# GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN



### **General Conditions of Contract**

for

**Employment of Consultants** 

**Lumpsum Contracts** 

### **Preface**

The General Conditions of Contract for Employment of Consultancy Services – Lumpsum Contract is part of the Standard Request for Proposal Document-Selection of Consultants – prepared by the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDAAA) primarily for use by Procuring Entities (PEs) in the procurement of consultancy services through National, International Competitive Selection (NCS & ICS) and other procedures as appropriate.

The General Conditions of Contract presented in this document have been developed through broad national and international experience, and are mandatory for use in contracts for Employment of Consultancy Services – Lumpsum Contracts that are financed in whole or in part by public funds, and whose Consultant has been obtained in accordance with the provisions of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act, 2018 and the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Regulations, 2024.

This General Conditions of Contract is issued as a trial edition for a period of one year. During this period all those using this document are welcome to share your experiences, and challenges experienced in the use of this document. These will be used to improve the document and issue it as a final Bidding Document after the expiry of the trial period.

To obtain further information on the use of these General Conditions of Contact,, contact:

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### **CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT'S SERVICES**

### Lump-Sum

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#### 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, [name of Client or Recipient] (hereinafter called the "Client") and, on the other hand, [name of Consultant] (hereinafter called the "Consultant").

[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 (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, [name of member] and [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");
- 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 committed funds towards eligible payments under this Contract, it being understood that such payments will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Contract providing for the funds and that no party other than the Client shall derive any rights from the Contract providing for the funds or have any claim to the funds 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;
  - (c) Appendices:

Appendix A: Terms of Reference

Appendix B: Key Experts

Appendix C: Breakdown of Contract Price

Appendix D: Form of Advance Payments Guarantee

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Appendix E Code of Conduct (ES) [Note to Client: to be included for supervision of infrastructure contracts (such as Plant or Works) and for other consulting service where the social risks are substantial or high]

In the event of any inconsistency between the documents, the following order of precedence shall prevail: the Special Conditions of Contract; the General Conditions of Contract, including Attachment 1; Appendix A; Appendix B; Appendix C; Appendix D and Appendix E [Note to Client: to be included for supervision of infrastructure (such as Plant or Works) contracts and for other consulting service where the social risks are substantial or high]. 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.

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

#### 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 Law" means the laws of Republic of South Sudan, or such other laws as may be specified in the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)..
  - (b) "Client" means the Procuring Entity that signs the Contract for the Services with the Selected Consultant.
  - (c) Client's Personnel" refers to the staff, labor and other employees (if any) of the Client engaged in fulfilling the Client's obligations under the Contract; and any other personnel identified as Client's Personnel, by a notice from the Client to the Consultant.
  - (d) "Consultant" means a legally-established professional consulting firm or entity selected by the Client to provide the Services under the signed Contract.
  - (e) "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).
  - (f) **"Contractor"** means the person named as contractor in the contract to be supervised by the Consultant (if applicable).
  - (g) "Contractor's Personnel" means personnel whom the Contractor utilizes in the execution of its contract, including the staff, labor and other employees of the Contractor and each subcontractor; and any other personnel assisting the Contractor in the execution of the contract to be supervised by the Consultant (if applicable).
  - (h) "Day" means a working day unless indicated otherwise.
  - (i) "ES" means environmental and social (including Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and Sexual Harassment (SH).
  - (j) "Effective Date" means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 11.
  - (k) "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.

- (I) **"Foreign Currency"** means any currency other South Sudan Pound.
- (m) "GCC" means these General Conditions of Contract.
- (n) "Government" means the government of South Sudan.
- (o) "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.
- (p) "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.
- (q) "Local Currency" means South Sudan Pound.
- (r) "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.
- (s) "Party" means the Client or the Consultant, as the case may be, and "Parties" means both of them.
- (t) **"SCC"** means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented but not over-written.
- (u) **"Services"** means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto.
- (v) "Sexual Exploitation and Abuse" "(SEA)" means the following:
  - **Sexual Exploitation** is defined as any actual or attempted abuse of position of vulnerability, differential power or trust, for sexual purposes, including, but not limited to, profiting monetarily, socially or politically from the sexual exploitation of another.
  - **Sexual Abuse** is defined as the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions.
- (w) "Sexual Harassment" "(SH)" is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature by the Experts with other Experts, Contractor's (if applicable) or Client's Personnel.
- (x) "Site" (if applicable) means the land and other places where Works are to be executed or facilities to be installed, and such other land or places as may be specified in the Contractor's Contract as forming part of the Site.

- (y) "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.
- (z) **"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 Subconsultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.
- 3. Law Governing Contract
- 3.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation 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 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. Fraud and Corruption

- 10.1 The Government of South Sudan requires that Clients, as well as Consultants shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of procurement proceedings and the execution of contracts under public funds..
- 10.2 In pursuance of this requirement, the Client shall:
  - (a) exclude the Consultant from participation in the procurement proceedings concerned or reject a proposal for award; and
  - (b) declare the Consultant ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, from participation in procurement proceedings under public fund;

if it at any time determines that the Consultant has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a contract under public fund.

- 10.3 For the purposes of this Contract, the terms:
  - (a) "corrupt practice" means offering, giving, or promising to give, directly or indirectly, to any officer or employee of a PE or other governmental/private authority or any individual a gratuity in any form, an employment or any other thing or service of value, as an inducement with respect to an act or decision of, or method followed by, a PE in connection with the procurement proceeding;
  - (b) "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a procurement proceeding or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Client,
  - (c) "coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence the procurement proceedings, or affect the execution of a contract.
  - (d) "obstructive practice" means acts intended to materially impede access to required information in exercising a duty under the contract;

### a. Commissions and Fees

10.4 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.

#### 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
- 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 45 & 46.

#### 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 Consultant, in the judgment of the Client has engaged in Fraud and Corruption, as defined in paragraph 1.23 of 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 46.1.
  - (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 to cooperate and assist in any inspection or investigation 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 South Sudan when
  - (a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the Government of South Sudan 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 Government of South Sudan 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 39 through 43) 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 Subconsultants and any entity affiliated with such Subconsultants, 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 provided by 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 Pursuant to paragraph 1.23 (e) of Attachment 1 to the General Conditions, the Consultant shall permit and shall cause its agents (where declared or not), subcontractors, subconsultants, service providers, suppliers, and personnel, to permit, the Government of South Sudan and/or persons appointed by the Government of South Sudan to inspect the site and/or the accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process, selection and/or contract execution, and to have such accounts, records and other documents audited by auditors appointed by the Government of South Sudan..
- 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**.

#### 1. 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 South Sudan for the use either for the project or personal use shall remain the property of the Consultant or the Experts concerned, as applicable.

#### 2. Code of Conduct

2.1 If specified in the **SCC**, the Consultant shall have a Code of Conduct for Experts (ES).

The Consultant shall take all necessary measures to ensure that each Expert is made aware of the Code of Conduct including specific behaviors that are prohibited, and understands the consequences of engaging in such prohibited behaviors.

These measures include providing instructions and documentation that can be understood by the Experts and seeking to obtain that person's signature acknowledging receipt of such instructions and/or documentation, as appropriate.

The Consultant shall also ensure that the Code of Conduct is visibly displayed in locations where the Services are provided, including if applicable, on the Site, as well as in areas outside the Site accessible to the local community and project affected people. The posted Code of Conduct shall be provided in languages comprehensible to Experts, Contractor's Personnel, Client's Personnel and the local community if applicable

#### D. CONSULTANT'S EXPERTS AND SUB-CONSULTANTS

3. Description of Key Experts

30.1 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.** 

## 4. Replacement of Key Experts

- 31.1 Except as the Client may otherwise agree in writing, no changes shall be made in the Key Experts.
- 31.2 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.

# 5. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants

- 32.1 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 determines that a Consultant's Expert or Sub-consultant has engaged in Fraud and Corruption while performing the Services, the Consultant shall, at the Client's written request, provide a replacement.
- 31.2 In the event that any of Key Experts, Non-Key Experts or Subconsultants 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.
- 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

# 6. Assistance and Exemptions

- 33.1 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 South Sudan 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 South Sudan according to the applicable law in the 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 South Sudan, of bringing into the 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**.

### 7. Access to Project Site

- 34.1 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.
- 8. Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties
- 35.1 If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the applicable law in South Sudan 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 39.1
- 9. Services, Facilities and Property of the Client
- 36.1 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.   |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| 10.        | Counterpart<br>Personnel              | 37.1         | 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 <b>Appendix A</b> .   |
|            |                                       | 37.2         | 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.   |
| 11.        | Payment Obligation                    | 38.1         | In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under<br>this Contract, the Client shall make such payments to the Consultant<br>for the deliverables specified in <b>Appendix A</b> and in such manner as<br>is provided by GCC F below.  |
|            |                                       | F.           | PAYMENTS TO THE CONSULTANT  |
| 12.        | Contract Price                        | 39.1         | The Contract price is fixed and is set forth in the <b>SCC</b> . The Contract price breakdown is provided in <b>Appendix C</b> .  |
|            |                                       |              | price breakdown is provided in <b>Appendix C</b> .  |
|            |                                       | 39.2         | Any change to the Contract price specified in Clause 39.1 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 <b>Appendix A</b> .  |
| 13.        | Taxes and Duties                      | 39.2<br>40.1 | Any change to the Contract price specified in Clause 39.1 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  |
| 13.        | Taxes and Duties                      |              | Any change to the Contract price specified in Clause 39.1 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 <b>Appendix A</b> .  The Consultant, Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting any and all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless  |
| 13.<br>14. | Taxes and Duties  Currency of Payment | 40.1         | Any change to the Contract price specified in Clause 39.1 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 <b>Appendix A</b> .  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 <b>SCC</b> .  As an exception to the above and as stated in the <b>SCC</b> , all local identifiable indirect taxes (itemized and finalized at Contract negotiations) are reimbursed to the Consultant or are paid by the |

42.2

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**.

- 42.2.1 <u>Advance payment:</u> 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 lumpsum installments specified in the **SCC** until said advance payments have been fully set off.
- 42.2.2 <u>The Lump-Sum Installment Payments.</u> 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.
- 42.2.3 <u>The Final Payment</u>. The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report I have 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 final report. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated.
- 42.2.4 All payments under this Contract shall be made to the accounts of the Consultant specified in the **SCC**.
- 42.2.4 With the exception of the final payment under 42.2.3 above, payments do not constitute acceptance of the whole Services nor relieve the Consultant of any obligations hereunder.
- 16. Interest on Delayed 43.1 If the Client had delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in Clause GCC 42.2.2, 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

#### 17. Good Faith

44.1 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

### 18. Amicable Settlement

- 45.1 The Parties shall seek to resolve any dispute amicably by mutual consultation.
- 45.2 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 46.1 shall apply.

#### 19. Dispute Resolution

46.1 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**.

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#### APPENDIX A – TERMS OF REFERENCE

[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 work on 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 of the Forms TECH-1 through TECH-5 of the Consultant's Proposal. Highlight the changes to Section 7 of the RFP]                          |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| 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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#### 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.]

When the Consultant has been selected under Quality-Based Selection method, also add the following:

"The agreed remuneration rates shall be stated in the attached Model Form I. This form shall be prepared on the basis of Appendix A to Form FIN-3 of the RFP "Consultants' Representations regarding Costs and Charges" submitted by the Consultant to the Client prior to the Contract's negotiations.

Should these representations be found by the Client (either through inspections or audits pursuant to Clause GCC 25.2 or through other means) to be materially incomplete or inaccurate, the Client shall be entitled to introduce appropriate modifications in the remuneration rates affected by such materially incomplete or inaccurate representations. Any such modification shall have retroactive effect and, in case remuneration has already been paid

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by the Client before any such modification, (i) the Client shall be entitled to offset any excess payment against the next monthly payment to the Consultants, or (ii) if there are no further payments to be made by the Client to the Consultants, the Consultants shall reimburse to the Client any excess payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written claim of the Client. Any such claim by the Client for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Client of a final report and a final statement approved by the Client in accordance with Clause GCC 42.2.3 of this Contract."

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# Model Form I Breakdown of Agreed Fixed Rates in Consultant's Contract

We hereby confirm that we have agreed to pay to the Experts listed, who will be involved in performing the Services, the basic fees and away from the home office allowances (if applicable) indicated below:

(Expressed in [insert name of currency])\*

| Ехр                          | erts     | 1  | 2                              | 3             | 4        | 5                   | 6                                     | 7  | 8   |
|------------------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Name                         | Position | Basic Remuneration rate per Working Month/Day/Year | Social<br>Charges <sup>1</sup> | Overhead<br>1 | Subtotal | Profit <sup>2</sup> | Away from<br>Home Office<br>Allowance | Agreed Fixed Rate<br>per Working<br>Month/Day/Hour | Agreed Fixed Rate<br>per Working<br>Month/Day/Hour <sup>1</sup> |
| Home                         | Office   |  |                                |               |          |                     |                                       |  |   |
|                              |          |  |                                |               |          |                     |                                       |  |   |
| Work in the Client's Country |          |  |                                |               |          |                     |                                       |  |   |
|                              |          |  |                                |               |          |                     |                                       |  |   |

- 1 Expressed as percentage of 1
- 2 Expressed as percentage of 4

| * If more than one currency, add a table |          |  |
|--|----------|--|
| Signature                                | <br>Date |  |
| Name and Title:                          |          |  |

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

[See Clause GCC 41.2.1 and SCC 41.2.1]

{Guarantor letterhead or SWIFT identifier code}

#### **Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment**

| Guaran<br>Office]                        | ntor: [insert commercial Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or   |
|--|--|
| Benefic                                  | ciary: [insert Name and Address of Client]   |
| Date:                                    | [insert date]  |
| ADVAN                                    | ICE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.:[insert number]  |
| as appe<br>Benefic                       | re been informed that [name of Consultant or a name of the Joint Venture, same tears on the signed Contract] (hereinafter called "the Consultant") has entered into Contract No [reference number of the contract] dated[insert date] with the ciary, for the provision of [brief description of Services] (hereinafter called ontract").  |
| the sur                                  | rmore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance payment in m of [insert amount in figures] () [amount in words] is to be made an advance payment guarantee.   |
| Benefic<br>) [amore<br>Benefic<br>accomp | request of the Consultant, we, as Guarantor, hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the clary any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of [amount in figures] (unt in words]¹ upon receipt by us of the Beneficiary's complying demand supported by the clary's a written statement, whether in the demand itself or in a separate signed document panying or identifying the demand, stating that the Consultant is in breach of their obligation the Contract because the Consultant: |
| (a)<br>(b)                               | has failed to repay the advance payment in accordance with the Contract conditions, specifying the amount which the Consultant has failed to repay; has used the advance payment for purposes other than toward providing the Services under the Contract.   |
| referre                                  | ondition for any claim and payment under this guarantee to be made that the advance payment d to above must have been received by the Consultant on their account number [name and address of bank].   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

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The maximum amount of this guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the advance payment repaid by the Consultant as indicated in certified statements or invoices marked as "paid" by the Client which shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of the payment certificate or paid invoice indicating that the Consultant has made full repayment of the amount of the advance payment, or on the \_\_ day of \_[month]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, [year]\_\_\_,^2 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 (URDG) 2010 revision, ICC Publication No. 758.

[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.}

#### APPENDIX E - CODE OF CONDUCT (ES)

[Note to Client: to be included for supervision of infrastructure contracts (such as Plant or Works) and for other consulting service where the social risks are substantial or high]

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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."

### **Letter of Acceptance**

[letterhead paper of the Procuring Entity]

[Date]

To: [name and address of the Consultant]

Authorized Signature:

This is to notify you that your Proposal dated [date] for execution of the [name of the Contract and identification number, as given in **the SCC**] for the Accepted Contract Amount [amount in numbers and words] [name of currency], as corrected and modified in accordance with the Instruction to Consultants is hereby accepted by us.

You are requested to furnish the Performance Securing Declaration or Performance Security<sup>1</sup> and an Environmental and Social (ES) Performance Security [Delete ES Performance Security if it is not required under the contract] within 14 days in accordance with the Conditions of Contract, using for that purpose one of the Performance Security Forms and the ES Performance Security Form, [Delete reference to the ES Performance Security Form if it is not required under the contract] included in Section 10, Contract Forms.

| Name and Title of Signatory:   |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Name of PE:                    |  |
| Attachment: Contract Agreement |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Insert the appropriate form of security to be furnished. The Performance Securing Declaration shall only be applicable for Tenders falling under exclusive preference

### **Bank Guarantee for Advance Payments**

[this is the format for the Advance Payment Security to be issued by a scheduled Bank of Republic of South Sudan in accordance with SCC 55.1]

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#### Performance Bank Guarantee [Unconditional]

[The **bank/successful Consultant** providing the Guarantee shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated in brackets, if the Client requires this type of security.]

[insert bank's name, and address of issuing branch or office]

**Beneficiary:** [insert name and address of Client]

**Date:** [insert date]

**PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE No.:** [insert Performance Guarantee number]

We have been informed that [insert name of Consultant] (hereinafter called "the Consultant") has entered into Contract No. [insert reference number of the Contract] dated with you, for the execution of [insert name of Contract and brief description of services] (hereinafter called "the Consulting Services").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, a performance guarantee is required.

At the request of the Consultant, we [insert name of Bank] hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of [insert amount in figures] ([insert amount in words]), such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price is payable, upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Consultant is in breach of its obligation(s) under the Contract, without your needing to prove or to show grounds for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall expire no later than twenty-eight (28) days following the date of completion of the Consultant's performance obligations and issuance of a certificate to that effect under this Contract or on the [insert number day of [insert month],[insert year], whichever occurs first. Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

| Yours truly,                       |
|------------------------------------|
| Signature and seal:                |
| Name of Bank/Financial Institution |
| Address:                           |
| Date                               |

#### **Performance Bond**

By this Bond, [insert name and address of Consultant] as Principal (hereinafter called "the Consultant") and [insert name, legal title, and address of surety, bonding company, or insurance company] as Surety (hereinafter called "the Surety"), are held and firmly bound unto [insert name and address of Client] as Oblige (hereinafter called "the Client") in the amount of [insert amount of Bond] [insert amount of Bond in words], for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price is payable, the Consultant and the Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Whereas the Consultant has entered into a Contract with the Client dated the [insert number] day of [insert month], [insert year] for [insert name of Contract] in accordance with the documents, plans, specifications, and amendments thereto, which to the extent herein provided for, are by reference made part hereof and are hereinafter referred to as the Contract.

Now, therefore, the Condition of this Obligation is such that, if the Consultant shall promptly and faithfully perform the said Contract (including any amendments thereto), then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect. Whenever the Consultant shall be, and declared by the Client to be, in default under the Contract, the Client having performed the Client's obligations there under, the Surety may promptly remedy the default, or shall promptly:

- (1) complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions; or
- (2) obtain a proposal(s) from qualified Consultant for submission to the Client for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by the Client and the Surety of the highest ranked Consultant, arrange for a Contract between such Consultant and Client and make available as work progresses (even though there should be a default or a succession of defaults under the Contract or Contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the Contract Price; but not exceeding, including other costs and damages for which the Surety may be liable hereunder, the amount set forth in the first paragraph hereof. The term "Balance of the Contract Price," as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by the Client to the Consultant under the Contract, less the amount properly paid by the Client to the Consultant; or
- (3) pay the Client the amount required by the Client to complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions up to a total not exceeding the amount of this Bond.

The Surety shall not be liable for a greater sum than the specified penalty of this Bond.

Any suit under this Bond must be instituted before the expiration of one year from the date of completion of the Consultant's performance obligations and issuance of a certificate to that effect under this Contract.

No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than the Client named herein or the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Client.

In testimony whereof, the Consultant has hereunto set its hand and affixed its seal, and the Surety has caused these presents to be sealed with its corporate seal duly attested by the signature of its legal representative, this [insert day] day of [insert month], [insert year].

Signed by [insert signature(s) of authorized representative(s)] on behalf of [name of Consultant] in the capacity of [insert title(s)]

In the presence of [insert name and signature of witness]
Date [insert date]

Signed by [insert signature(s) of authorized representative(s) of Surety] on behalf of [name of Surety] in the capacity of [insert title(s)]

In the presence of [insert name and signature of witness]
Date [insert date]

#### PERFORMANCE SECURING DECLARATION<sup>2</sup>

Date: [insert date (as day, month and year)]
Contract No.: [insert Contract number]

To: [insert complete name of Client]

I/We, the undersigned, declare that:

- 1. I/We understand that, according to your conditions, to guarantee the faithful performance by the Consultant of its obligations under the Contract, I/we shall submit this form of Performance Securing Declaration within a maximum period of fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the Letter of Acceptance and prior to the signing of the Contract.
- 2. I/We accept that: I/we will be disqualified from tendering for any procurement contract with any procuring entity for the period of time determined by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the Public Procurement Act and Public Procurement Regulations if I/We have failed to execute the Contract.

I/We understand that this Performance Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid upon satisfactory performance and final acceptance of the Services by the Client.

Signed: [insert signature of person whose name and capacity are shown] in the capacity of [insert legal capacity of person signing the Performance Securing Declaration]

Name: [insert complete name of person signing the Performance Securing Declaration]

Duly authorized to sign the Contract for and on behalf of: [insert complete name of Consultant]

| Dated on       | day of              | ,[insert <b>date of signing</b> ] |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Corporate Seal | (where appropriate) |                                   |
| 2              | 26.                 |                                   |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Used as an alternative performance security for Contracts falling under exclusive Preference. It shall be submitted within fourteen (14) days after receiving the Letter of Acceptance.

#### 5. Environmental and Social (ES) Performance Security

#### **ESHS Demand Guarantee**

[Guarantor letterhead]

| Beneficiary: [insert name and Address of Client]   |
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| Date: _[Insert date of issue]  |
| ESHS PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE No.: [Insert guarantee reference number]  |
| Guarantor: [Insert name and address of place of issue, unless indicated in the letterhead]   |
| We have been informed that (hereinafter called "the Applicant") has entered into Contract No dated with the Beneficiary, for the execution of (hereinafter called "the Contract"). |
| Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, a performance guarantee is required.   |
| At the request of the Applicant, we as Guarantor, hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the Beneficiary any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of (                        |
| This guarantee shall expire, no later than the Day of, $2^2$ , and any demand for payment under it must be received by us at this office indicated above on or before that date.   |
|  |
| Note: All italicized text (including footnotes) is for use in preparing this form and shall be deleted from the final product.   |
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Guarantor shall insert an amount representing the percentage of the Accepted Contract Amount specified in the Letter of Acceptance, less provisional sums, if any, and denominated either in the currency (cies) of the Contract or a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Beneficiary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Insert the date twenty-eight days after the expected completion date as described in GC Clause 21.1.1. The Client should note that in the event of an extension of this date 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 Beneficiary's written request for such extension, such request to be presented to the Guarantor before the expiry of the guarantee."