months after the expiry of the Contract Period (“Validity Period”). The Service Provider shall ensure that the Performance Security shall subsist in full force and effect in terms hereof, throughout the Contract Period and thereafter until expiry of three months from end of Contract Period. In case Contract Period is extended then the Service Provider shall have to renew Performance Security for a period of extended Contract Period.
- (c) GMDC shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the amount of the Performance Security in whole or in part:
 - (i) In the event GMDC requires to recover any sum due and payable to it by the Service Provider, including but not limited to Damages; and which the Service Provider has failed to pay in relation thereof; and
 - (ii) In the event of the Service Provider’s breach of its obligations and if such breach is not cured with the remedial period as per the terms of the Agreement.
 - (iii) If the Service Provider fails to purchase, renew and maintain in full force and effect, any or all of the insurances required under the Contract as per provisions of this Agreement.
- (d) Upon such encashment and appropriation from the Performance Security, the Service Provider shall, within 15 (fifteen) days replenish, in case of partial appropriation, to its original level the Performance Security and in case of appropriation of entire Performance Security to provide a fresh Performance Security and the Service Provider shall, within the time so granted replenish or furnish to GMDC a fresh Performance Security as aforesaid, failing which the same shall constitute a Service Provider’s breach and entitle Authority to terminate this Contract in terms hereof.
- (e) On the performance and completion of the Contract by expiry of its term in all respects the Performance Security shall be returned to the Service provider without any interest, provided the

Service Provider is not in default of the terms hereof and there are no outstanding dues of GMDC with the Service provider.

7.2. Liquidated Damages

7.2.1. Liquidated Damages for error/variation/ Deficiencies in work

In case any error or variation is detected in the reports submitted by the Service Provider and such error or variation is the result of negligence or lack of due diligence on the part of the Service Provider, the consequential damages thereof shall be quantified by GMDC in a reasonable manner and recovered from the Service Provider by way of deemed liquidated damages, subject to a maximum of the 10% of Agreement Value/Contract Price/Total Service Fees for the Project. In such case the liability of the Service Provider shall be limited to undertaking rectification of errors / rectification of deficiencies or undertaking re -survey at its own costs.

7.2.2. Liquidated Damages for delay

In case of delay solely attributable to the Service Provider in completion of milestone as specified in TOR, liquidated damages not exceeding an amount equal to 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Milestone Value per day, subject to a maximum of 10% (ten per cent) of the Agreement Value shall be imposed and shall be recovered by appropriation from the Performance Security or otherwise. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the Service Provider or reasons not attributable to the Service Provider, suitable extension of time shall be granted and no liquidated damages shall be levied.

7.2.3. Encashment and appropriation of Performance Security

GMDC shall have the right to invoke and appropriate the proceeds of the Performance Security, in whole or in part, without notice to the Service Provider in the event of breach of this Agreement or for recovery of liquidated damages specified in this Clause 7.2.

7.2.4. In order to be able to perform the Services within the agreed timeframe and budget and to fulfil its responsibilities on a timely basis, Service Provider will rely on the GMDC's timely cooperation, including the GMDC making available relevant data, information and personnel, performing any tasks or responsibilities assigned to the GMDC and the GMDC notifying Service Provider of any issues or concerns the GMDC may have relating to the Services. During the course of the Services, priorities may shift, or unexpected events may occur which may necessitate changes to the Services. In this event, the parties will jointly discuss the anticipated impact on the Services and agree on any appropriate adjustments, including to the scope of work, timeframe and budget.

7.3. Penalty for Deficiency in Services

- (i) In addition to the liquidated damages not amounting to penalty, as specified in Clause 7.2, warning may be issued to the Service Provider for minor deficiencies on its part. In the case of significant deficiencies in Services causing adverse effect on the Project or on the reputation of GMDC and such deficiencies not cured within the reasonable cure period granted by the Authority then Authority may initiate penal actions as permitted under law.
- (ii) In order to be able to perform the Services within the agreed timeframe and budget and to fulfil its responsibilities on a timely basis, Service Provider will rely on the GMDC's timely cooperation, including the GMDC making available relevant data, information and personnel, performing any tasks or responsibilities assigned to the GMDC and the GMDC notifying Service Provider of any issues or concerns the GMDC may have relating to the Services. During the course of the Services, priorities may shift, or unexpected events may occur which may necessitate changes to the

Services. In this event, the parties will jointly discuss the anticipated impact on the Services and agree on any appropriate adjustments, including to the scope of work, timeframe and budget.

8. FAIRNESS AND GOOD FAITH

8.1. Good Faith

The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Agreement and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Agreement.

8.2. Operation of Agreement

The Parties recognize that it is impractical in this Agreement to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life of the Agreement, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this Agreement shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them, and that, if during the term of this Agreement either Party believes that this Agreement is operating unfairly, the Parties will use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but failure to agree on any action pursuant to this Clause 8.2 shall not give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with Clause 9 hereof.

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

9.1. Amicable Solution

- (a) Save where expressly stated otherwise in this Agreement, any dispute, difference or controversy of whatever nature howsoever arising under, out of or in relation to the Agreement including incompleteness of the Services/ TOR /Payment between the Parties and so notified in writing by either Party to the other (the "Dispute") in the first instance shall be attempted to be resolved amicably by GMDC and Service Provider in accordance with the procedure set forth in sub-article (b) below.
- (b) Either Party may require the Dispute to be referred to committee of two senior executives of each GMDC and the Service Provider, for the time being for amicable settlement. Upon such reference, the committee shall meet at the earliest mutual convenience and in any event within 15 days of such reference to discuss and attempt to amicably resolve the Dispute. If the Dispute is not amicably settled within 15 (fifteen) days of such meeting between the two, either Party may refer the Dispute to an independent Dispute Review Expert (also referred to as adjudicator) who may be an impartial person of experience in legal / dispute matters and both parties mutually select Dispute Review Expert.
- (c) Dispute Review Expert shall give a decision in writing within 28 days of receipt of Notification of the Dispute. Reimbursable expense pertaining to Dispute Review Expert shall be divided equally between GMDC and the Service Provider. Either Party may refer a decision of the Dispute Review Expert to the Arbitrators within 28 days of Dispute Review Experts written Decision as per the agreement. If neither party refers the dispute to the Arbitration within the next 28 days, the decision of Dispute Review Expert will be final and binding.

9.2. Arbitration

(a) Arbitrators

Any Dispute/questions/differences whatsoever, which may at any time arises between the parties to this Contract or any matter arising out of or in relation thereto and which is not resolved

amicably as provided in Clause 9.1 shall be finally settled by binding Arbitration under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The Dispute shall be referred for the fast-track Arbitration to sole Arbitrator as per the provisions of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and subsequent amendment thereto (clause 29B of said act).

(b) Place of Arbitration

The place of arbitration shall be Ahmedabad. The Language of the Arbitration shall be in English only.

(c) Procedure

The procedure to be followed within the arbitration, including appointment of arbitrator / arbitral tribunal, the rules of evidence which are to apply shall be in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

(d) Enforcement of Award

Any decision or award resulting from arbitration shall be final and binding upon the Parties. The Parties hereto hereby waive, to the extent permitted by law, any rights to appeal or to review of such award by any court or tribunal. The Parties hereto agree that the arbitral award may be enforced against the Parties to the arbitration proceeding or their assets wherever they may be found and that a judgment upon the arbitral award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction in Ahmedabad only.

(e) Fees and Expenses

The fees and expenses of the arbitrators and all other expenses of the arbitration shall be initially borne and paid by respective Parties subject to determination by the arbitrators. The arbitrators may provide in the arbitral award for the reimbursement to the prevailing party of its costs and expenses in bringing or defending the arbitration claim, including legal fees and expenses incurred by Party.

9.3. Performance during Dispute Resolution

Pending the submission of and/or decision on a Dispute, difference or claim or until the amicable solution or arbitral award is published; the Parties shall continue to perform all of their obligations under this Agreement without prejudice to a final adjustment in accordance with such solution or award.

SECTION VI: ANNEXURE

Annexure 1: Letter of Bid Submission

{On letterhead of the Bidder}

Dated:

To,

Mr. Swagat Ray,

General Manager (PP&D)

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited

Khanij Bhavan, 132-Ring Road,

Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur,

Ahmedabad- 380052.

Gujarat, India

Subject: RFP for Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for "Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat) in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated **DD/MM/YYYY** and our Bid. We are hereby submitting our Bid, which includes this Technical Bid, and a Price Bid as follows.

Physical submission of: Technical Bid- Pre-Qualification and Qualification documents.

Physical submission of: Price Bids (Package wise) as per the indicative Price Bid format provided in Annexure 11 of the RFP

We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and accept that any misinterpretation contained in it may lead to our disqualification.

If negotiations are held during the period of validity of the Bid, i.e., before the date indicated in RFP, we undertake to negotiate on the basis of the proposed personnel. Our Bid/Proposal is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations.

We undertake, if our Bid is accepted, to initiate the services related to the assignment not later than the period specified in the RFP.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Name and Signature of Authorized Signatory of Bidder

For and on behalf of (name of Bidder)

Address:

Annexure 2: Bidder's Organization and Experience

A - Bidder's Organization

[Provide here a brief description of the background and organization of your firm/entity. The brief description should include ownership details, date and place of incorporation of the firm, objectives of the firm etc. The Bidder shall be a legal entity registered in India under the relevant legislation. In order to meet above requirements, the Bidder may submit any of the following documentary evidences as applicable. Certificate of registration in India along with RBI approval certificate, GSTIN certificate, PAN details OR Partnership deed, GSTIN registration, PAN details OR Incorporation certificate, MOA, AOA, GSTIN Registration, PAN details]

B - Bidder's Experience

[Using the format below, provide information on each Assignment/job for which your firm, was legally contracted either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major partners within an association, for carrying out Assignment/job similar to the ones specified in Technical Marking system set forth in the RFP (If possible, the Bidder shall specify exact assignment / job for which experience details may be submitted)]

Name of Employer:	
Client/ Employer name	
Address:	
Country:	
Project location and country	
Assignment/job name	
Description of Project/Assignment	
Description as to how it is meeting the PQ/ Technical Marking criteria	
Value of the Contract/ Service Fees (in Rupees):	
Duration of Assignment/job (months):	
Total No of staff-months of the Assignment/job:	
Start date (month/year):	
Completion date (month/year):	
Name of associated Service providers, if any:	
No of professional staff-months provided by associated Service providers:	
Name of senior professional staff of your firm involved and functions performed	
Description of actual Assignment/job provided by your staff within the Assignment/job:	

(Note: Relevant portion of Work Order/Contract/Client completion certificate to be submitted. For confidential engagements, bidder may submit sanitized details supported by the auditor / certified Chartered Accountant)

Annexure 3: Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and Facilities to be provided by Authority

A - On the Terms of Reference (Optional)

[Suggest and justify here any modifications or improvement to the Terms of Reference you are proposing to improve performance in carrying out the Assignment/job (such as deleting some activity you consider unnecessary, or adding another, or proposing a different phasing of the activities). Such suggestions should be concise and to the point, and incorporated in your Bid/Proposal.]

B - On Inputs and Facilities to be provided by GMDC (Optional)

[Provide Comments on Inputs and facilities to be provided by GMDC]

Annexure 4: Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment/TOR

Technical approach, methodology and work plan are key components of the Technical Bid/Proposal. Bidders are suggested to present their Technical Proposal divided into the following three chapters:

- a) Approach and Methodology,
- b) Work Plan, and
- c) Organization and Staffing,

a) **Approach and Methodology**

As per the Technical Score/ Marking Criteria specified in clause 5.2

- b) **Work Plan:** In this chapter, Bidder should propose the main activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by Authority), and delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents, including report to be delivered as final output, should be included here.
- c) **Organization and Personnel:** In this chapter, the Bidder should **propose and justify** the structure and composition of proposed team. Bidder should list the main disciplines of the assignment, the key expert responsible, and proposed technical and support personnel. The manpower requirement given in the RFP is an indicative minimum requirement. The Bidder should assess the specific and realistic manpower with reference to TOR

Annexure 5: Team Composition and Task Assignments

Credential of Staff position as specified in Technical Score criteria (second table of clause 5.2)

Sr. No.	Name of Staff	Proposed Position in this RFP/ Assignment	Position held in Bidder's Firm	Education Credentials	Area of Expertise	Total Years of Experience	Relevant Project Experience	Position and Task Assigned to this Job/Assignment	CV Details with signature
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									

Support Staff (if any)

Sr. No.	Name of Staff	Position Assigned	Education Credentials and Area of Expertise	Position and Task Assigned to this Job/ Assignment	CV Details with signature
1					
2					
3					

Annexure 6 : Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Experts and Support Staff

(Summary of CV: Furnish a summary of the above CV. The information in the summary shall be precise and accurate. The information in the summary will have bearing on the evaluation of the CV)

1. Proposed Position in the assignment:
2. Name of Firm [Insert name of firm proposing the expert]:
3. Name of Expert [Insert full name]:
4. Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____
5. Education [Indicate college/university and other specialized education of expert, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and dates of obtainment]:
6. Membership of Professional Associations:
7. Languages [For each language indicate proficiency: good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing]:
8. Employment Record [Starting with present position, list in reversed order, every employment held. List all positions held by staff member since graduation, giving dates, names of employing organization, title of positions held and location of assignments. For experience period of specific assignment must be clearly mentioned, also give Employer references, where appropriate.]:
From [Year]: To [Year]:
Employer:
Positions held:
Sector:
9. Total Experience (Years): _____ (details to be given in point no 13)
10. Relevant Sector Experience as per the scoring system (Years): _____ (details to be given in point no 13)
11. Detailed Tasks Assigned: [List all tasks to be performed under this Assignment/job]
12. Work Undertaken that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Tasks Assigned
[Among the Assignment/jobs in which the staff has been involved, indicate the following information for those Assignment/jobs that best illustrate staff capability to handle the tasks Listed under point 12. List of the assignment below should also match sr. no 10 and 11]
 - (i) Name of Assignment/job or project:
 - (ii) Year:
 - (iii) Location:
 - (iv) Employer:
 - (v) Main project features:
 - (vi) Positions held:
 - (vii) Activities performed:
 - (viii) Sector:
13. Any other Information (relevance of experience, relevance of qualification etc)

14. Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

- I. This CV correctly describes my qualifications and my experience.
- II. I am/I am not in regular full-time employment with the Bidder
- III. I am willing to work on the project and I will be available for entire duration of the project assignment as per task assigned to me.
- IV. I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this bio-data correctly describes me my qualification and my experience I am committed to undertake the assignment within the validity of Proposal.
- V. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

Date: [Days/Month/Year]

[Signature of expert or authorized representative of the firm]

Full name of authorized representative:

Annexure 7: Net Worth statement

{On Statutory Auditor's/ Registered Chartered Accountant's letterhead}

I hereby declare that I have scrutinized and audited the financial statement of M/s_____ . Following is the Net worth statement:

As on	Net Worth*
31.03.2025	

(Signed and Sealed by the statutory auditor/Registered Chartered Accountant)

*[*In case Bidder's corporate policy does not permit to disclose absolute figures then Bidder should submit this certificate by auditor/ registered Chartered Accountant / equivalent confirming that the Net Worth is positive as on 31.03.2025]*

Annexure 8: No Blacklisting certificate
[On Stamp Paper of Value of Rs. 300]

Format for Affidavit certifying that the Entity/Promoter/s / Director/s of Bidder are not blacklisted
No-Blacklisting Affidavit

I, M/s. (Name of the Bidder), (the names and addresses of the registered office) hereby certify and confirm that we or any of our promoter/s / director/s are not barred by Government of Gujarat (GoG) / any other entity of GoG or blacklisted by any state government or central government / department / Local Government / agency or any PSU in India or from abroad from participating in Project/s, either individually or as member of a Consortium as on the _____ - (Bid submission Date).

We further confirm that we are aware that our Bid for the captioned Project would be liable for rejection in case any material misrepresentation is made or discovered with regard to the requirements of this RFP at any stage of the Bidding Process or thereafter during the agreement period.

Dated this Day of, 202_.

Name of the Bidder

Signature of the Authorized person

Name of the Authorized Person

Annexure 9: Format of power of attorney for authorizing Bidder's Signatory
[On Stamp Paper of Value of Rs. 300]

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that we, [name of the firm], a FIRM incorporated under the _____ and having its Registered Office/ office at [Address of the Company firm] (Hereinafter referred to as "Company/firm"):

WHEREAS in response to the RFP for "Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)", the Company/ firm is submitting Bid for the project and is desirous of appointing an attorney for the purpose thereof.

WHEREAS the Company deems it expedient to appoint or authorize Mr _____, son of _____, resident of _____, holding the post of _____ as the authorized signatory of the company/ firm in connection with the request for proposal titled "RFP for Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)" RFP Number: _GMDC/Tech IV/XXX/25-26_____ dated __DD/MM/YYYY_____, issued by the GMDC (the "RFP") and to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Company the RFP documents and to comply with any other requirements connected to or arising from the RFP documents and/or from the RFP process for the firm/company in its name and on its behalf, that is to say:

To act as the Company's/firm's official representative for submitting the Bid Comprising Technical Bid and Price Bid for the said project and other relevant documents in connection therewith;

To sign all the necessary documents, papers, testimonials, applications, representations and correspondence necessary and proper for the purpose aforesaid RFP;

To submit RFP documents, receive and make inquiries, make the necessary corrections and clarifications to the Proposal and other documents, as may be necessary;

To do all such acts, deeds and things in the name and on behalf of the Company as necessary for the compliance of the requirements with any other requirements connected to or arising from the RFP documents and/or from the RFP process.

<p>The common seal of [name of the company/firm] was here unto affixed pursuant to a resolution passed at the meeting of Committee of Directors held on --- Day of -----, 20__ in the presence of [name & designation of the person] and countersigned by [name & designation of the person] of the Company/firm of [name of the company]</p>	<p align="center">----- [name & designation of the person]</p> <p align="center">----- [name & designation of the person]</p>
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Annexure 10: Undertaking

It is certified that the information furnished here in and as per the document submitted is true and correct and nothing has been concealed or tampered with. We have gone through all the conditions of RFP and we are liable to any punitive action for furnishing false information / documents.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 202_.

Signature
(Company Seal)

In the capacity of duly authorized to sign bids for and on behalf of:

Signed by
Authorized Signatory with designation

Annexure 11: Indicative Format of Price Bid

Package-1

(To be submitted physically in Hard Copy as per the terms of RFP on bidding firm's letterhead)

To,
Mr. Swagat Ray
General Manager (PP&D)
Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited
Khanij Bhavan, 132-Ring Road,
Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur,
Ahmedabad- 380052.
Gujarat, India

Sub: Price Bid for RFP for Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat).

Dear Sir,

After thoroughly reading and accepting the RFP terms, understanding the requirements and scope of work of the GMDC under this RFP, and its terms and conditions, we hereby agree to provide our services at the following rates:

Package	Scope of Work	Completion Period (a)	Service Fee Amount (INR)
1	Pre-feasibility study of UCG at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) Package 1	6 months	(A)

Total Service Fee: INR (A) (in figures)

: INR (in words)

Notes:

- (1) For the purpose of Bid evaluation, Total Service Fees quoted for the TOR ("A") shall be considered.
- (2) The Bidder to quote charges/ Service Fees inclusive of all other taxes except applicable GST. Applicable GST, over and above approved Service Fees, at the time of invoicing, shall be reimbursed by GMDC. The risk of applicability of any taxes, duties and levies except GST, shall rest with the Service provider.
- (3) GMDC shall be entitled to deduct tax at source as may be applicable. The TDS certificate(s) shall be submitted as per the due date specified in the Income Tax Act.
- (4) The above quoted rates represent remuneration of Bidder's staff, Travel expense, expense towards dine, hotel stay, office rents, conveyance and any other expense to be incurred for executing Terms of Reference.
- (5) Service Fees shall be paid as per the payment terms.

Each Bidder must quote his rates after thoroughly reading the RFP document and estimate his cost after thorough detailed due diligence of the mine, statutory laws/regulations. **GMDC reserves right to seek any clarifications regarding price quoted from bidders before any decisions.**

Package-2

(To be submitted physically in Hard Copy as per the terms of RFP on bidding firm's letterhead)

To,
Mr. Swagat Ray
General Manager (PP&D)
Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited
Khanij Bhavan, 132-Ring Road,
Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur,
Ahmedabad- 380052.
Gujarat, India

Sub: Price Bid for RFP for Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG-Valia, Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat).

Dear Sir,

After thoroughly reading and accepting the RFP terms, understanding the requirements and scope of work of the GMDC under this RFP, and its terms and conditions, we hereby agree to provide our services at the following rates:

Package	Scope of Work	Completion Period (a)	Service Fee Amount (INR)
2	Pre-feasibility study of UCG at EFG Valia and Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat) Package 2	6 months	(A)

Total Service Fee: INR (A) (in figures)

: INR (in words)

Notes:

- (1) For the purpose of Bid evaluation, Total Service Fees quoted for the TOR ("A") shall be considered.
- (2) The Bidder to quote charges/ Service Fees inclusive of all other taxes except applicable GST. Applicable GST, over and above approved Service Fees, at the time of invoicing, shall be reimbursed by GMDC. The risk of applicability of any taxes, duties and levies except GST, shall rest with the Service provider.
- (3) GMDC shall be entitled to deduct tax at source as may be applicable. The TDS certificate(s) shall be submitted as per the due date specified in the Income Tax Act.
- (4) The above quoted rates represent remuneration of Bidder's staff, Travel expense, expense towards dime, hotel stay, office rents, conveyance and any other expense to be incurred for executing Terms of Reference.
- (5) Service Fees shall be paid as per the payment terms.

Each Bidder must quote his rates after thoroughly reading the RFP document and estimate his cost after thorough detailed due diligence of the mine, statutory laws/regulations. **GMDC reserves right to seek any clarifications regarding price quoted from bidders before any decisions.**

Annexure 12: Format for Bank Guarantee for Performance Security

(On Non-Judicial Stamp paper to be submitted along with submission of bids)

Name of the Bank :
Address :
Guarantee No :
Name of the Service Provider : M/s _____
Date of Expiry :
Limit to Liability : Rs. _____/- (Rupees _____ only)
Ref : RFP No: GMDC/Tech-IV/XXXX/25-26, Dated: DD/MM/YYYY
Subject : **Bank Guarantee towards Performance Security**

Date.....20

To,

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited
Khanij Bhavan, 132-Ring Road,
Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur,
Ahmedabad- 380052.
Gujarat, India

Dear Sir,

In consideration of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (hereinafter called "GMDC") which expression shall unless repugnant to the subject of context include his successors and assigns having agreed to exempt M/s _____ (hereinafter called "Service Provider") from demand under the terms and conditions of "Technical Bid Document" (hereinafter called the said "Bidding Document") issued by the GMDC vide Tender No. _____. The present Bank Guarantee is towards Performance Security of Bid in terms of Clause No. ____ Of Part-____ of the aforesaid bidding document for the due fulfilment by the Service Provider of the terms and conditions contained in the said Bidding Document on production of Bank Guarantee for INR _____/- (INR _____ only)

- 1) We the _____ (Name of the Bank) hereinafter referred to as "Bank" having our registered office at _____ do hereby undertake and agree to indemnify and keep indemnified GMDC to extent of Rs. _____/- (Rupees _____ only) against any losses, damage cost, charges and expenses caused to or suffered by or that may be caused or suffered by GMDC by reason of any breach or breaches by the Service Provider of any of the terms and conditions contained in the said Bidding Document and unconditionally pay the amount claimed by GMDC on demand and without demur to the extent aforesaid.
- 2) We _____ (Name of the Bank) do hereby undertake to pay the amounts due and payable under the guarantee without any demur merely on a demand by you stating that the amount claimed is due by way of loss or damage caused to or would be caused or suffered by you by reason of any breach by the said Contractor of any of the terms or conditions contained in the

- said Bidding Document by reason of the Service Provider's failure to perform according to the terms and conditions of said Bidding Document. Any such demand on the Bank shall be conclusive as regards the amount due and payable by the Bank under this guarantee. However, our liability under this guarantee shall be restricted to an amount not exceeding INR _____/- (**Rupees _____ only**).
- 3) We _____ (Name of the Bank) further agree that GMDC shall be the sole judge of and as to whether the Service Provider has committed any breach or breaches of terms and conditions of the said Bidding Document and the extent of loss, damages, costs, charges and expenses caused to or suffered by or that may cause to or suffered by GMDC on account hereof to the extent of the Performance Security required to be deposited by the Service Provider in respect of the said document and the decision of GMDC that the Service provider has committed such breach or breaches and as to the amount or amounts of loss, damages, costs, charges, and expenses caused to or suffered by or that may be caused to or suffered by GMDC shall be final and binding on us.
 - 4) We _____ (Name of the Bank) undertake to pay to the GMDC any money so demanded notwithstanding any dispute or disputes raised by the said contractor (s) in any suit or proceeding pending before any forum of law relating thereto our liability under this present being absolute and unequivocal. The payment so made by us under this bond shall be a valid discharge of our liability for payment there under and the said contractor (s) shall have no claim against us for making such payment.
 - 5) We _____ (Name of the Bank) further agree that guarantee herein contained shall remain in full force and effect during the period that would be taken for the performance on the said Bidding Document and that it shall continue to be enforceable till you certify that terms and conditions of the said Bidding Document have been fully and properly carried out by the said Service Provider and accordingly discharge the guarantee. Unless a demand or claim under this guarantee is made on us in writing on or before the (date) _____ we shall be discharged from all liability under this guarantee thereafter.
 - 6) We _____ (Name of the Bank) further agree with you that you have the fullest liberty without our consent and without affecting in any manner our obligations hereunder to vary any of the terms and conditions of the said Bidding Document or to extend time of performance by the said Service Provider from time to time or to postpone for any time or from time to time any of the powers exercisable by you against the said Service Provider and to forbear or enforce any of the terms and conditions relating to the said Bidding Document and we shall not be relieved from our liability by reason of any such variation or extension being granted to the said Contractor or for any forbearance act or omission on your part or any indulgence by you to the said Service Provider or any such matter or thing whatsoever under the law relating to sureties would but for this provision have effect of so relieving us. The Bank further agrees that in case this guarantee is required for a longer period, the bank may extend the same.
 - 7) We _____ (Name of the Bank) further undertake to unconditionally pay the amount claimed by GMDC merely on demand and without demur to the extent aforesaid.
 - 8) We, the said Bank lastly undertake not to revoke this guarantee during its currency except with the previous consent of GMDC in writing.
 - 9) This Guarantee will not be discharged due to the change in the constitution of the Bank or the said contractor.
 - 10) The Bank has under its constitution power to give this guarantee and Mr. _____ who has signed it on behalf of the Bank have authority to do so.

Yours faithfully

For _____

(Name of the Bank)

Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove

- (I) Our liability under this Bank Guarantee shall not exceed **INR** _____/- (**Rupees** _____ **only**)
- (II) This Bank Guarantee is valid up to _____ (Date).
- (III) We are liable to pay the guarantee amount or any part thereof under this bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us a written claim or a demand on or before _____ (Date).
- (IV) This Bank Guarantee is encashable and payable at _____

Yours faithfully

For _____

(Name of the Bank)

**Annexure-13: FORMAT OF JOINT DEED OF UNDERTAKING BY THE
ASSOCIATE/COLLABORATOR/CONSORTIUM MEMBER ALONG WITH THE SERVICE PROVIDER**

**(To be furnished on a stamp paper of appropriate value)
Any deviation in this format will not be acceptable**

This Deed of undertaking executed this day of by a Company incorporated under and having its Registered Office at herein after called or Associate/Collaborator/consortium member which expression shall include its successors, executors and permitted assigns and..... (Service Provider's Name) a Company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 having its registered office at hereinafter called or 'Service Provider' which expression shall include its successors, executors and permitted assigns) in favour of **Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited hereinafter called "Authority/GMDC"** a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 having its Registered Office at **Khanij Bhavan, 132 ft Ring road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad** which expression shall include its successors, executors and assigns.

WHEREAS GMDC is desirous of getting work of the **"Pre-Feasibility Study of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at Burapahar Coal Block (Odisha) and EFG Valia and Ghala Lignite Blocks (Gujarat)"** (herein after called as Work) done as per its **RFP No: GMDC/Tech-IV/XXX/25-26 Dated DD/MM/YYYY.**

WHEREAS (Service Provider's Name) submitted its technical proposal vide its Letter No. dated based on the association of M/s (Collaborator/consortium member /Associate) AND

WHEREAS it is a condition for the award of contract to (Service Provider's Name) that(Service Provider's Name) and its (Collaborator/consortium member / Associate) M/s would be jointly and severally bound and shall be responsible to the **GMDC** for the successful performance of the Work as per the GMDC's specifications in terms of the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS UNDERTAKING witnesses as under:

1. That in consideration of the award of Contract by **GMDC** (herein after referred to as the 'Contract') we, (Associate/Collaborator/consortium member) and (Service Provider) do hereby declare and guarantee that we shall be jointly and severally bound unto to the GMDC for the successful performance of Work (strike out whichever is not applicable) in accordance with the Contract specifications. Further, we, the Associate/Collaborator/consortium member and the Service Provider hold ourselves jointly & severally responsible for the timely execution of all activities in accordance with the contract.
2. In the event of any breach in the performance of the obligations set-forth above, we the Associate/Collaborator/consortium member and the Service Provider, shall jointly and severally pay the loss or damage to **GMDC** on his demand. Further we the Associate/ Collaborator/ consortium member and the Service Provider, jointly and severally undertake to pay to GMDC the liquidated damages arrived at in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, in the event of shortfall in the Work without any demur, reservations, protest and recourse. Further, any extension of time, relaxation or indulgence by **GMDC** to the Service Provider shall not prejudice the rights of **GMDC** under this undertaking against the Associate /Collaborator/consortium member of the Service Provider.
3. We, the Associate/Collaborator/consortium member and the Service Provider agree that this undertaking shall be irrevocable and further agree that this undertaking shall continue to be enforceable till the Completion of the work under the Contract. We further agree that this

undertaking shall without prejudice to the various liabilities of the Service Provider including his Contract Performance Guarantee as well as his other obligations in terms of the Contract.

4. The Performance, rights and responsibility of the party shall be in accordance with the Contract and further the liability of the Service Provider/ Associate/ Collaborator/consortium member under this Undertaking shall not in any case exceed the limits as stipulated in the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Associate/Collaborator/consortium member and the CONTRACTOR have through their Authorised representatives executed this Undertaking and affixed common seals of their respective companies, on the day, month and year first above mentioned.

For Associate/ Collaborator/consortium member

For Service Provider

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(Signature)

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(Signature)

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(Name in Block Letters)

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(Name in Block Letters)

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(Designation)

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(Seal of the company)

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Annexure 14: List of Approved Banks to GMDC for Performance Security if Bidder intends to submit Bank Guarantee (Except -Cooperative Bank)

The specified list of the Approved Banks as per Finance Department, Government of Gujarat's GR No: FD/MSM/e-file/4/2024/2859/D.M.O. Dated:01/05/2025 Read: FD GR. No. FD/MSM/efile/4/2023/4 020/D.M.O. Dated: 11/03/2024 is as follows:

Annexure I.

Finance Department, GR. No.: FD/MSM/e-file/4/2024/2859/D.M.O.

Date: 01/05/2025

- (A) Guarantees issued by the following banks will be accepted as SD/EMD on a permanent basis:

❖ **All Nationalized Banks**

- (B) Guarantees issued by the following Banks will be accepted as SD/EMD for the period up to March 31, 2026. The validity cut-off date in the GR is with respect to the date of issue of Bank Guarantee irrespective of the date of termination of Bank Guarantee.

Sr No	Name of Banks	Sr No	Name of Banks
1	AXIS Bank	22	South Indian Bank
2	AU Small Finance Bank	23	Standard Chartered Bank
3	Bandhan Bank	24	Tamilnad Mercantile Bank
4	Barclays Bank	25	Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
5	City Union Bank	26	YES Bank
6	CSB Bank	27	Ahmedabad Mercantile Co-op. Bank
7	DBS Bank India Limited	28	Nutan Nagrik Sahkari Bank Ltd.
8	DCB Bank	29	Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd.
9	Equitas Small Finance Bank	30	Saraswat Co-Operative Bank Ltd
10	ESAF Small Finance Bank	31	SBPP Co-operative Bank Ltd.
11	FEDERAL Bank	32	SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd.
12	HDFC Bank	33	The Cosmos Co-op Bank Ltd.
13	HSBC Bank	34	The Gujarat State Co-operative Bank
14	ICICI Bank	35	The Mehsana Urban Co-Op. Bank
15	IDBI Bank	36	The Surat District Co-op Bank
16	IDFC First Bank	37	The Surat People's Co. Op. Bank Ltd
17	Jammu and Kashmir Bank	38	The Kalupur Commercial Co-op. Bank
18	Jana Small Finance Bank	39	The Panchmahal District Co-operative Bank
19	Karnataka Bank	40	The Baroda District Co-operative Bank
20	Karur Vysya Bank	41	Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank
21	Kotak Mahindra Bank	42	Saurashtra Gramin Bank

All the eligible banks are instructed to collect the original documents/papers of guarantee from the concerned tendering authority.

(Arvind V.)

Joint Secretary (Budget)
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