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#### INTRODUCTION:

TFL as one of its endeavour to maintain and foster most ethical and corruption free business environment, have decided to adopt the Integrity Pact, a tool developed by the Transparency International, to ensure that all activities and transactions between the Company (TFL) and its Counterparties (Bidders, Contractors, Vendors, Suppliers, Service Providers/Consultants etc.) are handled in a fair and transparent manner, completely free of corruption.

Considering the above, the details mentioned at attached Annexure-1 are applicable as stated in Instruction to Bidders of Bid Document in addition to the existing stipulation regarding Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices.

The attached copy of the Integrity Pact at Annexure - 2 shall be included in the Bid submitted by the bidder (to be executed by the bidder for all tenders of value Rs. 1 (One) crore and above). In case a bidder does not sign the Integrity Pact, his bid shall be liable for rejection.



Bidder is required to sign the Integrity Pact with TFL as per format & terms and conditions enclosed with tender. In case a bidder does not sign the Integrity Pact, his bid shall be liable for rejection.

## I COMMITMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE "COUNTERPARTY"

- a) The Counterparty, directly or indirectly (through agent, consultant, advisor, etc.), shall not pay any bribe/ influence or give undue/ unlawful benefit to anyone to gain undue advantage in dealing with TFL.
- b) The Counterparty will not engage in collusion of any kind including price fixation etc. with other Counterparts.
- c) The counterparty will not pass TFL's confidential information to any third party unless specifically authorized by TFL in writing.
- d) The Counterparties shall promote and observe best ethical practices within their respective organizations.
- e) The Counterparty shall inform the Independent External Monitor.
  - i) If it received any demand, directly or indirectly, for a bribe/ favour or any illegal gratification/ payment / benefit;
  - ii) If it comes to know of any unethical or illegal payment / benefit;
  - iii) If it makes any payment to any TFL associate.
- f) The Counterparty shall not make any false or misleading allegations against TFL or its associates.

## II VIOLATIONS & CONSEQUENCES:

- a) If a Counterparty commits a violation of its Commitments and Obligations under the Integrity Pact Programme during bidding process, their entire Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security, would be forfeited and in addition, action shall be taken as per "Procedure for action in case Corrupt /Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practices"
- b) In case of violation of the Integrity pact by Counterparty after award of the Contract, TFL shall be entitled to terminate the Contract. Further, TFL would forfeit the security deposits/ Contract Performance Bank Guarantee and in addition, action shall be taken as per "Procedure for action in case Corrupt /Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practices"



# **INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL MONITORS (IEMS)**

Presently the panel consisting of the following Independent External Monitors (IEMs) have been appointed by TFL, in terms of Integrity Pact (IP) which forms part of TFL Tenders / Contracts.

- i) Shri Sanjeev Prasad Narain Singh (Email ID: <a href="mailto:spns108@gmail.com">spns108@gmail.com</a>)
- ii) Shri Anil Kumar Sharma (Email ID: aksharma1512@gmail.com)

This panel is authorised to examine / consider all references made to it under this tender. The bidder(s), in case of any dispute(s) / complaint(s) pertaining to this tender may raise the issue either with the designated tender issuing officer or Nodal Officer (presently Sh. Manna Paul, DGM (C&P) — Email: <a href="mannapaul@gail.co.in">mannapaul@gail.co.in</a>) in TFL or directly with the IEMs on the panel or IEM c/o Chief Vigilance Officer, Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd., Priyadarshini Building, Eastern Express Highway, Sion, Mumbai Maharashtra, 400022.



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(To be executed on plain paper)

Between Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL) [here-in-after referred to as "Principal"].		
<u>AND</u>		
(here-in-after referred to as "The Bidder/contractor").		
(Principal and the Bidder / Contractor are here-in-after are referred to individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties").		
PREAMBLE		

The Principal intends to award under laid down organizational procedures, contract/s for\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Principal values full compliance with all relevant laws of land rules, regulations, and economic use of resources and of fairness /transparency in its relations with its Bidder (s) and/or Contractor (s).

In order to achieve these goals, the Principal will appoint Independent External Monitors (IEMs) who will monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the principles mentioned above.

# Section 1 - Commitments of the Principal

- 1. The Principal commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption and to observe the following Principles:
  - i) No employee of the Principal, personally or through family members, will in connection with the tender for, or the execution of a contract, demand, take a promise for or accept, for self or for a third person, any material or immaterial benefit which the person is not legally entitled to.
  - ii) The Principal will, during the tender process treat all Bidder(s) with equity and reasons. The Principal will in particular, before and during the tender process, provide to all Bidder(s) the same information and will not provide to any Bidder(s) confidential / additional information through which the Bidder(s) could obtain an advantage in relation to the tender process or the contract execution.

- iii) The Principal will exclude from the process all known prejudiced persons.
- 2. If the Principal obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a criminal offence under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) / Prevention of Corruption Act (PC Act), or if there be a substantive suspicion in this regard, the Principal will inform the Chief Vigilance Officers and in addition can initiate disciplinary actions.

# Section 2 – Commitments of the Bidder (s)/Contractor (s)

- 1. The Bidder(s) / Contractor(s) commits themselves to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption. The Bidder(s) / Contractor(s) commits themselves to observe the following principles during participation in the tender process and during the contract execution:
  - i) The Bidder (s) / Contractor (s) 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 advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.
  - The Bidder (s) / Contractor (s) will not enter with other Bidders into any undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of bids or any other action to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelisation in the bidding process.
  - The Bidder (s) / Contractor (s) will not commit any offence under the relevant IPC/PC Act; further, the Bidder (s) / Contractor (s) will not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information or document provided by the Principal as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained or transmitted electronically.
  - iv) The Bidder (s)/ Contractor (s) of foreign origin shall disclose the name and address of the Agents/ representatives in India, if any. Similarly, the Bidder (s)/ Contractor (s) of Indian Nationality shall furnish the name and address of the foreign principals, if any. Further, all the payments made to the Indian agent/ representative have to be in India Rupees only.
  - v) The Bidder (s) / Contractor (s) will, when presenting their bid, disclose any and all payments made, is committed to or intends to make to agents,



brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the award of the contract.

- vi) Bidder(s) / Contractor(s) who have signed the Integrity Pact shall not approach the Courts while representing the matter to IEMs and shall wait for their decision in the matter.
- 2. The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) shall not instigate third person to commit offences outlined above or be an accessory to such offences.

# <u>Section 3 – Disqualification from tender process and exclusion</u> <u>from future contracts</u>

If the Bidder (s) / Contractor (s), before award or during execution has committed a transgression through a violation of Section 2, above or in any other form such as to put their reliability or credibility in question, the Principal is entitled to disqualify the Bidder (s) / Contractor (s) from the tender process or take action as per provisions of "Procedure for action in case Corrupt /Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practices".

## Section 4 - Compensation for Damages

- 1. If the Principal has disqualified the Bidder (s) from the tender process prior to the award according to Section 3, the Principal is entitled to demand and recover the damages equivalent to Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security.
- 2. If the Principal has terminated the contract according to Section 3, or if the Principal is entitled to terminate the contract according to Section 3, the Principal shall be entitled to demand and recover from the Contractor liquidated damages equal to the Contract Value or the amount equivalent to Performance Bank Guarantee.

## Section 5 – Previous transgression

- 1. The Bidder declares that no previous transgression occurred in the last three years, with any other Company in any country conforming to the anti-corruption approach or with any Public Sector Enterprise in India that could justify his exclusion from the tender process.
- 2. If the Bidder makes incorrect statement on this subject, he can be disqualified from the tender process or actions can be taken as per provisions of "Procedure for action in case Corrupt /Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practices"



# Section 6 - Equal treatment to all Bidders / Contractors / Subcontractors

- 1. In case of sub-contracting, the Principal contractor shall take the responsibility of the adoption of IP by the sub-contractor. It is to be ensured by him that all sub-contractors also sign the IP.
- 2. The Principal will enter into agreements with identical conditions as this one with all Bidders and Contractors.
- 3. The Principal will disqualify from the tender process all bidders who do not sign this Pact or violate its provisions.

# Section 7 – Criminal charges against violating Bidder (s) / Contractor (s) / Sub-contractor (s)

If the Principal obtains knowledge of conduct of a Bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor, or of an employee or a representative or an associate of a Bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor which constitutes corruption, or if the Principal has substantive suspicion in this regard, the Principal will inform the same to the Chief Vigilance Officer.

## Section 8 -Independent External Monitor / Monitors

- 1. The Principal appoints competent and credible Independent External Monitor for this Pact after approval by Central Vigilance Commission. The task of the Monitor is to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this agreement.
- 2. The Monitor is not subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and performs his/her functions neutrally and independently. The Monitor would have access to all documents / records pertaining to the contract for which a complaint or issue is raised before them, as and when warranted. However, the documents / records / information having National Security implications and those documents which have been classified as Secret/Top Secret are not to be disclosed. It will be obligatory for him/her to treat the information and documents of the Bidders / Contractors as confidential. He / she reports to MD, TFL.
- 3. The Bidder (s)/ Contractor (s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the Principal including that provided by the Contractor. The Contractor will also grant the Monitor, upon his/her request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to their project documentation. The same is applicable to Sub-contractors.
- 4. The Principal 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 Principal and the Contractor. The parties offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.

- 5. As soon as the Monitor notices, or believes to notice, a violation of this agreement, he/she will so inform the Management of the Principal and request the Management to discontinue or to take corrective action, or to take other relevant action. The monitor can in this regard submit non-binding recommendations. Beyond this, the Monitor has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action or tolerate action.
- 6. The Monitor will submit a written report to MD, TFL within 30 days from the date of reference or intimation to him by the 'Principal' and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.
- 7. If the Monitor has reported to MD, TFL, a substantiated suspicion of an offence under relevant IPC/PC Act, and MD, TFL has not, within reasonable time, taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Chief Vigilance Officer, then, only in case of very serious issue having a specific verifiable Vigilance angle, the matter should be reported directly to the Central Vigilance Commission.
- 8. The word 'Monitor' would include both singular and plural.
- 9. In case of any complaints referred under IP Program, the role of IEMs is advisory and would not be legally binding and it is restricted to resolving the issues raised by an intending bidder regarding any aspect of the tender which allegedly restricts competition or bias towards some bidder.
- 10. After award of contract, the IEMs shall look into any issue relating to execution of contract, if specifically raised before them. As an illustrative example, if a contractor who has been awarded the contract, during the execution of contract, raises issue of delayed payment etc. before the IEMs, the same shall be examined by the panel of IEMs.

## Section 9 - Pact Duration

This Pact begins when both parties have legally signed it. It expires for the Contractor 12 months after the last payment under the respective contract, and for all other Bidders 6 months after the contract has been awarded. Any violation to the same would entail disqualification of the bidders and exclusion from future business dealing.

If any claim is made / lodged during this time, the same shall be binding and continue to be valid despite the lapse of this pact as specified above, unless it is discharged/determined by MD, TFL.

## <u>Section 10 – Miscelleneous provisions</u>



- 1. This agreement is subject to Indian Law. Place of performance and exclusive jurisdiction is the Registered Office of the Principal, i.e. New Delhi.
- **2.** Changes and supplements as well as termination notices, if any, need to be made in writing. Side agreements have not been made.
- 3. If the Contractor/Bidder is a Joint Venture or a partnership concern or a consortium, this agreement must be signed by all partners or consortium members.
- 4. Should one or several of the provisions of this agreement turn out to be invalid, the remainder of this agreement shall remain valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions in such a case.
- 5. Issues like warranty / guarantee, etc. shall be outside the purview of IEMs.
- 6. In the event of any contradiction between the Integrity Pact and its Annexure, the Clause in Integrity Pact will prevail.

मन्ता पॉट्स/MANNA-PAUL- जानकार के (महिता हो हम) Dir Geers Managa (CAP) तालवर फरिलाइ जेले लिमेट अ Talcher Fertilizers Ltd. जीटीआई पीएआरसी बिल्डिंग/GTI PARC Building प्लॉट नं.— 24, सेक्टर—16ए, नोएडा—201 301 (उ.प्र.) Plot No. 24, Sec16A, Noida-201 301 (U.P.) (Office Seal)	(For & on Behalf of Bidder/Contractor)  (Office Seal)
PlaceDate	
Witness 1: (Sign, Name & Address) [FOR PRINCIPAL]	COOPM [SORA DEOGAM, DM (CLP)] TALCHER FERTHIZERS LAMITED (TFL) PLOT NO 24, SECTOR-16 A, NOIDA, U.P 201301
Witness 2: (Sign, Name & Address) [FOR BIDDER / CONTRACTOR]	