

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

To: ALL BIDDERS

CTBTO Ref. No.: 2017-0084/Thorvaldsdottir 
(PLEASE QUOTE ON ALL COMMUNICATIONS)

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Date: 08 May 17

Title of Request: Provision of Degassing System

Deadline for Submission: 29 May 17

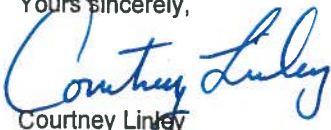
Vienna Local Time: 17:00

The Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban-Treaty Organization (hereinafter referred to as the 'Commission') hereby invites you to quote the following items as per conditions listed below.

Item	Description and Requirements	Quantity U/M
1	Provision of Degassing System In accordance with Annex B Terms of Reference.	1 Lot

When preparing your quotation, please follow the attached instructions. You are kindly requested to complete and return the acknowledgement form by fax or e-mail as soon as possible. If you have any questions you should contact the e-mail address indicated above. We look forward to receiving your quotation.

Yours sincerely,


Courtney Linley
Chief, Procurement Section

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Solicitation No: 2017-0084	Closing Date: 29 May 17
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Procurement Staff:

CTBTO Req. No.: 0010008564

Please complete 'A' or 'B' or 'C'
and Return

WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS

THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE
COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION (CTBTO)

by telefax
+43-1-26030-5948

A: We shall submit our proposal

By: _____
(date)

Company Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Email/Tel: _____

B: We may submit and will advise

By: _____
(date)

Company Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Email/Tel: _____

C: We will not submit a proposal for the following reason(s)

___ our current workload does not permit us to take on additional work at this time;
___ we do not have the required expertise for this specific project;
___ insufficient time to prepare a proper submission;
___ we consider the funds are insufficient to carry out the work required;
___ other (please specify) _____

Company Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Email/Tel: _____

ANNEX B

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR

DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM FOR DEGASSING NOBLE GASES
FROM WATER

1. BACKGROUND

The Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization with its headquarters in Vienna (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) is the international organization mandated to establish the global verification system foreseen under the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which is the Treaty banning any nuclear weapon test explosion or any other nuclear explosions. The Treaty provides for a global verification regime, including a network of 321 stations worldwide, a communication system, an international data centre and on-site inspections to monitor compliance with the Treaty.

Indications for an underground nuclear explosion (UNE) through detection of noble gases sampled during an On-site Inspection (OSI) at the earth surface or in soil air relies on efficient pathways of gas transport from the cavity to the surface. The dominant transport mechanisms are combinations of diffusion and barometric pressure fluctuation. Both of these mechanisms are significantly reduced if the lithosphere is partly or fully water saturated. The diffusion coefficient of gases in water is about 4 orders of magnitude lower than in the gas phases. Atmospheric pressure fluctuations are completely blocked by the presence of saturated water layers and barometric pumping is not effective in this case. Therefore, soil gas sampling under such conditions may not usefully contribute to a successful OSI.

Ground water however acts as an effective collector and integrator of gases from deeper strata. Under favourable conditions there might therefore be a chance to detect an UNE if the gases dissolved in groundwater could be extracted. This approach requires (i) methodologies to degas large amounts of water and (ii) knowledge about the natural Ar-37 and Xe-isotope activity concentrations in groundwater.

The Commission outlines here the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the construction and delivery of a system for degassing water based on a hydrophobic micro-porous hollow-fibre membrane.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall construct and deliver one (1) system for degassing water (herein referred to as “degassing system”) in accordance with these ToR and in the most cost-effective manner possible. These ToR define both the technical specifications and the detailed framework of the equipment and related services and activities to be carried out by the Contractor.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

3.1. General scope

The Contractor shall:

1. Design, supply and deliver a degassing system to the Commission according to these ToR.
2. Provide documentation and training.
3. Report on progress of services to the Commission, as applicable.

3.2. Quality and Workmanship

The Contractor shall provide a degassing system that is made with high quality workmanship and of good materials and implemented based on Best Engineering Practices and the Scientific Method. The Contractor shall maintain the degassing system as per these ToR in a way to ensure good quality performance and services. The Contractor shall be responsible to address and to take corrective actions to eliminate early deterioration and damage of equipment under the warranty clause of the present contract.

If non-compliances with the requirements of the present Contract are revealed, the Commission's representative shall notify the Contractor of these non-compliances and recommend corrective actions which the Contractor shall address and eliminate in a timely and professional manner. For the explicit processes related to this Contract, please see further information and requirements related to Remedial Actions in Section 5.

4. COMMUNICATION

The Commission's Technical Officer appointed as the Point of Contact (PoC) for this Contract will closely liaise with the Contractor throughout the period of this Contract.

The Contractor shall:

1. Efficiently and accurately respond to technical and administrative questions from the Commission.
2. Provide all communication in the English language and, if not in person, through e-mail, phone, video conferencing (google hangout or skype), etc.
3. Provide a written report only in the case of Remedial Actions, see section 5.

The Commission reserves the right to provide comments and request revisions on any report as well as to request additional information within four (4) weeks of receipt of a report.

The Contractor shall coordinate and regularly update the Commission on all services and related activities under this Contract.

5. REMEDIAL ACTIONS

5.1. Remedial Actions and Remedial Actions Report

In the event that the Commission is not satisfied with the Contractor's equipment and/or services as outlined in these technical ToR, a request for Remedial Actions is provided to the Contractor from the Commission, through the following process:

- The relevant topics are communicated in writing from the Commission to the Contractor, together with a description of the Commission's request for Remedial Actions in accordance to the Contractor's commitment under this Contract.

The Contractor shall remedy the defects as per the Commission's request and submit a Remedial Actions Report in electronic format within six (6) weeks after receiving the request from the Commission, which includes the time to ship the degassing system to the Contractor's location, or other designated facility.

6. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The Contractor shall have an all-inclusive approach to the work to be undertaken within the framework of this Contract and takes into account/refer to all the internationally available scientific and technical developments and state-of-the-art know-how, as well as technical guidance from the Commission. The Commission expects a transparent work process and that all specifications are documented and shared in technical detail with the Commission.

The Contractor shall consider – as a minimum – the requirements listed below.

6.1. General operational requirements

- The central part of the system is the membrane contactor. It separates the water and gas phases.
- Maximal water flow rate: 10 – 48 m³/h (depending on membrane dimensions).
- 5 µm water filter (exchangeable during operation) to prevent clogging of the membrane.
- The extracted gases need to be collected in a storage vessel.
- The system needs to be self-supportive and must include all auxiliary components (e.g. power generator units etc.) required for turn-key operation in the field.
- The system must be highly mobile and ruggedized for field operations.
- The system footprint should be minimal (as small as possible) for effective transportation and deployment for OSI operations.
- The system must be air transportable and cannot contain items excluded from air transportation by IATA (e.g. Lithium metal batteries over a certain size etc.).

6.2. Design requirements

- Investigate the option of a submersible water pump suitable to extract water from boreholes or open water at the required flow rates including tubing.
- Include option for a sedimentation basin/vessel before the water enters the water filter.
- Investigate the option of a water hose reel installation for 30 to 50 m of hose.

- All operating and moving parts should be easily transportable utilising wheels or forklift pockets for loading and unloading, any spares or components not permanently installed shall utilise standardized packaging material (i.e. Zarges boxes).
- The system should be self-contained and ready for operations (including required support components).
- The system should have a modular design and provide easy access for operation and maintenance in the field.
- The system should be highly mobile and easy to transport (e.g. can be mounted on a trailer in a detachable form etc.).
- Accordingly, design system dimensions must be as small as possible, as light as possible and the system shall fit on standard trailer and pick-up truck sizes worldwide.

6.3. Transportation requirements

- Include forklift pockets/crane hooks etc. for easy handling of the system to and from the transport frame.
- Tie down points should be locatable at 4 points both at the top and bottom of the frame and shall not impede operation when located temporarily on a motorised vehicle/trailer. The systems should include all necessary auxiliary components and required spares/tools for operations.
- Auxiliary power should be provided in a form of an appropriately sized portable diesel generator unit. Alternatively the use of solar units or batteries can be considered, however the batteries provided should be approved for air transportation.

6.4. Other requirements

- Vacuum pressure at the contacting membrane for gas extraction shall be in accordance with the membrane specification.
- The gas extraction efficiency shall be optimised for noble gases and, preferably >80%.
- All water hose connections shall be non-leak fluid or gas quick connect versions.
- Compressors, if used, should be robust in design and suitable for the application.
- Power is either electric or diesel fuel, but not gasoline.
- Include spare parts for all components in Zarges or Peli cases.

6.5. Parameters to be monitored by the degassing system

- Water and gas flowrates.
- Water temperature.
- Pressure drop in the water filter for monitoring flow resistance, indicating clogging (see also section 6.1.6).
- Pressure drop in contacting membrane (as above in section 6.1.5.3).
- All monitored data shall be stored electronically.
- All monitored data shall be displayed; specifically the current and integrated gas extraction yield from water as well as the gas flow rate.

6.6. Controlled system parameters

- Water flow rate, by means of regulation and/or on/off valves. After achieving a desired water volume (range of 600 – 15'000 L), the water flow is stopped.

- Alternatively, the degassing is stopped after a certain volume of gas has been collected (range of 0.1 - 2 m³ gas per sample).
- Stop the system if the pressure drop in either the filter or the membrane exceeds the norm values.
- Prevent a pressure exceeding the safety tolerance of the membrane contactor.
- Prevent water flowing through the contacting membrane if the water temperature exceeds the safety tolerance of the membrane.

7. DELIVERY TERMS AND WORK SCHEDULE

The project shall be executed according to the following schedule after acceptance of the Contract:

- Phase 1: Project initiation meeting in VIC - within three (3) weeks after the receipt of the Contract.
- Phase 2: Technical consultation process (initial consultation process not longer than three (3) months).
- Phase 3: Selection/approval of preferred option – within four (4) months overall.
- Phase 4: Delivery of the required documentation, design and prototype units as applicable – within eight (8) months.

The Commission reserves the right to monitor the Work of the Contractor to ensure that they have been performed properly and will issue an acceptance of the performance after each phase outlined above. Any modifications to the deliverables, if requested by the Commission, must be made within a period of not more than three (3) working days.

8. DOCUMENTATION AND TRAINING

The Contractor shall, upon delivery, together with the degassing system, provide the following documentation:

- Complete installation, operating and maintenance instructions — complete with technical details — in the English language.
- Complete list of consumables and spare parts.
- An itemized inventory of all equipment composing the degassing system (including Software).
- Complete documentation of all Material Safety Datasheets as required for transportation (if DG components are used).
- Country of Origin certificates of all major components/system.

The Contractor shall provide all technical Training in the English language if such specific training is required for the operation of the System:

- At a suitable location to be defined;
- Upon the request of the Commission;
- After the delivery of the degassing system;
- For the duration of up to the maximum of two (2) days.

9. MAINTENANCE (OPTIONAL SERVICES)

The Contractor shall:

1. Provide information of any regular maintenance that may be required for the degassing system, including the frequency of such regular maintenance as this is critical for the Commission in order to plan ahead accordingly.
2. Clearly state the location and the exact service establishment, if this is a sub-contractor, where any maintenance would be performed if so requested by the Commission.
3. Clearly state if maintenance is included within the Warranty and (if any) which maintenance that entails.
4. Provide technical details and a breakdown of items for regular maintenance services.
5. An offer for these optional services should be included in the quotation for the Commission's review and consideration.
6. Maintenance services are optional and subject to the Commission's review and requests.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	
Electricity:	
Volt: Europe standard	Hz: Europe standard phase AC: Europe standard
Language:	LCD display, Operating System and all documentation, including Installation and Operating Manuals, shall be in the English language.
Spare Parts:	If spare parts are normally delivered with the equipment but are not mentioned in our list, please include in your quotation the minimum quantity required for one year of operation, keeping in mind that their value shall not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the equipment.

CONDITIONS	
Delivery Terms (INCOTERMS 2000) and Destination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ N/A (Services) ◆ DDU Vienna, Austria (Goods/Equipment) <p>Please note that all deliveries must include insurance for the equipment/goods (if applicable).</p>
The Price	The price quotation shall include costs and expenses incurred by the Supplier for the full and proper performance of all obligations under the contract (including travel, allowances, management and remuneration of the personnel, national income tax, medical, insurance and social security contribution, installation, commissioning, testing, training etc.).
Currency	Please quote in EURO or US\$ only.
Taxes	<p>In principle the Commission is exempt from taxes. Since the arrangement under which such exemption is respected varies from country-to-country, the selected bidder will be informed by the Commission whether tax exemption will occur at source or whether taxes will be reimbursed by the Commission upon submission of the original supporting documentation. “Taxes” means all direct and indirect taxes (including value added tax, general sales tax or goods and services tax), assessments, fees, customs duties, liens and charges in as much as they are levied in conclusion or implementation of the Contract, including customs restrictions and charges of similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for the Commission’s official use.</p> <p><i>(1) For Austrian companies</i> The price quoted shall be net of Taxes. All applicable Taxes payable by the (selected) bidder at the conclusion or implementation of the Contract in respect of the goods/services shall be quoted separately or be separately identified on the Proposal together with information on the nature of the tax and its method of calculation.</p> <p><i>(2) For European Union (EU) Companies</i> The price quoted shall be net of Taxes. All applicable Taxes payable by the selected</p>

	<p>bidder at the conclusion or implementation of the Contract in respect of the goods/services shall be quoted separately or separately identified on the Proposal together with information on the nature of the Tax and its method of calculation. Due to the VAT exemption applicable to the Commission, no VAT will be charged to the Commission by the EEC Suppliers under the Contract (Ref. EU VAT Council Directive 2006/112/EC, Article 151).</p> <p><i>(3) For Non-EU Companies</i> The price quoted shall be net of Taxes. All applicable Taxes payable by the selected bidder at the conclusion or implementation of the Contract in respect of the goods/services shall be quoted separately or be separately identified on the Proposal together with information on the nature of the Tax and its method of calculation. For deliveries to Vienna, Austria, and due to the Tax exemption at source applicable to the Commission, no Taxes shall be charged to the Commission under the Contract.</p>
Insurance	Insurance to be included in the quotation must be for All Risk, covering 110% of the cost of the equipment proposed, and from the date/place of the shipment to the date/place the delivery is completed. The insurance shall be in the name of the bidder and the Commission.
Validity of Quotation	Minimum 90 days as of the Closing Date
General Conditions	General Conditions of Contracts (See Annex A)
Privileges & Immunities	Nothing in or relating to the Contract shall be deemed to constitute an express or implied waiver of any Privileges and Immunities of the Commission.
Payment Terms	<p>Within 30 days of receipt and acceptance of the goods/services and of the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Invoice(s) showing the firm fixed price of the goods/services and actual delivery costs (door-to-door) to the CTBTO in Vienna Austria. The Supplier shall submit the invoice(s) in 1 (one) original and 2 (two) copies or electronically, from the Supplier's official e-mail address in PDF format, duly signed and sealed by the Supplier and submitted to payments@ctbto.org. Each invoice shall contain detailed banking instructions, including the name and address of the Supplier's bank, account number, account holder's name and SWIFT, IBAN and/or ABA codes for payment by electronic transfer and actual pre-paid transportation and insurance cost (if applicable); (2) Air Way Bill and Packing List (if applicable); (3) A copy of the invoice(s) from the forwarding agent supporting the actual delivery costs indicated on the Supplier's invoice (if applicable); (4) Delivery Notice acknowledged by VIC Receiving Area staff, showing all the items delivered (if applicable); (5) Acknowledgement Copy of the Commission's Contract with Supplier's signature; (6) A copy of the documents reporting the result of equipment Acceptance Testing, approved and counter-signed by the Commission and/or the end-user; (7) The Supplier's certificate, counter-signed by the Consignee/end-user, confirming the successful completion of the on-site support for installation and/or training; and (8) Any other relevant documents. <p>Applicable Taxes payable by the Supplier and/or its subcontractor(s) shall be invoiced separately or be separately identified on the invoice. Actual payment of the Taxes must primarily be supported by original documentation such as bank account statements, transfer orders, or receipts issued by the local tax or customs authorities. If submission of such original documentation is not possible for justifiable reasons, their copies could be accepted by the Commission provided that they are duly signed and certified by local tax or customs authorities. In case the currency in which the Taxes are levied is not the currency of the Contract, bank statements (or equivalent) showing the exchange rate used for the conversion shall be submitted to the Commission, in addition to any other supporting documentation.</p>

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The Commission reserves the right to accept or reject bidder's quotation, partially or entirely, and to annul this procurement process at any time prior to award of the Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the bidder or any obligation to inform the bidder of the grounds for the Commission's action.
2. The bidder shall include in its quotation documentary evidence of its qualifications for the Provision of Degassing System which shall establish to the Commission's satisfaction that the bidder has the financial, technical and production capability necessary to provide the goods/services in its entirety and to provide spare parts and other necessary on-going services as required.
3. The bidder shall bear all the costs associated with the preparation and submission of the quotation and the Commission shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of this RFQ.
4. The bidder's price quotation shall be submitted in the English language, together with relevant technical literatures in duplicate, which shall also be in English.
5. The bidder's quotation shall be typed or written in indelible ink and signed by an official legally authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of their organization. The quotation shall not contain any inter-lineation, erasures or overwriting except as necessary to correct errors made by the bidder, in which case such corrections shall be initialled by the person or persons signing the quotation.
6. The goods and services to be rendered under the Contract shall have their origin in the States Signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), the list of which is attached to this RFQ. For purposes of this paragraph, "the origin" means the place from where the materials, goods and/or from which the services are supplied.
7. Before the deadline for submission of the quotations, any request for clarifications relating to the RFQ documents shall be directed in writing exclusively to the Chief, Procurement Section, attention to Procurement Staff in charge of this matter referred to in the RFQ cover letter herein. If such requests are addressed to others or if additional information is obtained from others, it may lead to disqualification of the bidder.
8. From the deadline for submission of quotation until the written notification of award, no bidder shall contact the Commission on any matter relating to its quotation, except when responding to a request from the Commission for clarification. Any effort to influence the Commission in its evaluation of the quotation(s) or its award decision shall result in the rejection of the quotation.
9. The Commission shall evaluate the compliance of the quotations with the RFQ requirements. Subject to its technical compliance, the quotations shall be examined for its contractual compliance and commercial acceptability. Based on the mentioned evaluation, the Commission will determine the quotation which is the "least costly technically acceptable". Deviation, if any, from the Commission's terms and conditions might be a factor in the decision of award.
10. In case of an award, the following documents shall govern the Contract and in case of discrepancies or inconsistencies, the documents to prevail shall be given precedence in the following order:
 - (a) The Model Contract;
 - (b) The Commission's General Conditions of Contracts (Annex A);
 - (c) Terms of Reference (Annex B);
 - (d) The bidder's quotation shall be included as Annex C.

Use of former Preparatory Commission for the CTBTO ("Commission") employees in the preparation of Quotations:

A Bidder must not, in the absence of prior written approval from the Commission, permit a person to contribute to, or participate in, any process relating to the preparation of a Quotation or the procurement process if the person:

- a. At any time during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of issue of the Solicitation was an official, agent, servant or employee of, or otherwise engaged by the Commission;
- b. At any time during the 24 months immediately preceding the date of issue of the Solicitation was an employee of the Commission personally engaged, directly or indirectly, in the definition of the requirements, project or activity to which the Solicitation relates.

The quotation shall be submitted in writing to the address below:

Chief, Procurement Section
CTBTO PrepCom, Vienna International Centre
Wagramerstrasse 5, P.O. Box 1200
A-1400 Vienna, Austria
Tel. No. +43-1-26030-6350
Email procurement@ctbto.org

Bidders shall take note of the attached price schedule instructions when submitting the quotation.

Should there be items on the Commission's list that cannot be included in the quotation, the Bidder shall mark them and return the information to the Commission, together with the names of any potential bidder(s) known. The Commission would appreciate receiving the names of potential bidders, even if the Bidder cannot submit a quotation for any of the items.

The Bidder is kindly requested to confirm within 5 working days, the receipt of this RFQ and to indicate an intention to submit a quotation by the closing date mentioned herein.

BIDDER'S STATEMENT
PLEASE STATE BELOW & SUBMIT WITH QUOTATION

Delivery Time:

Shipping weight (kg) and Volume (m³) – if applicable:

List of recommended consumables and spares including prices and details on local availability, if applicable (please tick):

For one year period For a period of

Warranty period applicable (it shall be for a **minimum of 24 months**, starting from the acceptance of the goods/services by the Commission) – please tick below:

For a two year period For a period of

Availability of local service in Vienna, Austria (if any):

State country of origin or assembly of all items quoted:

Quantity discount and early payment discount (if any):

Include documentary evidence of qualifications to perform the order, which shall establish to the Commission's satisfaction that the bidder has the financial, technical and production capability necessary to perform the order in its entirety and to provide spare parts and other necessary on-going services as required.

Included in this quotation : Yes No

Confirmation that the bidder has reviewed the Commission's General Conditions of Contract and the Draft Contract and agreed to all terms and conditions.

Yes No

Remarks:

With regards to the software provided with the equipment, state and confirm whether the software licenses are transferable to third parties, i.e. the Commission or the Commission's State Signatories (Member States).

Yes No Not applicable

Remarks:

Name:

Name & Title of Contact Person:

Signature & date:

SAMPLE OF PRICE SCHEDULE

1. The Price Schedule must provide a detailed cost breakdown for each item. Delivery costs, and other estimated costs (e.g. customs duties, VAT, etc.) shall be quoted separately.
2. Technical descriptions for each proposed item must provide sufficient detail to allow the Commission to determine compliance of Bid with specifications as per Terms of Reference and/or Technical Specifications of this RFQ.
3. Currency: Please quote in EURO or US\$ only.
4. The format shown below shall be used in preparing the price quotation. The format uses a specific structure that may or may not be applicable but is indicated to serve as an example only.

Price Schedule: RFQ for Goods/Equipment					
Item No.	Description of Item	Qty.	Unit	Cost per Unit	Total Cost per item
	Item 1				
	Item 2				
	Item X				
	Item Y				
	Item Z				
	EQUIPMENT TOTAL				
	OTHER COSTS (if any)				
	SUBTOTAL				
	Estimated or Firm Fixed Delivery Costs*				
	Estimated Taxes, if applicable*				
	GRAND TOTAL (DDU or DDP as per the RFQ)				

SAMPLE ONLY

Signature of Bidder:

Date:

***Note:**

1. Please show costs for delivery and taxes separately.
2. Delivery costs shall include packing, handling, insurance, shipment, custom clearance and local delivery to final destination.
3. Applicable taxes, when authorized prior to the award of the order, will be reimbursed by the Commission on the basis of actual amounts paid and documented.
4. Make it clear that the quoted charge is an estimate, by indicating "Estimate" or "Approx." or "Firm Fixed"
5. Estimated costs (other than taxes) shall mean that the Commission shall pay the actual cost, not to exceed the estimate by more than ten (10) percent, in the event of an order.

Please be informed that all open competitive tenders of the CTBTO are available on the Web.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ctbto.org/procurement>

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On behalf of (name of firm or organization): _____, I hereby attest and confirm that the firm/organization:

- a) Possesses the legal status and capacity to enter into legally binding contracts with the Commission for the supply of equipment, supplies, services or work.
- b) Is not insolvent, in receivership, bankrupt or being wound up, and not under administration by a court or a judicial officer, and that it is not subject to the suspension of its business or legal proceedings for any of the foregoing reasons.
- c) Has fulfilled all its obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions.
- d) Has not, and that its directors and officers have not, within the last five years been convicted of any criminal offense related to professional conduct or the making of false statements or misrepresentations as to their capacity or qualifications to enter into a procurement or supply contract.
- e) That the Commission, in the event that any of the foregoing should occur at a later time, will be duly informed thereof, and in any event, will have the right to disqualify the firm/organization from any further participation in procurement proceedings.
- f) That the Commission shall have the right to disqualify the firm/organization from participation in any further procurement proceedings, if it offers, gives or agrees to give, directly or indirectly, to any current or former staff member of the Commission a gratuity in any form, an offer of employment or any other thing of service or value, as an inducement with respect to an act or a decision of, or a procedure followed by, the Commission in connection with a procurement proceeding.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Title/Position: _____

Place (City and Country): _____

Date: _____

CTBTO Member States

Afghanistan	Dominican Republic	Libya	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Albania		Liechtenstein	Samoa
Algeria		Lithuania	San Marino
Andorra	Ecuador	Luxembourg	Sao Tome and Principe
Angola	Egypt		Senegal
Antigua and Barbuda	El Salvador	Madagascar	Serbia, Republic of
Argentina	Equatorial Guinea	Malawi	Seychelles
Armenia	Eritrea	Malaysia	Sierra Leone
Australia	Estonia	Maldives	Singapore
Austria	Ethiopia	Mali	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Fiji	Malta	Slovenia
	Finland	Marshall Islands	Solomon Islands
	France	Mauritania	South Africa
Bahamas		Mexico	Spain
Bahrain	Gabon	Micronesia, Federated States of	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	Gambia	Monaco	Sudan
Barbados	Georgia	Mongolia	Suriname
Belarus	Germany	Montenegro	Swaziland
Belgium	Ghana	Republic of	Sweden
Belize	Greece	Morocco	Switzerland
Benin	Grenada	Mozambique	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guatemala	Myanmar	Tajikistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Guinea		Thailand
Botswana	Guinea-Bissau	Namibia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Brazil	Guyana	Nauru	Timor-Leste
Brunei Darussalam		Nepal	Togo
Bulgaria	Haiti	Netherlands	Tunisia
Burkina Faso	Holy See	New Zealand	Turkey
Burundi	Honduras	Nicaragua	Turkmenistan
	Hungary	Niger	
		Nigeria	
	Iceland	Norway	
	Indonesia		
	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Oman	
	Iraq		Uganda
	Ireland	Palau	Ukraine
	Israel	Panama	United Arab Emirates
	Italy	Papua New Guinea	United Kingdom
		Paraguay	United Republic of Tanzania
	Jamaica	Peru	United States of America
	Japan	Philippines	
	Jordan	Poland	Uruguay
		Portugal	Uzbekistan
	Kazakhstan		
	Kenya	Qatar	
	Kiribati		Vanuatu
	Kuwait	Republic of Korea	Venezuela
	Kyrgyzstan	Republic of Moldova	Vietnam
		Republic of Niue	
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Romania	Yemen
		Russian Federation	
	Latvia	Rwanda	Zambia
	Lebanon	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Zimbabwe
	Lesotho	Saint Lucia	
	Liberia		

VENDOR PROFILE FORM (VPF) – FOR PRODUCTS/SERVICES/WORK

1. Name of Company:	
2. Street Address:	3. Telephone:
P.O. Box : City:	4. Fax :
Zip Code : Country:	5. E-Mail :
6. Contact Person:	Title:
7. Legal Status (e.g. Partnership, Private Limited Company, Government Institution)	
8. Year Established:	9. Number of Employees:
10. Gross Annual Turnover (US\$m)*:	11. Annual Export Turnover (US\$m)*:
12. Type of Business/Products: Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Type of Business/Services/Work: Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Work <input type="checkbox"/> Governmental Institution <input type="checkbox"/>	
14. References (your main customers, country, year and technical field of products, services or work): **	
15. Previous Supply Contracts with United Nations Organizations (over the last 3 years)**	
Organization:	Value in US\$ Equivalent: Year:
Organization:	Value in US\$ Equivalent: Year:
16. Summary of any changes in your company's ownership during the last 5 years:	

* Please provide a copy of the most recent audited annual report and accounts. Note: Export includes services or work performed abroad or for foreign clients.
**Please provide supplementary documentation on these items.

17. List of Products/Services/Work offered (please indicate the Product/Service/Work # as per attached sheet):	
Product/Service/Work #	Product/Service/Work Description
Questionnaire completed by:	
18. Name:	Title: Signature: Date:
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19. Evaluated By:	Initials Date:
20. Updated By:	Initials Date:
21. Remarks:	
22. Vendor Registration Number Allocated: Not Accepted: <input type="checkbox"/>	

* Please provide a copy of the most recent audited annual report and accounts. Note: Export includes services or work performed abroad or for foreign clients.
**Please provide supplementary documentation on these items.

MODEL CONTRACT

between

THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION
FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY
ORGANIZATION

and

THE CONTRACTOR

for

the provision of services pertaining to
PROVISION OF DEGASSING SYSTEM

This Contract comprises this cover page, 12 (twelve) pages of text, including a table of contents and a signature page, and 3 (three) Annexes (A to C)

May 2017

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MODEL CONTRACT

This CONTRACT is entered into between the PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”), having its office located at Wagramer Strasse 5, 1400 Vienna, Austria, and _____ (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”), having its registered office located at _____ (both hereinafter referred to as the ‘Party/ies’).

The Parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Contract, words and expressions shall have the same meanings as respectively assigned to them in the General Conditions of Contract and the Terms of Reference. In addition, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

“**Annex A**” means the Commission’s General Conditions of Contract.

“**Annex B**” means the Commission’s Terms of Reference.

“**Annex C**” means the Contractor’s Quotation dated

“**Contract**” means this document, its Annexes and any further modifications or such further documents as may be expressly incorporated in this Contract by the Parties in accordance with Clause 20 below.

“**Contractor**” means the legal entity named in the preamble of this Contract or its successors. The Contractor shall be the only interface for all matters pertaining to execution of the work under this Contract.

“**Party(ies)**” means the Commission and/or the Contractor, as the context requires.

“**Rule(s)**” means any regulation(s), official directive(s), ordinance(s), guideline(s), customs and practices.

“**Taxes**” means all direct and indirect taxes (including value added tax, general sales tax or goods and services tax), assessments, fees, customs duties, liens and charges in as much as they are levied in conclusion or implementation of the Contract, including customs restrictions and charges of similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for the Commission’s official use.

2. AIM OF THE CONTRACT

The aim of this Contract is to provide goods/services, namely, Degassing System (hereinafter referred to as the “Services” or “Work”), for the Commission.

3. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION OF THE CONTRACT

This Contract shall enter into force upon the date of the last signature by the authorized representatives of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as the “Effective Date”) and it shall remain in force until the Parties fulfill all their obligations hereunder.

4. COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF THE SERVICES

The Contractor shall commence the Services on the Effective Date. The Services shall be completed not later than twelve (12) months from the Effective Date.

5. STANDARD OF WORK

The Contractor shall furnish the highest skill and judgement and cooperate with the Commission, including all the Commission’s consultants and agents, in best furthering the interests of the Commission and the aim of this Contract. The Contractor shall provide efficient business administration and supervision, and perform the Work in the best way and in the most expeditious and economical manner consistent with the requirements set forth in this Contract.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR

- (a) The Contractor shall provide the Services described in Annex B and C.
- (b) The Contractor shall provide qualified English-speaking personnel as necessary to perform the Services under this Contract. The key persons shall be available for possible tasks related to the Services throughout the duration of the Contract period. Any replacement of the key personnel shall be made in accordance with Clause 7 of Annex A.

7. WARRANTY

The provisions of Clause 28 of Annex A shall apply to the Services performed by the Contractor.

8. PERMITS, NOTICES, LAWS AND ORDINANCES

The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all permits and inspections necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work that are customarily obtained upon execution of this Contract and that are legally required at the time the Quotation is received by the Commission.

The Contractor shall give all notices required by the nature of the Work.

If the Contractor notices that the Work or any part thereof required under this Contract is not in accordance with applicable laws and Rules, or with technical or safety standards, it shall promptly notify the Commission thereof in writing.

9. PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

- (a) The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programmes in connection with the Work.
- (b) The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of, and shall provide all reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury and loss to:
 - (i) all employees on the Commission's premises and all other persons who may be affected thereby;
 - (ii) all the Work, Equipment, its spare parts, materials and supplies to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Commission's premises, which are under the care, custody or control of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors; and
 - (iii) other property on the Commission's premises or adjacent thereto.
- (c) The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all applicable laws and Rules bearing on the safety of persons and property and/or their protection from damage, injury and loss.

- (d) The Contractor shall erect and maintain, as required by existing conditions and progress of the Work, all reasonable safeguards for the safety and protection of persons and property, including posting danger signs and other warnings against hazards and promulgating safety regulations.
- (e) When the use or storage of combustible, explosive or other hazardous materials is necessary for the execution of the Work, the Contractor shall exercise the utmost care and shall carry on such activities under the supervision of properly qualified personnel.
- (f) The Contractor shall be responsible for the prevention of accidents on the Commission's premises during the execution of the Work.
- (g) In any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property, the Contractor shall promptly act to prevent threatened damage, injury and loss.
- (h) The Contractor shall promptly remedy all damage and loss to any property, referred to in Sub-Clause (b) above, caused in whole or in part by the Contractor, any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable and for which the Contractor is responsible under Sub-Clause (b) above, except damage and loss attributable to the acts or omissions of the Commission or anyone directly or indirectly employed by it, or of anyone for whose acts the Commission may be liable, and not attributable to the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The foregoing obligations of the Contractor are in addition to its obligations under Clause 9 of Annex A.

10. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall designate members of its staff to act as points of contact for the Contractor to ensure that the Services are carried out in accordance with Annexes B and C, and shall promptly notify the Contractor thereof. The Commission shall respond promptly to requests for information by the Contractor regarding the Services.

11. CONTRACT PRICE

- (a) The Commission shall pay to the Contractor, in consideration of the full and proper performance of its obligations under the Contract, a firm fixed price of _____ , hereinafter referred to as the "Contract Price".
- (b) The Contract Price shall cover all costs and expenses, excluding Taxes, incurred by the Contractor for the full and proper performance of all obligations under the Contract (including travel, allowances, management and remuneration of the personnel, national income tax, medical insurance, and social security contributions). It also includes work performed by the Contractor's personnel outside the Commission's normal working hours.
- (c) The Contract Price shall be firm and fixed and shall not be subject to escalation. The Contractor shall not do any work, provide any materials or equipment, or perform any services which may result in any charges to the Commission over and above the Contract Price without the prior written consent of the Commission and a formal written amendment to this Contract.
- (d) _____ taxes is/are applicable under this Contract. The Contractor shall be reimbursed by the Commission for such taxes on the basis of actual amounts paid and duly documented by the Contractor as per Clause 12(e).

OR

No Taxes are applicable under this Contract.

12. PAYMENT

- (a) The Contract Price shall be paid in accordance with the following payment schedule and subject to the following conditions:

A progress payment schedule based on milestone deliveries may be included in the Quotation. Any applicable Taxes shall be identified separately, and not be included in the Contract amount, i.e. "Upon indicated milestone the amount of _____, and the applicable Tax) in the amount of _____."

- (b) The Commission shall make the payments to the Contractor on the basis of an invoice submitted by the Contractor as per 12(d) below. All payments shall be made within 30

(thirty) days of the receipt and acceptance of the invoice, provided that the Work has been satisfactorily completed and has been accepted by the Commission.

- (c) The making of any payment hereunder by the Commission shall not be construed as an unconditional acceptance by the Commission of the Work accomplished by the Contractor up to the time of such payment.
- (d) The Contractor shall submit an invoice in 1 (one) original and 2 (two) copies or electronically, from the Contractor's official e-mail address in PDF format, duly signed and sealed by the Contractor and submitted to the Commission's email address specified in Clause 21 below. Each invoice shall contain the Contract number (CTBTO and SAP numbers), detailed banking instructions, including the name and address of the Contractor's bank, account number, account holder's name and SWIFT, IBAN and/or ABA codes for payment by electronic transfer.
- (e) Applicable Taxes payable by the Contractor and/or its subcontractor(s) in respect of the Work shall be invoiced separately or be separately identified on the invoice. Actual payment of the Taxes must primarily be supported by original documentation such as bank account statements, transfer orders, or receipts issued by the local tax or customs authorities. If submission of such original documentation is not possible for justifiable reasons, their copies could be accepted by the Commission provided that they are duly signed and certified by local tax or customs authorities. In case the currency in which the Taxes are levied is not the currency of the Contract, bank statements (or equivalent) showing the exchange rate used for the conversion should be submitted to the Commission, in addition to any other supporting documentation.

13. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF WORK

The Commission may, at any time, temporarily suspend the Work, in whole or in part, being performed by the Contractor under this Contract by giving 30 (thirty) days' advance notice in writing to the Contractor. The Work so suspended shall be resumed by the Contractor on the basis of a revised time schedule and on terms and conditions to be mutually agreed upon between the Parties.

14. DELAYS AND EXTENSION OF TIME

- (a) If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of the Work by any act or omission of the Commission or by any of its employees, or by any other contractor employed by the Commission, or by changes in the Work ordered by the Commission, or by any causes beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, or by any other cause which the Commission determines may justify the delay, then the time for completion of the Work shall be extended by an amendment to this Contract in accordance with Clause 20 below for such reasonable time as the Commission may determine.
- (b) Any request for extension of the time for reasons referred to in Clause 14(a) above shall be submitted to the Commission not later than 20 (twenty) days after the commencement of the delay, otherwise said request shall be deemed to be waived. Such request shall state grounds for the delay and shall provide an estimate of the probable effect of such delay on the progress of the Work.

15. CONTRACTOR'S CLAIMS AND REMEDIES

In no event shall the Contractor make any claim against the Commission for or be entitled to additional costs or compensation resulting from any delays in the progress or completion of the Work or any portion thereof, whether caused by the acts or omissions of the Commission, including, but not limited to, damages related to overheads, loss of productivity, acceleration due to delay and inefficiency. The Contractor's sole remedy in such event shall be an extension of time for completion of the Work, provided the Contractor otherwise meets the requirements and conditions set forth in this Contract.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Contract represents the final agreement in respect of the Services and shall supersede all prior agreements and representations between the Parties in this respect. Annexes A to C shall constitute integral parts of this Contract and shall be of full force and effect.

17. DISCREPANCIES

If there are discrepancies or conflicts between any of the documents that are part of this Contract, the document to prevail shall be given precedence in the following order:

- (i) this document;
- (ii) General Conditions of Contract (Annex A);
- (iii) Terms of Reference (Annex B);
- (iv) Contractor's Quotation (Annex C).

18. SEVERABILITY

If any term and/or provision of this Contract is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Contract shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

19. NO WAIVER

Failure by a Party to enforce a right shall not be deemed to be a waiver of that right unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract.

20. CONTRACT AMENDMENT

No modification of, or change in, this Contract, or waiver of any of its provisions, or additional contractual relationship with the Contractor shall be valid unless approved in the form of a written amendment to this Contract, signed by duly authorized Representatives of the Contractor and of the Commission.

21. TRANSMISSION OF NOTICES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Notices, invoices, reports and other documentation under the Contract shall be delivered or sent to the relevant Party as follows (or to such person/title, address, facsimile number or email address as the Party may substitute by notice after the date of the Contract):

- (a) The Commission:

For Contractual Issues:

*Chief, Procurement Section
Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
(CTBTO)
Vienna International Centre*

Wagramerstrasse 5, P.O. Box 1200
1400 Vienna, Austria
Tel: + (43 1) 26030 6350
Fax: + (43 1) 26030 5948
E-mail: procurement@ctbto.org

For invoices and related enquiries:

Accounts Payable
CTBTO Financial Services Section
Vienna International Centre
Wagramerstrasse 5, P.O. Box 1200
1400 Vienna, Austria
Tel: + (43 1) 26030 6292
E-mail: Payments@ctbto.org

(b) The Contractor:

.....

22. EFFECTIVENESS

- (a) Except as provided below, any communication in connection with the Contract will be deemed to be given as follows:
- (i) if delivered in person, at the time of delivery;
 - (ii) if by registered mail or courier, when received;
 - (iii) if by fax, when received in legible form;
 - (iv) if by electronic communication, when retrievable by the Commission in document form.
- (b) A communication given under Clause 22 (a) above that is received or becomes retrievable on a non-working day or after business hours at the seat of the Commission will only be deemed to be given on the next working day of the Commission.

IN WITNESS hereof, the duly authorized Representatives of the Parties have executed this Contract:

For and on behalf of the **PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION:**

Courtney Linley, Chief, Procurement Section

Date: _____

Place: _____

For and on behalf of **CONTRACTOR:**

Name, Position/Title

Date: _____

Place: _____

ANNEX A

General Conditions of Contract

1. DEFINITIONS

- (a) In these general conditions of contract the terms beginning with a capital letter shall have the meaning as defined in the Contract.
- (b) "Services" means all services to be rendered under the Contract.
- (c) "Goods" shall mean all goods, equipment, materials and/or other supplies to be provided under the Contract.
- (d) "Taxes" shall mean all direct and indirect taxes (including value added tax, general sales tax or goods and services tax), assessments, fees, customs duties, liens and charges in as much as they are levied in conclusion or implementation of the Contract, including customs restrictions and charges of similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported, for the Commission's official use.

2. LEGAL STATUS

The Contractor shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the Commission. Neither the Contractor and any sub-contractor, nor their personnel shall be considered to be an employee or an agent of the Commission.

3. ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of the Contract or any part thereof, or any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under the Contract except with the prior written consent of the Commission.

4. SUBCONTRACTING

In the event the Contractor requires the services of one or more subcontractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval and clearance of the Commission for such subcontractor(s). The Commission's approval of a subcontractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of his obligations under the Contract, and the terms of any subcontract shall be subject to and in conformity with the provisions of the Contract.

5. SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to the

Commission in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall refrain from any action which may adversely affect the Commission and shall fulfil its commitments with the fullest regard to the interests of the Commission.

- (b) While present at the Commission's premises, personnel of the Contractor shall, at all times, obey and conform to all requests and instructions of the Commission's officials and the United Nations Security Staff.

6. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES

The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees and will select, for the performance under the Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of the Contract, respect the local customs and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

7. ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL

- (a) The Contractor shall not replace or withdraw any personnel referred to in the Contract for the performance of the Services without the prior written approval of the Commission or unless requested by the Commission.
- (b) Prior to assignment, replacement or withdrawal of personnel for the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall submit to the Commission for its consideration, the curriculum vitae or detailed justification to permit evaluation by the Commission of the impact which such assignment, replacement or withdrawal would have on the Services.
- (c) In the event of withdrawal of personnel, all costs and additional expenses resulting from the replacement, for whatever reasons, of any of the Contractor's personnel shall be for the account of the Contractor. Such withdrawal shall not be considered as termination in part or in whole of the Contract.

8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No employee, officer, adviser, agent and/or subcontractor of the Contractor assigned to perform Services under the Contract shall engage, directly or indirectly, in any business, profession or occupation connected or related to the Services or Goods to be provided under the Contract if this constitutes a conflict of interest.

9. INSURANCES

- (a) The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain appropriate insurance, or its equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury or death in connection with the Contract.
- (b) The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risk in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of the Contract.
- (c) The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death, bodily injury, loss of and damage to property arising from any operations carried out by the Contractor in performing its obligations in connection with the Contract or from operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes and other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or subcontractors.
- (d) Except for insurance mentioned in paragraph (a), the insurance policies under this clause shall:
 - (i) Name the Commission as additional beneficiary;
 - (ii) Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's rights to the insurance carrier against the Commission.
- (e) The Contractor shall, upon request, provide the Commission with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under the Contract.
- (f) Any amounts not insured, not recovered from or not claimed by the insurer shall be borne by the Contractor.
- (g) Information concerning reduction of coverage shall be furnished by the Contractor to the Commission with at least thirty (30) days prior written notice.
- (h) The Contractor undertakes that provisions to the same effect as the provisions in sub-clauses (a) through (c) above will be inserted in all subcontracts made in performance of the Contract, except sub-contracts exclusively for furnishing Goods.

10. ENCUMBRANCES/LIENS

The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file in any public office or on file with the Commission against any monies due or to become due for any Services or Goods provided under the Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor.

11. OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW

- (a) The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, including but not limited to health, environmental and labour laws bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the terms of the Contract.
- (b) In particular, the Contractor shall comply with the labour laws of the country in which the Services or Goods are to be furnished providing for benefits covering injury or death in the course of employment.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY

- (a) All technical, financial or other documentation and data the Contractor compiled for or received from the Commission under the Contract shall be treated as confidential and shall be delivered only to the Commission's authorized officials on completion of the Services or as requested by the Commission.
- (b) Either Party acknowledges that all knowledge and information concerning the other Party that may be acquired in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract, including but not limited to, any information relating to its operations and procedures, are confidential and proprietary information of the other Party and it shall receive such confidential and proprietary information of the other Party in confidence and shall not disclose or permit disclosure of any such knowledge or information to any person and/or entity without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- (c) The Contractor shall not, at any time, use such confidential information to its own advantage.
- (d) The restrictions on confidentiality shall not apply to the information which:
 - (i) presently is in the public domain;
 - (ii) hereafter becomes part of the public domain without the other Party's fault;
 - (iii) was in the possession of the other Party at the time of the disclosure, as shown by written evidence;
 - (iv) is disclosed to the other Party at any time hereafter by a third Party.
 - (v) is required to be disclosed to governing bodies, or to governmental authorities to the extent required by law or to obtain needed authorization to perform the Contract or pursuant to reporting requirements imposed by those governing bodies or the government of the State of the Contractor.
- (e) These obligations do not lapse upon satisfactory completion of the Services, delivery of the Goods or termination of the Contract by the Commission.

13. LANGUAGES, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the English language shall be used by the Contractor in all written communications to the Commission with respect to the Services or Goods to be provided and all documents procured or prepared by the Contractor. The Contractor shall use metric units, except when otherwise specified in the Contract.

14. PUBLICITY

- (a) The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that it is providing or has provided Services and Goods for the Commission. Also, the Contractor shall not, in any manner whatsoever, use the name, emblem or official seal of the Commission or any abbreviation of the name of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization in connection with its business or otherwise.
- (b) These obligations do not lapse upon satisfactory completion of the Services, delivery of the Goods or termination of the Contract.

15. OFFICIAL NOT TO BENEFIT/CONTINGENT FEES

- (a) The Contractor warrants that:
 - (i) No person or selling agency has been employed or retained by it to solicit or secure the Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, contingent fee or retainer, except regular employees or bona fide and officially established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business;
 - (ii) No official or servant or retired employee of the Commission who is not a regular employee of the Contractor, has been or shall be admitted by the Contractor to any direct or indirect benefit arising from the Contract or the award thereof.
- (b) In case of breach by the Contractor of the warranties referred to in previous clauses, the Commission shall have the right to deduct from the Contract Price, or otherwise recover from the Contractor, the full amount of any such commission, percentage, brokerage, contingent fee or retainer so paid.

16. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

- (a) Except to the extent the Contractor has granted a license to the Commission, the Commission, shall be entitled to all intellectual property, including but not limited to copyrights, patents and trademarks, with regard to products, documents or other materials which bear a direct relation to or are produced or collected under the Contract. The Contractor shall take all necessary steps, prepare and process all necessary documents and assist in securing such property rights and transferring them to the Commission and/or to the government where the Services or Goods are to be provided, in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law.
- (b) The Contractor declares that it does not know of any intellectual property rights of third parties, which might be infringed in the execution of the Contract. Should, contrary to the Contractor's expectation, claims be raised against the Commission charging it with infringement of intellectual property rights, the Contractor shall hold harmless the Commission and shall indemnify it to the full extent of any damages or awards arising from such claims. This obligation of the Contractor shall continue to be in full force and effect up to the expiration of such intellectual property rights.
- (c) The Commission shall give the Contractor due notice in writing of any charges of infringement brought against the Commission and of the filing of any suit for infringement of intellectual property rights of third parties due to the execution of the Contract, and, without prejudice to the immunity enjoyed by the Commission as an international organization from every form of legal process, including enforcement and execution, the Commission shall give the Contractor the opportunity to defend the Commission against the said suit at its discretion and shall not,

without the Contractor's consent in writing, make any admission or consent to any claim of any third party, which might be prejudicial to the Contractor's position.

17. DEFAULT BY THE CONTRACTOR

- (a) In case the Contractor fails to fulfil its obligations and responsibilities under the Contract and provided the Contractor has not remedied such failure(s) within thirty (30) days of having been given written notification by the Commission of the nature of the failure(s), the Commission may, at its entire discretion and without prejudice to its right to withhold payment(s), hold the Contractor in default under the Contract.
- (b) When the Contractor is thus in default, the Commission may, by giving written notice to the Contractor, terminate the Contract as a whole or such part or parts thereof in respect of which the Contractor is in default. Upon such notice, the Commission shall have the right to seek completion, at the Contractor's expense, of that part or those parts of the Contract with respect to which the Contractor is in default.
- (c) The Contractor shall, in this case, be solely responsible for any reasonable costs of completion of the Services and/or delivery of Goods, including such costs, which are incurred by the Commission over and above the originally agreed Contract Price.

18. WITHHOLDING OF PAYMENT

- (a) The Commission may withhold any payment to the Contractor or, on account of subsequently discovered evidence, nullify the whole or part of any payment approval theretofore given, to such an extent as may be necessary to protect the Commission from loss under the Contract on account of:
 - (i) The Contractor's failure to carry out its obligations or to make adequate progress with the obligations, except for failure arising out of force majeure;
 - (ii) The Contractor's failure to remedy unsatisfactory performance, when such failure has been drawn to his attention by the Commission;
 - (iii) The Contractor's failure to submit on time the reports required.
- (b) The withholding by the Commission of any interim payment shall not affect the Contractor's obligation to continue performance of his obligations under the Contract.
- (c) No interest shall accrue on payments eventually withheld by the Commission in application of the stipulations of this paragraph.

19. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Subject to Clause 20 below (force majeure), if the Contractor fails to deliver any or all of the Services and/or Goods within the latest time period(s) specified in the Contract, the Commission may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the Contract, deduct from the Contract Price as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to 0.2 per cent of the portion of the Contract Price for the delayed Services and/or Goods for each working day of

delay until actual performance, up to a maximum of sixty (60) working days. The recovery by the Commission of proven damages shall not be excluded.

20. FORCE MAJEURE

- (a) Force majeure as used herein shall mean acts of God, industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, civil disturbances, explosions and any other similar cause of equivalent force not caused by nor within the control of either party and which neither party is able to overcome.
- (b) As soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting force majeure, the Contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the Commission of such force majeure if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract.
- (c) In this event, the following provisions shall apply:
 - (i) The obligations and responsibilities of the Contractor under the Contract shall be suspended to the extent of its inability to perform them and for as long as such inability continues;
 - (ii) The term of the Contract shall be extended for a period equal to the period of suspension taking, however, into account any special conditions which may cause the time for completion of the obligations to be different from the period of suspension;
 - (iii) If the Contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly or in part, by reason of force majeure to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract, the Commission shall have the right to terminate the Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in the Termination Clause of the Contract, except that the period of notice may be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days;
 - (iv) For the purpose of the preceding sub-clause, the Commission may consider the Contractor permanently unable to perform in case of any period of suspension in excess of ninety (90) days. Any such period of ninety (90) days or less shall be deemed temporary inability to perform.

21. INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY

Should the Contractor be insolvent, adjudged bankrupt, or should the Contractor make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a receiver be appointed on account of the Contractor's insolvency, the Commission may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the terms of the Contract, terminate the Contract forthwith by giving the Contractor written notice of such termination.

22. INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless and defend at its own expense the Commission, its officers, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands and liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses arising out of acts or omissions

of the Contractor or its employees or subcontractors in the performance of the Contract. This requirement shall extend, inter alia, to claims or liabilities in the nature of workers' compensation and to claims or liabilities pertaining to intellectual property rights. The obligations under this clause do not lapse upon termination of the Contract.

23. AMICABLE SETTLEMENT

The parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably through negotiation any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to, the Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. If the parties cannot reach such amicable settlement through negotiations, the matter shall first be referred to conciliation, by a request by either party for conciliation procedures. The conciliation shall take place in accordance with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Conciliation Rules then prevailing, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the parties, within a time period of ninety (90) days. There shall be one conciliator. The conciliation shall be in Vienna, Austria, and it shall be conducted in the English language.

24. ARBITRATION

- (a) In the event of a failure to reach an amicable settlement in accordance with Clause 23 above (amicable settlement), any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of the terms of the Contract or any breach thereof shall be settled in accordance with the arbitration rules established by UNCITRAL as at present in force. The number of arbitrators shall be one. The arbitration shall be in Vienna, Austria, and it shall be conducted in the English language.
- (b) The arbitrator shall take into account the internationally recognized general principles of commercial transactions. The arbitrator shall have no authority to award punitive damages, nor to award interest in excess of five (5) per cent, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute.

25. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or relating to the Contract shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the Commission and its employees.

25(a). TAX EXEMPTION

In principle, the Commission is exempt from all Taxes. Since the arrangement under which such exemption is respected varies from country-to-country, the Contractor shall collaborate with the Commission to achieve Tax exemption at source or to pursue reimbursement of Taxes paid by the Commission, as the case may be.

26. TERMINATION

The Commission may terminate the Contract in whole or in part, and at any time, upon thirty (30) days' notice of

termination to the Contractor. In the event such termination is not caused by the Contractor's negligence or fault, the Commission shall be liable to the Contractor for payment in respect of Services already satisfactory accomplished or Goods delivered and accepted and in conformity with the terms of the Contract, for necessary terminal expenses of the Contractor, and for the cost of such urgent work as is essential and as the Contractor is asked by the Commission to complete. The Contractor shall keep expenses at a minimum and shall not undertake any forward commitment from the date of receipt of the Commission's notice of termination.

27. GOODS

In the event that the Contract requires the Contractor to supply Goods, the following clauses shall apply in addition to the above.

28. WARRANTY

- (a) The Contractor warrants that the Goods, including packaging, conform to the specifications for the Goods ordered under the Contract and are fit for the purpose for which such Goods are ordinarily used and for purposes expressly made known to the Contractor by the Commission, and are new and free from defects in design, workmanship and materials.
- (b) This warranty shall remain valid for twenty-four (24) months after the Goods or any part thereof have been delivered and accepted, whichever is later, unless the Contractor has granted a longer period. Should the Commission transfer the title of the Goods to a third party during the warranty period, the right to enjoy the warranty shall be transferable to the new title-holder.
- (c) If, during the warranty period mentioned in Sub-clause (b) above, the Goods or any part thereof are found to be defective or not in conformity with the specifications under the Contract, the Contractor shall, upon notification, promptly and at its own expense correct all such defects and non-conformities. If these defects and non-conformities cannot be corrected, the Commission shall have the right, at the Contractor's expense, to either demand replacement of the defective item, or receive appropriate reimbursement, or have the defective item repaired or otherwise procured from a third party.

29. INSPECTIONS AND TESTS

- (a) The Commission shall have the right to inspect and/or to test the Goods to confirm their conformity to the technical specifications. The technical specifications shall specify what inspections and tests the Commission requires.
- (b) The inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of the Contractor or its subcontractor(s), at a point of delivery designated by the Commission and/or at the Goods' final destination. The Contractor shall give all reasonable facilities and assistance-including drawings and production data-to the Commission at no charge to the Commission.

- (c) Should any inspected or tested Goods fail to conform to the technical specifications, the Commission reserves the right to reject them and the Contractor shall either replace the rejected Goods or make all alterations necessary to meet specification requirements free of cost to the Commission.
- (d) The Commission's right to inspect, test and, where necessary, reject the Goods after the Goods' arrival at the point of delivery designated by the Commission or at the Commission's offices, shall in no way be limited or waived by reason of the Goods' having previously been inspected, tested and passed by the Commission.
- (e) Nothing in this Section on Inspections and Tests shall in any way release the Contractor from any warranty or other obligations under the Contract.
- (f) All equipment/material supplied under the Contract may be subject to pre-shipment inspection by a third party to be specified by the Commission. The Contractor is not liable for cost of this inspection.

30. PACKING

The Contractor shall comply or ensure compliance with the following provisions concerning packing:

- (a) The Goods shall be packed as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit.
- (b) In the case of a cross-border shipment, the Goods shall have appropriate export packing. If necessary, all cases/crates must be wrapped inside with heavy-duty plastic lined paper, should be steel-strapped and must be able to withstand tough handling. Skids for truck handling are imperative if the gross weight is more than 30 kilograms.
- (c) The consignment shall be marked and shipped as per address shown on the Purchase Order Form.
- (d) Neither partial delivery nor transshipment shall be made unless specifically agreed by the Commission in writing.
- (e) Each case/crate/package shall carry a consecutive number, dimensions, volume, and weight (i.e. Case No. X of Y cases, A x B x C cm, E m³, D Kg.) and shall be marked as follows:

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[point of delivery]

PURCHASE NO. _____
GROSS WEIGHT _____
NET WEIGHT _____

- (f) Markings shall be done with weatherproof materials. All non-containerized Goods shall be shipped below deck.
- (g) Each case/crate/carton shall carry (outside) a copy of the packing list describing the contents of the case/crate/carton. Outside Case No. 1 should be

attached with invoice covering the actual delivery. The accompanying papers must be made out in the English language.

- (h) Prior to delivery, a fax (or a letter by courier service) shall be sent to the consignee, if any, advising of the following:
- ◆ purchase order/Contract number;
 - ◆ waybill number or equivalent reference number of the shipment (if any);
 - ◆ number of boxes/cartons/crates/etc.;
 - ◆ estimated time of departure (ETD);
 - ◆ point of departure and name of freight carrier;
 - ◆ estimated time of arrival (ETA) to final destination.
- (i) The following documents shall be enclosed with the shipment in case of shipping by air:
- ◆ airway bill;
 - ◆ proforma or commercial invoice;
 - ◆ packing list.
- (j) The above documents are indispensable and must reach the consignee, if any, on time to permit customs clearance and in order to avoid demurrage charges.

31. DELIVERY AND TRANSPORTATION

- (a) Delivery of the Goods shall be made by the Contractor in accordance with the terms specified in the Contract, and the Goods shall remain at the risk of the Contractor until delivery has been completed.
- (b) Transport of the Goods to the port of discharge or such other point in the country of destination and/or forwarding to the consignee, if any, (door-to-door) specified in the Contract shall be arranged and paid for by the Contractor and the cost thereof shall be included in the Contract Price.

32. TAKE-OVER/HAND-OVER

Upon successful completion of delivery or of installation and a testing and evaluation period, as specified in the Contract, responsibility for the Goods will be handed over to the consignee or other designated entity.

33. EXPORT LICENCES

If an export licence or any other governmental authorization is required for the Goods, it shall be the obligation of the Contractor to obtain such licence or governmental authorization. In the event of failure to obtain such licence or authorization within reasonable time, the Commission may declare the Contract null and void.

34. SPARE PARTS

In accordance with the Contract, the Contractor may be required to provide any or all of the following materials and notifications pertaining to spare parts manufactured and/or distributed by the Contractor:

- (a) Such spare parts as the Commission may choose to purchase from the Contractor, provided that the Contractor is not relieved of any warranty obligations under the Contract;
- (b) In the event of termination of production of the spare after delivery of the Goods:
- (i) advance notification to the Commission of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the Commission to place a final order;
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the Commission, the blueprints, drawings and specifications of the spare parts, if and when requested.

35. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON CONTRACTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS

Questions concerning matters arising under the Contract, but not settled in it, shall be settled in conformity with the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980), which shall be applicable to the Contract. The applicable language version of the Convention shall be the version in which the Contract is written.

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