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**Section IV. General Conditions of Contract****1. Definitions**

1.1. In this Contract, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

(a) “The Contract” means the agreement entered into between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier, as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

(b) “The Contract Price” means the price payable to the Supplier under the Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.

(c) “The Goods” means all of the supplies, equipment, machinery, spare parts, other materials and/or general support services which the Supplier is required to provide to the Procuring Entity under the Contract.

(d) “The Services” means those services ancillary to the supply of the Goods, such as transportation and insurance, and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, and other such obligations of the Supplier covered under the Contract.

(e) “GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract contained in this Section.

(f) “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract.

(g) “The Procuring Entity” means the organization purchasing the Goods, as named in the SCC.

(h) “The Procuring Entity’s country” is the Philippines.

(i) “The Supplier” means the individual contractor, manufacturer distributor, or firm supplying/manufacturing the Goods and Services under this Contract and named in the SCC.

(j) The “Funding Source” means the organization named in the SCC.

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(k) "The Project Site," where applicable, means the place or places named in the SCC.

(l) "Day" means calendar day.

(m) The "Effective Date" of the contract will be the date of receipt by the Supplier of the Notice to Proceed or the date provided in the Notice to Proceed. Performance of all obligations shall be reckoned from the Effective Date of the Contract.

(n) "Verified Report" refers to the report submitted by the Implementing Unit to the Head of the Procuring Entity setting forth its findings as to the existence of grounds or causes for termination and explicitly stating its recommendation for the issuance of a Notice to Terminate.

**2. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, and Coercive Practices**

2.1. The Procuring Entity as well as the bidders, contractors, or suppliers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, the Procuring Entity:

(a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

(a.1) "corrupt practice" means behavior on the part of officials in the public or private sectors by which they improperly and unlawfully enrich themselves, others, or induce others to do so, by misusing the position in which they are placed, and it includes the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of any such official in the procurement process or in contract execution; entering, on behalf of the Government, into any contract or transaction manifestly and grossly disadvantageous to the same, whether or not the public officer profited or will profit thereby, and similar acts as provided in Republic Act 3019.

(a.2) "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Procuring Entity, and includes collusive practices among Bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels and to deprive the Procuring Entity of the benefits of free and open competition.

(a.3) "collusive practices" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of

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the Procuring Entity, designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels.

(a.4) “coercive practices” means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons, or their property to influence their participation in a procurement process, or affect the execution of a contract;

(b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in any of the practices mentioned in this Clause for purposes of competing for the contract.

2.2. Further the Funding Source, Borrower or Procuring Entity, as appropriate, will seek to impose the maximum civil, administrative and/or criminal penalties available under the applicable law on individuals and organizations deemed to be involved with any of the practices mentioned in GCC Clause 2.1(a).

**3. Inspection and Audit by the Funding Source**

The Supplier shall permit the Funding Source to inspect the Supplier’s accounts and records relating to the performance of the Supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Funding Source, if so required by the Funding Source.

**4. Governing Law and Language**

4.1. This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

4.2. This Contract has been executed in the English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to this Contract exchanged by the parties shall be written in English.

**5. Notices**

5.1. Any notice, request, or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice, request, or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when received by the concerned party, either in person or through an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, telex, telegram, or facsimile to such Party at the address specified in the SCC, which shall be effective when delivered and duly received or on the notice’s effective date, whichever is later.

5.2. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party notice of such change pursuant to the provisions listed in the SCC for GCC Clause 5.1.

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6.1. The GOODS and Related Services to be provided shall be as specified in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.

6.2. This Contract shall include all such items, although not specifically mentioned, that can be reasonably inferred as being required for its completion as if such items were expressly mentioned herein. Any additional requirements for the completion of this Contract shall be provided in the SCC.

**7. Subcontracting**

7.1. Subcontractors must comply with the eligibility criteria as provided under ITB Clause 5. For this purpose, the Bidder shall include in its Technical Proposal all the documents required under ITB Clause 1 for any subcontractor. If the Procuring Entity determines that a subcontractor is ineligible, the subcontracting of such portion of the Goods assigned to the ineligible subcontractor shall be disallowed.

7.2. Unless otherwise indicated in the SCC, the Supplier cannot subcontract more than twenty percent (20%) of the total Project cost. Subcontracting of any portion of the Contract or Project does not relieve the Contractor of any liability or obligation under this Contract. The Supplier will be responsible for the acts, defaults, and negligence of any subcontractor, its agents, servants or workmen as fully as if these were the Supplier's own acts, defaults, or negligence, or those of its agents, servants or workmen.

7.3. All subcontracting arrangements as disclosed and identified during the eligibility check shall not be changed during the implementation of this Contract.

**8. Procuring Entity's Responsibilities**

8.1. Whenever the performance of the obligations in this Contract requires that the Supplier obtain permits, approvals, import, and other licenses from local public authorities, the Procuring Entity shall, if so needed by the Supplier, make its best effort to assist the Supplier in complying with such requirements in a timely and expeditious manner.

8.2. The Procuring Entity shall pay all costs involved in the performance of its responsibilities in accordance with GCC Clause 6.

**9. Prices**

Prices charged by the Supplier for Goods delivered and/or Services performed under this Contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the Supplier in its bid, with the

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exception of any change in price resulting from a Change Order issued in accordance with GCC Clause 27, or if applicable, adjustments authorized in accordance with the price adjustment provisions specified in the SCC.

**10. Payment**

10.1. Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, payments shall be made only upon a certification by the Head of the Procuring Entity to the effect that the Goods have been rendered or delivered in accordance with the terms of this Contract and have been duly inspected and accepted. Except with the prior approval of the President no payment shall be made for services not yet rendered or for supplies and materials not yet delivered under this Contract. Ten percent (10%) of the amount of each payment shall be retained by the Procuring Entity to cover the Supplier's warranty obligations under this Contract as described in GCC Clause 15.3.

10.2. The Supplier's request(s) for payment shall be made to the Procuring Entity in writing, accompanied by an invoice describing, as appropriate, the Goods delivered and/or Services performed, and by documents submitted pursuant to the SCC provision for GCC Clause 6.2, and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in this Contract.

10.3. Pursuant to GCC Clause 9.2, payments shall be made promptly by the Procuring Entity, but in no case later than sixty (60) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the Supplier.

10.4. Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the currency in which payment is made to the Supplier under this Contract shall be in Philippine Pesos.

**11. Advance Payment**

11.1. Advance payment shall be made only after prior approval of the President, and shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the Contract amount, unless otherwise directed by the President. For cases mentioned under GCC Clause 9.7 however, no prior approval by the President shall be necessary.

11.2. All progress payments shall first be charged against the advance payment until the latter has been fully exhausted, unless otherwise approved by the President.

11.3. Prior approval by the President shall be unnecessary in the following cases:

- (a) A single advance payment not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the Contract shall be allowed for contracts entered into by a Procuring Entity for the following services where requirement of down payment is standard industry practice:

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- (a.1) Hotel and restaurant services;
- (a.2) Use of conference, seminar or exhibit areas; and
- (a.3) Lease of office space.

(b) Advance payment not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the Contract amount, unless otherwise directed by the President, shall also be allowed for the procurement of goods required to address contingencies arising from natural or man-made calamities in areas where a “State of Calamity” has been declared by appropriate authorities.

11.4. For Good supplied from abroad, ten percent (10%) of the Contract price shall be paid within sixty (60) calendar days from signing of the contract and upon submission of a claim and a bank guarantee issued by a licensed bank for the equivalent amount valid until the Goods are delivered and in the form provided in the SCC.

**12. Taxes and Duties**

12.1. A foreign Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all the necessary taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed for the completion of this Contract.

12.2. A local Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all the necessary taxes, duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed for the completion of this Contract.

**13. Performance Security**

13.1. Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award from the Procuring Entity but in no case later than the signing of the contract by both parties, the successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in any the forms prescribed in the ITB Clause 11.

13.2. The performance security shall be denominated in Philippine Pesos and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity, which shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the winning bidder is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.

13.3. The performance security shall remain valid until issuance by the Procuring Entity of the final Certificate of Acceptance.

13.4. Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the performance security may be released by the Procuring Entity and returned to the Supplier after the issuance of the final Certificate of Acceptance subject to the following conditions:

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- (a) There are no pending claims against the Supplier or the surety company filed by the PROCURING ENTITY;
- (b) The Contractor has no pending claims for labor and materials filed against it; and
- (c) Other terms of the contract.

13.5. In case of a reduction of the contract value, the Procuring Entity shall allow a proportional reduction in the original performance security, provided that any such reduction is more than ten percent (10%) and that the aggregate of such reductions is not more than fifty percent (50%) of the original performance security.

**14. Use of Contract Documents and Information**

14.1. The Supplier shall not, except for purposes of performing the obligations in this Contract, without the Procuring Entity's prior written consent, disclose this Contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the Procuring Entity. Any such disclosure shall be made in confidence and shall extend only as far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

14.2. Any document, other than this Contract itself, enumerated in GCC Clause 12.1 shall remain the property of the Procuring Entity and shall be returned (all copies) to the Procuring Entity on completion of the Supplier's performance under this Contract if so required by the Procuring Entity.

**15. Standards**

The Goods provided under this Contract shall conform to the standards mentioned in the Section VII. Technical Specifications; and, when no applicable standard is mentioned, to the authoritative standards appropriate to the Goods' country of origin. Such standards shall be the latest issued by the institution concerned.

**16. Inspection and Tests**

16.1. The Procuring Entity or its representative shall have the right to inspect and/or to test the Goods to confirm their conformity to the Contract specifications at no extra cost to the Procuring Entity. The SCC and Section VII. Technical Specifications shall specify what inspections and/or tests the Procuring Entity requires and where they are to be conducted. The Procuring Entity shall notify the Supplier in writing, in a timely manner, of the identity of any representatives retained for these purposes.

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16.2. If applicable, the inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), at point of delivery, and/or at the goods' final destination. If conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no charge to the Procuring Entity.

16.3. The Procuring Entity or its designated representative shall be entitled to attend the tests and/or inspections referred to in this Clause provided that the Procuring Entity shall bear all of its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with such attendance including, but not limited to, all traveling and board and lodging expenses.

16.4. The Procuring Entity may reject any Goods or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The Supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected Goods or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications at no cost to the Procuring Entity, and shall repeat the test and/or inspection, at no cost to the Procuring Entity, upon giving a notice pursuant to GCC Clause 5.

16.5. The Supplier agrees that neither the execution of a test and/or inspection of the Goods or any part thereof, nor the attendance by the Procuring Entity or its representative, shall release the Supplier from any warranties or other obligations under this Contract.

**17. Warranty**

17.1. The Supplier warrants that the Goods supplied under the Contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials except when the design and/or material required by the Procuring Entity provides otherwise.

17.2. The Supplier further warrants that all Goods supplied under this Contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship or from any act or omission of the Supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied Goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

17.3. In order to assure that manufacturing defects shall be corrected by the Supplier, manufacturer, or distributor, as the case may be, a warranty shall be required from the Supplier for a minimum period of three (3) months, in the case of Expendable Supplies, and one (1) year, in the case of Non-expendable Supplies, after acceptance by the Procuring Entity of the delivered suppliers or other such period as may be specified in the SCC. The obligation for the warranty shall be covered by, at the Supplier's option, either retention money in an amount equivalent to at least ten percent (10%) of every progress payment, or a special bank guarantee equivalent to at least ten percent (10%) of the Contract Price or other such amount if so specified in the SCC. The said amounts shall only be

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released after the lapse of the warranty period or in the case of Expendable Supplies, after consumption thereof: Provided, however, that the Supplies delivered are free from patent and latent defects and all the conditions imposed under the Contract have been fully met.

17.4. The Procuring Entity shall promptly notify the Supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

17.5. Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, within the period specified in the SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof, without costs to the Procuring Entity.

17.6. If the Supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in the SCC, the Procuring Entity may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Procuring Entity may have against the Supplier under the Contract and under the applicable law.

**18. Delays in the Supplier's Performance**

18.1. Delivery of the Goods and/or performance of Services shall be made by the Supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the Procuring Entity in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.

18.2. If at any time during the performance of this Contract, the Supplier or its Subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the Goods and/or performance of Services, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Procuring Entity in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier's notice, and upon causes provided for under GCC Clause 20, the Procuring Entity shall evaluate the situation and may extend the Supplier's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of Contract.

18.3. Except as provided under GCC Clause 20, a delay by the Supplier in the performance of its obligations shall render the Supplier liable to the imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to GCC Clause 17, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 27 without the application of liquidated damages.

**19. Liquidated Damages**

19.1. Subject to GCC Clauses 16 and 20, if the Supplier fails to satisfactorily deliver any or all of the Goods and/or to perform the Services within the period(s) specified in this Contract inclusive of duly granted time extensions if any, the Procuring Entity shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under this Contract and under the applicable law, deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to the percentage specified in the SCC of the delivered

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price of the delayed Goods or unperformed Services for each week or part thereof of delay until actual delivery or performance, up to a maximum deduction of the percentage specified in the SCC. Once the maximum is reached, the Procuring Entity shall rescind the Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 21, without prejudice to other courses of action and remedies open to it.

**20. Settlement of Disputes**

20.1. If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier in connection with or arising out of this Contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.

20.2. If after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the Procuring Entity or the Supplier may give notice to the other party of its intention to commence arbitration, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given.

20.3. Any dispute or difference in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given in accordance with this Clause shall be settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after delivery of the Goods under this Contract.

20.4. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.

20.5. Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree; and the Procuring Entity shall pay the Supplier any monies due the Supplier.

**21. Limitation of Liability**

Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement of patent rights, if applicable, the aggregate liability of the Supplier to the Procuring Entity shall not exceed the total Contract Price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

**22. Force Majeure**

22.1. The Supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, liquidated damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that its delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of a force majeure.

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22.2. For purposes of this Contract the terms “force majeure” and “fortuitous event” may be used interchangeably. In this regard, a fortuitous event or force majeure shall be interpreted to mean an event which the Contractor could not have foreseen, or which though foreseen, was inevitable. It shall not include ordinary unfavorable weather conditions; and any other cause the effects of which could have been avoided with the exercise of reasonable diligence by the Contractor.

22.3. If a force majeure situation arises, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Procuring Entity in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Procuring Entity in writing, the Supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure.

**23. Termination for Default**

23.1. The Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract for default when any of the following conditions attends its implementation:

(a) Outside of force majeure, the Supplier fails to deliver or perform any or all of the Goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring Entity pursuant to a request made by the Supplier prior to the delay, and such failure amounts to at least ten percent (10%) of the contact price;

(b) As a result of force majeure, the Supplier is unable to deliver or perform any or all of the Goods, amounting to at least ten percent (10%) of the contract price, for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the Procuring Entity stating that the circumstance of force majeure is deemed to have ceased; or

(c) The Supplier fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract.

23.2. In the event the Procuring Entity terminates this Contract in whole or in part, for any of the reasons provided under GCC Clauses 21 to 24, the Procuring Entity may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Goods or Services similar to those undelivered, and the Supplier shall be liable to the Procuring Entity for any excess costs for such similar Goods or Services. However, the Supplier shall continue performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3. In case the delay in the delivery of the Goods and/or performance of the Services exceeds a time duration equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the specified contract time plus any time extension duly granted to the Supplier, the Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract, forfeit the Supplier's performance security and award the same to a qualified Supplier.

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The Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract if the Supplier is declared bankrupt or insolvent as determined with finality by a court of competent jurisdiction. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the Supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Procuring Entity and/or the Supplier.

**25. Termination for Convenience**

25.1. The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The Head of the Procuring Entity may terminate a contract for the convenience of the Government if he has determined the existence of conditions that make Project Implementation economically, financially or technically impractical and/or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous event(s) or changes in law and national government policies.

25.2. The Goods that have been delivered and/or performed or are ready for delivery or performance within thirty (30) calendar days after the Supplier's receipt of Notice to Terminate shall be accepted by the Procuring Entity at the contract terms and prices. For Goods not yet performed and/or ready for delivery, the Procuring Entity may elect:

- (a) to have any portion delivered and/or performed and paid at the contract terms and prices; and/or
- (b) to cancel the remainder and pay to the Supplier an agreed amount for partially completed and/or performed goods and for materials and parts previously procured by the Supplier.

25.3. If the Supplier suffers loss in its initial performance of the terminated contract, such as purchase of raw materials for goods specially manufactured for the Procuring Entity which cannot be sold in open market, it shall be allowed to recover partially from this Contract, on a quantum meruit basis. Before recovery may be made, the fact of loss must be established under oath by the Supplier to the satisfaction of the Procuring Entity before recovery may be made.

**26. Termination for Unlawful Acts**

26.1. The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract in case it is determined prima facie that the Supplier has engaged, before or during the implementation of this Contract, in unlawful deeds and behaviors relative to contract acquisition and implementation. Unlawful acts include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Corrupt, fraudulent, and coercive practices as defined in ITB Clause 3.1(a);

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- (b) Drawing up or using forged documents;
- (c) Using adulterated materials, means or methods, or engaging in production contrary to rules of science or the trade; and
- (d) Any other act analogous to the foregoing.

**27. Procedures for Termination of Contracts**

27.1. The following provisions shall govern the procedures for termination of this Contract:

- (a) Upon receipt of a written report of acts or causes which may constitute ground(s) for termination as aforementioned, or upon its own initiative, the Implementing Unit shall, within a period of seven (7) calendar days, verify the existence of such ground(s) and cause the execution of a Verified Report, with all relevant evidence attached;
- (b) Upon recommendation by the Implementing Unit, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract only by a written notice to the Supplier conveying the termination of this Contract. The notice shall state:
  - (b.1) that this Contract is being terminated for any of the ground(s) afore-mentioned, and a statement of the acts that constitute the ground(s) constituting the same;
  - (b.2) the extent of termination, whether in whole or in part;
  - (b.3) an instruction to the Supplier to show cause as to why this Contract should not be terminated; and
  - (b.4) special instructions of the Procuring Entity, if any.
- (c) The Notice to Terminate shall be accompanied by a copy of the Verified Report;
- (d) Within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Termination, the Supplier shall submit to the Head of the Procuring Entity a verified position paper stating why this Contract should not be terminated. If the Supplier fails to show cause after the lapse of the seven (7) day period, either by inaction or by default, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall issue an order terminating this Contract;

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(e) The Procuring Entity may, at anytime before receipt of the Supplier's verified position paper to withdraw the Notice to Terminate if it is determined that certain items or works subject of the notice had been completed, delivered, or performed before the Supplier's receipt of the notice;

(f) Within a non-extendible period of ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the verified position paper, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall decide whether or not to terminate this Contract. It shall serve a written notice to the Supplier of its decision and, unless otherwise provided, this Contract is deemed terminated from receipt of the Supplier of the notice of decision. The termination shall only be based on the ground(s) stated in the Notice to Terminate;

(g) The Head of the Procuring Entity may create a Contract Termination Review Committee (CTRC) to assist him in the discharge of this function. All decisions recommended by the CTRC shall be subject to the approval of the Head of the Procuring Entity; and

(h) The Supplier must serve a written notice to the Procuring Entity of its intention to terminate the contract at least thirty (30) calendar days before its intended termination. The Contract is deemed terminated if it is not resumed in thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of such notice by the Procuring Entity.

**28. Assignment of Rights**

The Supplier shall not assign his rights or obligations under this Contract, in whole or in part, except with the Procuring Entity's prior written consent.

**29. Contract Amendment**

Subject to applicable laws, no variation in or modification of the terms of this Contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties.

**30. Application**

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These General Conditions shall apply to the extent that they are not superseded by provisions of other parts of this Contract.

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**Section IX. Post Qualifications, Inspection and Acceptance Checklist**