

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM:	5 July 2011
CONTACT PERSON: TELEPHONE No. EMAIL ADDRESS:	REFERENCE: AFG/ELECT/673/2011 – Supply, Delivery and installation of HESCO

Dear Sir / Madam:

UNDP/Elect seeks to engage the services of construction company who could provide services as per scope of the work enclosed **Annex I of this tender document**.

TO ENABLE YOU TO SUBMIT AN OFFER, ATTACHED ARE:

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Quotations submitted by hand/e-mail should be in sealed envelopes and sent to the following address:

Address: Procurement Unit, UNDP Compound B (former ELECT project)
Sher Poor Street Close to Spinneys Supermarket
and Ghaznafar Bank Wazir Akbar Khan Branch
Kabul, Afghanistan.

ATT: Procurement Unit

And Marked: REFERENCE: AFG/ELECT/673/2011 – Supply, Delivery and installation of HESCO

Quotations submitted by **email** should be sent to the following email address: procurement.elect@undp.org **with a maximum capacity of 2 MB for each email.**

Quotations should reach the above address no later **than 13 July 2011, 3:00 PM Kabul local time.**

Late quotes will not be accepted.

Each page of the offer must signed and stamped with company stamp

ANNEX I: Scope of the Work

1. BACKGROUND:

The project Enhancing Legal and Electoral Capacity for Tomorrow (ELECT) is one of the UNDP programmes in Afghanistan aimed to provide support to the people of Afghanistan and specifically help enhance the capacity for future elections.

2. STATEMENT OF WORK:

The contractor shall provide all work, labor, material, equipment, construction services, transportation and supervision necessary.

3. SCOPE OF WORK:

UNDP-ELECT will establish its office at the IEC, in order to provide essential facilities for its staff, UNDP-ELECT needs to construct a 10cm PCC floor and provide HESCO:

Construction Works	Unit	Quantity
1. Cutting of old concrete around the rim of HESCO (10cm)	CU.M	3
2. Provision and installation of HESCO(0.6x1x1)=(HxWxL)	ML	110
3. PCC concrete over HESCO	CU.M	12
4. Filling of HESCO with granular materials	CU.M	58
5. Crushed Aggregate Casting and compaction before PCC casing	CU.M	15
6. PCC concrete casting 15CM for floors around Office containers (connex), and concrete for a ditch	CU.M	30

4. Specifications and Requirements:

1. The prospective contractor has to fix the new HESCO over the top of two old HESCOs, the HESCO should be properly installed, should be braced with underlying layer of HESCO.
2. (1x1x1) M HESCO to be modified to (0.6x1x1)M HESCO and top 0.4 M, from bottom side the 40cm of normal one meter HESCO shall be cut and 60cm should be installed. 5cm concrete shall be casted over the HESCO.
3. Cut the concrete (Width=10cm, depth=5cm) which is already casted over the old HESCOs around the HESCOs' rim.
4. The contractor has to complete the project with best quality and according to the attached projects plans and sketches under the observation of UNDP Engineers. The upgrading and repairing work must be according to the specifications and standards should comply with AASHTO, ACI and ASTM codes. If the implemented work is not completed according to standard norms and specifications, NCR (non conformance report) will be issued by UNDP, and the work should be redone by contractor at no extra cost or wages.
5. The contractor shall supply all labor, materials, tools, equipments, transportation, prepare accommodation, and arrange security and safety plans and materials, and relevant documents as may be necessary for the satisfactory completion of all specified construction work.

6. Quality control procedure is an important part of this contract and project implementation requirements, which will be direct responsibilities of the contractor. UNDP Engineers will make sure if the construction is done according to specifications.
7. The construction site must be cleaned by contractor on a daily basis. The storage and security of all materials, supplies, tools and equipments is the contractors responsibility.
8. The removed unnecessary soil, debris and material before and after completion of project should be moved outside of the construction area by the contractor where responsible governmental authorities permit.
9. The estimation given in BOQ are approximately measure so payment will be made based on actual work done in the field by contractor as per the given drawings and instruction of the site Engineer.
10. The site should be left in a clean condition upon completion of the work.
11. The essential equipment to be made available for the Contract by the successful Bidder shall be:
 - A. Concrete Mixer
 - B. Vibrator
 - C. Truck
 - D. Water Tanker

Qualities of Concrete to be used in this project:

Sand:

The following are the desired qualities of sand:

- Sand as fine aggregates must clean and free from foreign particles
- Sand must be well graded
- Fineness Modulus of sand must be of desired value

Cement:

Cement is the binding material for the ingredients of concrete. Following tests are necessary to be conducted on cement:

- Fineness
- Setting time
- Compressive test

Water:

Water for mixing concrete should have the following qualities:

- Water should be free from impurities
- Water should be clean

Mix Ratio:

The ratio of cement, sand and aggregate by volume. The strength of concrete depends on the ration of concrete. The ratio of concrete is expressed as 1:1:2 is considered in most cases. For high strength of concrete 1:1:2 is used. Mixed ratio is measured by standard a basket that contains a bag of cement. The size of the standard bucket is 45 cm height, 30 cm length and 30 cm width (volume 1.25 cft or 0.035375 m³). As sand increases in volume with presence of small amount of water in it, this increase of volume of sand due to bulking of sand should be considered

while volume calculation of sand. In the case of 25% bulking of sand, the volume of sand to be considered would be 1.25 times the original volume

Water Cement Ratio:

The strength of concrete depends on water cement ratio. The water content ratio is calculated on the basis of weight of water and cement. The amount of water in concrete will be such that the fresh concrete will be workable as well as hardened concrete will have enough strength to withstand desired loads. Excess water decreases the strength of concrete.

Mixing of concrete:

- It volume of casting is comparatively smaller quantity mixing will be done by hand mix; other wise mixture machine may be use.
- Mixture will be homogeneous,
- 5-10% water of total volume put on turning drum before cement, sand and aggregate are applied for mixing.

Carrying and Placing of Mixture:

After mixing of concrete it should be carried to the specified sites as quickly as possible. All mixed concrete place with at final position within 45 minute. Mixed concrete shall not be placed beyond 1 m height. Excess water should not add while placing or vibrating the concrete.

Vibration of Concrete:

Concrete should be compacted by means of vibration. It can be done by means of vibrator or poking concrete with the help of rods. All vibration will be completed before initial setting of time. Vibration will compact of fresh concrete. In absence of vibrator, 16 mm diameter rod can be used as vibrator.

Curing:

Curing increases the strength of concrete. Cement contains some chemical ingredient that require to hydrolysis for chemical reaction to form a stone like substance. The reaction takes place up to 21 to 28 days. For this reason, curing of concrete is required to be done for 28 days. Curing is an environment that helps hydrolysis of cement. It is generally done by spreading water to the concrete surface or covering it with wet sacks so that the water in the concrete does not evaporate. It is generally started after 16 to 24 hour of casting.

Quality Control of Concrete:

Concrete is produced from cement, coarse aggregates, fine aggregates and water. As a result, quality of concrete will depend on many factors. A few are:

- properties of the ingredients
- proportion of ingredients
- w/c ratio
- Mixing, carrying, placing, compacting, curing etc.

ANNEX II- Special Conditions

SPECIAL CONDITIONS	
Warranty/Guarantee of services	Services to be carried out as per the Annex I of this document
Completeness of quotes	Partial bid will not be accepted.
UNDP's rights to vary requirements at Time of Award	+/-20%
DELIVERY TIME	The required services (Construction Work) are expected to be completed within a period of 10 Working Days.
Language	The quotations shall be in English
Currency of quotations/offers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prices should be provided in Afghani (AFN) or monthly UN exchange rate will be automatically applied in order to compare the quotations received in other currency(s). 2. All costs/unit prices must be exclusive of customs, taxes and duties.
DELIVERY	N/A-
Advance Payment	The Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP preclude advance payments or payments by Letters of Credit. Such provisions will be prejudicial to its evaluation by UNDP. The normal payment terms of UNDP are 30 days upon satisfactory completion of services and acceptance thereof by UNDP.
Payment Terms	Unless otherwise indicated in, UNDP will normally effect payment within 30 days after receipt of commercial invoice, proof of dispatch and other supporting documents (cargo waybill) by cheque or Bank Transfer and certification of satisfactory completion of services by UNDP.
Award criteria for award of contract	The contractor that offers the lowest and most technically compliant quote as per the specifications and requirements stipulated in Annex I and that meets the evaluation criteria will be offered the contract.
Validity of Quotation & Prices	90 days from closing date. Prices quoted shall be valid for a duration of 90 days
Submission of Quotes	By Hand to UNDP Compound B (former ELECT Project) Project Office ATT: PROCUREMENT UNIT By Email: procurement.elect@undp.org
VAT or Taxes	Purchases by the UNDP are not subject to any VAT . Do not include any VAT/taxes when bidding or invoicing.
Request for clarification	Bidders requesting clarification of any of the items, technical requirements or conditions stipulated in this RFQ shall communicate in writing with UNDP office to procurement.elect@undp.org



ANNEX III: EVALUATION CRITERIA

No	Evaluation Criteria	Pass/Fail
1.	Compliance with enclosed Scope of the work	Mandatory
2.	Pricing conditions- Price to be submitted as per Price Schedule template provided herein.	Mandatory
4.	Bidder’s Qualifications “The Bidders shall furnish evidence of its status as a qualified Vendor. The documentary evidence of the Bidder’s qualifications to perform the contract if its quote is accepted shall be established to UNDP’s satisfaction”. In order to evaluate the Bidder’s technical capacity to undertake the required services, please submit the following documentation: a) Valid Company registration/Licenses b) Submission of Company profile c) The offeror must provide evidentiary documentation demonstrating that the company has a minimum of 2-years experience for construction related services in Afghanistan; as evidence companies are required to submit list of contracts for similar services undertaken in the past 2 years; each reference must have contract number, and contact details of the client (phone and email address). Also indicate the value of the contract for similar services.	Mandatory
6.	Demonstrated ability to comply with critical provisions such as execution of the Purchase Order/contract by honoring the tax-free status of the UN.	Mandatory
	Demonstrated ability to honor important responsibilities and liabilities allocated to Supplier in this RFQ (e.g. performance guarantees, warranties, or insurance coverage, etc).	Mandatory

By signing below your offer shall indicate agreement to the Conditions stipulated in Annexes II and III and confirmation that the work shall be carried out as per the scope of services enclosed in this RFQ,

Name of the company: _____

Address of company: _____

Name of authorised

Representative : _____

Phone number : _____

Email address : _____

Company Stamp:

Signature:



Annex IV: Eligibility Criteria

1. The bidder must demonstrate that they have had at least two years acceptable prior experience in supplying the same items as indicated in this RFQ. This qualification will be satisfied by listing at least 3 clients to whom similar requirements have been provided, in the table below: Failure to provide this information will result in your offer being non-responsive.

Name of Client	Address & telephone No. of Client	Email Address of Client	Description of Contract and Contract Reference number	Value of Contract Completed/Year of contract completed

2. Provide the profile of your company and valid trade license; for details please refer to evaluation criteria Annex III.



ANNEX V: Bill of Quantity (Quote Submission Format)

Prices shall be inclusive of all services, administrative & other associated costs.

Currency: AFN

- Prices shall remain valid for the duration of the contract even in the event of extension.
- All costs/unit prices must be exclusive of customs, taxes and duties/levies
- UNDP reserves the right to select the quote which provide value for money and optimum solution to respond to the requirement.

Construction works breakdown		Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (AFN)	Total Amount (AFN)
Description of work					
Section ELECT-001	Provision and installation of HESCO(0.6x1x1)=(HxWxL)	ML	110		
Section ELECT-002	Cutting of old concrete around the rim of HESCO (10cm)	CU.M	3		
Section ELECT-003	Filling of HESCO from granular materials	CU.M	58		
Section ELECT-004	PCC concrete over HESCO 10cm	CU.M	12		
Section ELECT-005	Crushed Aggregate Casting and compaction before PCC casing	CU.M	15		
Section ELECT-006	PCC concrete casting 15CM for floors around Office containers (connex), and concrete for a ditch	CU.M	30		
Grand Total	Total Cost for whole processes of the project including but limited to provision of labor, materials, equipment and any other cost associated for completion of the project				

<p>Acceptance of UNDP's Pricing Conditions: UNDP does not guarantee the quantity of purchase which could increase or decrease by +/-20% at the quoted price.</p>	<p>Authorised Signature and date: </p>
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ANNEX VI: UNDP GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

1.0 LEGAL STATUS:

The Contractor shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Contractor's personnel and sub-contractors shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of UNDP or the United Nations.

2.0 SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS:

The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to UNDP in connection with the performance of its services under this Contract. The Contractor shall refrain from any action that may adversely affect UNDP or the United Nations and shall fulfill its commitments with the fullest regard to the interests of UNDP.

3.0 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES:

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

4.0 ASSIGNMENT:

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

5.0 SUB-CONTRACTING:

In the event the Contractor requires the services of sub-contractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval and clearance of UNDP for all sub-contractors. The approval of UNDP of a sub-contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations under this Contract. The terms of any sub-contract shall be subject to and conform to the provisions of this Contract.

6.0 OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:

The Contractor warrants that no official of UNDP or the United Nations has received or will be offered by the Contractor any direct or indirect benefit arising from this Contract or the award thereof. The Contractor agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of this Contract.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless, and defend, at its own expense, UNDP, its officials, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands, and liability of any nature or kind, including their costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the Contractor, or the Contractor's employees, officers, agents or sub-contractors, in the performance of this Contract. This provision shall extend, inter alia, to claims and liability in the nature of workmen's compensation, products liability and liability arising out of the use of patented inventions or devices, copyrighted material or other intellectual property by the Contractor, its employees, officers,

agents, servants or sub-contractors. The obligations under this Article do not lapse upon termination of this Contract.

8.0 INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES TO THIRD PARTIES:

8.1 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of this Contract.

8.2 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance, or the equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury or death in connection with this Contract.

8.3 The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death or bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising from or in connection with the provision of services under this Contract or the operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes or other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or sub-contractors performing work or services in connection with this Contract.

8.4 Except for the workmen's compensation insurance, the insurance policies under this Article shall:

8.4.1 Name UNDP as additional insured;

8.4.2 Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's rights to the insurance carrier against the UNDP;

8.4.3 Provide that the UNDP shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.

8.5 The Contractor shall, upon request, provide the UNDP with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article.

9.0 ENCUMBRANCES/LIENS:

The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with the UNDP against any monies due or to become due for any work done or materials furnished under this Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor.

10.0 TITLE TO EQUIPMENT: Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by UNDP shall rest with UNDP and any such equipment shall be returned to UNDP at the conclusion of this Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment, when returned to UNDP, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear. The Contractor shall be liable to compensate UNDP for equipment determined to be damaged or degraded beyond normal wear and tear.

11.0 COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:

11.1 Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, the UNDP shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks,

with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for the UNDP under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for the UNDP.

11.2 To the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (i) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (ii) that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, the UNDP does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to the UNDP a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

11.3 At the request of the UNDP; the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to the UNDP in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.

11.4 Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents, and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of the UNDP, shall be made available for use or inspection by the UNDP at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential, and shall be delivered only to UNDP authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.

12.0 USE OF NAME, EMBLEM OR OFFICIAL SEAL OF UNDP OR THE UNITED NATIONS:

The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that it is a Contractor with UNDP, nor shall the Contractor, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or THE United Nations, or any abbreviation of the name of UNDP or United Nations in connection with its business or otherwise.

13.0 CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION:

Information and data that is considered proprietary by either Party and that is delivered or disclosed by one Party ("Discloser") to the other Party ("Recipient") during the course of performance of the Contract, and that is designated as confidential ("Information"), shall be held in confidence by that Party and shall be handled as follows:

13.1 The recipient ("Recipient") of such information shall:

13.1.1 use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication or dissemination of the Discloser's Information as it uses with its own similar information that it does not wish to disclose, publish or disseminate; and,

13.1.2 use the Discloser's Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed.

13.2 Provided that the Recipient has a written agreement with the following persons or entities requiring them to treat the Information confidential in accordance with the Contract and this Article 13, the Recipient may disclose Information to:

13.2.1 any other party with the Discloser's prior written consent; and,

13.2.2 the Recipient's employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, and employees officials, representatives and agents of any legal entity that it controls, controls it, or with which it is under common control, who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, provided that, for these purposes a controlled legal entity means:

13.2.2.1 a corporate entity in which the Party owns or otherwise controls, whether directly or indirectly, over fifty percent (50%) of voting shares thereof; or,

13.2.2.2 any entity over which the Party exercises effective managerial control; or,

13.2.2.3 for the UNDP, an affiliated Fund such as UNCDF, UNIFEM and UNV.

13.3 The Contractor may disclose Information to the extent required by law, provided that, subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Contractor will give the UNDP sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of Information in order to allow the UNDP to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made.

13.4 The UNDP may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the UN, resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly, or rules promulgated by the Secretary-General.

13.5 The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing Information that is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction, is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality, is previously known by the Recipient, or at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder.

13.6 These obligations and restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

14.0 FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS

14.1 In the event of and 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 UNDP, of such occurrence or change if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract. The Contractor shall also notify the UNDP of any other changes in conditions or the occurrence of any event that interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of this Contract. On receipt of the notice required under this Article, the UNDP shall take such action as, in its sole discretion; it considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the Contractor of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform its obligations under this Contract.

14.2 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 this Contract, the UNDP shall have the right to suspend or

terminate this Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 15, "Termination", except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days.

14.3 Force majeure as used in this Article means acts of God, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or other acts of a similar nature or force.

14.4 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in or for any areas in which the UNDP is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute force majeure under the Contract..

15.0 TERMINATION

15.1 Either party may terminate this Contract for cause, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) days notice, in writing, to the other party. The initiation of arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 16.2 ("Arbitration"), below, shall not be deemed a termination of this Contract.

15.2 UNDP reserves the right to terminate without cause this Contract at any time upon 15 days prior written notice to the Contractor, in which case UNDP shall reimburse the Contractor for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to receipt of the notice of termination.

15.3 In the event of any termination by UNDP under this Article, no payment shall be due from UNDP to the Contractor except for work and services satisfactorily performed in conformity with the express terms of this Contract.

15.4 Should the Contractor be adjudged bankrupt, or be liquidated or become insolvent, or should the Contractor make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a Receiver be appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor, the UNDP may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the terms of these conditions, terminate this Contract forthwith. The Contractor shall immediately inform the UNDP of the occurrence of any of the above events.

16.0 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

16.1 Amicable Settlement: The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the parties.

16.2 Arbitration: Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under Article 16.1, above, within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's written request for such amicable settlement, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. For all evidentiary questions, the arbitral tribunal shall be guided by the Supplementary Rules Governing the Presentation and Reception of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration of the International Bar Association, 28 May 1983 edition. The arbitral tribunal shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible

or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26 (“Interim Measures of Protection”) and Article 32 (“Form and Effect of the Award”) of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) then prevailing, 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, controversy, or claim.

17.0 PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES:

Nothing in or relating to this Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18.0 TAX EXEMPTION

18.1 Section 7 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter-alia that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize the United Nations exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Contractor shall immediately consult with the UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.

18.2 Accordingly, the Contractor authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Contractor's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Contractor has consulted with the UNDP before the payment thereof and the UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Contractor to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Contractor shall provide the UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

19.0 CHILD LABOUR

19.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, nor any of its suppliers is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

19.2 Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, at no cost to UNDP.

20.0 MINES:

20.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its suppliers is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term "Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions

on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.

20.2 Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

21.0 OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW:

The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the terms of this Contract.

22.0 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

22.1 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by it or by any of its employees or any other persons who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged by it from, exchanging any money, goods, services, offers of employment or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging in any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.

22.2 The UNDP shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

23.0 AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP, only the UNDP Authorized Official possesses the authority to agree on behalf of UNDP to any modification of or change in this Agreement, to a waiver of any of its provisions or to any additional contractual relationship of any kind with the Contractor. Accordingly, no modification or change in this Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless provided by an amendment to this Agreement signed by the Contractor and jointly by the UNDP Authorized Official.