

Annexure 11: Integrity Pact

(On Rs.100 Non-Judicial stamp paper)

PRE-CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT

General

This pre-bid pre contract Agreement (hereinafter called the integrity pact is made on day of the month of _____202_, between, on one hand, The Oriental Insurance Company Ltd, having its headquartered and Corporate Office at Oriental House, A-25/27, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi - 110002, acting through _____, _____ (hereinafter called the "BUYER" which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, his successors in office and assignees) of the first part and M/s _____ represented by Shri _____, authorized signatory of M/s ----- (hereinafter called the "BIDDER/SELLER" which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, his successors and permitted assigns)of the second part .

WHEREAS the BUYER proposes to procure (Name of the Store /Equipment /item and the BIDDER /SELLER is willing to offer /has offered the store and

WHEREAS the BIDDER is a private company/public company/Government /undertaking/partnership/ registered export agency, constituted in accordance with the relevant law in the matter and the BUYER is a Government of India, Public Sector Insurance Company.

Now, THEREFORE,

To avoid all forms of corruption by following a system that is fair, transparent and free from any influence /prejudiced dealings prior to, during and subsequent to the currency of the contract to be entered into with a view to:-

Enabling the BUYER to obtain the desired said store/equipment at a competitive price in conformity with the defined specifications by avoiding the high cost and the distortionary impact of corruption on public procurement, and

Enabling the BIDDERS to abstain from bribing or indulging in any corrupt practice in order to secure the contract by providing assurance to them that their competitors will also abstain from bribing and other corrupt practices and the BUYER will commit to prevent corruption, in any form, by its officials by following transparent procedures .

The parties hereby agree to enter into this integrity pact and agree as follows:

1. Commitments of the BUYER

1.1 The BUYER undertakes that no official of the BUYER, connected directly or indirectly with the contract, will demand, take a promise for or accept directly or accept, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, consideration, gift, reward favor or any material or immaterial benefit or any other advantage from the BIDDER, either for themselves or for any person, organization or third party related to the contract in exchange for an advantage in the bidding process, bid evaluation contracting or implementation process related to the contract.

1.2 The BUYER will, during the pre- contract stage treat all BIDDERS alike, and will provide to all BIDDERS the same information and will not provide any such information to any particular BIDDER which could afford an advantage to that particular BIDDER in comparison to other BIDDERS.

1.3 All the officials of the BUYER will report to the appropriate Government office any attempted or completed breaches of the above commitment as well as any substantial suspicion of such a breach.

2. In case any such preceding misconduct on the part of such official (s) is reported by the BIDDER to the BUYER with full and verifiable facts and the same is prima facie found to be correct by the BUYER, necessary disciplinary proceedings, or any other action as deemed fit including criminal proceedings may be initiated by the BUYER and such a person shall be debarred from further dealings related to the contract process. In such a case while an enquiry is being conducted by the BUYER the proceedings under the contract would not be stalled.

3. Commitment of BIDDERS

The BIDDERS commit itself to all take all measures necessary to prevent corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities during any stage of its bid or during any pre-contract or post- contract stage in order to secure the contract or in furtherance to secure it and in particular commit itself to the following:-

3.1 The BIDDER will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favor, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the BUYER, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organization or third party related to the contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation contracting and implementation of the contract.

3.2 The BIDDER further undertakes that it has not given, offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favor, any material benefit or other advantage commission fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the BUYER or otherwise in procuring the contract forbearing to do or having done any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract or any other contract with the Government for showing or for bearing to show favor or disfavor to any person in relation to the contract or any other contract with the Government.

3.3 BIDDERS shall disclose the name and address of agents and representatives and Indian BIDDERS shall disclose their foreign principals or associates.

3.4 BIDDERS shall disclose the payment to be made by them to agents/brokerage or any other intermediary, in connection with this bid/contract.

3.5 The BIDDER further confirms and declares to the BUYER that the BIDDER is the original manufacturer/integrator/authorized Government sponsored export entity of the defense stores and has not engaged any individual or firm or company whether Indian or foreign to intercede, facilitate or in any way to recommend to the BUYER or any of its functionaries, whether officially or unofficially to the award of the contract to the BIDDER, nor has such any amount been paid promised or intended to be paid to any such Individual, firm or company in respect of any such intercession, facilitation or recommendation.

3.6 The BIDDER, either while presenting the bid or during pre- contract negotiations or before signing the contract shall disclose any payment he has made, is committed to or intends to make to officials of the BUYER or their family members agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the contract details or/and the services agreed upon for such payments.

3.7 The bidder will not collude with other parties interested in the contract to impair the transparency, fairness and progress of the bidding process, bid evaluation contracting and implementation of the contract.

3.8 The BIDDER will not accept any advantage in exchange for any corrupt practice, unfair means and illegal activities.

3.9 The BIDDER shall not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to other, any information provided by the BUYER as part of the business deal, relationship regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained in any electronic data carrier. The BIDDER also undertakes to exercise due and adequate care lest any such information is divulged.

3.10 The BIDDER commits to refrain from giving any complaint directly or through any other manner without supporting it with full and verifiable facts.

3.11 The BIDDER shall not instigate or cause to instigate any third person to commit any of the action mentioned above.

3.12 The BIDDER will not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer, promise or give to any of the Principal's employees involved in the tender process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material or other benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any kind of favour whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.

4. Previous Transgression

4.1 The BIDDER declares that no previous transgression occurred in the last three year immediately before signing of this integrity pact, with any other company in any country in respect of any corrupt practices envisaged hereunder or with any public sector enterprise in India or any government Department in India that justify BIDDER'S exclusion from the tender process.

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

5. Earnest money (security deposit)

5.1 While submitting commercial bid, the BIDDER shall deposit an amount _____(as specified in RFP) as Earnest money/security, with the BUYER through any of the following instruments:-

- (i) Bank draft or a pay order in favor of _____
- (ii) A confirmed guarantee by an Indian nationalized bank, promising payment of the guaranteed sum to the BUYER on demand within three working days without any demur whatsoever and without seeking any reasons whatsoever .the demand for payment by the BUYER shall be treated as conclusive proof of payment.
- (iii) Any other mode or through any other instrument (to be specified in the RFP).

5.2 The Earnest money / Security deposit shall be valid up to a period of five years or the complete conclusion of the contractual obligations to the complete satisfaction of both the BIDDER and the BUYER, including warranty period, whichever is later.

5.3 In case of the successful BIDDER a clause would also be incorporated in the article pertaining to performance bond in the purchase contract that the provisions of sanction for violation shall be applicable for, forfeiture of performance bond in case of a decision by the BUYER to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this pact.

5.4 No interest shall be payable by the BUYER to the BIDDER on Earnest Money/Security Deposit for the period of its currency.

6. Sanctions for violations

6.1 Any breach of the aforesaid provisions by the BIDDER or any one Employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER) shall entitle the BUYER to take all or any one of the following actions, wherever required:

- (i) To immediately call off the pre contract negotiations without assigning any reason or giving any compensation to the BIDDER. However, the proceeding with the other BIDDER(s) would continue.
- (ii) The Earnest Money Deposit (in pre-contract stage) and/or Security Deposit /Performance bond (after the contract is signed shall stand forfeited either fully or partially, as decided by the BUYER and the BUYER shall not be required to assign any reason therefore.
- (iii) To immediately cancel the contract, if already signed, without giving any compensation to the BIDDER.
- (iv) To recover all sum already paid by the BUYER, and in case of an Indian BIDDER with interest thereon at 2% higher than the prevailing prime lending rate of State Bank of India, while in case of a BIDDER from a country other than India with interest thereon at 2% higher than the LIBOR . If any outstanding payment is due to the BIDDER from the BUYER in outstanding payment could also be utilized to recover the aforesaid sum and interest.
- (v) To encash the advance bank guarantee and performance bond / warranty bond, if furnished by the BIDDER in order to recover the payments, already made by the BIDDER, along with interest.
- (vi) To cancel all or any other contracts with the BIDDER, the BIDDER shall be liable to pay compensation for any loss or damage to the BUYER resulting from such cancellation/ rescission and the BUYER shall be entitled to deduct the amount so payable from the money (s) due to the BIDDER.
- (vii) To debar the BIDDER from participating in future bidding processes of the Government of India for a minimum period of five year, which may be further extended at the discretion of the Buyer
- (viii) To recover all sum paid in violation of this pact by bidder (s) to any middleman or agent or broker with a view to securing the contract.
- (ix) In case where irrevocable letters of credit have been received in respect of any contract signed by the BUYER with the BIDDER, the same shall not be opened.
- (x) Forfeiture of performance bond in case of a decision by the BUYER to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this pact.

6.2 The BUYER will be entitled to take all or any of the actions mentioned at Para 6.1(i) to (x) of this pact also on the commission by the BIDDER or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER), of an offence as defined in chapter IX of the Indian penal code, 1860 or prevention of corruption.

6.3 The decision of the BUYER to the effect that breach of the provisions of this pact has been committed by the BIDDER shall be final and conclusive on the BIDDER. However, the BIDDER can approach the independent monitor (s) appointed for the purpose of this pact.

7. Fall Clause

The BIDDER undertakes that it shall not supply similar Product / systems or subsystems in comparable business circumstances at a price lower than that offered in the present bid in respect of any other Public Sector Banks/Insurance Companies in India and if it is found that within one year after the signing of contract that similar product / systems or sub systems is supplied by the BIDDER to any other Public Sector Banks/Insurance Companies in India at a lower price, with due allowance for elapsed time, will be applicable to the present case and the difference in the cost would be refunded by the BIDDER to the BUYER, if the contract has already been concluded.

8. Independent Monitors

8.1 The BUYER has appointed Independent Monitors (here either referred to as Monitors) for this pact in consultation with the central vigilance commission.

8.2 The task of the Monitors shall be to review Independent and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this pact.

8.3 The Monitors shall not be subject to instruction by the representatives of the parties and perform their functions neutrally and independently.

8.4 Both the parties accept that the Monitors have the access all the documents relating to the project/procurement, including minutes of meeting.

8.5 As soon as the monitor notice, or has reason to believe, a violation of this pact, he will so inform the Authority designated by the BUYER.

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

8.7 The BIDDER will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the parties the parties will offer to the monitor the option to participate in such meetings.

8.8 The monitor will submit a written report to the designated Authority of BUYER / Secretary in the Department/ within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the BUYER / BIDDER and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.

9. Facilitation of Investigation

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

10. Law and place of jurisdiction

This Pact is subject to Indian Law. The place of performance and jurisdiction is the seat of the BUYER.

11. Other Legal Actions

The actions stipulated in this Integrity pact are without prejudice to any other legal action that may follow in accordance with provisions of the extent law in force relating to any civil or criminal proceedings.

12. Validity

12.1 The validity of this Integrity Pact shall be from date of this signing and extend up to 5 years or the complete execution of the contract to the satisfaction of both the BUYER and the BIDDER/SELLER, including warranty period, whichever is later, In case BIDDER is unsuccessful, this Integrity Pact shall expire after six months from the date of the signing of the contract.

12.2 Should one or several provisions of this Pact turn out to be invalid, the reminder of this Pact shall remain valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.

13. The BIDDER undertakes that he shall not approach the Court while representing the matter to External Independent Monitors (IEMs) and he will await their decision in the matter within a time ceiling of 90 days.

14. The parties hereby sign this Integrity Pact at _____ on _____

Signed, Sealed and Delivered for "The Oriental Insurance Company Ltd." By it's constituted Authority	Signed, Sealed and Delivered for M/s _____ by it's constituted Authority
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Designation: _____	Designation: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Company: _____	Company: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____
Company Seal	Company Seal
Witness I	Witness II
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Designation: _____	Designation: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Company: _____	Company: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____