

**HARMONIZED STANDARD FORM OF  
CONTRACT**

**Consultant's Services**  
Lump-Sum

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## Preface

1. The standard Contract form consists of four parts: the Form of Contract to be signed by the Client and the Consultant, the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), including Attachment 1 (Bank's Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices); the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), including Attachment 2 (Covenant of Integrity – Consultant Contact Sheet); and the Appendices.
2. The General Conditions of Contract, including Attachment 1, shall not be modified. The Special Conditions of Contract that contain clauses specific to each Contract intend to supplement, but not over-write or otherwise contradict, the General Conditions.

**CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT’S SERVICES**

**Lump-Sum**

**Project Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**[Loan/Grant] No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contract No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**between**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[insert Name of the Client]*

**and**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[insert Name of the Consultant]*

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

## I. Form of Contract

### LUMP-SUM

*[Text in brackets [ ] is optional; all notes should be deleted in the final text]*

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the “Contract”) is made the *[number]* day of the month of *[month]*, *[year]*, between, on the one hand, *[insert name of Client or Recipient or Beneficiary]* (hereinafter called the “Client”) and, on the other hand, *[insert name of Consultant]* (hereinafter called the “Consultant”).

*[Note: If the Consultant consist of more than one entity, the above should be partially amended to read as follows: “...(hereinafter called the “Client”) and, on the other hand, a Joint Venture [insert name of the JV] consisting of the following entities, each member of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Client for all the Consultant’s obligations under this Contract, namely, [insert name of member] and [insert name of member] (hereinafter called the “Consultant”).]*

#### WHEREAS

- (a) the Client has requested the Consultant to provide certain consulting services as defined in this Contract (hereinafter called the “Services”);
- (b) the Consultant, having represented to the Client that it has the required professional skills, expertise and technical resources, has agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;
- (c) the Client has [“received” or “has applied for”] a [loan/grant] from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of the Services and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this [loan/grant] to eligible payments under this Contract, it being understood that (i) payments by the Bank will be made only at the request of the Client and upon approval by the Bank; (ii) such payments will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the [loan/grant] agreement, including prohibitions of withdrawal from the [loan/grant] account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Bank, is prohibited by the decision of the United Nations Security council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and (iii) no party other than the Client shall derive any rights from the [loan/grant] agreement or have any claim to the [loan/grant] proceeds;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract:
  - (a) The General Conditions of Contract (including Attachment 1 “Bank Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices);
  - (b) The Special Conditions of Contract (including Attachment 2 “Covenant of Integrity – Consultant Contact Sheet”);
  - (c) Appendices:
    - Appendix A: Terms of Reference
    - Appendix B: Key Experts
    - Appendix C: Breakdown of Contract Price
    - Appendix D: Form of Advance Payments Guarantee

In the event of any inconsistency between the documents, the following order of precedence shall prevail: the Special Conditions of Contract, including Attachment 2; the General Conditions of Contract, including Attachment 1; Appendix A; Appendix B; Appendix C; Appendix D. Any reference to this Contract shall include, where the context permits, a reference to its Appendices.

2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Client and the Consultant shall be as set forth in the Contract, in particular:
  - (a) the Consultant shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and
  - (b) the Client shall make payments to the Consultant in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of *[insert Name of Client]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Authorized Representative of the Client – name, title and signature]*

For and on behalf of *[insert Name of Consultant or Name of a Joint Venture]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Authorized Representative of the Consultant – name and signature]*

*[Note: For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached.*



For and on behalf of each of the members of the Consultant *[insert the Name of the Joint Venture]*

*[Name of the lead member]*

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*[Authorized Representative on behalf of a Joint Venture]*

*[add signature blocks for each member if all are signing]*



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## II. General Conditions of Contract

### A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 1. Definitions

1.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:

- (a) “Applicable Guidelines” means the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's Procurement Policies and Rules.
- (b) “Applicable Law” means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Client’s country, or in such other country as may be specified in the **Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)**, as they may be issued and in force from time to time.
- (c) “Bank” means the the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- (d) “Borrower [*or* Recipient *or* Beneficiary]” means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the financing [*or* loan/*grant*/*project*] agreement with the Bank.
- (e) “Client” means the executing agency that signs the Contract for the Services with the Selected Consultant.
- (f) “Consultant” means a legally-established professional consulting firm or entity selected by the Client to provide the Services under the signed Contract.
- (g) “Contract” means the legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and which includes all the attached documents listed in its paragraph 1 of the Form of Contract (the General Conditions (GCC), the Special Conditions (SCC), and the Appendices).
- (h) “Day” means a working day unless indicated otherwise.
- (i) “Effective Date” means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 11.
- (j) “Experts” means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or JV member(s) assigned by the Consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.
- (k) “Foreign Currency” means any currency other than the currency

of the Client’s country.

- (l) “GCC” means these General Conditions of Contract.
- (m) “Government” means the government of the Client’s country.
- (n) “Joint Venture (JV)” means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one entity where one member has the authority to conduct all businesses for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract.
- (o) “Key Expert(s)” means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose Curricula Vitae (CV) was taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant’s proposal.
- (p) “Local Currency” means the currency of the Client’s country.
- (q) “Non-Key Expert(s)” means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.
- (r) “Party” means the Client or the Consultant, as the case may be, and “Parties” means both of them.
- (s) “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented but not over-written.
- (t) “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto.
- (u) “Sub-consultants” means an entity to whom/which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services while remaining solely liable for the execution of the Contract.
- (v) “Third Party” means any person or entity other than the Government, the Client, the Consultant or a Sub-consultant.

**2. Relationship between the Parties**

2.1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relationship of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the Client and the Consultant. The Consultant, subject to this Contract, has complete charge of the Experts and Sub-consultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

**3. Law Governing**

3.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation

- Contract** between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law.
- 4. Language** 4.1. This Contract has been executed in the language specified in the **SCC**, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.
- 5. Headings** 5.1. The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.
- 6. Communications** 6.1. Any communication required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing in the language specified in Clause GCC 4. 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 to such Party at the address specified in the **SCC**.
- 6.2. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party any communication of such change to the address specified in the **SCC**.
- 7. Location** 7.1. The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in **Appendix A** hereto and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Government's country or elsewhere, as the Client may approve.
- 8. Authority of Member in Charge** 8.1. In case the Consultant is a Joint Venture, the members hereby authorize the member specified in the **SCC** to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Client under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Client.
- 9. Authorized Representatives** 9.1. Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the Client or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the **SCC**.
- 10. Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices** 10.1. The Bank requires compliance with its policy in regard to prohibited practices as set forth in **Attachment 1** to the GCC.
- a. Commissions and Fees** 10.2. The Client requires the Consultant to disclose any commissions, gratuities or fees that may have been paid or are to be paid to agents, or any other party with respect to the selection process or execution of the Contract. The information disclosed must include at least the name and address of the agent, or other party, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission, gratuity or fee. Failure to disclose such commissions, gratuities or

fees may result in termination of the Contract and/or sanctions by the Bank.

## **B. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

- 11. Effectiveness of Contract** 11.1. This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the “Effective Date”) of the Client’s notice to the Consultant instructing the Consultant to begin carrying out the Services. This notice shall confirm that the effectiveness conditions, if any, listed in the **SCC** have been met.
- 12. Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective** 12.1. If this Contract has not become effective within such time period after the date of Contract signature as specified in the **SCC**, either Party may, by not less than twenty two (22) days written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against the other Party with respect hereto.
- 13. Commencement of Services** 13.1. The Consultant shall confirm availability of Key Experts and begin carrying out the Services not later than the number of days after the Effective Date specified in the **SCC**.
- 14. Expiration of Contract** 14.1. Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GCC 19 hereof, this Contract shall expire at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as specified in the **SCC**.
- 15. Entire Agreement** 15.1. This Contract contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make, and the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise or agreement not set forth herein.
- 16. Modifications or Variations** 16.1. Any modification or variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation 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 or variation made by the other Party.
- 16.2. In cases of substantial modifications or variations, the prior written consent of the Bank is required.
- 17. Force Majeure**
- a. Definition** 17.1. For the purposes of this Contract, “Force Majeure” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and makes a Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to

be considered impossible under the circumstances, and subject to those requirements, includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action confiscation or any other action by Government agencies.

17.2. Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Experts, Sub-consultants or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract, and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.

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

**b. No Breach of Contract**

17.4. The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract 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 Contract.

**c. Measures to be Taken**

17.5. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

17.6. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any case not later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give written notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.

17.7. Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, 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.

17.8. During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant, upon instructions by the Client, shall either:

- (a) demobilize, in which case the Consultant shall be reimbursed for additional costs they reasonably and

necessarily incurred, and, if required by the Client, in reactivating the Services; or

- (b) continue with the Services to the extent reasonably possible, in which case the Consultant shall continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract and be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred.

17.9. In the case of disagreement between the Parties as to the existence or extent of Force Majeure, the matter shall be settled according to Clauses GCC 44 & 45.

## **18. Suspension**

18.1. The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

## **19. Termination**

19.1. This Contract may be terminated by either Party as per provisions set up below:

### **a. By the Client**

19.1.1. The Client may terminate this Contract in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this Clause. In such an occurrence the Client shall give at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of termination to the Consultant in case of the events referred to in (a) through (d); at least sixty (60) calendar days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (e); and at least five (5) calendar days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (f):

- (a) If the Consultant fails to remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause GCC 18;
- (b) If the Consultant becomes (or, if the Consultant consists of more than one entity, if any of its members becomes) insolvent or bankrupt or enter into any agreements with their creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or go into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;
- (c) If the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause GCC 45.1;



- (d) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days;
- (e) If the Client, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract;
- (f) If the Consultant fails to confirm availability of Key Experts as required in Clause GCC 13.

19.1.2. Furthermore, if the Client determines that the Consultant has engaged in prohibited practices as set forth in **Attachment 1** to the GCC, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Client may, after giving fourteen (14) calendar days written notice to the Consultant, terminate the Consultant's employment under the Contract.

**b. By the Consultant**

19.1.3. The Consultant may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the Client, in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Clause.

- (a) If the Client fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clause GCC 45.1 within forty-five (45) calendar days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.
- (b) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days.
- (c) If the Client fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GCC 45.1.
- (d) If the Client is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the Consultant may have subsequently approved in writing) following the receipt by the Client of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach.

**c. Cessation of Rights and Obligations**

19.1.4. Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GCC 12 or GCC 19 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause GCC 14, 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, (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in

Clause GCC 22, (iii) the Consultant’s obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in Clause GCC 25, and (iv) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

**d. Cessation of Services**

19.1.5. Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses GCC 19a or GCC 19b, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Client, the Consultant shall proceed as provided, respectively, by Clauses GCC 27 or GCC 28.

**e. Payment upon Termination**

19.1.6. Upon termination of this Contract, the Client shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

- (a) payment for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination; and
- (b) in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) of Clause GCC 19.1.1, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incidental to the prompt and orderly termination of this Contract, including the cost of the return travel of the Experts.

**C. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT**

**20. General**

**a. Standard of Performance**

20.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out the Services with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as a faithful adviser to the Client, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Client’s legitimate interests in any dealings with the third parties.

20.2. The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Experts and Sub-consultants as are required to carry out the Services.

20.3. The Consultant may subcontract part of the Services to an extent and with such Key Experts and Sub-consultants as may be

approved in advance by the Client. Notwithstanding such approval, the Consultant shall retain full responsibility for the Services.

**b. Law  
Applicable to  
Services**

20.4. The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Contract and the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any of its Experts and Sub-consultants, comply with the Applicable Law.

20.5. Throughout the execution of the Contract, the Consultant shall comply with the import of goods and services prohibitions in the Client's country when

- (a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the [Borrower's/Beneficiary's] country prohibits commercial relations with that country; or
- (b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Borrower's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.

20.6. The Client shall notify the Consultant in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultant shall, after such notification, respect such customs.

**21. Conflict of  
Interests**

21.1. The Consultant shall hold the Client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their own corporate interests.

**a. Consultant  
Not to Benefit  
from  
Commissions,  
Discounts, etc.**

21.1.1 The payment of the Consultant pursuant to GCC F (Clauses GCC 38 through 42) shall constitute the Consultant's only payment in connection with this Contract and, subject to Clause GCC 21.1.3, the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-consultants, as well as the Experts and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional payment.

21.1.2 Furthermore, if the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising the Client on the procurement of goods, works or services, the Consultant shall comply with the Bank's Applicable Guidelines, and shall at all times exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the Client. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the

account of the Client.

- b. Consultant and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities**
- 21.1.3 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-consultants and any entity affiliated with such Sub-consultants, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the Consultant's Services for the preparation or implementation of the project, unless otherwise indicated in the SCC.
- c. Prohibition of Conflicting Activities**
- 21.1.4 The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause its Experts as well as its Sub-consultants not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any business or professional activities that would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract.
- d. Strict Duty to Disclose Conflicting Activities**
- 21.1.5 The Consultant has an obligation and shall ensure that its Experts and Sub-consultants shall have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of their Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract.
- 22. Confidentiality**
- 22.1 Except with the prior written consent of the Client, the Consultant and the Experts shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the Services, nor shall the Consultant and the Experts make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services.
- 23. Liability of the Consultant**
- 23.1 Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC, the Consultant's liability under this Contract shall be as determined under the Applicable Law.
- 24. Insurance to be Taken out by the Consultant**
- 24.1 The Consultant (i) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub-consultants to take out and maintain, at its (or the Sub-consultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage specified in the SCC, and (ii) at the Client's request, shall provide evidence to the Client showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums therefore have been paid. The Consultant shall ensure that such insurance is in place prior to commencing the Services as stated in Clause GCC 13.

**25. Accounting,  
Inspection and  
Auditing**

25.1 The Consultant shall keep, and shall make all reasonable efforts to cause its Sub-consultants to keep, accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services and in such form and detail as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs.

25.2 The Consultant shall permit and shall cause its Sub-consultants to permit, the Bank and/or persons appointed by the Bank to inspect the Site and/or all accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract and the submission of the Proposal to provide the Services, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Bank if requested by the Bank. The Consultant's attention is drawn to Clause GCC 10 which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank's inspection and audit rights provided for under this Clause GCC25.2 constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility under the Bank's prevailing sanctions procedures.)

**26. Reporting  
Obligations**

26.1 The Consultant shall submit to the Client the reports and documents specified in **Appendix A**, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.

**27. Proprietary Rights  
of the Client in  
Reports and  
Records**

27.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, all reports and relevant data and information such as maps, diagrams, plans, databases, other documents and software, supporting records or material compiled or prepared by the Consultant for the Client in the course of the Services shall be confidential and become and remain the absolute property of the Client. The Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Client, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents, data and/or software but shall not use the same for purposes unrelated to this Contract without prior written approval of the Client.

27.2 If license agreements are necessary or appropriate between the Consultant and third parties for purposes of development of the plans, drawings, specifications, designs, databases, other documents and software, the Consultant shall obtain the Client's prior written approval to such agreements, and the Client shall be entitled at its discretion to require recovering the expenses related to the development of the program(s) concerned. Other restrictions about the future use of these documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the **SCC**.

**28. Equipment, Vehicles and Materials**

28.1 Equipment, vehicles and materials made available to the Consultant by the Client, or purchased by the Consultant wholly or partly with funds provided by the Client, shall be the property of the Client and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall make available to the Client an inventory of such equipment, vehicles and materials and shall dispose of such equipment, vehicles and materials in accordance with the Client’s instructions. While in possession of such equipment, vehicles and materials, the Consultant, unless otherwise instructed by the Client in writing, shall insure them at the expense of the Client in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

28.2 Any equipment or materials brought by the Consultant or its Experts into the Client’s country for the use either for the project or personal use shall remain the property of the Consultant or the Experts concerned, as applicable.

**D. CONSULTANT’S EXPERTS AND SUB-CONSULTANTS**

**29. Description of Key Experts**

29.1 The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and estimated period of engagement to carry out the Services of each of the Consultant’s Key Experts are described in **Appendix B**.

**30. Replacement of Key Experts**

30.1 Except as the Client may otherwise agree in writing, no changes shall be made in the Key Experts.

30.2 Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts during Contract execution may be considered only based on the Consultant’s written request and due to circumstances outside the reasonable control of the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement, a person of equivalent or better qualifications and experience, and at the same rate of remuneration.

**31. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants**

31.1 If the Client finds that any of the Experts or Sub-consultant has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action, or shall the Client determine that Consultant’s Expert of Sub-consultant have engaged in prohibited practices as set forth in **Attachment 1** to the GCC while performing the Services, the Consultant shall, at the Client’s written request, provide a replacement.

31.2 In the event that any of the Key Experts, Non-Key Experts or Sub-consultants is found by the Client to be incompetent or incapable in discharging assigned duties, the Client, specifying the grounds

therefore, may request the Consultant to provide a replacement.

31.3 Any replacement of the removed Experts or Sub-consultants shall possess better qualifications and experience and shall be acceptable to the Client.

31.4 The Consultant shall bear all costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement of such Experts.

## **E. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CLIENT**

### **32. Assistance and Exemptions**

32.1 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Client shall use its best efforts to:

- (a) Assist the Consultant with obtaining work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant to perform the Services.
- (b) Assist the Consultant with promptly obtaining, for the Experts and, if appropriate, their eligible dependents, all necessary entry and exit visas, residence permits, exchange permits and any other documents required for their stay in the Client's country while carrying out the Services under the Contract.
- (c) Facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the personal effects of the Experts and their eligible dependents.
- (c) Issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions and information as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.
- (d) Assist the Consultant and the Experts and any Sub-consultants employed by the Consultant for the Services with obtaining exemption from any requirement to register or obtain any permit to practice their profession or to establish themselves either individually or as a corporate entity in the Client's country according to the applicable law in the Client's country.
- (e) Assist the Consultant, any Sub-consultants and the Experts of either of them with obtaining the privilege, pursuant to the applicable law in the Client's country, of bringing into the Client's country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for the purposes of the Services or for the personal use of the Experts and of withdrawing any such amounts as may be earned therein by the Experts in the execution of the Services.

- (f) Provide to the Consultant any such other assistance as may be specified in the **SCC**.

**33. Access to Project Site**

33.1 The Client warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the project site in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. The Client will be responsible for any damage to the project site or any property thereon resulting from such access and will indemnify the Consultant and each of the experts in respect of liability for any such damage, unless such damage is caused by the willful default or negligence of the Consultant or any Sub-consultants or the Experts of either of them.

**34. Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties**

34.1 If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the applicable law in the Client's country with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the Contract price amount specified in Clause GCC 38.1

**35. Services, Facilities and Property of the Client**

35.1 The Client shall make available to the Consultant and the Experts, for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property described in the Terms of Reference (**Appendix A**) at the times and in the manner specified in said **Appendix A**.

**36. Counterpart Personnel**

36.1 The Client shall make available to the Consultant free of charge such professional and support counterpart personnel, to be nominated by the Client with the Consultant's advice, if specified in **Appendix A**.

36.2 Professional and support counterpart personnel, excluding Client's liaison personnel, shall work under the exclusive direction of the Consultant. If any member of the counterpart personnel fails to perform adequately any work assigned to such member by the Consultant that is consistent with the position occupied by such member, the Consultant may request the replacement of such member, and the Client shall not unreasonably refuse to act upon such request.

**37. Payment Obligation**

37.1 In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Client shall make such payments to the Consultant for the deliverables specified in **Appendix A** and in such manner as is provided by GCC F below.



**F. PAYMENTS TO THE CONSULTANT**

- 38. Contract Price** 38.1 The Contract price is fixed and is set forth in the **SCC**. The Contract price breakdown is provided in **Appendix C**.
- 38.2 Any change to the Contract price specified in Clause 38.1 can be made only if the Parties have agreed to the revised scope of Services pursuant to Clause GCC 16 and have amended in writing the Terms of Reference in **Appendix A**.
- 39. Taxes and Duties** 39.1 The Consultant, Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting any and all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless it is stated otherwise in the **SCC**.
- 39.2 As an exception to the above and as stated in the **SCC**, all local identifiable indirect taxes (itemized and finalized at Contract negotiations) are reimbursed to the Consultant or are paid by the Client on behalf of the Consultant.
- 40. Currency of Payment** 40.1 Any payment under this Contract shall be made in the currency(ies) of the Contract, unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**.
- 41. Mode of Billing and Payment** 41.1 The total payments under this Contract shall not exceed the Contract price set forth in Clause GCC 38.1.
- 41.2 The payments under this Contract shall be made in lump-sum installments against deliverables specified in **Appendix A**. The payments will be made according to the payment schedule stated in the **SCC**.
- 41.2.1 *Advance payment:* Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, an advance payment shall be made against an advance payment bank guarantee acceptable to the Client in an amount (or amounts) and in a currency (or currencies) specified in the **SCC**. Such guarantee (i) is to remain effective until the advance payment has been fully set off, and (ii) is to be in the form set forth in **Appendix D**, or in such other form as the Client shall have approved in writing. The advance payments will be set off by the Client in equal portions against the lump-sum installments specified in the **SCC** until said advance payments have been fully set off.
- 41.2.2 *The Lump-Sum Installment Payments.* The Client shall pay the Consultant within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Client of the deliverable(s) and the cover invoice for the related lump-sum installment payment. The payment can be withheld if the Client does not approve the submitted deliverable(s) as satisfactory in which case the Client shall

provide comments to the Consultant within the same sixty (60) days period. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated.

41.2.3 *The Final Payment.* The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report has been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Client. The Services shall then be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Client. The last lump-sum installment shall be deemed approved for payment by the Client within ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report by the Client unless the Client, within such ninety (90) calendar day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated.

41.2.4 All payments under this Contract shall be made to the accounts of the Consultant specified in the SCC.

41.2.5 With the exception of the final payment under 41.2.3 above, payments do not constitute acceptance of the whole Services nor relieve the Consultant of any obligations hereunder.

**42. Interest on Delayed Payments**

42.1 If the Client had delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in Clause GCC 41.2.2 , interest shall be paid to the Consultant on any amount due by, not paid on, such due date for each day of delay at the annual rate stated in the SCC.

**G. FAIRNESS AND GOOD FAITH**

**43. Good Faith**

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

**H. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

**44. Amicable Settlement**

44.1 The Parties shall seek to resolve any dispute amicably by mutual consultation.

44.2 If either Party objects to any action or inaction of the other Party, the objecting Party may file a written Notice of Dispute to the other Party providing in detail the basis of the dispute. The Party receiving the Notice of Dispute will consider it and respond in writing within fourteen (14) days after receipt. If that Party fails to respond within fourteen (14) days, or the dispute cannot be amicably

settled within fourteen (14) days following the response of that Party, Clause GCC 49.1 shall apply.

**45. Dispute Resolution**

45.1 Any dispute between the Parties arising under or related to this Contract that cannot be settled amicably may be referred to by either Party to the adjudication/arbitration in accordance with the provisions specified in the **SCC**.

## II. General Conditions

### Attachment 1: Bank's Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

*[The text in this Attachment 1 shall not be modified]*

The Bank requires that Borrowers/Clients (including beneficiaries of Bank loans), as well as Tenderers, suppliers, sub-suppliers, contractors, sub-contractors, concessionaires, consultants and sub-consultants under Bank financed contracts, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, the Bank:

- (a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, Prohibited Practices as one or more of the following:
  - (i) a coercive practice which means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;
  - (ii) a collusive practice which means an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;
  - (iii) a corrupt practice which means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;
  - (iv) a fraudulent practice which means any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;
  - (v) a misuse of the Bank's resources which means improper use of the Bank's resources, committed either intentionally or through reckless disregard;
  - (vi) an obstructive practice which means (i) destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to a Bank investigation, which impedes the Bank's investigation; (ii) making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Bank investigation into allegations of a Prohibited Practice; (iii) failing to comply with requests to provide information, documents or records in connection with a Bank investigation; (iv) threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to a Bank investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or (v) materially impeding the exercise of the Bank's contractual rights of audit or inspection or access to information; and
  - (vii) a theft which means the misappropriation of property belonging to another party.

(b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the tenderer, supplier, sub-supplier, contractor, sub-contractor, concessionaire, consultant or sub-consultant recommended for award has engaged in Prohibited Practices in competing for the Contract in question;

(c) will cancel the portion of the Bank financing allocated to a Contract for goods, works, services or concessions if it at any time determines that Prohibited Practices were engaged in by representatives of the Borrower/Client or of a beneficiary of the Bank financing during the procurement or the execution of that Contract, without the Borrower/Client having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to remedy the situation;

(d) may declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a Bank-financed Contract if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in Prohibited Practices in competing for, or in executing, a Bank-financed Contract;

(e) reserves the right, where a Borrower/Client or a firm has been found by the final judgement of a judicial process in a member country or by the enforcement (or similar) mechanism of another international organisation, including Mutual Enforcement Institutions to have engaged in Prohibited Practices;

(i) to cancel all or part of the Bank financing for such Borrower/Client; and

(ii) to declare that such a firm is ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a Bank-financed Contract; and

(f) will have the right to require that, in contracts financed by the Bank, a provision be included requiring suppliers, sub-suppliers, contractors, sub-contractors, concessionaires, consultants and sub-consultants to permit the Bank to inspect their accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Bank.



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*[Notes in brackets are for guidance purposes only and should be deleted in the final text of the signed contract]*

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
1.1(b) and 3.1	<p>The Contract shall be construed in accordance with the law of <i>[insert country name]</i>.</p> <p><i>[Note: Bank-financed contracts normally designate the law of the Client’s country as the law governing the contract. However, the Parties may designate the law of another country, in which case the name of the respective country should be inserted, and the square brackets should be removed.]</i></p>
4.1	<p>The language is: _____ <i>[insert the language.]</i></p>
6.1 and 6.2	<p><b>The addresses are:</b></p> <p>Client : _____          _____</p> <p>Attention : _____          Facsimile : _____</p> <p>E-mail (where permitted): _____</p> <p>Consultant : _____          _____</p> <p>Attention : _____          Facsimile : _____</p> <p>E-mail (where permitted) : _____</p>
8.1	<p><i>[Note: If the Consultant consists only of one entity, state “N/A”;          OR          If the Consultant is a Joint Venture consisting of more than one entity, the name of the JV member whose address is specified in Clause SCC6.1 should be inserted here. ]</i></p> <p>The Lead Member on behalf of the JV is _____          _____ <i>[insert name of the member]</i></p>
9.1	<p>The Authorized Representatives are:</p>

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	<p><b>For the Client:</b> [name, title]_____</p> <p><b>For the Consultant:</b> [name, title]_____</p>
<p><b>11.1</b></p>	<p><i>[Note: If there are no effectiveness conditions, state “N/A”]</i></p> <p><i>OR</i></p> <p><i>[List here any conditions of effectiveness of the Contract, e.g. approval of the Contract by the Bank, effectiveness of the Bank [loan/ grant], receipt by the Consultant of an advance payment, and by the Client of an advance payment guarantee (see Clause SCC45.1(a)), etc.]</i></p> <p>The effectiveness conditions are the following: <i>[insert “N/A” or list the conditions]</i></p>
<p><b>12.1</b></p>	<p>Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective:</p> <p>The time period shall be _____ <i>[insert time period, e.g.: four months]</i>.</p>
<p><b>13.1</b></p>	<p>Commencement of Services:</p> <p>The number of days shall be _____ <i>[e.g.: ten]</i>.</p> <p>Confirmation of Key Experts’ availability to start the Assignment shall be submitted to the Client in writing as a written statement signed by each Key Expert.</p>
<p><b>14.1</b></p>	<p>Expiration of Contract:</p> <p>The time period shall be _____ <i>[insert time period, e.g.: twelve months]</i>.</p>
<p><b>21 b.</b></p>	<p>The Client reserves the right to determine on a case-by-case basis whether the Consultant should be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services due to a conflict of a nature described in Clause GCC 21.1.3</p> <p>Yes_____ No _____</p>



23.1	<p>No additional provisions.</p> <p><b>[OR</b></p> <p><i>The following limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client can be subject to the Contract's negotiations:</i></p> <p>“Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client:</p> <p>(a) Except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or a firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused by the Consultant to the Client's property, shall not be liable to the Client:</p> <p>(i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and</p> <p>(ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds [insert a multiplier, e.g.: one, two, three] times the total value of the Contract.</p> <p>(b) This limitation of liability shall not</p> <p>(i) affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to Third Parties caused by the Consultant or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services;</p> <p>(ii) be construed as providing the Consultant with any limitation or exclusion from liability which is prohibited by the [<i>insert “Applicable Law”, if it is the law of the Client's country, or insert “applicable law in the Client's country”, if the Applicable Law stated in Clause SCC1.1 (b) is different from the law of the Client's country</i>].</p> <p><u>[Notes to the Client and the Consultant: Any suggestions made by the Consultant in the Proposal to introduce exclusions/limitations of the Consultant's liability under the Contract should be carefully scrutinized by the Client and discussed with the Bank prior to accepting any changes to what was included in the issued RFP. In this regard, the Parties should be aware of the Bank's policy on this matter which is as follows:</u></p> <p><i>To be acceptable to the Bank, any limitation of the Consultant's liability should at the very least be reasonably related to (a) the</i></p>
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	<p><i>damage the Consultant might potentially cause to the Client, and (b) the Consultant’s ability to pay compensation using its own assets and reasonably obtainable insurance coverage. The Consultant’s liability shall not be limited to less than a multiplier of the total payments to the Consultant under the Contract for remuneration and reimbursable expenses. <u>A statement to the effect that the Consultant is liable only for the re-performance of faulty Services is not acceptable to the Bank.</u> Also, the Consultant’s liability should never be limited for loss or damage caused by the Consultant’s gross negligence or willful misconduct.</i></p> <p><i>The Bank does not accept a provision to the effect that the Client shall indemnify and hold harmless the Consultant against Third Party claims, except, of course, if a claim is based on loss or damage caused by a default or wrongful act of the Client to the extent permissible by the law applicable in the Client’s country.]</i></p>
<p><b>24.1</b></p>	<p>The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows:</p> <p><i>[Note: Delete what is not applicable except (a)].</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of _____ <i>[insert amount and currency which should be not less than the total ceiling amount of the Contract];</i></li> <li>(b) Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles operated in the Client’s country by the Consultant or its Experts or Sub-consultants, with a minimum coverage of _____ <i>[insert amount and currency or state “in accordance with the applicable law in the Client’s country”];</i></li> <li>(c) Third Party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of _____ <i>[insert amount and currency or state “in accordance with the applicable law in the Client’s country”];</i></li> <li>(d) employer’s liability and workers’ compensation insurance in respect of the experts and Sub-consultants in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable law in the Client’s country, as well as, with respect to such Experts, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and</li> <li>(e) insurance against loss of or damage to (i) equipment purchased in whole or in part with funds provided under this Contract, (ii) the</li> </ul>

	<p>Consultant’s property used in the performance of the Services, and (iii) any documents prepared by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.</p>
<b>27.1</b>	<p><i>[Note: If applicable, insert any exceptions to proprietary rights provision_____]</i></p>
<b>27.2</b>	<p><i>[Note: If there is to be no restriction on the future use of these documents by either Party, this Clause SCC 27.2 should be deleted. If the Parties wish to restrict such use, any of the following options, or any other option agreed to by the Parties, could be used:]</i></p> <p>[The Consultant shall not use these <i>[insert what applies.....documents and software.....]</i> for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Client.]</p> <p><i>OR</i></p> <p>[The Client shall not use these <i>[insert what applies.....documents and software.....]</i> for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Consultant.]</p> <p><i>OR</i></p> <p>[Neither Party shall use these <i>[insert what applies.....documents and software.....]</i> for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the other Party.]</p>
<b>32.1 (a) through (e)</b>	<p><i>[Note: List here any changes or additions to Clause GCC 35.1. If there are no such changes or additions, delete this Clause SCC 35.1.]</i></p>
<b>32.1(f)</b>	<p><i>[Note: List here any other assistance to be provided by the Client. If there is no such other assistance, delete this Clause SCC 35.1(f).]</i></p>
<b>38.1</b>	<p>The Contract price is: _____ <i>[insert amount and currency for each currency as applicable]</i> <i>[indicate: “inclusive” or “exclusive”]</i> of local indirect taxes.</p> <p>Any indirect local taxes chargeable in respect of this Contract for the Services provided by the Consultant shall be <i>[insert as appropriate: “paid” or “reimbursed”]</i> by the Client <i>[insert as appropriate: ”for“ or “to”]</i> the Consultant.</p>
<b>39.1 and 39.2</b>	<p><i>[Note: The Bank leaves it to the Client to decide whether the</i></p>

	<p><i>Consultant (i) should be exempted from indirect local tax, or (ii) should be reimbursed by the Client for any such tax they might have to pay (or that the Client would pay such tax on behalf of the Consultant]</i></p> <p>The Client warrants that <i>[choose one applicable option consistent with the ITC 16.3 and the outcome of the Contract’s negotiations (Form FIN-2, part B “Indirect Local Tax – Estimates”):</i></p> <p><i>If ITC16.3 indicates a tax exemption status, include the following: “the Consultant, the Sub-consultants and the Experts shall be exempt from”</i></p> <p><i>OR</i></p> <p><i>[If ITC16.3 does not indicate the exemption and, depending on whether the Client shall pay the withholding tax or the Consultant has to pay, include the following:</i></p> <p><i>“the Client shall pay on behalf of the Consultant, the Sub-consultants and the Experts,” OR “the Client shall reimburse the Consultant, the Sub-consultants and the Experts”]</i></p> <p>any indirect taxes, duties, fees, levies and other impositions imposed, under the applicable law in the Client’s country, on the Consultant, the Sub-consultants and the Experts in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any payments whatsoever made to the Consultant, Sub-consultants and the Experts (other than nationals or permanent residents of the Client’s country), in connection with the carrying out of the Services;</li> <li>(b) any equipment, materials and supplies brought into the Client’s country by the Consultant or Sub-consultants for the purpose of carrying out the Services and which, after having been brought into such territories, will be subsequently withdrawn by them;</li> <li>(c) any equipment imported for the purpose of carrying out the Services and paid for out of funds provided by the Client and which is treated as property of the Client;</li> <li>(d) any property brought into the Client’s country by the Consultant, any Sub-consultants or the Experts (other than nationals or permanent residents of the Client’s country), or the eligible dependents of such experts for their personal use and which will subsequently be withdrawn by them upon their respective departure from the Client’s country, provided that:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the Consultant, Sub-consultants and experts shall follow the usual customs procedures of the Client’s country in importing property into the Client’s country; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>ii) if the Consultant, Sub-consultants or Experts do not withdraw but dispose of any property in the Client’s country upon which customs duties and taxes have been exempted, the Consultant, Sub-consultants or Experts, as the case may be, (a) shall bear such customs duties and taxes in conformity with the regulations of the Client’s country, or (b) shall reimburse them to the Client if they were paid by the Client at the time the property in question was brought into the Client’s country.]</p>
<p><b>40.1</b></p>	<p>The currency [currencies] of payment shall be the following: _____  <i>[list currency(ies) which should be the same as in the Financial Proposal, Form FIN-2]</i></p>
<p><b>41.2</b></p>	<p>The payment schedule:</p> <p><i>[Note: Payment of installments shall be linked to the deliverables specified in the Terms of Reference in Appendix A]</i></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> payment:</b> <i>[insert the amount of the installment, percentage of the total Contract price, and the currency. If the first payment is an advance payment, it shall be made against the bank guarantee for the same amount as per GCC 41.2.1]</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> payment:</b> _____          .....: _____</p> <p><b>Final payment:</b> _____</p> <p><i>[Note: Total sum of all installments shall not exceed the Contract price set up in SCC38.1.]</i></p>
<p><b>41.2.1</b></p>	<p><i>[Note: The advance payment could be in either the foreign currency, or the local currency, or both; select the correct wording in the Clause here below. The advance bank payment guarantee should be in the same currency(ies)]</i></p> <p>The following provisions shall apply to the advance payment and the advance bank payment guarantee:</p> <p>(1) An advance payment of <i>[insert amount in foreign currency]</i> [and of <i>[insert amount]</i> in local currency] shall be made within <i>[insert number]</i> days after the receipt of an advance bank payment guarantee by the Client. The advance payment will be set off by</p>

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	<p>the Client in equal portions against <i>[list the payments against which the advance is offset]</i>.</p> <p>(2) The advance bank payment guarantee shall be in the amount and in the currency of the currency(ies) of the advance payment.</p> <p>(3) The bank guarantee will be released when the advance payment has been fully set off.</p>
<b>41.2.4</b>	<p>The accounts are:</p> <p>for foreign currency: <i>[insert account]</i>.</p> <p>for local currency: <i>[insert account]</i>.</p>
<b>42.1</b>	<p>The interest rate is: <i>[insert rate]</i>.</p>
<b>45.1</b>	<p>Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity hereof which cannot be amicably settled between the parties shall be referred to and settled, in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration rules as in force and effect on the effective date of the Contract. There shall be one arbitrator and the appointing authority for the purposes of the UNCITRAL rules shall be the London Court of International Arbitration. The seat and place of arbitration shall be London, England and the English language shall be used throughout the arbitral proceedings. The parties hereby waive any right under the Arbitration Act 1996 or otherwise to appeal any arbitration award or to seek a determination of a preliminary point of law by the courts of England or elsewhere. Where the UNCITRAL rules do not provide for a particular situation the arbitrator shall have absolute discretion to determine which course of action shall be followed and the arbitrator's decision shall be final. Any award given by the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties and shall be in lieu of any other remedy.</p>

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## **Attachment 2 to Special Conditions of Contract: Covenant of Integrity – Consultant Contact Sheet**

To: \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert name of Borrower/Client*) \_\_\_\_\_

We declare and covenant that neither we nor anyone, including any of our directors, employees, agents, joint venture partners, consultants or sub-contractors, where these exist, acting on our behalf with due authority or with our knowledge or consent, or facilitated by us, has engaged, or will engage, in any Prohibited Practice (as defined below) in connection with the consultant selection process or in the execution or supply of any works, goods or services for [*insert the name of the Contract*] (the “Contract”) and covenant to so inform you if any instance of any such Prohibited Practice shall come to the attention of any person in our organisation having responsibility for ensuring compliance with this Covenant.

We shall, for the duration of the consultant selection process and, if we are successful with our proposal, for the duration of the Contract, appoint and maintain in office an officer, who shall be a person reasonably satisfactory to you and to whom you shall have full and immediate access, having the duty, and the necessary powers, to ensure compliance with this Covenant.

We declare and covenant that, except for the matters disclosed in this Covenant of Integrity:

- (i) we, our subsidiaries and affiliates, and all of our directors, employees, agents or joint venture partners, where these exist, have not been convicted in any court of any offence involving a Prohibited Practice in connection with any tendering or competitive selection process or provision of works, goods or services during the ten years immediately preceding the date of this Covenant;
- (ii) none of our directors, employees, agents or a representatives of a joint venture partner, where these exist, has been dismissed or has resigned from any employment on the grounds of being implicated in any Prohibited Practice;
- (iii) we, our subsidiaries and affiliates and our directors, employees, agents or joint venture partners, where these exist, are not prohibited from participation in a tendering or competitive selection procedure on the grounds of having been found by the final judgement of a judicial process or a finding by the enforcement (or similar) mechanism of another international organisation to have engaged in a Prohibited Practice;
- (iv) we, our subsidiaries and affiliates, as well as any subcontractors, or suppliers or affiliates of the subcontracts or supplier are not subject to any sanction imposed by resolution of the United Nations Security Council.

III. Special Conditions of Contract

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If applicable, provide full disclosure of any convictions, dismissal, resignations, exclusions or other information relevant to Articles i) ii) iii) or (iv) in the box below.

Name of Entity Required to be Disclosed	Reason Disclosure is Required <sup>1</sup>

For the purpose of this Covenant, the terms set forth below define Prohibited Practices as:

(i) a **coercive practice** which means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;

(ii) a **collusive practice** which means an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;

(iii) a **corrupt practice** which means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;

(iv) a **fraudulent practice** which means any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;

(v) a **misuse of the Bank’s resources** which means improper use of the Bank’s resources, committed either intentionally or through reckless disregard;

(vi) an **obstructive practice** which means (i) destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to a Bank investigation, which impedes the Bank’s investigation; (ii) making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Bank investigation into allegations of a Prohibited Practice; (iii) failing to comply with requests to provide information, documents or records in connection with a Bank investigation; (iv) threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to a Bank investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or (v) materially impeding the exercise of the Bank’s contractual rights of audit or inspection or access to information; and

(vii) a **theft** which means the misappropriation of property belonging to another party.

Following the submission of our Technical Proposal, we grant the project financier, the Bank and/or persons appointed by them, the right of inspection of our, and any proposed

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<sup>1</sup> For each matter disclosed, provide details of the measures that were taken, or shall be taken, to ensure that neither the disclosed entity nor any of its directors, employees or agents commits any Prohibited Conduct in connection with the consultant selection process for this Contract.



subcontractors, accounts and records and permission to have any such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Bank, if required by the Bank. We accept to preserve these records generally in accordance with applicable law but in any case for at least six years from the date of substantial performance of the Contract.

We further declare that no affiliate of the Borrower/Client is participating in our Proposal in any capacity whatsoever.

Name:	
In the capacity of:	
Signed:	
Duly authorised to sign for and on behalf of:	
Date:	

## Contact Sheet

<b>Full legal name of Lead Organisation/ Individual:</b>	
<b>Trading Name</b> (if different from above):	
<b>Country of Registration:</b>	
<b>Address of registered office:</b>	
<b>Postal address</b> (if different from above):	
<b>Telephone number (including country code):</b>	
<b>Fax number (including country code):</b>	
<b>Main contact person for this Proposal:</b>	
<b>Main contact person's position in the Organisation:</b>	
<b>Contact person's email address:</b>	
<b>Alternate contact person:</b>	
<b>Alternative E-mail:</b>	
<b>Website of the Organisation:</b>	

***Important Notes:***

***Any change in the addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers and in particular e-mail addresses, must be notified in writing to the Borrower/Client. The Borrower/Client will not be held responsible in the event that they ca not contact the Consultant using any of the above details. It is the sole responsibility of the Consultant to ensure that it monitors its telephone and fax numbers and its postal and e-mail addresses. In particular, the Borrower/Client shall proceed on the assumption that the e-mail address(es) is constantly monitored, that your security settings permit the Borrower/Client's e-mails to be received and that the e-mail address is capable of receiving attachments (particularly PDF and Microsoft Word).***





## IV. Appendices

### APPENDIX A – TERMS OF REFERENCE

*[Note: This Appendix shall include the final Terms of Reference (TORs) worked out by the Client and the Consultant during the negotiations; dates for completion of various tasks; location of performance for different tasks; detailed reporting requirements and list of deliverables against which the payments to the Consultant will be made; Client's input, including counterpart personnel assigned by the Client to cooperate with the Consultant's team; specific tasks or actions that require prior approval by the Client.]*

*Insert the text based on the Section 7 (Terms of Reference) of the ITC in the RFP and modified based on the Forms TECH-1 through TECH-5 of the Consultant's Proposal. Highlight the changes to Section 7 of the RFP]*

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### APPENDIX B - KEY EXPERTS

*[Insert a table based on Form TECH-6 of the Consultant's Technical Proposal and finalized at the Contract's negotiations. Attach the CVs (updated and signed by the respective Key Experts) demonstrating the qualifications of Key Experts.]*

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*[For loan-funded assignments, Appendix C will apply; for grant-funded assignments, Appendix C/D will apply.]*

### APPENDIX C – BREAKDOWN OF CONTRACT PRICE

*{Insert the table with the unit rates to arrive at the breakdown of the lump-sum price. The table shall be based on [Form FIN-3 and FIN-4] of the Consultant's Proposal and reflect any changes agreed at the Contract negotiations, if any. The footnote shall list such changes made to [Form FIN-3 and FIN-4] at the negotiations or state that none has been made. }*

### APPENDIX C/D – REMUNERATION AND REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES COST ESTIMATES

*[Insert the table with the Breakdown of Costs. The table shall be based on Form FIN-3/4 of the Consultant's Proposal and reflect any changes agreed at the Contract negotiations, if any. The footnote shall list such changes made to Form FIN-3/4 at the negotiations or state that none has been made.]*



**APPENDIX D - FORM OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS GUARANTEE**

[Note: See Clause GCC 41.2.1 and SCC 41.2.1]

**Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment**

\_\_\_\_\_ [Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]

**Beneficiary:** \_\_\_\_\_ [Name and Address of Client]

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

We have been informed that \_\_\_\_\_ [name of Consultant or a name of the Joint Venture, same as appears on the signed Contract] (hereinafter called "the Consultant") has entered into Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_ [reference number of the contract] dated \_\_\_\_\_ with you, for the provision of \_\_\_\_\_ [brief description of Services] (hereinafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance payment in the sum of \_\_\_\_ [insert currency] \_\_\_\_\_ [insert amount in figures] ( ) [insert currency and amount in words] is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Consultant, we \_\_\_\_\_ [name of bank] hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of \_\_\_\_\_ [insert currency] \_\_\_\_\_ [insert amount in figures] (\_\_\_\_\_) [insert currency and amount in words]<sup>1</sup> upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Consultant are in breach of their obligation under the Contract because the Consultant have used the advance payment for purposes other than toward providing the Services under the Contract.

It is a condition for any claim and payment under this guarantee to be made that the advance payment referred to above must have been received by the Consultant on their account number \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ [name and address of bank].

The maximum amount of this guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the advance payment repaid by the Consultant as indicated in copies of certified monthly statements which shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of the monthly payment certificate indicating that the Consultant has made full

<sup>1</sup> The Guarantor shall insert an amount representing the amount of the advance payment and denominated either in the currency(ies) of the advance payment as specified in the Contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Client.

repayment of the amount of the advance payment, or on the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_,<sup>2</sup> whichever is earlier. Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458.

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*[signature(s)]*

*Note: All italicized text is for indicative purposes only to assist in preparing this form and shall be deleted from the final product.*

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<sup>2</sup> Insert the expected expiration date. In the event of an extension of the time for completion of the Contract, the Client would need to request an extension of this guarantee from the Guarantor. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the guarantee. In preparing this guarantee, the Client might consider adding the following text to the form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: “The Guarantor agrees to a one-time extension of this guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months][one year], in response to the Client’s written request for such extension, such request to be presented to the Guarantor before the expiry of the guarantee.”