

**CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SAUSR-MOHGAON-MORDONGRI, SONAPIPARI-UMRETH-MONARI-UMBAH AND GADARWARA-TENDUKHEDA MAJOR DISTRICT ROADS ON BOT (ANNUITY) BASIS.**

**THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO ON THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2012 AT BHOPAL.**

**BETWEEN**

- 1 MADHYA PRADESH ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED, a Company incorporated under the provisions of Companies Act, 1956 vide Certificate of Incorporation No. U-45203/MP/2004-PIC/16758 dated 14.07.2004 as issued by the Registrar of Companies, Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior and having its registered offices at 16-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal 462 011 (Madhya Pradesh) (hereinafter referred to as the “MPRDC” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its administrators, successors and assigns) of One Part;**

**AND**

- 2 **M/s BVSR SSG ROAD PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED** a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at # 8-2-686/B/11/6/1, Plot No. 9, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500 034 (hereinafter referred to as the “**Concessionaire**” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns and substitutes) of the Other Part.

**WHEREAS:**

- (A) Govt. of MP has entrusted MPRDC with the construction of three Major District Road under Package-V comprising of (i) Sausr-Mohgaon-Mordongri (29.58 Km) (ii) Sonapipari-Umreth-Monari-Umbah (22.25 Km) (iii) Gadarwara-Tendukheda (32.12 km) (Total Length 83.95 km) its development, maintenance and management.
- (B) MPRDC had resolved to augment the existing three Major District Roads under Package- V comprising of (i) Sausr-Mohgaon-Mordongri (29.58 Km) (ii) Sonapipari-Umreth-Monari-Umbah (22.25 Km) (iii) Gadarwara-Tendukheda (32.12 km) (Total Length 83.95 km) (hereinafter called the “**MDRs**”) in the State by Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning on design, build, finance, operate and transfer (“**DBFOT**”) on Annuity basis in accordance with the terms and conditions to be set forth in a concession agreement.
- (C) MPRDC had accordingly invited proposals by its Tender Notice/ Request for Qualification No. MPRDC/BOT/PQ/2011/2000 dated 31.05.2011 (the “Request for Qualification” or “RFQ”) for short listing of bidders for construction, operation and maintenance of the above referred (i) Sausr-Mohgaon-Mordongri (29.58 Km) (ii) Sonapipari-Umreth-Monari-Umbah (22.25 Km) (iii) Gadarwara-Tendukheda (32.12 km) (Total Length 83.95 km) of MDR on DBFOT on Annuity basis and had shortlisted certain bidders including, *inter alia*, the consortium comprising M/s BVSR Constructions Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad and M/s Vishwa Infrastructure Ltd., Hyderabad (Collectively the “Consortium”) with M/s BVSR Constructions Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad as its lead member (the “**Lead Member**”).

- (D) MPRDC had prescribed the technical and commercial terms and conditions, and invited bids (the “**Request for Proposals**” or “**RFP**”) from the bidders shortlisted pursuant to the RFQ for undertaking the Project.
- (E) After evaluation of the bids received, MPRDC had accepted the bid of the Consortium and issued its Letter of Award No. MPRDC/BOT/MDR/P-V/2011/10952 .dated 16.12.2011 (hereinafter called the “**LOA**”) to the Consortium requiring, *inter alia*, the execution of this Concession Agreement within 45 (forty five) days of the date of issue thereof.
- (F) The Consortium has since promoted and incorporated the Concessionaire as a limited liability company under the Companies Act 1956, and has requested MPRDC to accept the Concessionaire as the entity which shall undertake and perform the obligations and exercise the rights of the Consortium under the LOA, including the obligation to enter into this Concession Agreement pursuant to the LOA for executing the Project.
- (G) By its letter dated 19.01.2012, the Concessionaire has also joined in the said request of the Consortium to MPRDC to accept it as the entity which shall undertake and perform the obligations and exercise the rights of the Consortium including the obligation to enter into this Concession Agreement pursuant to the LOA. The Concessionaire has further represented to the effect that it has been promoted by the Consortium for the purposes hereof.
- (H) MPRDC has agreed to the said request of the Consortium and the Concessionaire, and has accordingly agreed to enter into this Concession Agreement with the Concessionaire for execution of the Project on DBFOT basis, subject to and on the terms and conditions set forth hereinafter.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and the respective covenants and agreements set forth in this Concession Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1  
**DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

**1.1 Definitions**

The words and expressions beginning with capital letters and defined in this Agreement (including those in Article 48) shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning ascribed thereto herein, and the words and expressions defined in the Schedules and used therein shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Schedules.

**1.2 Interpretation**

1.2.1 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) references to any legislation or any provision thereof shall include amendment or re-enactment or consolidation of such legislation or any provision thereof so far as such amendment or re-enactment or consolidation applies or is capable of applying to any transaction entered into hereunder;
- (b) references to laws of state of Madhya Pradesh, the laws of India or Indian law or regulation having the force of law shall include the laws, acts, ordinances, rules, regulations, bye laws or notifications which have the force of law in the territory of India and as from time to time may be amended, modified, supplemented, extended or re-enacted;
- (c) references to a “**person**” and words denoting a natural person shall be construed as a reference to any individual, firm, company, corporation, society, trust, government, state or agency of a state or any association or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality) of two or more of the above and shall include successors and assigns;
- (d) the table of contents, headings or sub-headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in, and shall not affect, the construction or interpretation of this Agreement;
- (e) the words “**include**” and “**including**” are to be construed without limitation and shall be deemed to be followed by “**without**”

**limitation”** or **“but not limited to”** whether or not they are followed by such phrases;

- (f) references to **“construction”** or **“building”** include, unless the context otherwise requires, investigation, design, developing, engineering, procurement, delivery, transportation, installation, processing, fabrication, testing, commissioning and other activities incidental to the construction, and **“construct”** or **“build”** shall be construed accordingly;
- (g) references to **“development”** include, unless the context otherwise requires, construction, renovation, refurbishing, augmentation, upgradation and other activities incidental thereto, and **“develop”** shall be construed accordingly;
- (h) any reference to any period of time shall mean a reference to that according to Indian Standard Time;
- (i) any reference to day shall mean a reference to a calendar day;
- (j) references to a **“business day”** shall be construed as a reference to a day (other than a Sunday) on which banks in Bhopal are generally open for business;
- (k) any reference to month shall mean a reference to a calendar month as per the Gregorian calendar;
- (l) references to any date, period or Project Milestone shall mean and include such date, period or Project Milestone as may be extended pursuant to this Agreement;
- (m) any reference to any period commencing **“from”** a specified day or date and **“till”** or **“until”** a specified day or date shall include both such days or dates; provided that if the last day of any period computed under this Agreement is not a business day, then the period shall run until the end of the next business day;
- (n) the words importing singular shall include plural and vice versa;
- (o) references to any gender shall include the other and the neutral gender;
- (p) **“lakh”** means a hundred thousand (100,000) and **“crore”** means ten million (10,000,000);

- (q) “**indebtedness**” shall be construed so as to include any obligation (whether incurred as principal or surety) for the payment or repayment of money, whether present or future, actual or contingent;
- (r) references to the “**winding-up**”, “**dissolution**”, “**insolvency**”, or “**reorganisation**” of a company or corporation shall be construed so as to include any equivalent or analogous proceedings under the law of the jurisdiction in which such company or corporation is incorporated or any jurisdiction in which such company or corporation carries on business including the seeking of liquidation, winding-up, reorganisation, dissolution, arrangement, protection or relief of debtors;
- (s) save and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any reference, at any time, to any agreement, deed, instrument, licence or document of any description shall be construed as reference to that agreement, deed, instrument, licence or other document as amended, varied, supplemented, modified or suspended at the time of such reference; provided that this Sub-clause shall not operate so as to increase liabilities or obligations of MPRDC hereunder or pursuant hereto in any manner whatsoever;
- (t) any agreement, consent, approval, authorisation, notice, communication, information or report required under or pursuant to this Agreement from or by any Party or the Independent Engineer shall be valid and effective only if it is in writing under the hand of a duly authorised representative of such Party or the Independent Engineer, as the case may be, in this behalf and not otherwise;
- (u) the Schedules and Recitals to this Agreement form an integral part of this Agreement and will be in full force and effect as though they were expressly set out in the body of this Agreement;
- (v) references to Recitals, Articles, Clauses, Sub-clauses or Schedules in this Agreement shall, except where the context otherwise requires, mean references to Recitals, Articles, Clauses, Sub-clauses and Schedules of or to this Agreement, and references to a Paragraph shall, subject to any contrary indication, be construed as a reference to a Paragraph of this Agreement or of the Schedule in which such reference appears;

- (w) the damages payable by either Party to the other of them, as set forth in this Agreement, whether on *per diem* basis or otherwise, are mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated loss and damage likely to be suffered and incurred by the Party entitled to receive the same and are not by way of penalty (the “**Damages**”); and
- (x) time shall be of the essence in the performance of the Parties’ respective obligations. If any time period specified herein is extended, such extended time shall also be of the essence.

1.2.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement, any Documentation required to be provided or furnished by the Concessionaire to MPRDC and/ or the Independent Engineer shall be provided free of cost and in three copies, and if MPRDC and/or the Independent Engineer is required to return any such Documentation with their comments and/or approval, they shall be entitled to retain two copies thereof.

1.2.3 The rule of construction, if any, that a contract should be interpreted against the parties responsible for the drafting and preparation thereof, shall not apply.

1.2.4 Any word or expression used in this Agreement shall, unless otherwise defined or construed in this Agreement, bear its ordinary English meaning and, for these purposes, the General Clauses Act 1897 shall not apply.

### **1.3 Measurements and arithmetic conventions**

All measurements and calculations shall be in the metric system and calculations done to 2 (two) decimal places, with the third digit of 5 (five) or above being rounded up and below 5 (five) being rounded down.

### **1.4 Priority of agreements, clauses and schedules**

1.4.1 This Agreement, and all other agreements and documents forming part of or referred to in this agreement are to be taken as mutually explanatory and, unless otherwise expressly provided elsewhere in this Agreement, the priority of this Agreement and other documents and agreements forming part hereof or referred to herein shall, in the event of any conflict between them, be in the following order:

- (a) this Agreement; and
- (b) all other agreements and documents forming part hereof or referred to herein;

i.e. the Agreement at (a) above shall prevail over the agreements and documents at (b) above.

1.4.2 Subject to provisions of Clause 1.4.1, in case of ambiguities or discrepancies within this Agreement, the following shall apply:

- (a) between two or more Clauses of this Agreement, the provisions of a specific Clause relevant to the issue under consideration shall prevail over those in other Clauses;
- (b) between the Clauses of this Agreement and the Schedules, the Clauses shall prevail and between Schedules and Annexes, the Schedules shall prevail;
- (c) between any two Schedules, the Schedule relevant to the issue shall prevail;
- (d) between the written description on the Drawings and the Specifications and Standards, the latter shall prevail;
- (e) between the dimension scaled from the Drawing and its specific written dimension, the latter shall prevail; and
- (f) between any value written in numerals and that in words, the latter shall prevail.

## ARTICLE 2

### SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

#### 2.1 Scope of the Project

The scope of the Project (the “**Scope of the Project**”) shall mean and include, during the Concession Period:

- (a) construction of the Project Highway on the Site set forth in Schedule-A and as specified in Schedule-B together with provision of Project Facilities as specified in Schedule-C, and in conformity with the Specifications and Standards set forth in Schedule-D;
- (b) operation and maintenance of the Project Highway in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and
- (c) performance and fulfilment of all other obligations of the Concessionaire in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and matters incidental thereto or necessary for the performance of any or all of the obligations of the Concessionaire under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3  
**GRANT OF CONCESSION**

**3.1 The Concession**

3.1.1 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Applicable Laws and the Applicable Permits, MPRDC hereby grants to the Concessionaire the concession set forth herein including the exclusive right, license and authority to construct, operate and maintain the Project (the “**Concession**”) for a period of **15 (Fifteen) years** commencing from the Appointed Date, and the Concessionaire hereby accepts the Concession and agrees to implement the Project subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein:

3.1.2 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Concession hereby granted shall oblige or entitle (as the case may be) the Concessionaire to:

- (a) Right of Way, access and licence to the Site for the purpose of and to the extent conferred by the provisions of this Agreement;
- (b) finance and construct the Project Highway;
- (c) Subject to Clause 3.1.2(d), manage, operate and maintain the Project Highway and regulate the use thereof by third parties;
- (d) allow and assist the Authority or Authority’s Contractor(s) in demanding, collecting and appropriating Fee from vehicles and Users liable for payment of Fee for using the Project Highway or any part thereof and refusing entry of any vehicle if the Fee due is not paid;
- (e) perform and fulfil all of the Concessionaire’s obligations under and in accordance with this Agreement;
- (f) bear and pay all costs, expenses and charges in connection with or incidental to the performance of the obligations of the Concessionaire under this Agreement; and

- (g) neither assign, transfer or sublet or create any lien or Encumbrance on this Agreement, or the Concession hereby granted or on the whole or any part of the Project Highway nor transfer, lease or part possession thereof, save and except as expressly permitted by this Agreement or the Substitution Agreement.

ARTICLE 4  
**CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

**4.1 Conditions Precedent**

4.1.1 Save and except as expressly provided in Articles 4, 9, 10, 24, 34, 44 and 47, or unless the context otherwise requires, the respective rights and obligations of the Parties under this Agreement shall be subject to the satisfaction in full of the conditions precedent specified in this Clause 4.1 (the “**Conditions Precedent**”).

4.1.2 The Concessionaire may, upon providing the Performance Security to MPRDC in accordance with Article 9, at any time after 90 (ninety) days from the date of this Agreement or on an earlier day acceptable to MPRDC, by notice require MPRDC to satisfy any or all of the Conditions Precedent set forth in this Clause 4.1.2 within a period of 30 (thirty) days of the notice, or such longer period not exceeding 60 (sixty) days as may be specified therein, and the Conditions Precedent required to be satisfied by MPRDC shall be deemed to have been fulfilled when MPRDC shall have:

- (a) procured for the Concessionaire the Right of Way to the Site in accordance with the provisions of Clause 10.3.1;
- (b) Deleted
- (c) Deleted
- (d) procured approval of the Railway authorities in the form of a general arrangement drawing that would enable the Concessionaire to construct road overbridges/ underbridges at level crossings on the Project Highway in accordance with the Specifications and Standards and subject to the terms and conditions specified in such approval; and
- (e) procured all Applicable Permits relating to environmental protection and conservation of the Site:

Provided that MPRDC may from time to time by notice extend, for up to an aggregate of 6 (six) months, the period for procuring the approval set forth in Sub-clause (d) and/ or Sub-clause (e) above and in that event the

land to be covered by overbridges or the affected sections of the Project Highway, as the case may be, shall be included in the Appendix referred to in Clause 10.3 and dealt with in accordance with the provisions thereof; and provided further that upon procurement of such approval, the Concessionaire shall be entitled to a period of 12 (twelve) months therefrom for completion of the overbridges. For the avoidance of doubt, the approval specified in Sub-clauses (d) and (e) above shall cease to be a Condition Precedent upon the extension of time under this Proviso.

4.1.3 The Conditions Precedent required to be satisfied by the Concessionaire prior to the Appointed Date shall be deemed to have been fulfilled when the Concessionaire shall have:

- (a) provided Performance Security to MPRDC;
- (b) executed and procured execution of the Escrow Agreement;
- (c) executed and procured execution of the Substitution Agreement;
- (d) procured all the Applicable Permits specified in Schedule-E unconditionally or if subject to conditions, then all such conditions required to be fulfilled by the date specified therein shall have been satisfied in full and such Applicable Permits are in full force and effect;
- (e) executed the Financing Agreements and delivered to MPRDC 3 (three) true copies thereof, duly attested by a Director of the Concessionaire;
- (f) delivered to MPRDC 3 (three) true copies of the Financial Package and the Financial Model, duly attested by a Director of the Concessionaire, along with 3 (three) soft copies of the Financial Model in MS Excel version or any substitute thereof, which is acceptable to the Senior Lenders;
- (g) delivered to MPRDC from {the Consortium Members, their respective} confirmation, in original, of the correctness of their representations and warranties set forth in Sub-clauses (k), (l) and (m) of clause 7.1 of this Agreement; and

- (h) delivered to MPRDC a legal opinion from the legal counsel of the Concessionaire with respect to the authority of the Concessionaire to enter into this Agreement and the enforceability of the provisions thereof:

Provided that upon request in writing by the Concessionaire, MPRDC may, in its discretion, waive any of the Conditions Precedent set forth in this Clause 4.1.3. For the avoidance of doubt, MPRDC may, in its sole discretion, grant any waiver hereunder with such conditions as it may deem fit.

4.1.4 Each Party shall make all reasonable endeavours to satisfy the Conditions Precedent within the time stipulated and shall provide the other Party with such reasonable cooperation as may be required to assist that Party in satisfying the Conditions Precedent for which that Party is responsible.

4.1.5 The Parties shall notify each other in writing at least once a month on the progress made in satisfying the Conditions Precedent. Each Party shall promptly inform the other Party when any Condition Precedent for which it is responsible has been satisfied.

#### **4.2 Damages for delay by MPRDC**

In the event that (i) MPRDC does not procure fulfilment of any or all of the Conditions Precedent set forth in Clause 4.1.2 within the period specified in respect thereof, and (ii) the delay has not occurred as a result of breach of this Agreement by the Concessionaire or due to Force Majeure, MPRDC shall pay to the Concessionaire Damages in an amount calculated at the rate of 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Performance Security for each day's delay until the fulfilment of such Conditions Precedent, subject to a maximum of 20% (twenty per cent) of the Performance Security.

#### **4.3 Damages for delay by the Concessionaire**

In the event that (i) the Concessionaire does not procure fulfilment of any or all of the Conditions Precedent set forth in Clause 4.1.3 within a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of this Agreement, and (ii) the delay has not occurred as a result of failure to fulfil the obligations under

Clause 4.1.2 or other breach of this Agreement by MPRDC, or due to Force Majeure, the Concessionaire shall pay to MPRDC Damages in an amount calculated at the rate of 0.2% (zero point two per cent) of the Performance Security for each day's delay until the fulfilment of such Conditions Precedent, subject to a maximum of 20% (twenty per cent) of the Performance Security.

ARTICLE 5  
**OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONCESSIONAIRE**

**5.1 Obligations of the Concessionaire**

- 5.1.1 Subject to and on the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Concessionaire shall, at its own cost and expense, procure finance for and undertake the design, engineering, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of the Project Highway and observe, fulfil, comply with and perform all its obligations set out in this Agreement or arising hereunder.
- 5.1.2 The Concessionaire shall comply with all Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits (including renewals as required) in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 5.1.3 Subject to the provisions of Clauses 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, the Concessionaire shall discharge its obligations in accordance with Good Industry Practice and as a reasonable and prudent person.
- 5.1.4 The Concessionaire shall, at its own cost and expense, in addition to and not in derogation of its obligations elsewhere set out in this Agreement:
- (a) make, or cause to be made, necessary applications to the relevant Government Instrumentalities with such particulars and details as may be required for obtaining Applicable Permits (other than those set forth in Clause 4.1.2), and obtain and keep in force and effect such Applicable Permits in conformity with the Applicable Laws;
  - (b) procure, as required, the appropriate proprietary rights, licences, agreements and permissions for materials, methods, processes and systems used or incorporated into the Project Highway;
  - (c) perform and fulfil its obligations under the Financing Agreements;
  - (d) make reasonable efforts to maintain harmony and good industrial relations among the personnel employed by it or

its Contractors in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;

- (e) make reasonable efforts to facilitate the acquisition of land required for the purposes of the Agreement;
- (f) ensure and procure that its Contractors comply with all Applicable Permits and Applicable Laws in the performance by them of any of the Concessionaire's obligations under this Agreement;
- (g) not do or omit to do any act, deed or thing which may in any manner be violative of any of the provisions of this Agreement;
- (h) support, cooperate with and facilitate MPRDC in the implementation and operation of the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and
- (i) transfer the Project Highway to MPRDC upon Termination of this Agreement, in accordance with the provisions thereof.

## **5.2 Obligations relating to Project Agreements**

5.2.1 It is expressly agreed that the Concessionaire shall, at all times, be responsible and liable for all its obligations under this Agreement notwithstanding anything contained in the Project Agreements or any other agreement, and no default under any Project Agreement or agreement shall excuse the Concessionaire from its obligations or liability hereunder.

5.2.2 The Concessionaire shall submit to MPRDC the drafts of all Project Agreements, or any amendments or replacements thereto, for its review and comments, and MPRDC shall have the right but not the obligation to undertake such review and provide its comments, if any, to the Concessionaire within 15 (fifteen) days of the receipt of such drafts. Within 7 (seven) days of execution of any Project Agreement or amendment thereto, the Concessionaire shall submit to MPRDC a true copy thereof, duly attested by a Director of the Concessionaire, for its record. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the review and comments hereunder shall be limited to ensuring compliance with the terms

of this Agreement. It is further agreed that any failure or omission of MPRDC to review and/ or comment hereunder shall not be construed or deemed as acceptance of any such agreement or document by MPRDC. No review and/ or observation of MPRDC and/ or its failure to review and/ or convey its observations on any document shall relieve the Concessionaire of its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement in any manner nor shall MPRDC be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever.

- 5.2.3 The Concessionaire shall not make any addition, replacement or amendments to any of the Financing Agreements without the prior written consent of MPRDC if such addition, replacement or amendment has, or may have, the effect of imposing or increasing any financial liability or obligation on MPRDC, and in the event that any replacement or amendment is made without such consent, the Concessionaire shall not enforce such replacement or amendment nor permit enforcement thereof against MPRDC. For the avoidance of doubt, MPRDC acknowledges and agrees that it shall not unreasonably withhold its consent for restructuring or rescheduling of the debt of the Concessionaire.
- 5.2.4 The Concessionaire shall procure that each of the Project Agreements contains provisions that entitle MPRDC to step into such agreement, in its sole discretion, in substitution of the Concessionaire in the event of Termination or Suspension (the **“Covenant”**). For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that in the event MPRDC does not exercise such rights of substitution within a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the Transfer Date, the Project Agreements shall be deemed to cease to be in force and effect on the Transfer Date without any liability whatsoever on MPRDC and the Covenant shall expressly provide for such eventuality. The Concessionaire expressly agrees to include the Covenant in all its Project Agreements and undertakes that it shall, in respect of each of the Project Agreements, procure and deliver to MPRDC an acknowledgment and undertaking, in a form acceptable to MPRDC, from the counter party(ies) of each of the Project Agreements, whereunder such counter party(ies) shall acknowledge and accept the Covenant and undertake to be bound

by the same and not to seek any relief or remedy whatsoever from MPRDC in the event of Termination or Suspension.

5.2.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Concessionaire agrees and acknowledges that selection or replacement of an O&M Contractor and execution of the O&M Contract shall be subject to the prior approval of MPRDC from national security and public interest perspective, the decision of MPRDC in this behalf being final, conclusive and binding on the Concessionaire, and undertakes that it shall not give effect to any such selection or contract without prior approval of MPRDC . For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that approval of MPRDC hereunder shall be limited to national security and public interest perspective, and MPRDC shall endeavour to convey its decision thereon expeditiously. It is also agreed that MPRDC shall not be liable in any manner on account of grant or otherwise of such approval and that such approval or denial thereof shall not in any manner absolve the Concessionaire or its Contractors from any liability or obligation under this Agreement.

### **5.3 Obligations relating to Change in Ownership**

5.3.1 The Concessionaire shall not undertake or permit any Change in Ownership, except with the prior written approval of MPRDC.

5.3.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Concessionaire agrees and acknowledges that:

- (i) all acquisitions of Equity by an acquirer, either by himself or with any person acting in concert, directly or indirectly, including by transfer of the direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or control of any Equity, in aggregate of not less than 15% (fifteen per cent) of the total Equity of the Concessionaire; or
- (ii) acquisition of any control directly or indirectly of the Board of Directors of the Concessionaire by any person either by himself or together with any person or persons acting in concert with him, shall constitute a Change in Ownership requiring prior approval of MPRDC from national security and public interest perspective, the decision of MPRDC in this behalf being final, conclusive

and binding on the Concessionaire, and undertakes that it shall not give effect to any such acquisition of Equity or control of the Board of Directors of the Concessionaire without such prior approval of MPRDC. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that approval of MPRDC hereunder shall be limited to national security and public interest perspective, and MPRDC shall endeavour to convey its decision thereon expeditiously. It is also agreed that MPRDC shall not be liable in any manner on account of grant or otherwise of such approval and that such approval or denial thereof shall not in any manner absolve the Concessionaire from any liability or obligation under this Agreement.

For the purposes of this Clause 5.3.2:

- (a) the expression “acquirer”, “control” and “person acting in concert” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeover) Regulations, 1997 or any statutory re-enactment thereof as in force as on the date of acquisition of Equity, or the control of the Board of Directors, as the case may be, of the Concessionaire;
- (b) the indirect transfer or control of legal or beneficial ownership of Equity shall mean transfer of the direct or indirect beneficial ownership or control of any company or companies whether in India or abroad which results in the acquirer acquiring control over the shares or voting rights of shares of the Concessionaire; and
- (c) power to appoint, whether by contract or by virtue of control or acquisition of shares of any company holding directly or through one or more companies (whether situate in India or abroad) the Equity of the Concessionaire, not less than half of the directors on the Board of Directors of the Concessionaire or of any company, directly or indirectly whether situate in India or abroad, having ultimate control of not less than 15% (fifteen per cent) of the Equity of the Concessionaire shall constitute acquisition of control, directly or indirectly, of the Board of Directors of the Concessionaire.

#### **5.4 Employment of foreign nationals**

The Concessionaire acknowledges, agrees and undertakes that employment of foreign personnel by the Concessionaire and/or its contractors and their sub-contractors shall be subject to grant of requisite regulatory permits and approvals including employment/residential visas and work permits, if any required, and the obligation to apply for and obtain the same shall and will always be of the Concessionaire and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, refusal of or inability to obtain any such permits and approvals by the Concessionaire or any of its contractors or sub-contractors shall not constitute Force Majeure Event, and shall not in any manner excuse the Concessionaire from the performance and discharge of its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement.

#### **5.5 Employment of trained personnel**

The Concessionaire shall ensure that the personnel engaged by it in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement are at all times properly trained for their respective functions.

#### **5.6 Sole purpose of the Concessionaire**

The Concessionaire having been set up for the sole purpose of exercising the rights and observing and performing its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement, the Concessionaire or any of its subsidiaries shall not, except with the previous written consent of MPRDC, be or become directly or indirectly engaged, concerned or interested in any business other than as envisaged herein.

#### **5.7 Branding of Project Highway**

The Project Highway or any part thereof shall not be branded in any manner to advertise, display or reflect the name or identity of the Concessionaire or its shareholders. The Concessionaire undertakes that it shall not, in any manner, use the name or entity of the Project Highway to advertise or display its own identity, brand equity or business interests, including those of its shareholders, save and except as may be necessary in the normal course of business. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the Concessionaire may display its own name at a spot where

other public notices are displayed for the Users. It is further agreed that the Project Highway shall be known, promoted, displayed and advertised by the name of MDRs.

#### **5.8 Facilities for physically challenged and elderly persons**

The Concessionaire shall, in conformity with the guidelines issued from time to time by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, or a substitute thereof, procure a barrier free environment for the physically or visually challenged and for elderly persons using the Project Highway.

## ARTICLE 6

### OBLIGATIONS OF MPRDC

#### 6.1 Obligations of MPRDC

6.1.1 MPRDC shall, at its own cost and expense undertake, comply with and perform all its obligations set out in this Agreement or arising hereunder.

6.1.2 MPRDC agrees to provide support to the Concessionaire and undertakes to observe, comply with and perform, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Applicable Laws, the following:

- (a) upon written request from the Concessionaire, and subject to the Concessionaire complying with Applicable Laws, provide reasonable support and assistance to the Concessionaire in procuring Applicable Permits required from any Government Instrumentality for implementation and operation of the Project;
- (b) upon written request from the Concessionaire, provide reasonable assistance to the Concessionaire in obtaining access to all necessary infrastructure facilities and utilities, including water and electricity at rates and on terms no less favourable to the Concessionaire than those generally available to commercial customers receiving substantially equivalent services;
- (c) procure that no barriers are erected or placed on or about the Project Highway by any Government Instrumentality or persons claiming through or under it, except for reasons of Emergency, national security or law and order or collection of inter state taxes;
- (d) make best endeavours to procure that no local Tax, toll or charge is levied or imposed on the use of whole or any part of the Project Highway;
- (e) subject to and in accordance with the Applicable Laws, grant to the Concessionaire the authority to regulate traffic on the Project Highway;

- (f) assist the Concessionaire in procuring police assistance for regulation of traffic, removal of trespassers and security on or at the Project Highway;
- (g) not do or omit to do any act, deed or thing which may in any manner be violative of any of the provisions of this Agreement;
- (h) support, cooperate with and facilitate the Concessionaire in the implementation and operation of the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and
- (i) upon written request from the Concessionaire and subject to the provisions of Clause 5.4, provide reasonable assistance to the Concessionaire and any expatriate personnel of the Concessionaire or its Contractors to obtain applicable visas and work permits for the purposes of discharge by the Concessionaire or its Contractors their obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements.

## **6.2 Maintenance obligations prior to Appointed Date**

During the Development Period, MPRDC shall maintain the Project Highway, at its own cost and expense, so that its traffic worthiness and safety are at no time materially inferior as compared to its condition 7 (seven) days prior to the last date for submission of the Bid, and in the event of any material deterioration or damage other than normal wear and tear, undertake repair thereof, or pay to the Concessionaire the cost and expense, as determined by the Independent Engineer, for undertaking such repair after the Appointed Date. For the avoidance of doubt, MPRDC shall undertake only routine maintenance during the Development Period, and it shall undertake special repairs only for ensuring safe operation of the Project Highway, or in the event of excessive deterioration or damage caused due to unforeseen events such as floods or torrential rain.

ARTICLE 7  
**REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

**7.1 Representations and Warranties of the Concessionaire**

The Concessionaire represents and warrants to MPRDC that:

- (a) it is duly organised and validly existing under the laws of India, and has full power and authority to execute and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby;
- (b) it has taken all necessary corporate and other actions under Applicable Laws to authorise the execution and delivery of this Agreement and to validly exercise its rights and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) it has the financial standing and capacity to undertake the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
- (d) this Agreement constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with the terms hereof, and its obligations under this Agreement will be legally valid, binding and enforceable obligations against it in accordance with the terms hereof;
- (e) it is subject to the laws of India, and hereby expressly and irrevocably waives any immunity in any jurisdiction in respect of this Agreement or matters arising thereunder including any obligation, liability or responsibility hereunder;
- (f) the information furnished in the Bid and as updated on or before the date of this Agreement is true and accurate in all respects as on the date of this Agreement;
- (g) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement will not conflict with, result in the breach of, constitute a default under, or accelerate performance required by any of the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association {or those of any member of the Consortium} or any Applicable Laws or any covenant, contract, agreement, arrangement, understanding, decree or order to

which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets is bound or affected;

- (h) there are no actions, suits, proceedings, or investigations pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it at law or in equity before any court or before any other judicial, quasi-judicial or other authority, the outcome of which may result in the breach of this Agreement or which individually or in the aggregate may result in any material impairment of its ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (i) it has no knowledge of any violation or default with respect to any order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or any legally binding order of any Government Instrumentality which may result in any material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement and no fact or circumstance exists which may give rise to such proceedings that would adversely affect the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (j) it has complied with Applicable Laws in all material respects and has not been subject to any fines, penalties, injunctive relief or any other civil or criminal liabilities which in the aggregate have or may have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (k) it shall at no time undertake or permit any Change in Ownership except in accordance with the provisions of Clause 5.3; and that the Consortium Members, together with their Associates, hold not less than 51% (fifty one per cent) of its issued and paid up Equity as on the date of this Agreement; and that no member of the Consortium whose technical and financial capacity was evaluated for the purposes of pre-qualification and short-listing in response to the Request for Qualification shall hold less than 26% (twenty six per cent) of such Equity during the Construction Period;
- (l) Consortium Members and their Associates have the financial standing and resources to fund the required Equity and to raise the debt necessary for undertaking and

implementing the Project in accordance with this Agreement;

- (m) each Consortium Member is duly organised and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, and has requested MPRDC to enter into this Agreement with the Concessionaire pursuant to the Letter of Award, and has agreed to and unconditionally accepted the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;
- (n) all its rights and interests in the Project Highway shall pass to and vest in MPRDC on the Transfer Date free and clear of all liens, claims and Encumbrances, without any further act or deed on its part or that of MPRDC, and that none of the Project Assets shall be acquired by it, subject to any agreement under which a security interest or other lien or Encumbrance is retained by any person, save and except as expressly provided in this Agreement;
- (o) no representation or warranty by it contained herein or in any other document furnished by it to MPRDC or to any Government Instrumentality in relation to Applicable Permits contains or will contain any untrue or misleading statement of material fact or omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary to make such representation or warranty not misleading;
- (p) no sums, in cash or kind, have been paid or will be paid, by it or on its behalf, to any person by way of fees, commission or otherwise for securing the Concession or entering into this Agreement or for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of MPRDC in connection therewith; and
- (q) all information provided by the Consortium Members in response to the Request for Qualification and Request for Proposals or otherwise, is to the best of its knowledge and belief, true and accurate in all material respects.

## **7.2 Representations and Warranties of MPRDC**

MPRDC represents and warrants to the Concessionaire that:

- (a) it has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated herein and that it has taken all actions necessary to execute this Agreement, exercise its rights and perform its obligations, under this Agreement;
- (b) it has taken all necessary actions under the Applicable Laws to authorise the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement;
- (c) it has the financial standing and capacity to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (d) this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation enforceable against it in accordance with the terms hereof;
- (e) it has no knowledge of any violation or default with respect to any order, writ, injunction or any decree of any court or any legally binding order of any Government Instrumentality which may result in any material adverse effect on MPRDC's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (f) it has complied with Applicable Laws in all material respects;
- (g) it has the right, power and authority to manage and operate the Project Highway up to the Appointed Date; and
- (h) it has good and valid right to the Site, and has power and authority to grant a licence in respect thereto to the Concessionaire.

## **7.3 Disclosure**

In the event that any occurrence or circumstance comes to the attention of either Party that renders any of its aforesaid representations or warranties untrue or incorrect, such Party shall

immediately notify the other Party of the same. Such notification shall not have the effect of remedying any breach of the representation or warranty that has been found to be untrue or incorrect nor shall it adversely affect or waive any right, remedy or obligation of either Party under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8  
**DISCLAIMER**

**8.1 Disclaimer**

- 8.1.1 The Concessionaire acknowledges that prior to the execution of this Agreement, the Concessionaire has, after a complete and careful examination, made an independent evaluation of the Request for Qualification, Request for Proposals, Scope of the Project, Specifications and Standards, Site, existing structures, local conditions, physical qualities of ground, subsoil and geology, traffic volumes and all information provided by MPRDC or obtained procured or gathered otherwise, and has determined to its satisfaction the accuracy or otherwise thereof and the nature and extent of difficulties, risks and hazards as are likely to arise or may be faced by it in the course of performance of its obligations hereunder. MPRDC makes no representation whatsoever, express, implicit or otherwise, regarding the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, reliability and/or completeness of any assessment, assumptions, statement or information provided by it and the Concessionaire confirms that it shall have no claim whatsoever against MPRDC in this regard.
- 8.1.2 The Concessionaire acknowledges and hereby accepts the risk of inadequacy, mistake or error in or relating to any of the matters set forth in Clause 8.1.1 above and hereby acknowledges and agrees that MPRDC shall not be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever to the Concessionaire, {the Consortium Members and their} Associates or any person claiming through or under any of them.
- 8.1.3 The Parties agree that any mistake or error in or relating to any of the matters set forth in Clause 8.1.1 above shall not vitiate this Agreement, or render it voidable.
- 8.1.4 In the event that either Party becomes aware of any mistake or error relating to any of the matters set forth in Clause 8.1.1 above, that Party shall immediately notify the other Party, specifying the mistake or error; provided, however, that a failure on part of MPRDC to give any notice pursuant to this Clause 8.1.4 shall not prejudice the disclaimer of MPRDC contained in Clause 8.1.1

and shall not in any manner shift to MPRDC any risks assumed by the Concessionaire pursuant to this Agreement.

- 8.1.5 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all risks relating to the Project shall be borne by the Concessionaire and MPRDC shall not be liable in any manner for such risks or the consequences thereof.

## ARTICLE 9

### PERFORMANCE SECURITY

#### 9.1 Performance Security

9.1.1 The Concessionaire shall, for the performance of its obligations hereunder during the Construction Period, provide to MPRDC no later than 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of this Agreement, an irrevocable and unconditional guarantee from a Bank for a sum equivalent to **₹ 7.95 crores** (Rupees seven crores ninety five lacs only) in the form set forth in Schedule-F (the "**Performance Security**"). Until such time the Performance Security is provided by the Concessionaire pursuant hereto and the same comes into effect, the Bid Security shall remain in force and effect, and upon such provision of the Performance Security pursuant hereto, MPRDC shall release the Bid Security to the Concessionaire.

9.1.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event Performance Security is not provided by the Concessionaire within a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of this Agreement, MPRDC may encash the Bid Security and appropriate the proceeds thereof as Damages, and thereupon all rights, privileges, claims and entitlements of the Concessionaire under or arising out of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by, and to have ceased with the concurrence of the Concessionaire, and this Agreement shall be deemed to have been terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties.

#### 9.2 Appropriation of Performance Security

Upon occurrence of a Concessionaire Default or failure to meet any Condition Precedent, MPRDC shall, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies hereunder or in law, be entitled to encash and appropriate the relevant amounts from the Performance Security as Damages for such Concessionaire Default or failure to meet any Condition Precedent. Upon such encashment and appropriation from the Performance Security, the Concessionaire shall, within 30 (thirty) days thereof, replenish, in case of partial appropriation, to its original level the Performance Security, and in case of appropriation of the entire Performance

Security provide a fresh Performance Security, as the case may be, and the Concessionaire shall, within the time so granted, replenish or furnish fresh Performance Security as aforesaid failing which MPRDC shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 37. Upon replenishment or furnishing of a fresh Performance Security, as the case may be, as aforesaid, the Concessionaire shall be entitled to an additional Cure Period of 90 (ninety) days for remedying the Concessionaire Default or to meet any Condition Precedent, and in the event of the Concessionaire not curing its default or meeting such Condition Precedent within such Cure Period, MPRDC shall be entitled to encash and appropriate such Performance Security as Damages, and to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 37.

### **9.3 Release of Performance Security**

The Performance Security shall remain in force and effect for a period of one year from the Appointed Date, but shall be released earlier upon the Concessionaire expending on Project construction an aggregate sum that is not less than 20% (twenty per cent) of the Total Project Cost; provided, however, that the Performance Security shall not be released if the Concessionaire is in breach of this Agreement. Upon request made by the Concessionaire for release of the Performance Security along with the particulars which establish satisfaction of the requirements specified under this Clause 9.3, MPRDC shall release the Performance Security forthwith.

ARTICLE 10  
**RIGHT OF WAY**

**10.1 The Site**

The site of the Project Highway shall comprise the real estate described in Schedule-A and in respect of which the Right of Way shall be provided and granted by MPRDC to the Concessionaire as a licensee under and in accordance with this Agreement (the “**Site**”). For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby acknowledged and agreed that references to the Site shall be construed as references to the real estate required for Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning of the Project Highway as set forth in Schedule-A,

**10.2 Licence, Access and Right of Way**

10.2.1 MPRDC hereby grants to the Concessionaire access to the Site for carrying out any surveys, investigations and soil tests that the Concessionaire may deem necessary during the Development Period, it being expressly agreed and understood that MPRDC shall have no liability whatsoever in respect of survey, investigations and tests carried out or work undertaken by the Concessionaire on or about the Site pursuant hereto in the event of Termination or otherwise.

10.2.2 In consideration of the Concession Fee, this Agreement and the covenants and warranties on the part of the Concessionaire herein contained, MPRDC, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, hereby grants to the Concessionaire, commencing from the Appointed Date, leave and licence rights in respect of all the land (along with any buildings, constructions or immovable assets, if any, thereon) comprising the Site which is described, delineated and shown in Schedule-A hereto (the “**Licensed Premises**”), on an “as is where is” basis, free of any Encumbrances, to develop, operate and maintain the said Licensed Premises, together with all and singular rights, liberties, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said Licensed Premises, hereditaments or premises or any part thereof belonging to or in any way appurtenant thereto or enjoyed therewith, for the duration of the Concession Period and, for the

purposes permitted under this Agreement, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

10.2.3 The licence, access and right of way granted by this Agreement to the Concessionaire shall always be subject to existing rights of way and the Concessionaire shall perform its obligations in a manner that two existing lanes of the Project Highway or an alternative thereof are open to traffic at all times during the Construction Period.

10.2.4 It is expressly agreed that the licence granted hereunder shall terminate automatically and forthwith, without the need for any action to be taken by MPRDC to terminate the licence, upon the Termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that notwithstanding any temporary or permanent structures erected on the Site by the Concessionaire or its sub-licensees, the licence in respect of the Site shall automatically terminate, without any further act of the Parties, upon Termination of this Agreement.

10.2.5 The Concessionaire hereby irrevocably appoints MPRDC (or its nominee) to be its true and lawful attorney, to execute and sign in the name of the Concessionaire a transfer or surrender of the licence granted hereunder at any time after the Concession Period has expired or has been terminated earlier in terms hereof, a sufficient proof of which will be the declaration of any duly authorised officer of MPRDC, and the Concessionaire consents to it being registered for this purpose.

10.2.6 It is expressly agreed that trees on the Site are property of MPRDC except that the Concessionaire shall be entitled to exercise usufructory rights thereon during the Concession Period.

### **10.3 Procurement of the Site**

10.3.1 Pursuant to the notice specified in Clause 4.1.2, MPRDC Representative and the Concessionaire shall, on a mutually agreed date and time, inspect the Site and prepare a memorandum containing an inventory of the Site including the vacant and unencumbered land, buildings, structures, road works, trees and any other immovable property on or attached to the Site. Such memorandum shall have appended thereto an appendix (the “**Appendix**”) specifying in reasonable detail those parts of the

Site to which vacant access and Right of Way has not been granted to the Concessionaire. Signing of the memorandum, in two counterparts (each of which shall constitute an original), by the authorised representatives of the Parties shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 10.2.2, be deemed to constitute a valid licence and Right of Way to the Concessionaire for free and unrestricted use and development of the vacant and unencumbered Site during the Concession Period under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and for no other purpose whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that valid licence and Right of Way with respect to the parts of the Site as set forth in the Appendix shall be deemed to have been granted to the Concessionaire upon vacant access thereto being provided by MPRDC to the Concessionaire.

- 10.3.2 Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 10.3.1, the Parties hereto agree that on or prior to the Appointed Date, MPRDC shall have granted vacant access and Right of Way such that the Appendix shall not include more than 20 % (twenty per cent) of the total area of the Site required and necessary for the [Two-Lane] Project Highway, and in the event Financial Close is delayed solely on account of delay in grant of such vacant access and Right of Way, MPRDC shall be liable to payment of Damages under and in accordance with the provisions of Clause 4.2.
- 10.3.3 On and after signing the memorandum referred to in Clause 10.3.1, and until the Transfer Date, the Concessionaire shall maintain a round-the-clock vigil over the Site and shall ensure and procure that no encroachment thereon takes place, and in the event of any encroachment or occupation on any part thereof, the Concessionaire shall report such encroachment or occupation forthwith to MPRDC and undertake its removal at its cost and expenses.
- 10.3.4 MPRDC shall make best efforts to procure and grant, no later than 90 (ninety) days from the Appointed Date, the Right of Way to the Concessionaire in respect of all land included in the Appendix, and in the event of delay for any reason other than Force Majeure or breach of this Agreement by the Concessionaire, it shall pay to the Concessionaire Damages in a sum calculated at the rate of Rs. 50 (Rupees fifty) per day for

every 1,000 (one thousand) square metres or part thereof, commencing from the 91st (ninety first) day of the Appointed Date and until such Right of Way is procured.

10.3.5 Upon receiving Right of Way in respect of any land included in the Appendix, the Concessionaire shall complete the Construction Works thereon within a reasonable period to be determined by the Independent Engineer in accordance with Good Industry Practice; provided that the issue of Provisional Certificate shall not be affected or delayed on account of vacant access to any part of the Site not being granted to the Concessionaire or any construction on such part of the Site remaining incomplete on the date of Tests on account of the delay or denial of such access thereto. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that Construction Works on all lands for which Right of Way is granted within 90 (ninety) days of the Appointed Date shall be completed before the Project Completion Date. It is further agreed that the obligation of the Concessionaire to complete the affected Construction Works shall subsist so long as MPRDC continues to pay the Damages specified herein, and upon MPRDC ceasing to pay such Damages after giving 60 (sixty) days' notice thereof to the Concessionaire, the obligation of the Concessionaire to complete such works on such part of the Site shall cease forthwith. It is also expressly agreed that completion of the respective Construction Works within the time determined by the Independent Engineer hereunder shall be deemed to be Project Milestones for the purposes of levy and recovery of Damages under and in accordance with the provisions of Clause 12.4.2.

10.3.6 The Concessionaire shall, if so required by MPRDC, procure on behalf of MPRDC, on the terms and to the extent specified by MPRDC, the additional land required for [Toll Plazas, Traffic Aid Posts, Medical Aid Posts, under passes and over passes or for] construction of works specified in Change of Scope Order issued under Article 16, in accordance with this Agreement and upon procurement, such land shall form part of the Site and vest in MPRDC; provided that the Concessionaire may, by notice given to MPRDC no later than 60 (sixty) days from [the Appointed Date or the date of Change of Scope Order, as the case may be,] require MPRDC to initiate and undertake proceedings for acquisition of such land under the provisions of the

Applicable Laws and MPRDC shall take all such steps as may be reasonably necessary for such land acquisition forthwith; provided further that the cost of land acquired under this Clause 10.3.6 shall be borne by MPRDC in accordance with the Act; provided also that the land to be acquired by MPRDC hereunder as a part of the Site shall be deemed to be included in the Appendix referred to in this Clause 10.3 and dealt with in accordance with the provisions thereof.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the minimum area of land to be acquired for the Toll Plazas and approach roads thereof shall conform to the provisions of Schedule-B and Schedule-C. It is further agreed that MPRDC may, at any time after the Bid Date, *suo moto* acquire the land required hereunder.

- 10.3.7 The Concessionaire may procure at its cost and expense and on its own the land that may be required by it for Additional Facilities and MPRDC shall have no obligation or liability in respect thereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the Concessionaire shall seek prior consent of MPRDC to connect any Additional Facility to the Project Highway and such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

#### **10.4 Site to be free from Encumbrances**

Subject to the provisions of Clause 10.3, the Site shall be made available by MPRDC to the Concessionaire pursuant hereto free from all Encumbrances and occupations and without the Concessionaire being required to make any payment to MPRDC on account of any costs, compensation, expenses and charges for the acquisition and use of such Site for the duration of the Concession Period, except insofar as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that existing rights of way, easements, privileges, liberties and appurtenances to the Licensed Premises shall not be deemed to be Encumbrances. It is further agreed that the Concessionaire accepts and undertakes to bear any and all risks arising out of the inadequacy or physical condition of the Site.

#### **10.5 Protection of Site from encroachments**

During the Concession Period, the Concessionaire shall protect the Site from any and all occupations, encroachments or

Encumbrances, and shall not place or create nor permit any Contractor or other person claiming through or under the Concessionaire to place or create any Encumbrance or security interest over all or any part of the Site or the Project Assets, or on any rights of the Concessionaire therein or under this Agreement, save and except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement.

#### **10.6 Special/temporary right of way**

The Concessionaire shall bear all costs and charges for any special or temporary right of way required by it in connection with access to the Site. The Concessionaire shall obtain at its cost such facilities on or outside the Site as may be required by it for the purposes of the Project Highway and the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

#### **10.7 Access to MPRDC and Independent Engineer**

The licence, right of way and right to the Site granted to the Concessionaire hereunder shall always be subject to the right of access of MPRDC and the Independent Engineer and their employees and agents for inspection, viewing and exercise of their rights and performance of their obligations under this Agreement.

#### **10.8 Geological and archaeological finds**

It is expressly agreed that mining, geological or archaeological rights do not form part of the licence granted to the Concessionaire under this Agreement and the Concessionaire hereby acknowledges that it shall not have any mining rights or interest in the underlying minerals, fossils, antiquities, structures or other remnants or things either of particular geological or archaeological interest and that such rights, interest and property on or under the Site shall vest in and belong to MPRDC or the concerned Government Instrumentality. The Concessionaire shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent its workmen or any other person from removing or damaging such interest or property and shall inform MPRDC forthwith of the discovery thereof and comply with such instructions as the concerned Government Instrumentality may reasonably give for the removal of such property. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that any

reasonable expenses incurred by the Concessionaire hereunder shall be reimbursed by MPRDC. It is also agreed that MPRDC shall procure that the instructions hereunder are issued by the concerned Government Instrumentality within a reasonable period.

## ARTICLE 11

### UTILITIES, ASSOCIATED ROADS AND TREES

#### 11.1 Existing utilities and roads

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Concessionaire shall ensure that the respective entities owning the existing roads, right of way or utilities on, under or above the Site are enabled by it to keep such utilities in continuous satisfactory use, if necessary, by providing suitable temporary or permanent diversions with the authority of the controlling body of that road, right of way or utility, and MPRDC shall, upon written request from the Concessionaire, initiate and undertake at the Concessionaire's cost, legal proceedings for acquisition of any right of way necessary for such diversion.

#### 11.2 Shifting of obstructing utilities

The Concessionaire shall, subject to Applicable Laws and with assistance of MPRDC, undertake shifting of any utility including electric lines, water pipes and telephone cables, to an appropriate location or alignment within or outside the Site if and only if such utility causes or shall cause a material adverse effect on the construction, operation or maintenance of the Project Highway. The cost of such shifting shall be borne by MPRDC or by the entity owning such utility, if MPRDC so directs, and in the event of any delay in shifting thereof, the Concessionaire shall be excused for failure to perform any of its obligations hereunder if such failure is a direct consequence of delay on the part of the entity owning such electric lines, water pipes or telephone cables, as the case may be.

#### 11.3 New utilities and roads

11.3.1 The Concessionaire shall allow, subject to such conditions as MPRDC may specify, access to, and use of the Site for laying telephone lines, water pipes, electric cables or other public utilities. Where such access or use causes any financial loss to the Concessionaire, it may require the user of the Site to pay compensation or damages as per Applicable Laws. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that use of the Site under this Clause shall not in any manner relieve the Concessionaire of its

obligation to maintain the Project Highway in accordance with this Agreement and any damage caused by such use shall be restored forthwith.

11.3.2 MPRDC may, by notice require the Concessionaire to connect any adjoining road to the Project Highway. Upon receipt of a notice hereunder, the connecting portion thereof falling within the Site shall be constructed by the Concessionaire at MPRDC's cost in accordance with Article 16, and the maintenance thereof shall be undertaken by the Concessionaire in accordance with the provisions of Clause 17.1.3.

11.3.3 MPRDC may by notice require the Concessionaire to connect, through a paved road, any adjoining service station, hotel, motel or any other public facility or amenity to the Project Highway, whereupon the connecting portion thereof that falls within the Site shall be constructed and maintained by the Concessionaire upon advance payment of the cost to be made by the beneficiary entity in accordance with the amount and period as determined by the Independent Engineer. For the avoidance of doubt, any connecting road constructed prior to the Appointed Date and falling within the Site shall be maintained by the Concessionaire upon advance payment to be made by the beneficiary entity in accordance with the provisions of this Clause.

#### **11.4 Felling of trees**

MPRDC shall assist the Concessionaire in obtaining the Applicable Permits for felling of trees to be identified by MPRDC for this purpose if and only if such trees cause a material adverse effect on the construction, operation or maintenance of the Project Highway. The cost of such felling shall be borne by MPRDC, and in the event of any delay in felling thereof for reasons beyond the control of the Concessionaire, it shall be excused for failure to perform any of its obligations hereunder if such failure is a direct consequence of delay in the felling of trees. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties hereto agree that the felled trees shall be deemed to be owned by MPRDC and shall be disposed in such manner and subject to such conditions as MPRDC may in its sole discretion deem appropriate.

## ARTICLE 12

### CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT HIGHWAY

#### 12.1 Obligations prior to commencement of construction

Prior to commencement of Construction Works, the Concessionaire shall:

- (a) submit to MPRDC and the Independent Engineer its detailed design, construction methodology, quality assurance procedures, and the procurement, engineering and construction time schedule for completion of the Project in accordance with the Project Completion Schedule as set forth in Schedule-G;
- (b) appoint its representative duly authorised to deal with MPRDC in respect of all matters under or arising out of or relating to this Agreement;
- (c) undertake, do and perform all such acts, deeds and things as may be necessary or required before commencement of construction under and in accordance with this Agreement, the Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits; and
- (d) make its own arrangements for quarrying of materials needed for the Project Highway under and in accordance with the Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits.

#### 12.2 Maintenance during Construction Period

During the Construction Period, the Concessionaire shall maintain, at its cost, the existing lane(s) of the Project Highway so that the traffic worthiness and safety thereof are at no time materially inferior as compared to their condition 7 (seven) days prior to the date of this Agreement, and shall undertake the necessary repair and maintenance works for this purpose; provided that the Concessionaire may, at its cost, interrupt and divert the flow of traffic if such interruption and diversion is necessary for the efficient progress of Construction Works and conforms to Good Industry Practice; provided further that such interruption and diversion shall be undertaken by the Concessionaire only with the prior written approval of the Independent Engineer which approval shall not be unreasonably

withheld. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the Concessionaire shall at all times be responsible for ensuring safe operation of the Project Highway.

### **12.3 Drawings**

In respect of the Concessionaire's obligations relating to the Drawings of the Project Highway as set forth in Schedule-H, the following shall apply:

- (a) The Concessionaire shall prepare and submit, with reasonable promptness and in such sequence as is consistent with the Project Completion Schedule, three copies each of all Drawings to the Independent Engineer for review;
- (b) By submitting the Drawings for review to the Independent Engineer, the Concessionaire shall be deemed to have represented that it has determined and verified that the design and engineering, including field construction criteria related thereto, are in conformity with the Scope of the Project and the Specifications and Standards;
- (c) Within 15 (fifteen) days of the receipt of the Drawings, the Independent Engineer shall review the same and convey its observations to the Concessionaire with particular reference to their conformity or otherwise with the Scope of the Project and the Specifications and Standards. The Concessionaire shall not be obliged to await the observations of the Independent Engineer on the Drawings submitted pursuant hereto beyond the said 15 (fifteen) days period and may begin or continue Construction Works at its own discretion and risk;
- (d) If the aforesaid observations of the Independent Engineer indicate that the Drawings are not in conformity with the Scope of the Project or the Specifications and Standards, such Drawings shall be revised by the Concessionaire and resubmitted to the Independent Engineer for review. The Independent Engineer shall give its observations, if any, within 7 (seven) days of receipt of the revised Drawings;

- (e) No review and/or observation of the Independent Engineer and/or its failure to review and/or convey its observations on any Drawings shall relieve the Concessionaire of its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement in any manner nor shall the Independent Engineer or MPRDC be liable for the same in any manner;
- (f) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this Clause 12.3, the Concessionaire shall submit to MPRDC for review and comments, its Drawings relating to alignment of the Project Highway, finished road level, location and layout of the Toll Plaza[s] and general arrangement drawings of major bridges, flyovers and grade separators, and MPRDC shall have the right but not the obligation to undertake such review and provide its comments, if any, within 30 (thirty) days of the receipt of such Drawings. The provisions of this Clause 12.3 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the review and comments hereunder; and
- (g) Within 90 (ninety) days of the Project Completion Date, the Concessionaire shall furnish to MPRDC and the Independent Engineer a complete set of as-built Drawings, in 2 (two) hard copies and in micro film form or in such other medium as may be acceptable to MPRDC, reflecting the Project Highway as actually designed, engineered and constructed, including an as-built survey illustrating the layout of the Project Highway and setback lines, if any, of the buildings and structures forming part of Project Facilities.

## **12.4 Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning of the Project Highway**

12.4.1 On or after the Appointed Date, the Concessionaire shall undertake construction of Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning as specified in Schedule-B and Schedule-C, and in conformity with the Specifications and Standards set forth in Schedule-D. The 730th (seven hundred and thirty) day from the Appointed Date shall be the scheduled date for completion of Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning] (the “**Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date**”) and the Concessionaire agrees and undertakes that Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning]shall be completed on or before the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date.

12.4.2 The Concessionaire shall construct the Project Highway in accordance with the Project Completion Schedule set forth in Schedule-G. In the event that the Concessionaire fails to achieve any Project Milestone within a period of 90 (ninety) days from the date set forth for such Milestone in Schedule-G, unless such failure has occurred due to Force Majeure or for reasons solely attributable to MPRDC, it shall pay Damages to MPRDC in a sum calculated at the rate of 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the amount of Performance Security for delay of each day until such Milestone is achieved; provided that if any or all Project Milestones or the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date are extended in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the dates set forth in Schedule-G shall be deemed to be modified accordingly and the provisions of this Agreement shall apply as if Schedule-G has been amended as above; provided further that in the event Project Completion Date is achieved on or before the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date, the Damages paid under this Clause 12.4.2 shall be refunded by MPRDC to the Concessionaire, but without any interest thereon. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that recovery of Damages under this Clause 12.4.2 shall be without prejudice to the rights of MPRDC under this Agreement, including the right of Termination thereof.

12.4.3 In the event that Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning is not completed within 270 (two hundred and seventy) days from the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date, unless the delay is on account of reasons solely attributable to MPRDC or due to Force Majeure, MPRDC shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement.

**12.5 Deleted**

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**12.7 Construction of service roads by MPRDC**

MPRDC shall, at any time after the 8th (eighth) anniversary of the Appointed Date, be entitled in its discretion to undertake at its cost, construction of service roads on the Project Highway in accordance with the specifications and standards applicable to other district roads (ODRs) in the State. Such construction shall be undertaken without causing undue disruption to traffic and

upon its completion, the Concessionaire shall have the obligation to maintain the service roads in accordance with Good Industry Practice and regulate the use thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13  
**MONITORING OF CONSTRUCTION**

**13.1 Monthly progress reports**

During the Construction Period, the Concessionaire shall, no later than 7 (seven) days after the close of each month, furnish to MPRDC and the Independent Engineer a monthly report on progress of the Construction Works and shall promptly give such other relevant information as may be required by the Independent Engineer.

**13.2 Inspection**

During the Construction Period, the Independent Engineer shall inspect the Project Highway at least once a month and make a report of such inspection (the “**Inspection Report**”) stating in reasonable detail the defects or deficiencies, if any, with particular reference to the Scope of the Project and Specifications and Standards. It shall send a copy of the Inspection Report to MPRDC and the Concessionaire within 7 (seven) days of such inspection and upon receipt thereof, the Concessionaire shall rectify and remedy the defects or deficiencies, if any, stated in the Inspection Report. Such inspection or submission of Inspection Report by the Independent Engineer shall not relieve or absolve the Concessionaire of its obligations and liabilities hereunder in any manner whatsoever.

**13.3 Tests**

13.3.1 For determining that the Construction Works conform to the Specifications and Standards, the Independent Engineer shall require the Concessionaire to carry out or cause to be carried out tests, at such time and frequency and in such manner as may be specified by the Independent Engineer from time to time, in accordance with Good Industry Practice for quality assurance. The size of sample for such tests shall, to the extent possible, not exceed 10% (ten per cent) of the quantity and/or number of tests prescribed by IRC and/or PWD for the construction works undertaken by MPRDC through their contractors. The Concessionaire shall, with due diligence, carry out or cause to be carried out all the tests in accordance with the instructions of the

Independent Engineer and furnish the results thereof to the Independent Engineer. One half of the costs incurred on such tests, and to the extent certified by the Independent Engineer as reasonable, shall be reimbursed by MPRDC to the Concessionaire. For the avoidance of doubt, the costs to be incurred on any Test which is undertaken for determining the rectification of any defect or deficiency in construction shall be borne solely by the Concessionaire.

13.3.2 In the event that results of any tests conducted under this Clause 13.3 establish any defects or deficiencies in the Construction Works, the Concessionaire shall carry out remedial measures and furnish a report to the Independent Engineer in this behalf. The Independent Engineer shall require the Concessionaire to carry out or cause to be carried out tests to determine that such remedial measures have brought the Construction Works into compliance with the Specifications and Standards, and the procedure set forth in this Clause 13.3 shall be repeated until such Construction Works conform to the Specifications and Standards. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that tests pursuant to this Clause 13.3 shall be undertaken in addition to and independent of the tests that shall be carried out by the Concessionaire for its own quality assurance in accordance with Good Industry Practice. It is also agreed that a copy of the results of such tests shall be sent by the Concessionaire to the Independent Engineer forthwith.

#### **13.4 Delays during construction**

Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 12.4.2, if the Concessionaire does not achieve any of the Project Milestones or the Independent Engineer shall have reasonably determined that the rate of progress of Construction Works is such that Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning is not likely to be achieved by the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date, it shall notify the Concessionaire to this effect, and the Concessionaire shall, within 15 (fifteen) days of such notice, by a communication inform the Independent Engineer in reasonable detail about the steps it proposes to take to expedite progress and the period within which it shall achieve the Project Completion Date.

### **13.5 Suspension of unsafe Construction Works**

- 13.5.1 Upon recommendation of the Independent Engineer to this effect, MPRDC may by notice require the Concessionaire to suspend forthwith the whole or any part of the Construction Works if, in the reasonable opinion of MPRDC, such work threatens the safety of the Users and pedestrians.
- 13.5.2 The Concessionaire shall, pursuant to the notice under Clause 13.5.1, suspend the Construction Works or any part thereof for such time and in such manner as may be specified by MPRDC and thereupon carry out remedial measures to secure the safety of suspended works and the Users. The Concessionaire may by notice require the Independent Engineer to inspect such remedial measures forthwith and make a report to MPRDC recommending whether or not the suspension hereunder may be revoked. Upon receiving the recommendations of the Independent Engineer, MPRDC shall either revoke such suspension or instruct the Concessionaire to carry out such other and further remedial measures as may be necessary in the reasonable opinion of MPRDC, and the procedure set forth in this Clause 13.5 shall be repeated until the suspension hereunder is revoked.
- 13.5.3 Subject to the provisions of Clause 34.7, all reasonable costs incurred for maintaining and protecting the Construction Works or part thereof during the period of suspension (the “**Preservation Costs**”), shall be borne by the Concessionaire; provided that if the suspension has occurred as a result of any breach of this Agreement by MPRDC, the Preservation Costs shall be borne by MPRDC.
- 13.5.4 If suspension of Construction Works is for reasons not attributable to the Concessionaire, the Independent Engineer shall determine any extension of the dates set forth in the Project Completion Schedule to which the Concessionaire is reasonably entitled, and shall notify MPRDC accordingly whereupon MPRDC shall extend such Project Completion Schedule dates in accordance with the recommendations of the Independent Engineer. In the event that the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date is extended pursuant hereto, the Concession Period shall be deemed to be extended by a period equal in length to the period of extension of the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date.

### **13.6 Video recording**

During the Construction Period, the Concessionaire shall provide to MPRDC for every calendar quarter, a video recording, which will be compiled into a 3 (three)-hour compact disc or digital video disc, as the case may be, covering the status and progress of Construction Works in that quarter. The first such video recording shall be provided to MPRDC within 7 (seven) days of the Appointed Date and thereafter, no later than 15 (fifteen) days after the close of each quarter.

ARTICLE 14  
**COMPLETION CERTIFICATE**

**14.1 Tests**

14.1.1 At least 30 (thirty) days prior to the likely completion of the Project Highway, the Concessionaire shall notify the Independent Engineer of its intent to subject the Project Highway to Tests. The date and time of each of the Tests shall be determined by the Independent Engineer in consultation with the Concessionaire, and notified to MPRDC who may designate its representative to witness the Tests. The Concessionaire shall provide such assistance as the Independent Engineer may reasonably require for conducting the Tests. In the event of the Concessionaire and the Independent Engineer failing to mutually agree on the dates for conducting the Tests, the Concessionaire shall fix the dates by not less than 10 (ten) days notice to the Independent Engineer.

14.1.2 All Tests shall be conducted in accordance with Schedule-I. The Independent Engineer shall observe, monitor and review the results of the Tests to determine compliance of the Project Highway with Specifications and Standards and if it is reasonably anticipated or determined by the Independent Engineer during the course of any Test that the performance of the Project Highway or any part thereof does not meet the Specifications and Standards, it shall have the right to suspend or delay such Test and require the Concessionaire to remedy and rectify the defects or deficiencies. Upon completion of each Test, the Independent Engineer shall provide to the Concessionaire and MPRDC copies of all Test data including detailed Test results. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that the Independent Engineer may require the Concessionaire to carry out or cause to be carried out additional Tests, in accordance with Good Industry Practice, for determining the compliance of the Project Highway with Specifications and Standards.

**14.2 Completion Certificate**

Upon completion of Construction Works and the Independent Engineer determining the Tests to be successful, it shall forthwith issue to the Concessionaire and MPRDC a certificate

substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-J (the “**Completion Certificate**”).

### **14.3 Provisional Certificate**

14.3.1 The Independent Engineer may, at the request of the Concessionaire, issue a provisional certificate of completion substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-J (the “**Provisional Certificate**”) if the Tests are successful and the Project Highway can be safely and reliably placed in commercial operation though certain works or things forming part thereof are outstanding and not yet complete. In such an event, the Provisional Certificate shall have appended thereto a list of outstanding items signed jointly by the Independent Engineer and the Concessionaire (the “**Punch List**”); provided that the Independent Engineer shall not withhold the Provisional Certificate for reason of any work remaining incomplete if the delay in completion thereof is attributable to MPRDC.

14.3.2 The Parties hereto expressly agree that a Provisional Certificate under this Clause 14.3 may, upon request of the Concessionaire to this effect, be issued for operating part of the Project Highway, if at least 75% (seventy five per cent) of the total length of the Project Highway has been completed. Upon issue of such Provisional Certificate, the provisions of Article 15 shall apply to such completed part.

### **14.4 Completion of Punch List items**

14.4.1 All items in the Punch List shall be completed by the Concessionaire within 90 (ninety) days of the date of issue of the Provisional Certificate and for any delay thereafter, other than for reasons solely attributable to MPRDC or due to Force Majeure, MPRDC shall be entitled to recover Damages from the Concessionaire to be calculated and paid for each day of delay until all items are completed, at the lower of (a) 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Performance Security, and (b) 0.2% (zero point two per cent) of the cost of completing such items as estimated by the Independent Engineer. Subject to payment of such Damages, the Concessionaire shall be entitled to a further period not exceeding 120 (one hundred and twenty) days for completion of the Punch List items. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that if completion of any item is delayed for reasons

solely attributable to MPRDC or due to Force Majeure, the completion date thereof shall be determined by the Independent Engineer in accordance with Good Industry Practice, and such completion date shall be deemed to be the date of issue of the Provisional Certificate for the purposes of Damages, if any, payable for such item under this Clause 14.4.1.

14.4.2 Upon completion of all Punch List items, the Independent Engineer shall issue the Completion Certificate. Failure of the Concessionaire to complete all the Punch List items within the time set forth in Clause 14.4.1 for any reason, other than conditions constituting Force Majeure or for reasons solely attributable to MPRDC, shall entitle MPRDC to terminate this Agreement.

#### **14.5 Withholding of Provisional Certificate**

14.5.1 If the Independent Engineer determines that the Project Highway or any part thereof does not conform to the provisions of this Agreement and cannot be safely and reliably placed in commercial operation, it shall forthwith make a report in this behalf and send copies thereof to MPRDC and the Concessionaire. Upon receipt of such a report from the Independent Engineer and after conducting its own inspection, if MPRDC is of the opinion that the Project Highway is not fit and safe for commercial service, it shall, within 7 (seven) days of receiving the aforesaid report, notify the Concessionaire of the defects and deficiencies in the Project Highway and direct the Independent Engineer to withhold issuance of the Provisional Certificate. Upon receipt of such notice, the Concessionaire shall remedy and rectify such defects or deficiencies and thereupon Tests shall be undertaken in accordance with this Article 14. Such procedure shall be repeated as necessary until the defects or deficiencies are rectified.

14.5.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clause 14.5.1, MPRDC may, at any time after receiving a report from the Independent Engineer under that Clause, direct the Independent Engineer to issue a Provisional Certificate under Clause 14.3, and such direction shall be complied forthwith.

## **14.6 Rescheduling of Tests**

If the Independent Engineer certifies to MPRDC and the Concessionaire that it is unable to issue the Completion Certificate or Provisional Certificate, as the case may be, because of events or circumstances on account of which the Tests could not be held or had to be suspended, the Concessionaire shall be entitled to re-schedule the Tests and hold the same as soon as reasonably practicable.

ARTICLE 15  
**ENTRY INTO COMMERCIAL SERVICE**

**15.1 Commercial Operation Date (COD)**

Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning shall be deemed to be complete when the Completion Certificate or the Provisional Certificate, as the case may be, is issued under the provisions of Article 14, and accordingly the commercial operation date of the Project shall be the date on which such Completion Certificate or the Provisional Certificate is issued (the “**COD**”). The Project Highway shall enter into commercial service on COD whereupon the Concessionaire shall be entitled to receive Annuity from the Authority in accordance with the provisions of Article 27.

**15.2 Damages for delay**

Subject to the provisions of Clause 12.4, if COD does not occur prior to the 91st (ninety first) day after the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/ Two-Laning Date, unless the delay is on account of reasons solely attributable to MPRDC or due to Force Majeure, the Concessionaire shall pay Damages to MPRDC in a sum calculated at the rate of 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the amount of Performance Security for delay of each day until COD is achieved.

ARTICLE 16  
**CHANGE OF SCOPE**

**16.1 Change of Scope**

16.1.1 MPRDC may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, require the provision of additional works and services which are not included in the Scope of the Project as contemplated by this Agreement (the “**Change of Scope**”). Any such Change of Scope shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this Article 16 and the costs thereof shall be expended by the Concessionaire and reimbursed to it by MPRDC in accordance with Clause 16.3.

16.1.2 If the Concessionaire determines at any time that a Change of Scope is necessary for providing safer and improved services to the Users, it shall by notice in writing require MPRDC to consider such Change of Scope. MPRDC shall, within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice, either accept such Change of Scope with modifications, if any, and initiate proceedings therefor in accordance with this Article 16 or inform the Concessionaire in writing of its reasons for not accepting such Change of Scope.

16.1.3 Any works or services which are provided under and in accordance with this Article 16 shall form part of the Project Highway and the provisions of this Agreement shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such works or services.

**16.2 Procedure for Change of Scope**

16.2.1 In the event of MPRDC determining that a Change of Scope is necessary, it shall issue to the Concessionaire a notice specifying in reasonable detail the works and services contemplated thereunder (the “**Change of Scope Notice**”).

16.2.2 Upon receipt of a Change of Scope Notice, the Concessionaire shall, with due diligence, provide to MPRDC such information as is necessary, together with preliminary Documentation in support of:

- (a) the impact, if any, which the Change of Scope is likely to have on the Project Completion Schedule if the works or

services are required to be carried out during the Construction Period; and

- (b) the options for implementing the proposed Change of Scope and the effect, if any, each such option would have on the costs and time thereof, including a detailed breakdown by work classifications specifying the material and labour costs calculated in accordance with the schedule of rates applicable to the works assigned by MPRDC to its contractors, along with the proposed premium/discount on such rates; provided that the cost incurred by the Concessionaire in providing such information shall be reimbursed by MPRDC to the extent such cost is certified by the Independent Engineer as reasonable.

16.2.3 Upon receipt of information set forth in Clause 16.2.2, if MPRDC decides to proceed with the Change of Scope, it shall convey its preferred option to the Concessionaire, and the Parties shall, with assistance of the Independent Engineer, thereupon make good faith efforts to agree upon the time and costs for implementation thereof. Upon reaching an agreement, MPRDC shall issue an order (the “**Change of Scope Order**”) requiring the Concessionaire to proceed with the performance thereof. In the event that the Parties are unable to agree, MPRDC may, by issuing a Change of Scope Order, require the Concessionaire to proceed with the performance thereof pending resolution of the Dispute, or carry out the works in accordance with Clause 16.5.

16.2.4 The provisions of this Agreement, insofar as they relate to Construction Works and Tests, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the works undertaken by the Concessionaire under this Article 16.

### **16.3 Payment for Change of Scope**

16.3.1 Within 7 (seven) days of issuing a Change of Scope Order, MPRDC shall make an advance payment to the Concessionaire in a sum equal to 20% (twenty per cent) of the cost of Change of Scope as agreed hereunder, and in the event of a Dispute, 20% (twenty per cent) of the cost assessed by the Independent Engineer. The Concessionaire shall, after commencement of work, present to MPRDC bills for payment in respect of the

works in progress or completed works, as the case may be, supported by such Documentation as is reasonably sufficient for MPRDC to determine the accuracy thereof. Within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of such bills, MPRDC shall disburse to the Concessionaire such amounts as are certified by the Independent Engineer as reasonable and after making a proportionate deduction for the advance payment made hereunder, and in the event of any Dispute, final adjustments thereto shall be made under and in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

16.3.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clause 16.3.1, all costs arising out of any Change of Scope Order issued during the Construction Period shall be borne by the Concessionaire, subject to an aggregate ceiling of 0.25% (zero point two five per cent) of the Total Project Cost. Any costs in excess of the ceiling shall be reimbursed by MPRDC in accordance with Clause 16.3.1. In the event that the total cost arising out of Change of Scope Orders (if any) issued prior to the Project Completion Date is less than 0.25% (zero point two five per cent) of the Total Project Cost, the difference thereof shall be credited by the Concessionaire to the Safety Fund within a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days of the Project Completion Date. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the aforesaid 0.25% (zero point two five per cent) of the Total Project Cost shall, to the extent borne by the Concessionaire, be deemed to form part of the actual capital cost of the Project.

#### **16.4 Restrictions on certain works**

16.4.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article 16, but subject to the provisions of Clause 16.4.2, MPRDC shall not require the Concessionaire to undertake any works or services if such works or services are likely to delay completion of Intermediate-laning/ Two-Laning; provided that in the event that MPRDC considers such works or services to be essential, it may issue a Change of Scope Order, subject to the condition that the works forming part of or affected by such Order shall not be reckoned for purposes of determining completion of Intermediate-laning/ Two-Laning and issuing the Provisional Certificate.

16.4.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article 16, the Concessionaire shall be entitled to nullify any Change of

Scope Order if it causes the cumulative costs relating to all the Change of Scope Orders to exceed 5% (five per cent) of the Total Project Cost in any continuous period of 3 (three) years immediately preceding the date of such Change of Scope Order or if such cumulative costs exceed 20% (twenty per cent) of the Total Project Cost at any time during the Concession Period.

## **16.5 Power of MPRDC to undertake works**

16.5.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clauses 16.1.1, 16.2 and 16.3, MPRDC may, after giving notice to the Concessionaire and considering its reply thereto, award any works or services, contemplated under Clause 16.1.1, to any person on the basis of open competitive bidding; provided that the Concessionaire shall have the option of matching the first ranked bid in terms of the selection criteria, subject to payment of 2% (two per cent) of the bid amount to MPRDC, and thereupon securing the award of such works or services. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the Concessionaire shall be entitled to exercise such option only if it has participated in the bidding process and its bid does not exceed the first ranked bid by more than 10% (ten per cent) thereof. It is also agreed that the Concessionaire shall provide access, assistance and cooperation to the person who undertakes the works or services hereunder.

16.5.2 The works undertaken in accordance with this Clause 16.5 shall conform to the Specifications and Standards and shall be carried out in a manner that minimises the disruption in operation of the Project Highway. The provisions of this Agreement, insofar as they relate to Construction Works and Tests, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the works carried out under this Clause 16.5.

## **16.6 Reduction in Scope of the Project**

16.6.1 If the Concessionaire shall have failed to complete any Construction Works on account of Force Majeure or for reasons solely attributable to MPRDC, MPRDC may, in its discretion, require the Concessionaire to pay 80% (eighty per cent) of the sum saved therefrom, and upon such payment to MPRDC, the obligations of the Concessionaire in respect of such works shall be deemed to have been fulfilled. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that in the event such reduction in Scope of the Project causes or will cause a reduction in net after-tax return of the

Concessionaire, the Parties shall meet, as soon as reasonably practical, and agree on a full or partial waiver of the aforesaid payment of 80% (eighty per cent) so as to place the Concessionaire in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no reduction in Scope of the Project. It is further agreed that the liability of MPRDC under this Clause 16.6 shall not extend beyond waiver of the aforesaid 80% (eighty per cent). It is also agreed that in the event of a dispute, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.

16.6.2 For determining the obligations of the Concessionaire under this Clause 16.6, the provisions of Clauses 16.1, 16.2 and 16.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, and upon issue of Change of Scope Order by MPRDC hereunder, the Concessionaire shall pay forthwith the sum specified therein.

ARTICLE 17  
**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**17.1 O&M obligations of the Concessionaire**

17.1.1 During the Operation Period, the Concessionaire shall operate and maintain the Project Highway in accordance with this Agreement either by itself, or through the O&M Contractor and if required, modify, repair or otherwise make improvements to the Project Highway to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits, and conform to Specifications and Standards and Good Industry Practice. The obligations of the Concessionaire hereunder shall include:

- (a) permitting safe, smooth and uninterrupted flow of traffic on the Project Highway during normal operating conditions;
- (b) allowing and assisting Authority or Authority Contractor(s) in collecting and appropriating the Fee;
- (c) minimising disruption to traffic in the event of accidents or other incidents affecting the safety and use of the Project Highway by providing a rapid and effective response and maintaining liaison with emergency services of the State;
- (d) carrying out periodic preventive maintenance of the Project Highway;
- (e) undertaking routine maintenance including prompt repairs of potholes, cracks, joints, drains, embankments, structures, pavement markings, lighting, road signs and other traffic control devices;
- (f) undertaking major maintenance such as resurfacing of pavements, repairs to structures, and repairs and refurbishment of tolling system and other equipment;
- (g) preventing, with the assistance of concerned law enforcement agencies, any unauthorised use of the Project Highway;

- (h) preventing, with the assistance of the concerned law enforcement agencies, any encroachments on the Project Highway;
- (i) protection of the environment and provision of equipment and materials therefor;
- (j) operation and maintenance of all communication, control and administrative systems necessary for the efficient operation of the Project Highway;
- (k) maintaining a public relations unit to interface with and attend to suggestions from the Users, government agencies, media and other agencies; and
- (l) complying with Safety Requirements in accordance with Article 18.

17.1.2 The Concessionaire shall remove promptly from the Project Highway all surplus construction machinery and materials, waste materials (including hazardous materials and waste water), rubbish and other debris (including, without limitation, accident debris) and keep the Project Highway in a clean, tidy and orderly condition, and in conformity with the Applicable Laws, Applicable Permits and Good Industry Practice.

17.1.3 The Concessionaire shall maintain, in conformity with Good Industry Practice, all stretches of approach roads, over-passes, under-passes or other structures situated on the Site but not forming part of the carriageway.

## **17.2 Maintenance Requirements**

The Concessionaire shall procure that at all times during the Operation Period, the Project Highway conforms to the maintenance requirements set forth in Schedule-K (the “**Maintenance Requirements**”).

## **17.3 Maintenance Manual**

17.3.1 No later than 180 (one hundred and eighty) days prior to the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/ Two-Laning Date, the Concessionaire shall, in consultation with the Independent Engineer, evolve a repair and maintenance manual (the

“**Maintenance Manual**”) for the regular and preventive maintenance of the Project Highway in conformity with the Specifications and Standards, Maintenance Requirements, Safety Requirements and Good Industry Practice, and shall provide 5 (five) copies thereof to MPRDC and 2 (two) copies to the Independent Engineer. The Maintenance Manual shall be revised and updated once every 3 (three) years and the provisions of this Clause 17.3 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to such revision.

17.3.2 Without prejudice to the provision of Clause 17.3.1, the Maintenance Manual shall, in particular, include provisions for maintenance of Project Assets and shall provide for life cycle maintenance, routine maintenance and reactive maintenance which may be reasonably necessary for maintenance and repair of the Project Assets, including replacement thereof, such that their overall condition conforms to Good Industry Practice.

#### **17.4 Maintenance Programme**

17.4.1 On or before COD and no later than 45 (forty five) days prior to the beginning of each Accounting Year during the Operation Period, as the case may be, the Concessionaire shall provide to MPRDC and the Independent Engineer, its proposed annual programme of preventive, urgent and other scheduled maintenance (the “**Maintenance Programme**”) to comply with the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual and Safety Requirements. Such Maintenance Programme shall include:

- (a) preventive maintenance schedule;
- (b) arrangements and procedures for carrying out urgent repairs;
- (c) criteria to be adopted for deciding maintenance needs;
- (d) intervals and procedures for carrying out inspection of all elements of the Project Highway;
- (e) intervals at which the Concessionaire shall carry out periodic maintenance;
- (f) arrangements and procedures for carrying out safety related measures; and
- (g) intervals for major maintenance works and the scope thereof.

- (h) lane closure schedule for each type of maintenance (length and time)

17.4.2 Within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the Maintenance Programme, the Independent Engineer shall review the same and convey its comments to the Concessionaire with particular reference to its conformity with the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual and Safety Requirements.

17.4.3 The Concessionaire may modify the Maintenance Programme as may be reasonable in the circumstances, and the procedure specified in Clauses 17.4.1 and 17.4.2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such modifications.

## **17.5 Safety, vehicle breakdowns and accidents**

17.5.1 The Concessionaire shall ensure safe conditions for the Users, and in the event of unsafe conditions, lane closures, diversions, vehicle breakdowns and accidents, it shall follow the relevant operating procedures including the setting up of temporary traffic cones and lights, and removal of obstruction and debris without delay. Such procedures shall conform to the provisions of this Agreement, Applicable Laws, Applicable Permits and Good Industry Practice.

17.5.2 The Concessionaire's responsibility for rescue operations on the Project Highway shall be limited to an initial response to any particular incident until such time as the competent authority takes charge and shall include prompt removal of vehicles or debris or any other obstruction, which may endanger or interrupt the smooth flow of traffic. [For this purpose, it shall maintain and operate a round-the-clock vehicle rescue post with one mobile crane having the capacity to lift a truck with a Gross Vehicle Weight of 20,000 (twenty thousand) kilograms at each of the Toll Plaza(s);

## **17.6 De-commissioning due to Emergency**

17.6.1 If, in the reasonable opinion of the Concessionaire, there exists an Emergency which warrants de-commissioning and closure to traffic of the whole or any part of the Project Highway, the Concessionaire shall be entitled to de-commission and close the whole or any part of the Project Highway to traffic for so long as

such Emergency and the consequences thereof warrant; provided that such de-commissioning and particulars thereof shall be notified by the Concessionaire to MPRDC without any delay, and the Concessionaire shall diligently carry out and abide by any reasonable directions that MPRDC may give for dealing with such Emergency.

17.6.2 The Concessionaire shall re-commission the Project Highway or the affected part thereof as quickly as practicable after the circumstances leading to its de-commissioning and closure have ceased to exist or have so abated as to enable the Concessionaire to re-commission the Project Highway and shall notify MPRDC of the same without any delay.

17.6.3 Any decommissioning or closure of any part of the Project Highway and the re-commissioning thereof shall, as soon as practicable, be brought to the notice of affected persons by means of public announcements/notice.

## **17.7 Lane closure**

17.7.1 The Concessionaire shall not close any lane of the Project Highway for undertaking maintenance or repair works except with the prior written approval of the Independent Engineer. Such approval shall be sought by the Concessionaire through a written request to be made to the Independent Engineer, and a copy thereof furnished to MPRDC, at least 7 (seven) days before the proposed closure of such lane and shall be accompanied by particulars thereof. Within 3 (three) days of receiving such request, the Independent Engineer shall grant permission with such modifications as it may deem necessary and a copy of such permission shall be sent to MPRDC.

17.7.2 The provisions of Clause 17.7.1 shall not apply to de-commissioning under Clause 17.6.1 or to closure of any lane for a period not exceeding 2 (two) hours in a day at any time of the day and 6 (six) hours in a day at a time specified by the Independent Engineer as off-peak hours when the flow of traffic is comparatively lower.

17.7.3 Upon receiving the permission pursuant to Clause 17.7.1, the Concessionaire shall be entitled to close the designated lane for the period specified therein, and in the event of any delay in re-

opening such lane, the Concessionaire shall pay Damages to the Authority calculated at the rate of 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Average Daily Annuity for every stretch of 250 (two hundred and fifty) metres, or part thereof, for each day of delay until the lane has been re-opened for traffic. Such Damages shall be recovered by the Authority in accordance with Article 28 of this Agreement.

17.7.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Annuity of the Concessionaire shall be liable to be reduced for any reduction in Assured Lane Availability in accordance with Article 28 of this Agreement and any Damages to be paid as specified in the Clause 17.7.3 above shall be in addition to the reduction / adjustment in the Annuity amount to be paid to the Concessionaire for the respective Annuity Payment Period.

## **17.8 Damages for breach of maintenance obligations**

17.8.1 In the event that the Concessionaire fails to repair or rectify any defect or deficiency set forth in the Maintenance Requirements within the period specified therein, it shall be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement and the Authority shall be entitled to recover Damages, to be calculated and paid for each day of delay until the breach is cured, at the higher of (a) 0.5% (zero point five per cent) of Average Daily Annuity, and (b) 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the cost of such repair or rectification as estimated by the Independent Engineer. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, should the actual traffic exceed the design capacity, during any year or part thereof and the Concessionaire fails to repair or rectify any defect or deficiency set forth in the Maintenance Requirements within the period specified therein, it shall be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement and the Authority shall be entitled, from such date, to recover Damages, to be calculated and paid for each day of delay until the breach is cured, at the higher of (a) 5% (five per cent) of Average Daily Fee, and (b) 1% (one per cent) of the cost of such repair or rectification as estimated by the Independent Engineer, for the balance period of the concession. Recovery of such Damages shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Authority under this

Agreement, including the right of Termination thereof. Such Damages shall be recovered by the Authority in accordance with Article 28 of this Agreement.

17.8.2 The Damages set forth in Clause 17.8.1 may be assessed and specified forthwith by the Independent Engineer; provided that MPRDC may, in its discretion, demand a smaller sum as Damages, if in its opinion, the breach has been cured promptly and the Concessionaire is otherwise in compliance with its obligations hereunder. The Concessionaire shall pay such Damages forthwith and in the event that it contests such Damages, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.

### **17.9 MPRDC's right to take remedial measures**

17.9.1 In the event the Concessionaire does not maintain and/or repair the Project Highway or any part thereof in conformity with the Maintenance Requirements, the Maintenance Manual or the Maintenance Programme, as the case may be, and fails to commence remedial works within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the O&M Inspection Report or a notice in this behalf from MPRDC or the Independent Engineer, as the case may be, MPRDC shall, without prejudice to its rights under this Agreement including Termination thereof, be entitled to undertake such remedial measures at the risk and cost of the Concessionaire, and to recover its cost from the Concessionaire. In addition to recovery of the aforesaid cost, a sum equal to 20% (twenty per cent) of such cost shall be paid by the Concessionaire to MPRDC as Damages. For the avoidance of doubt, the right of MPRDC under this Clause 17.9.1 shall be without prejudice to its rights and remedies provided under Clause 17.8.

17.9.2 MPRDC shall have the right, and the Concessionaire hereby expressly grants to MPRDC the right, to recover the costs and Damages specified in Clause 17.9.1 directly from the Escrow Account as if such costs and Damages were O&M Expenses, and for that purpose, the Concessionaire hereby agrees to give irrevocable instructions to the Escrow Bank to make payment from the Escrow Account in accordance with the instructions of MPRDC under this Clause 17.9.2 and debit the same to O&M Expenses.

## **17.10 Overriding powers of MPRDC**

- 17.10.1 If in the reasonable opinion of MPRDC, the Concessionaire is in material breach of its obligations under this Agreement and, in particular, the Maintenance Requirements, and such breach is causing or likely to cause material hardship or danger to the Users, MPRDC may, without prejudice to any of its rights under this Agreement including Termination thereof, by notice require the Concessionaire to take reasonable measures immediately for rectifying or removing such hardship or danger, as the case may be.
- 17.10.2 In the event that the Concessionaire, upon notice under Clause 17.10.1, fails to rectify or remove any hardship or danger within a reasonable period, MPRDC may exercise overriding powers under this Clause 17.10.2 and take over the performance of any or all the obligations of the Concessionaire to the extent deemed necessary by it for rectifying or removing such hardship or danger; provided that the exercise of such overriding powers by MPRDC shall be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is reasonably required hereunder; provided further that any costs and expenses incurred by MPRDC in discharge of its obligations hereunder shall be deemed to be O&M Expenses, and MPRDC shall be entitled to recover them from the Concessionaire in accordance with the provisions of Clause 17.9 along with the Damages specified therein.
- 17.10.3 In the event of a national emergency, civil commotion or any other act specified in Clause 34.3, MPRDC may take over the performance of any or all the obligations of the Concessionaire to the extent deemed necessary by it, and exercise such control over the Project Highway or give such directions to the Concessionaire as may be deemed necessary; provided that the exercise of such overriding powers by MPRDC shall be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is reasonably required in the circumstances which caused the exercise of such overriding power by MPRDC. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the consequences of such action shall be dealt in accordance with the provisions of Article 34. It is also agreed that the Concessionaire shall comply with such instructions as MPRDC may issue in pursuance of the provisions of this Clause 17.10, and shall provide assistance and cooperation to MPRDC,

on a best effort basis, for performance of its obligations hereunder.

#### **17.11 Restoration of loss or damage to Project Highway**

Save and except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, in the event that the Project Highway or any part thereof suffers any loss or damage during the Concession Period from any cause whatsoever, the Concessionaire shall, at its cost and expense, rectify and remedy such loss or damage forthwith so that the Project Highway conforms to the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **17.12 Modifications to the Project Highway**

The Concessionaire shall not carry out any material modifications to the Project Highway save and except where such modifications are necessary for the Project Highway to operate in conformity with the Specifications and Standards, Maintenance Requirements, Good Industry Practice and Applicable Laws; provided that the Concessionaire shall notify the Independent Engineer of the proposed modifications along with particulars thereof at least 15 (fifteen) days before commencing work on such modifications and shall reasonably consider any suggestions that the Independent Engineer may make within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving the Concessionaire's proposal. For the avoidance of doubt, all modifications made hereunder shall comply with the Specifications and Standards, Applicable Laws and the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **17.13 Excuse from performance of obligations**

The Concessionaire shall not be considered in breach of its obligations under this Agreement if any part of the Project Highway is not available to traffic on account of any of the following for the duration thereof:

- (a) an event of Force Majeure;
- (b) measures taken to ensure the safe use of the Project Highway except when unsafe conditions occurred because of failure of the Concessionaire to perform its obligations under this Agreement; or

- (c) compliance with a request from MPRDC or the directions of any Government Instrumentality, the effect of which is to close all or any part of the Project Highway.

Notwithstanding the above, the Concessionaire shall keep all unaffected parts of the Project Highway open to traffic provided they can be operated safely.

#### **17.14 Barriers and diversions**

MPRDC shall procure that during the Operation Period, no barriers are erected or placed by any Government Instrumentality on the Project Highway except for reasons of Emergency, national security, law and order or collection of inter-state taxes. MPRDC shall also make best endeavours to procure that no Government Instrumentality shall undertake or cause to be undertaken, except for reasons of Emergency, national security or law and order, any diversions of traffic from, or closing down of approach roads to the Project Highway that may cause a material adverse effect on the flow of traffic to and from the Project Highway.

#### **17.15 Advertising on the Site**

The Concessionaire shall not undertake or permit any form of commercial advertising, display or hoarding at any place on the Site if such advertising, display or hoarding shall be visible to the Users while driving on such Highway; provided that this restriction shall not apply to the Toll Plaza[s], rest areas, bus shelters and telephone booths located on the Project Highway if the advertising thereon does not, in the opinion of MPRDC, distract the Users or violates extant guidelines of PWD. All advertising on the Project Highway shall also conform to Good Industry Practice. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the rights of the Concessionaire hereunder shall be subject to Applicable Laws, as in force and effect from time to time, and no compensation shall be claimed on account thereof.

ARTICLE 18  
**SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

**18.1 Safety Requirements**

18.1.1 The Concessionaire shall comply with the provisions of this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits and conform to Good Industry Practice for securing the safety of the Users. In particular, the Concessionaire shall develop, implement and administer a surveillance and safety programme for providing a safe environment on or about the Project Highway, and shall comply with the safety requirements set forth in Schedule-L (the “**Safety Requirements**”).

18.1.2 MPRDC shall appoint an experienced and qualified firm or organisation (the “**Safety Consultant**”) for carrying out safety audit of the Project Highway in accordance with the Safety Requirements, and shall take all other actions necessary for securing compliance with the Safety Requirements.

**18.2 Expenditure on Safety Requirements**

All costs and expenses arising out of or relating to Safety Requirements shall be borne by the Concessionaire to the extent such costs and expenses form part of the works and services included in the Scope of the Project, and works and services, if any, not forming part of the Scope of the Project shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of Article 16. Costs and expenses on works and services not covered hitherto before and arising out of Safety Requirements shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 16.3.2, be borne from out of a dedicated safety fund (the “**Safety Fund**”) to be funded and owned and operated by MPRDC, or a substitute thereof.

## ARTICLE 19

### MONITORING OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

#### 19.1 Monthly status reports

During Operation Period, the Concessionaire shall, no later than 7 (seven) days after the close of each month, furnish to MPRDC and the Independent Engineer a monthly report stating in reasonable detail the condition of the Project Highway including its compliance or otherwise with the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual, Maintenance Programme and Safety Requirements, and shall promptly give such other relevant information as may be required by the Independent Engineer. In particular, such report shall separately identify and state in reasonable detail the defects and deficiencies that require rectification.

#### 19.2 Inspection

The Independent Engineer shall inspect the Project Highway at least once a month. It shall make a report of such inspection (the “**O&M Inspection Report**”) stating in reasonable detail the defects or deficiencies, if any, with particular reference to the Maintenance Requirements, Maintenance Manual, the Maintenance Programme and Safety Requirements, and send a copy thereof to MPRDC and the Concessionaire within 7 (seven) days of such inspection.

#### 19.3 Tests

For determining that the Project Highway conforms to the Maintenance Requirements, the Independent Engineer shall require the Concessionaire to carry out, or cause to be carried out, tests specified by it in accordance with Good Industry Practice. The Concessionaire shall, with due diligence, carry out or cause to be carried out all such tests in accordance with the instructions of the Independent Engineer and furnish the results of such tests forthwith to the Independent Engineer. One half of the costs incurred on such tests, and to the extent certified by the Independent Engineer as reasonable, shall be reimbursed by MPRDC to the Concessionaire.

## **19.4 Remedial measures**

19.4.1 The Concessionaire shall repair or rectify the defects or deficiencies, if any, set forth in the O&M Inspection Report or in the test results referred to in Clause 19.3 and furnish a report in respect thereof to the Independent Engineer and MPRDC within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving the O&M Inspection Report or the test results, as the case may be; provided that where the remedying of such defects or deficiencies is likely to take more than 15 (fifteen) days, the Concessionaire shall submit progress reports of the repair works once every week until such works are completed in conformity with this Agreement.

19.4.2 The Independent Engineer shall require the Concessionaire to carry out or cause to be carried out tests, at its own cost, to determine that such remedial measures have brought the Project Highway into compliance with the Maintenance Requirements and the procedure set forth in this Clause 19.4 shall be repeated until the Project Highway conforms to the Maintenance Requirements. In the event that remedial measures are not completed by the Concessionaire in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement, MPRDC shall be entitled to recover Damages from the Concessionaire under and in accordance with the provisions of Clause 17.8.

## **19.5 Monthly Fee Statement**

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## **19.6 Reports of unusual occurrence**

The Concessionaire shall, prior to the close of each day, send to MPRDC and the Independent Engineer, by facsimile or e-mail, a report stating accidents and unusual occurrences on the Project Highway relating to the safety and security of the Users and Project Highway. A weekly and monthly summary of such reports shall also be sent within 3 (three) days of the closing of each week and month, as the case may be. For the purposes of this Clause 19.6, accidents and unusual occurrences on the Project Highway shall include:

- (a) death or injury to any person;
- (b) damaged or dislodged fixed equipment;

- (c) any obstruction on the Project Highway, which results in slow down of the services being provided by the Concessionaire;
- (d) disablement of any equipment during operation;
- (e) communication failure affecting the operation of Project Highway;
- (f) smoke or fire;
- (g) flooding of Project Highway; and
- (h) such other relevant information as may be required by MPRDC or the Independent Engineer.

## ARTICLE 20

### TRAFFIC REGULATION

#### **20.1 Traffic regulation by the Concessionaire**

The Concessionaire shall regulate traffic on the Project Highway in accordance with the Applicable Laws, and subject to the supervision and control of the State authorities or a substitute thereof empowered in this behalf under the Applicable Laws.

#### **20.2 Police assistance**

For regulating the use of Project Highway in accordance with the Applicable Laws and this Agreement, MPRDC shall assist the Concessionaire in procuring police assistance from the State Police Department [or a substitute thereof]. The police assistance shall include setting up of a traffic aid post (the “**Traffic Aid Post**”) [at each of the Toll Plazas with a mobile Police squad for round-the-clock patrolling of the Project Highway].

#### **20.3 Buildings for Traffic Aid Posts**

The Concessionaire shall, in accordance with the type designs prescribed for such police outpost buildings by [the State Government or a substitute thereof, construct buildings not exceeding 25 (twenty five) square metres of plinth area, for each of the Traffic Aid Posts, and hand them over to MPRDC no later than 30 (thirty) days prior to the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date]. The Traffic Aid Post[s] shall be deemed to be part of the Site and shall vest in MPRDC.

#### **20.4 Recurring expenditure on Police assistance**

On or before the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date, the Concessionaire shall provide to the State Police Department or a substitute thereof one Jeep or similar vehicle in good working condition along with chauffeurs for round-the-clock patrolling as set forth in Clause 20.2 and shall meet the operating costs of such vehicle including the salaries and allowances of the chauffeurs. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the Concessionaire shall not be liable for any other

expenditure incurred by the State Police Department or a substitute thereof.

## ARTICLE 21

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

#### 21.1 Medical Aid Posts

For providing emergency medical aid during the Operation Period, as set forth in this Agreement, the Concessionaire shall assist the State Government [or a substitute thereof to be designated by MPRDC] in setting up and operating a medical aid post (the “**Medical Aid Post**”) at [each of the Toll Plazas with round-the-clock ambulance services for victims of accidents on the Project Highway.]

#### 21.2 Buildings for Medical Aid Posts

The Concessionaire shall, at its cost [and in accordance with the type designs prescribed for such buildings by the State Medical Department (or a substitute thereof to be designated by MPRDC), construct an aid post building and 2 (two) residential quarters, and hand them over to MPRDC, no later than 30 (thirty) days prior to Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Plus Date. The Medical Aid Post(s)] shall be deemed to be part of the Site and shall vest in MPRDC.

#### 21.3 Recurring expenditure on Medical Aid Posts

On or before COD, the Concessionaire shall provide to the State Medical Department or a substitute thereof to be designated by MPRDC one ambulance in good working condition along with chauffeurs for round-the-clock ambulance services as set forth in Clause 21.1 and meet the operating costs of such ambulance including the salaries and allowances of the chauffeurs. The Concessionaire shall also reimburse to the State Medical Department (or a substitute thereof to be designated by MPRDC) the actual expenditure incurred by it in each Accounting Year on the medical equipment, and the pay and allowances of up to 2 (two) medical personnel deployed exclusively for the Medical Aid Posts and ambulance, and shall maintain the Medical Aid Post buildings in accordance with Good Industry Practice. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the Concessionaire shall not be liable for any other expenditure incurred by the State Medical Department or a substitute thereof to be designated by MPRDC.

## ARTICLE 22

### TRAFFIC CENSUS AND SAMPLING

#### 22.1 Traffic census

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#### 22.2 Traffic survey

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#### 22.3 Traffic sampling

22.3.1 For determining the actual traffic on the Project Highway, MPRDC shall be entitled to inspect the relevant records of the Concessionaire, and may, at its own cost, undertake traffic sampling substantially in the manner set forth in Schedule-O at such frequency as it may deem appropriate, but in no case for less than a continuous period of 7 (seven) days. The Concessionaire shall provide such assistance as MPRDC may reasonably require for such traffic sampling.

22.3.2 Deleted.

#### 22.4 Computer systems and network

The Concessionaire shall install, operate and maintain a computer system with round-the-clock connections to the networks of MPRDC and other related entities for exchange of data and information useful or necessary for efficient and transparent regulation and management of traffic. For this purpose, it shall follow such protocol for Electronic Data Interchange (the “**EDI**”) as MPRDC may specify. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the form specified in Schedule-N may be modified by MPRDC from time to time for conforming to the requirements and output of EDI.

## ARTICLE 23

### INDEPENDENT ENGINEER

#### **23.1 Appointment of Independent Engineer**

MPRDC shall appoint a consulting engineering firm from a panel of 5 (five) firms or bodies corporate, constituted by MPRDC substantially in accordance with the selection criteria set forth in Schedule-P, to be the independent consultant under this Agreement (the “**Independent Engineer**”). The appointment shall be made no later than 90 (ninety) days from the date of this Agreement and shall be for a period of 3 (three) years. On expiry or termination of the aforesaid period, MPRDC may in its discretion renew the appointment, or appoint another firm from a fresh panel constituted pursuant to Schedule-P to be the Independent Engineer for a term of 3 (three) years, and such procedure shall be repeated after expiry of each appointment.

#### **23.2 Duties and functions**

23.2.1 The Independent Engineer shall discharge its duties and functions substantially in accordance with the terms of reference set forth in Schedule-Q.

23.2.2 The Independent Engineer shall submit regular periodic reports (at least once every month) to MPRDC in respect of its duties and functions set forth in Schedule-Q.

#### **23.3 Remuneration**

The remuneration, cost and expenses of the Independent Engineer shall be paid by Concessionaire and such remuneration, cost and expenses shall be payable by the Concessionaire to MPRDC in four six monthly installments or the Project Completion, whichever is earlier, as set forth in Schedule-P. First installment of Independent Engineer’s fee shall be due and payable on the Appointed Date.

## **23.4 Termination of appointment**

23.4.1 MPRDC may, in its discretion, terminate the appointment of the Independent Engineer at any time, but only after appointment of another Independent Engineer in accordance with Clause 23.1.

23.4.2 If the Concessionaire has reason to believe that the Independent Engineer is not discharging its duties and functions in a fair, efficient and diligent manner, it may make a written representation to MPRDC and seek termination of the appointment of the Independent Engineer. Upon receipt of such representation, MPRDC shall hold a tripartite meeting with the Concessionaire and Independent Engineer for an amicable resolution of the Dispute, and if any difference or disagreement between MPRDC and the Concessionaire remains unresolved, the Dispute shall be settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. In the event that the appointment of the Independent Engineer is terminated hereunder, MPRDC shall appoint forthwith another Independent Engineer in accordance with Clause 23.1.

## **23.5 Authorised signatories**

MPRDC shall require the Independent Engineer to designate and notify to MPRDC and the Concessionaire up to 2 (two) persons employed in its firm to sign for and on behalf of the Independent Engineer, and any communication or document required to be signed by the Independent Engineer shall be valid and effective only if signed by any of the designated persons; provided that the Independent Engineer may, by notice in writing, substitute any of the designated persons by any of its employees.

## **23.6 Dispute resolution**

If either Party disputes any advice, instruction, decision, direction or award of the Independent Engineer, or, as the case may be, the assertion or failure to assert jurisdiction, the Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

## ARTICLE 24

### FINANCIAL CLOSE

#### **24.1 Financial Close**

24.1.1 The Concessionaire hereby agrees and undertakes that it shall achieve Financial Close within 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of this Agreement and in the event of delay, it shall be entitled to a further period not exceeding 120 (one hundred and twenty) days, subject to payment of Damages to MPRDC in a sum calculated at the rate of 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Performance Security for each day of delay, or for a further period not exceeding 200 (two hundred) days, subject to payment of Damages specified in Clause 4.3; provided that the Damages specified herein shall be payable every week in advance and the period beyond the said 180 (one hundred and eighty) days shall be granted only to the extent of Damages so paid; provided further that no Damages shall be payable if such delay in Financial Close has occurred solely as a result of any default or delay by MPRDC in procuring satisfaction of the Conditions Precedent specified in Clause 4.1.2 or due to Force Majeure. For the avoidance of doubt, the Damages payable hereunder by the Concessionaire shall be in addition to the Damages, if any, due and payable under the provisions of Clause 4.3.

24.1.2 The Concessionaire shall, upon occurrence of Financial Close, notify MPRDC forthwith, and shall have provided to MPRDC, at least 2 (two) days prior to the Financial Close, 3 (three) true copies of the Financial Package and the Financial Model, duly attested by a Director of the Concessionaire, along with 3 (three) soft copies of the Financial Model in MS Excel version or any substitute thereof, which is acceptable to the Senior Lenders.

#### **24.2 Termination due to failure to achieve Financial Close**

24.2.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, but subject to Clause 34.6.1, in the event that Financial Close does not occur, for any reason whatsoever, within the period set forth in Clause 24.1.1 or the extended period provided thereunder, all rights, privileges, claims and entitlements of the Concessionaire under or arising out of this

Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by, and to have ceased with the concurrence of the Concessionaire, and the Concession Agreement shall be deemed to have been terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that in the event the Parties hereto have, by mutual consent, determined the Appointed Date to precede the Financial Close, the provisions of this Clause 24.2.1 shall not apply.

24.2.2 Upon Termination under Clause 24.2.1, MPRDC shall be entitled to encash the Bid Security and appropriate the proceeds thereof as Damages; provided, however, if Financial Close has not occurred solely as a result of MPRDC being in default of any of its obligations under Clause 4.1.2, it shall, upon Termination, return the Bid Security forthwith along with the Damages due and payable under Clause 4.2. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that if the Bid Security shall have been substituted by Performance Security, MPRDC shall be entitled to encash therefrom an amount equal to Bid Security.

## ARTICLE 25

### LEVY AND COLLECTION OF FEE

#### **25.1 Concessionaire's obligation**

25.1.1 The Concessionaire shall not levy, demand or collect from or in respect of any User, vehicle or Person, for the use of Project Facilities, any sum whatsoever in the nature of a toll or fee.

25.1.2 The Concessionaire shall not permit or allow any advertisement/hoarding or other commercial activity and shall not be entitled to charge, collect or receive any sums on account of any such activity. For avoidance of doubt, the Concessionaire agrees that unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Project revenue shall consist of Annuity only.

#### **25.2 Authority's Rights**

25.2.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Authority shall have the right and authority to levy toll or fee on the Users and vehicles using the Project Facilities ("the Fee") and to demand, collect, retain and appropriate the Fee in accordance with the Applicable Laws.

25.2.2 Authority may at its sole discretion levy, demand, collect, retain and appropriate the Fee either by itself or authorize any Person (the "Authority Contractor") by contract or otherwise to levy, demand, collect, retain and appropriate the same as Authority may deem fit in its sole discretion and in accordance with the Applicable Laws.

25.2.3 Any arrangement or contract made or entered into by Authority for levy and collection of fee shall be independent of this Agreement and that no such arrangement or contract shall have the effect of adding to or enlarging in any way the obligations or the scope thereof or the liability of the Concessionaire under this Agreement and that the Concessionaire's obligations and liabilities shall be limited to, those contained in this Agreement only.

25.2.4 Authority /Authority Contractor shall have access to and use of the Site for all purposes necessary or incidental to levy and

collection of the Fee. Provided, that to the extent such access and use allowed by the Concessionaire affects the performance of any of its obligations hereunder, the Concessionaire shall not be deemed or construed to be in breach of its obligations nor shall it incur/suffer any liability on account thereof. Provided further, that Authority shall, in the event of any physical damage to the Project Facilities on account of such access or use, ensure that such damage is promptly repaired and the Project Facilities are restored at its own cost and expenses.

## ARTICLE 26

### CONCESSION FEE

#### **26.1 Concession Fee**

26.1.1 In consideration of the grant of Concession under this Agreement, the Concession Fee payable by the Concessionaire to the Authority shall be Re. 1.00 (Rupee One) per year during the term of this Agreement.

26.1.2 The Concession Fee, for each year, shall be paid in advance within 90 (ninety) days of the commencement of the Accounting Year, for which it is due and payable.

## ARTICLE 27

### ANNUITY

#### **27.1 Annuity**

27.1.1 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Concessionaire upon achieving COD for the Project Highway and in consideration of the Concessionaire accepting the Concession and undertaking to perform and discharge its obligations in accordance with the terms, conditions and covenants set forth in this Agreement, Authority agrees and undertakes to pay to the Concessionaire, for each Annuity Payment Period, on each Annuity Payment Date as set forth in Schedule Y (Annuity Payment Schedule), the sum of **₹. 15.84 crores (Rupees fifteen crores eighty four lacs only)** (the “Annuity”) as set forth in its Bid.

#### **27.2 Payment of Annuity**

27.2.1 Subject to the provisions of this Article 27 and Article 28 and any other applicable provisions of this Agreement, Authority shall make payment of Annuity to the Concessionaire on each Annuity Payment Date. For avoidance of doubt the number of such Annuities shall not exceed 2 (two) per year over the Concession Period and will commence from COD.

27.2.2 The first Annuity Payment Date shall be the date falling after 6 (six) calendar months from COD. In case COD is different from the Scheduled four-laning Date, the Annuity Payment Schedule at Schedule M shall be suitably modified. Each Annuity payment period shall be deemed to be a period of 6 (six) calendar months from the preceding Annuity Payment date.

27.2.3 Notwithstanding anything contrary contained to anywhere in this Agreement, Authority’s obligation to pay Annuity shall arise subject to and only upon occurrence of COD.

#### **27.3 Submission of invoice, adjustment and certification**

27.3.1 The Concessionaire shall at least 30 days prior to the relevant Annuity Payment Date submit to the Independent Engineer, its invoice, addressed to the Authority for payment of Annuity for the applicable Annuity Payment Period.

27.3.2 The Independent Engineer shall verify the invoices and duly adjust the same for any bonus or reduction in Annuity in accordance with Article 28 of this Agreement and should be submitted with necessary documentation in this regard.

27.3.3 The Independent Engineer shall after verification and certification of the amount claimed in the invoice along with adjustments, forward the invoice to Authority with necessary documentation recommending payment in full or part thereof so as to reach Authority at least 15 days prior to the relevant Annuity Payment Date.

27.3.4 Upon receipt of the invoice together with recommendation for payment forwarded by the Independent Engineer, Authority shall take all necessary steps and ensure payment of Annuity on the relevant Annuity Payment Date. The mode of payment of Annuity shall be as provided in Clause 25.4.

27.3.5 For avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that notwithstanding any dispute which either of them may have as to the amount of invoice/Annuity certified and recommended for payment by the Independent Engineer, the Annuity payable on the relevant Annuity Payment Date shall be that certified by the Independent Engineer. Provided such payment shall be without prejudice to a final adjustment according to the terms on which such dispute is resolved whether amicably or through arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Article 44.

#### **27.4 Mode of Payment**

27.4.1 The Concessionaire hereby expressly authorizes Authority to pay the Annuity, including any bonus or reduction or adjustments in accordance with Article 28, Termination Payment and any other payment which becomes payable by Authority to the Concessionaire under this Agreement directly by the credit to the Escrow Account.

27.4.2 The Concessionaire hereby agrees, undertakes and confirms that the payment to the credit of the Escrow Account shall be made by Authority notwithstanding any instructions to the contrary issued or disputes raised by the Concessionaire and such payments made in accordance with this Clause 25.4 shall constitute Authority's

valid discharge of its Annuity payment obligations under this Agreement and Authority shall to the extent of the payment so made be relieved and discharged of all its obligations in respect of such payments under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 28

### **BONUS AND REDUCTION IN ANNUITY**

#### **28.1 Bonus in Annuity on account of early Project Completion**

28.1.1 In case the Concessionaire achieves COD prior to the Scheduled two laning Date then shall it shall be entitled to receive from the Authority a bonus for early completion of the Project (the “Bonus”). Such Bonus shall be paid alongwith the first Annuity payment on the first Annuity Payment Date.

28.1.2 The Bonus for such early completion shall be the product of Average Daily Annuity and the number of days by which the COD preceded the Scheduled two Laning Date.

28.1.3 The number of days by which COD preceded the Scheduled two Laning Date, shall also include, as certified by the Independent Engineer, the aggregate number of days of delay caused by:

- (i) Suspension or stoppage of Construction Works or part thereof by Authority or the Independent Engineer, for reasons not attributable to the Concessionaire;
- (ii) Force Majeure Event which is a Political Event; and
- (iii) Authority Event of Default

28.1.4 The number of days of delays caused due to the reasons provided in the Clause 28.1.3 shall be included for computation of Bonus, as certified by the Independent Engineer, in accordance with the Project Completion Schedule at Schedule-G.

28.1.5 If any delays, as provided in Clause 28.1.3, resulted in the extension / modification of the Scheduled Two Laning Date, then such delays shall only be considered for computation of Bonus in cases where the Independent Engineer certifies that actual project completion, before the Scheduled Two Laning Date was extended / modified due the reasons at Clause 28.1.3, was at least 60 days ahead of the Project Completion Schedule at Schedule-G.

## **28.2 Reduction in Annuity on account of delayed Project Completion**

28.2.1 In case the Concessionaire achieves COD after to the Scheduled Two laning Date then it shall be liable for reduction in its first Annuity for delayed completion of the Project (the “Reduction”). Such Reduction shall be effected on the first Annuity payment on the first Annuity Payment Date.

28.2.2 The Reduction for such delayed completion shall be the product of Average Daily Annuity and the number of days by which the COD exceeded the Scheduled Two Laning Date.

28.2.3 The number of days by which COD exceeded the Scheduled Two Laning Date, shall exclude the aggregate number of days of delay, as certified by the Independent Engineer, caused by:

- (i) Suspension or stoppage of Construction Works or part thereof by Authority or the Independent Engineer, for reasons not attributable to the Concessionaire;
- (ii) All Force Majeure Event; and
- (iii) Authority Event of Default

28.2.4 The number of days of delays caused due to the reasons provided in the Clause 28.1.3 shall be excluded for computation of Reduction, as certified by the Independent Engineer, in accordance with the Project Completion Schedule at Schedule-G.

## **28.3 Reduction in Annuity on account of non adherence to Maintenance Requirements**

28.3.1 If in an Annuity Payment Period, the Concessionaire fails to maintain the Project Highway in accordance with the Maintenance Requirements as provided in Schedule-K, then it shall be liable for payment of Damages in accordance with Article 17 of this Agreement. The aggregate sum of such Damages in an Annuity Payment Period shall be computed and certified by the Independent Engineer and aggregate sums of such Damages shall be reduced from its Annuity payment for the respective Annuity Payment Period.

## **28.4 Reduction in Annuity on account of non-provision of assured lane availability**

28.4.1 If in an Annuity Payment Period, the Actual Lane Availability is below the Assured Lane Availability as computed and certified by the Independent Engineer in accordance with the Service Level Requirements at Schedule-K, then it shall be liable for reduction in its Annuity payment for that Annuity Payment Period in proportion to the Actual Lane Availability below the Assured Lane Availability level.

28.4.2 For every 1% (one percent) fall in Actual Lane Availability, or a part thereof, till an aggregate reduction of 5% as compared to Assured Lane Availability the Annuity payment for that Annuity Payment Period shall be reduced by 1% (one percent). For every 1% (one percent) fall of Actual Lane Availability, or part thereof, beyond 5% of Assured Lane Availability the Annuity payment for that Annuity Payment Period shall be reduced by 2% (two percent).

28.4.3 The aggregate of such reductions below Assured Lane Availability in an Annuity Payment Period shall be computed and certified by the Independent Engineer and reduced in accordance with Clause 28.4.2 from its Annuity payment for the respective Annuity Payment Period.

## **28.5 Dispute resolution**

If either Party disputes any advice, instruction, decision, direction or award of the Independent Engineer, or, as the case may be, the Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

**ARTICLE 29**  
**EFFECT OF VARIATIONS IN TRAFFIC GROWTH**

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ARTICLE 30  
**CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL TOLLWAY**

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## ARTICLE 31

### ESCROW ACCOUNT

#### 31.1 Escrow Account

31.1.1 The Concessionaire shall, prior to the Appointed Date, open and establish an Escrow Account with a Bank (the “**Escrow Bank**”) in accordance with this Agreement read with the Escrow Agreement.

31.1.2 The nature and scope of the Escrow Account are fully described in the agreement (the “**Escrow Agreement**”) to be entered into amongst the Concessionaire, MPRDC, the Escrow Bank and the Senior Lenders through the Lenders’ Representative, which shall be substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-S.

#### 31.2 Deposits into Escrow Account

The Concessionaire shall deposit or cause to be deposited the following inflows and receipts into the Escrow Account:

- (a) all funds constituting the Financial Package;
- (b) all Annuities and any other revenues from or in respect of the Project Highway, including the proceeds of any rentals, deposits, capital receipts or insurance claims; and
- (c) all payments by MPRDC including Annuity, after deduction of any outstanding Concession Fee:

Provided that the Senior Lenders may make direct disbursements to the EPC Contractor in accordance with the express provisions contained in this behalf in the Financing Agreements.

#### 31.3 Withdrawals during Concession Period

31.3.1 The Concessionaire shall, at the time of opening the Escrow Account, give irrevocable instructions, by way of an Escrow Agreement, to the Escrow Bank instructing, *inter alia*, that deposits in the Escrow Account shall be appropriated in the following order every month, or at shorter intervals as necessary, and if not due in a month then appropriated proportionately in

such month and retained in the Escrow Account and paid out therefrom in the month when due:

- (a) all taxes due and payable by the Concessionaire for and in respect of the Project Highway;
- (b) all payments relating to construction of the Project Highway, subject to and in accordance with the conditions, if any, set forth in the Financing Agreements;
- (c) O&M Expenses, subject to the ceiling, if any, set forth in the Financing Agreements;
- (d) O&M Expenses and other costs and expenses incurred by MPRDC in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and certified by MPRDC as due and payable to it;
- (e) Concession Fee and other dues and payable to MPRDC;
- (f) monthly proportionate provision of Debt Service due in an Accounting Year;
- (g) all payments and Damages certified by MPRDC as due and payable to it by the Concessionaire;
- (h) monthly proportionate provision of debt service payments due in an Accounting Year in respect of Subordinated Debt;
- (i) any reserve requirements set forth in the Financing Agreements; and
- (j) balance, if any, in accordance with the instructions of the Concessionaire.

31.3.2 The Concessionaire shall not in any manner modify the order of payment specified in Clause 31.3.1, except with the prior written approval of MPRDC.

#### **31.4 Withdrawals upon Termination**

31.4.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, all amounts standing to the credit of the Escrow

Account shall, upon Termination, be appropriated in the following order:

- (a) all taxes due and payable by the Concessionaire for and in respect of the Project Highway;
- (b) 90% (ninety per cent) of Debt Due excluding Subordinated Debt;
- (c) outstanding Concession Fee;
- (d) all payments and Damages certified by MPRDC as due and payable to it by the Concessionaire, including {Premium and} repayment of Revenue Shortfall Loan;
- (e) retention and payments relating to the liability for defects and deficiencies set forth in Article 39;
- (f) outstanding Debt Service including the balance of Debt Due;
- (g) outstanding Subordinated Debt;
- (h) incurred or accrued O&M Expenses;
- (i) any other payments required to be made under this Agreement; and
- (j) balance, if any, in accordance with the instructions of the Concessionaire:

Provided that no appropriations shall be made under Sub-clause (j) of this Clause 31.4.1 until a Vesting Certificate has been issued by MPRDC under the provisions of Article 38.

31.4.2 The provisions of this Article 31 and the instructions contained in the Escrow Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until the obligations set forth in Clause 31.4.1 have been discharged.

## ARTICLE 32

### INSURANCE

#### **32.1 Insurance during Concession Period**

The Concessionaire shall effect and maintain at its own cost, during the Construction Period and the Operation Period, such insurances for such maximum sums as may be required under the Financing Agreements and the Applicable Laws, and such insurances as may be necessary or prudent in accordance with Good Industry Practice . The Concessionaire shall also effect and maintain such insurances as may be necessary for mitigating the risks that may devolve on MPRDC as a consequence of any act or omission of the Concessionaire during the Construction Period. The Concessionaire shall procure that in each insurance policy, MPRDC shall be a co-insured and that the insurer shall pay the proceeds of insurance into the Escrow Account. For the avoidance of doubt, the level of insurance to be maintained by the Concessionaire after repayment of Senior Lenders' dues in full shall be determined on the same principles as applicable for determining the level of insurance prior to such repayment of Senior Lenders' dues.

#### **32.2 Notice to MPRDC**

No later than 45 (forty five) days prior to commencement of the Construction Period or the Operation Period, as the case may be, the Concessionaire shall by notice furnish to MPRDC, in reasonable detail, information in respect of the insurances that it proposes to effect and maintain in accordance with this Article 32. Within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of such notice, MPRDC may require the Concessionaire to effect and maintain such other insurances as may be necessary pursuant hereto, and in the event of any difference or disagreement relating to any such insurance, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.

#### **32.3 Evidence of Insurance Cover**

All insurances obtained by the Concessionaire in accordance with this Article 32 shall be maintained with insurers on terms consistent with Good Industry Practice. Within 15 (fifteen) days of obtaining any insurance cover, the Concessionaire shall furnish

to MPRDC, notarised true copies of the certificate(s) of insurance, copies of insurance policies and premia payment receipts in respect of such insurance, and no such insurance shall be cancelled, modified, or allowed to expire or lapse until the expiration of at least 45 (forty five) days after notice of such proposed cancellation, modification or non-renewal has been delivered by the Concessionaire to MPRDC.

#### **32.4 Remedy for failure to insure**

If the Concessionaire shall fail to effect and keep in force all insurances for which it is responsible pursuant hereto, MPRDC shall have the option to either keep in force any such insurances, and pay such premia and recover the costs thereof from the Concessionaire, or in the event of computation of a Termination Payment, treat an amount equal to the Insurance Cover as deemed to have been received by the Concessionaire.

#### **32.5 Waiver of subrogation**

All insurance policies in respect of the insurance obtained by the Concessionaire pursuant to this Article 32 shall include a waiver of any and all rights of subrogation or recovery of the insurers thereunder against, *inter alia*, MPRDC, and its assigns, successors, undertakings and their subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, insurers and underwriters, and of any right of the insurers to any set-off or counterclaim or any other deduction, whether by attachment or otherwise, in respect of any liability of any such person insured under any such policy or in any way connected with any loss, liability or obligation covered by such policies of insurance.

#### **32.6 Concessionaire's waiver**

The Concessionaire hereby further releases, assigns and waives any and all rights of subrogation or recovery against, *inter alia*, MPRDC and its assigns, undertakings and their subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, successors, insurers and underwriters, which the Concessionaire may otherwise have or acquire in or from or in any way connected with any loss, liability or obligation covered by policies of insurance maintained or required to be maintained by the Concessionaire pursuant to this Agreement (other than third party liability insurance policies) or

because of deductible clauses in or inadequacy of limits of any such policies of insurance.

### **32.7 Application of insurance proceeds**

The proceeds from all insurance claims, except life and injury, shall be paid to the Concessionaire by credit to the Escrow Account and it shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clause 31.3, apply such proceeds for any necessary repair, reconstruction, reinstatement, replacement, improvement, delivery or installation of the Project Highway, and the balance remaining, if any, shall be applied in accordance with the provisions contained in this behalf in the Financing Agreements.

## ARTICLE 33

### ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

#### 33.1 Audited accounts

- 33.1.1 The Concessionaire shall maintain books of accounts recording all its receipts (including all Realisable Fees and other revenues derived/collected by it from or on account of the Project Highway and/or its use), income, expenditure, payments (including payments from the Escrow Account), assets and liabilities, in accordance with this Agreement, Good Industry Practice, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits. The Concessionaire shall provide 2 (two) copies of its Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and Profit and Loss Account, along with a report thereon by its Statutory Auditors, within 90 (ninety) days of the close of the Accounting Year to which they pertain and such audited accounts, save and except where expressly provided to the contrary, shall form the basis of payments by either Party under this Agreement. MPRDC shall have the right to inspect the records of the Concessionaire during office hours and require copies of relevant extracts of books of accounts, duly certified by the Statutory Auditors, to be provided to MPRDC for verification of basis of payments, and in the event of any discrepancy or error being found, the same shall be rectified and such rectified account shall form the basis of payments by either Party under this Agreement.
- 33.1.2 The Concessionaire shall, within 30 (thirty) days of the close of each quarter of an Accounting Year, furnish to MPRDC its unaudited financial results in respect of the preceding quarter, in the manner and form prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India for publication of quarterly results by the companies listed on a stock exchange.
- 33.1.3 On or before the thirty-first day of May each Year, the Concessionaire shall provide to MPRDC, for the preceding Accounting Year, a statement duly audited by its Statutory Auditors giving summarised information on (a) the traffic count for each category of vehicles using the Project Highway and liable for payment of Fee therefor, (b) Fee charged and received, Realisable Fee and other revenues derived from the Project

Highway, and (c) such other information as MPRDC may reasonably require.

### **33.2 Appointment of auditors**

33.2.1 The Concessionaire shall appoint, and have during the subsistence of this Agreement as its Statutory Auditors, a firm chosen by it from the mutually agreed list of 10 (ten) reputable firms of chartered accountants (the “**Panel of Chartered Accountants**”), such list to be prepared substantially in accordance with the criteria set forth in Schedule-T. All fees and expenses of the Statutory Auditors shall be borne by the Concessionaire.

33.2.2 The Concessionaire may terminate the appointment of its Statutory Auditors after a notice of 45 (forty five) days to MPRDC, subject to the replacement Statutory Auditors being appointed from the Panel of Chartered Accountants.

33.2.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, MPRDC shall have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint at its cost from time to time and at anytime, another firm (the “**Additional Auditors**”) from the Panel of Chartered Accountants to audit and verify all those matters, expenses, costs, realisations and things which the Statutory Auditors are required to do, undertake or certify pursuant to this Agreement.

33.2.4 MPRDC shall have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint at its cost, for the duration of the Construction Period, another firm (the “**Concurrent Auditors**”) from the Panel of Chartered Accountants to undertake concurrent audit of the Concessionaire’s accounts.

### **33.3 Certification of claims by Statutory Auditors**

Any claim or document provided by the Concessionaire to MPRDC in connection with or relating to receipts, income, payments, costs, expenses, accounts or audit, and any matter incidental thereto shall be valid and effective only if certified by its Statutory Auditors. For the avoidance of doubt, such certification shall not be required for exchange of information in the normal course of business including the submission of Monthly Fee Statements under Clause 19.5.

### **33.4 Set-off**

In the event any amount is due and payable by MPRDC to the Concessionaire, it may set-off any sums payable to it by the Concessionaire and pay the balance remaining. Any exercise by MPRDC of its rights under this Clause shall be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to it under this Agreement or otherwise.

### **33.5 Dispute resolution**

In the event of there being any difference between the findings of the Additional Auditors or the Concurrent Auditors, as the case may be, and the certification provided by the Statutory Auditors, such Auditors shall meet to resolve the differences and if they are unable to resolve the same, such Dispute shall be resolved by MPRDC by recourse to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

## ARTICLE 34

### FORCE MAJEURE

#### 34.1 Force Majeure

As used in this Agreement, the expression “**Force Majeure**” or “**Force Majeure Event**” shall mean occurrence in India of any or all of Non-Political Event, Indirect Political Event and Political Event, as defined in Clauses 34.2, 34.3 and 34.4 respectively, if it affects the performance by the Party claiming the benefit of Force Majeure (the “**Affected Party**”) of its obligations under this Agreement and which act or event (i) is beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party, and (ii) the Affected Party could not have prevented or overcome by exercise of due diligence and following Good Industry Practice, and (iii) has Material Adverse Effect on the Affected Party.

#### 34.2 Non-Political Event

A Non-Political Event shall mean one or more of the following acts or events:

- (a) act of God, epidemic, extremely adverse weather conditions, lightning, earthquake, landslide, cyclone, flood, volcanic eruption, chemical or radioactive contamination or ionising radiation, fire or explosion (to the extent of contamination or radiation or fire or explosion originating from a source external to the Site);
- (b) strikes or boycotts (other than those involving the Concessionaire, Contractors or their respective employees/representatives, or attributable to any act or omission of any of them) interrupting supplies and services to the Project Highway for a continuous period of 24 (twenty four) hours and an aggregate period exceeding 7 (seven) days in an Accounting Year, and not being an Indirect Political Event set forth in Clause 34.3;
- (c) any failure or delay of a Contractor but only to the extent caused by another Non-Political Event and which does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the Concessionaire by or on behalf of such Contractor;

- (d) any judgement or order of any court of competent jurisdiction or statutory authority made against the Concessionaire in any proceedings for reasons other than (i) failure of the Concessionaire to comply with any Applicable Law or Applicable Permit, or (ii) on account of breach of any Applicable Law or Applicable Permit or of any contract, or (iii) enforcement of this Agreement, or (iv) exercise of any of its rights under this Agreement by MPRDC;
- (e) the discovery of geological conditions, toxic contamination or archaeological remains on the Site that could not reasonably have been expected to be discovered through a site inspection; or
- (f) any event or circumstances of a nature analogous to any of the foregoing.

### **34.3 Indirect Political Event**

An Indirect Political Event shall mean one or more of the following acts or events:

- (a) an act of war (whether declared or undeclared), invasion, armed conflict or act of foreign enemy, blockade, embargo, riot, insurrection, terrorist or military action, civil commotion or politically motivated sabotage;
- (b) industry-wide or State-wide strikes or industrial action for a continuous period of 24 (twenty four) hours and exceeding an aggregate period of 7 (seven) days in an Accounting Year;
- (c) any civil commotion, boycott or political agitation which prevents collection of Fee by the Concessionaire for an aggregate period exceeding 7 (seven) days in an Accounting Year;
- (d) any failure or delay of a Contractor to the extent caused by any Indirect Political Event and which does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the Concessionaire by or on behalf of such Contractor;

- (e) any Indirect Political Event that causes a Non-Political Event; or
- (f) any event or circumstances of a nature analogous to any of the foregoing.

#### **34.4 Political Event**

A Political Event shall mean one or more of the following acts or events by or on account of any Government Instrumentality:

- (a) Change in Law, only if consequences thereof cannot be dealt with under and in accordance with the provisions of Article 41 and its effect, in financial terms, exceeds the sum specified in Clause 41.1;
- (b) compulsory acquisition in national interest or expropriation of any Project Assets or rights of the Concessionaire or of the Contractors;
- (c) unlawful or unauthorised or without jurisdiction revocation of, or refusal to renew or grant without valid cause, any clearance, licence, permit, authorisation, no objection certificate, consent, approval or exemption required by the Concessionaire or any of the Contractors to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements; provided that such delay, modification, denial, refusal or revocation did not result from the Concessionaire's or any Contractor's inability or failure to comply with any condition relating to maintenance or renewal of such clearance, licence, authorisation, no objection certificate, exemption, consent, approval or permit;
- (d) any failure or delay of a Contractor but only to the extent caused by another Political Event and which does not result in any offsetting compensation being payable to the Concessionaire by or on behalf of such Contractor; or
- (e) any event or circumstance of a nature analogous to any of the foregoing.

### **34.5 Duty to report Force Majeure Event**

34.5.1 Upon occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Affected Party shall by notice report such occurrence to the other Party forthwith. Any notice pursuant hereto shall include full particulars of:

- (a) the nature and extent of each Force Majeure Event which is the subject of any claim for relief under this Article 34 with evidence in support thereof;
- (b) the estimated duration and the effect or probable effect which such Force Majeure Event is having or will have on the Affected Party's performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) the measures which the Affected Party is taking or proposes to take for alleviating the impact of such Force Majeure Event; and
- (d) any other information relevant to the Affected Party's claim.

34.5.2 The Affected Party shall not be entitled to any relief for or in respect of a Force Majeure Event unless it shall have notified the other Party of the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event no later than 7 (seven) days after the Affected Party knew, or ought reasonably to have known, of its occurrence, and shall have given particulars of the probable material effect that the Force Majeure Event is likely to have on the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

34.5.3 For so long as the Affected Party continues to claim to be materially affected by such Force Majeure Event, it shall provide the other Party with regular (and not less than weekly) reports containing information as required by Clause 34.5.1, and such other information as the other Party may reasonably request the Affected Party to provide.

### **34.6 Effect of Force Majeure Event on the Concession**

34.6.1 Upon the occurrence of any Force Majeure Event prior to the Appointed Date, the period set forth in Clause 24.1.1 for

achieving Financial Close shall be extended by a period equal in length to the duration of the Force Majeure Event.

34.6.2 At any time after the Appointed Date, if any Force Majeure Event occurs:

- (a) before COD, the Concession Period and the dates set forth in the Project Completion Schedule shall be extended by a period equal in length to the duration for which such Force Majeure Event subsists; or
- (b) Deleted.

### **34.7 Allocation of costs arising out of Force Majeure**

34.7.1 Upon occurrence of any Force Majeure Event prior to the Appointed Date, the Parties shall bear their respective costs and no Party shall be required to pay to the other Party any costs thereof.

34.7.2 Upon occurrence of a Force Majeure Event after the Appointed Date, the costs incurred and attributable to such event and directly relating to the Project (the “**Force Majeure Costs**”) shall be allocated and paid as follows:

- (a) upon occurrence of a Non-Political Event, the Parties shall bear their respective Force Majeure Costs and neither Party shall be required to pay to the other Party any costs thereof;
- (b) upon occurrence of an Indirect Political Event, all Force Majeure Costs attributable to such Indirect Political Event, and not exceeding the Insurance Cover for such Indirect Political Event, shall be borne by the Concessionaire, and to the extent Force Majeure Costs exceed such Insurance Cover, one half of such excess amount shall be reimbursed by MPRDC to the Concessionaire; and
- (c) upon occurrence of a Political Event, all Force Majeure Costs attributable to such Political Event shall be reimbursed by MPRDC to the Concessionaire.

For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure Costs may include interest payments on debt, O&M Expenses, any increase in the

cost of Construction Works on account of inflation and all other costs directly attributable to the Force Majeure Event, but shall not include loss of Fee revenues or debt repayment obligations, and for determining such costs, information contained in the Financial Package may be relied upon to the extent that such information is relevant.

34.7.3 Save and except as expressly provided in this Article 34, neither Party shall be liable in any manner whatsoever to the other Party in respect of any loss, damage, cost, expense, claims, demands and proceedings relating to or arising out of occurrence or existence of any Force Majeure Event or exercise of any right pursuant hereto.

### **34.8 Termination Notice for Force Majeure Event**

If a Force Majeure Event subsists for a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days or more within a continuous period of 365 (three hundred and sixty five) days, either Party may in its discretion terminate this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the other Party without being liable in any manner whatsoever, save as provided in this Article 34, and upon issue of such Termination Notice, this Agreement shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, stand terminated forthwith; provided that before issuing such Termination Notice, the Party intending to issue the Termination Notice shall inform the other Party of such intention and grant 15 (fifteen) days time to make a representation, and may after the expiry of such 15 (fifteen) days period, whether or not it is in receipt of such representation, in its sole discretion issue the Termination Notice.

### **34.9 Termination Payment for Force Majeure Event**

34.9.1 If Termination is on account of a Non-Political Event, MPRDC shall make a Termination Payment to the Concessionaire in an amount equal to 90% (ninety per cent) of the Debt Due less Insurance Cover.

34.9.2 If Termination is on account of an Indirect Political Event, MPRDC shall make a Termination Payment to the Concessionaire in an amount equal to:

- (a) Debt Due less Insurance Cover; provided that if any insurance claims forming part of the Insurance Cover are not admitted and paid, then 80% (eighty per cent) of such unpaid claims shall be included in the computation of Debt Due; and
- (b) 110% (one hundred and ten per cent) of the Adjusted Equity

34.9.3 If Termination is on account of a Political Event, MPRDC shall make a Termination Payment to the Concessionaire in an amount that would be payable under Clause 37.3.2 as if it were a Government Default.

#### **34.10 Dispute resolution**

In the event that the Parties are unable to agree in good faith about the occurrence or existence of a Force Majeure Event, such Dispute shall be finally settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure; provided that the burden of proof as to the occurrence or existence of such Force Majeure Event shall be upon the Party claiming relief and/or excuse on account of such Force Majeure Event.

#### **34.11 Excuse from performance of obligations**

If the Affected Party is rendered wholly or partially unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement because of a Force Majeure Event, it shall be excused from performance of such of its obligations to the extent it is unable to perform on account of such Force Majeure Event; provided that:

- (a) the suspension of performance shall be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is reasonably required by the Force Majeure Event;
- (b) the Affected Party shall make all reasonable efforts to mitigate or limit damage to the other Party arising out of or as a result of the existence or occurrence of such Force Majeure Event and to cure the same with due diligence; and
- (c) when the Affected Party is able to resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement, it shall give to the other Party notice to that effect and shall promptly resume performance of its obligations hereunder.

## ARTICLE 35

### **COMPENSATION FOR BREACH OF AGREEMENT**

#### **35.1 Compensation for default by the Concessionaire**

Subject to the provisions of Clause 35.6, in the event of the Concessionaire being in material default or breach of this Agreement, it shall pay to MPRDC by way of compensation, all direct costs suffered or incurred by MPRDC as a consequence of such material default or breach, within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of the demand supported by necessary particulars thereof; provided that no compensation shall be payable under this Clause 35.1 for any material breach or default in respect of which Damages are expressly specified and payable under this Agreement or for any consequential losses incurred by MPRDC.

#### **35.2 Compensation for default by MPRDC**

Subject to the provisions of Clause 35.6, in the event of MPRDC being in material default or breach of this Agreement at any time after the Appointed Date, it shall pay to the Concessionaire by way of compensation, all direct costs suffered or incurred by the Concessionaire as a consequence of such material default or breach within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of the demand supported by necessary particulars thereof; provided that no such compensation shall be payable for any material breach or default in respect of which Damages have been expressly specified in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, compensation payable may include interest payments on debt, O&M Expenses, any increase in capital costs on account of inflation and all other costs directly attributable to such material breach or default but shall not include loss of Fee revenues, debt repayment obligations or other consequential losses, and for determining such compensation, information contained in the Financial Package and the Financial Model may be relied upon to the extent it is relevant.

#### **35.3 Extension of Concession Period**

Subject to the provisions of Clause 35.6, in the event that a material default or breach of this Agreement set forth in Clause 35.2 causes delay in achieving COD or leads to suspension of or

reduction in collection of Fee, as the case may be, MPRDC shall, in addition to payment of compensation under Clause 35.2, extend the Concession Period, such extension being equal in duration to the period by which COD was delayed or the collection of Fee remained suspended on account thereof, as the case may be; and in the event of reduction in collection of Fee where the daily collection is less than 90% (ninety per cent) of the Average Daily Fee, MPRDC shall, in addition to payment of compensation under Clause 35.2, extend the Concession Period in proportion to the loss of Fee on a daily basis. For the avoidance of doubt, loss of 25% (twenty five per cent) in collection of Fee as compared to the Average Daily Fee for four days shall entitle the Concessionaire to extension of one day in the Concession Period.

#### **35.4 Compensation for Competing Roads**

35.4.1 Deleted

35.4.2 Deleted

#### **35.5 Compensation to be in addition**

Compensation payable under this Article 35 shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, or derogation of, Termination Payment, if any.

#### **35.6 Mitigation of costs and damage**

The Affected Party shall make all reasonable efforts to mitigate or limit the costs and damage arising out of or as a result of breach of Agreement by the other Party.

## ARTICLE 36

### SUSPENSION OF CONCESSIONAIRE'S RIGHTS

#### **36.1 Suspension upon Concessionaire Default**

Upon occurrence of a Concessionaire Default, MPRDC shall be entitled, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies under this Agreement including its rights of Termination hereunder, to (i) suspend all rights of the Concessionaire under this Agreement including the Concessionaire's right to collect Fee, and other revenues pursuant hereto, and (ii) exercise such rights itself and perform the obligations hereunder or authorise any other person to exercise or perform the same on its behalf during such suspension (the "**Suspension**"). Suspension hereunder shall be effective forthwith upon issue of notice by MPRDC to the Concessionaire and may extend up to a period not exceeding 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of issue of such notice; provided that upon written request from the Concessionaire and the Lenders' Representative, MPRDC shall extend the aforesaid period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days by a further period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days.

#### **36.2 Government to act on behalf of Concessionaire**

36.2.1 During the period of Suspension, MPRDC shall, on behalf of the Concessionaire, collect all Fee and revenues under and in accordance with this Agreement and deposit the same in the Escrow Account. MPRDC shall be entitled to make withdrawals from the Escrow Account for meeting the costs incurred by it for remedying and rectifying the cause of Suspension, and thereafter for defraying the expenses specified in Clause 31.3.

36.2.2 During the period of Suspension hereunder, all rights and liabilities vested in the Concessionaire in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to vest in the Concessionaire therein and all things done or actions taken, including expenditure incurred by MPRDC for discharging the obligations of the Concessionaire under and in accordance with this Agreement and the Project Agreements, shall be deemed to have been done or taken for and on behalf of the Concessionaire and the Concessionaire undertakes to indemnify MPRDC for all

costs incurred during such period. The Concessionaire hereby licences and sub-licences respectively, MPRDC or any other person authorised by it under Clause 36.1 to use during Suspension, all Intellectual Property belonging to or licenced to the Concessionaire with respect to the Project Highway and its design, engineering, construction, operation and maintenance, and which is used or created by the Concessionaire in performing its obligations under the Agreement.

### **36.3 Revocation of Suspension**

36.3.1 In the event that MPRDC shall have rectified or removed the cause of Suspension within a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the date of Suspension, it shall revoke the Suspension forthwith and restore all rights of the Concessionaire under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties expressly agree that MPRDC may, in its discretion, revoke the Suspension at any time, whether or not the cause of Suspension has been rectified or removed hereunder.

36.3.2 Upon the Concessionaire having cured the Concessionaire Default within a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days from the date of Suspension, MPRDC shall revoke the Suspension forthwith and restore all rights of the Concessionaire under this Agreement.

### **36.4 Substitution of Concessionaire**

At any time during the period of Suspension, the Lenders' Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, shall be entitled to substitute the Concessionaire under and in accordance with the Substitution Agreement, and upon receipt of notice thereunder from the Lenders' Representative, MPRDC shall withhold Termination for a period not exceeding 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of Suspension, and any extension thereof under Clause 36.1, for enabling the Lenders' Representative to exercise its rights of substitution on behalf of Senior Lenders.

### **36.5 Termination**

36.5.1 At any time during the period of Suspension under this Article 36, the Concessionaire may by notice require MPRDC to revoke

the Suspension and issue a Termination Notice. Subject to the rights of the Lenders' Representative to undertake substitution in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and within the period specified in Clause 36.4, MPRDC shall, within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice, terminate this Agreement under and in accordance with Article 37.

36.5.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event that Suspension is not revoked within 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of Suspension hereunder or within the extended period, if any, set forth in Clause 36.1, the Concession Agreement shall, upon expiry of the aforesaid period, be deemed to have been terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties and all the provisions of this Agreement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to such Termination as if a Termination Notice had been issued by MPRDC upon occurrence of a Concessionaire Default.

## ARTICLE 37

### TERMINATION

#### 37.1 Termination for Concessionaire Default

37.1.1 Save as otherwise provided in this Agreement, in the event that any of the defaults specified below shall have occurred, and the Concessionaire fails to cure the default within the Cure Period set forth below, or where no Cure Period is specified, then within a Cure Period of 60 (sixty) days, the Concessionaire shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement (the “**Concessionaire Default**”), unless the default has occurred solely as a result of any breach of this Agreement by MPRDC or due to Force Majeure. The defaults referred to herein shall include:

- (a) the Performance Security has been encashed and appropriated in accordance with Clause 9.2 and the Concessionaire fails to replenish or provide fresh Performance Security within a Cure Period of 30 (thirty) days;
- (b) subsequent to the replenishment or furnishing of fresh Performance Security in accordance with Clause 9.2, the Concessionaire fails to cure, within a Cure Period of 90 (ninety) days, the Concessionaire Default for which whole or part of the Performance Security was appropriated;
- (c) the Concessionaire does not achieve the latest outstanding Project Milestone due in accordance with the provisions of Schedule-G and continues to be in default for 120 (one hundred and twenty) days;
- (d) the Concessionaire abandons or manifests intention to abandon the construction or operation of the Project Highway without the prior written consent of MPRDC;
- (e) Project Completion Date does not occur within the period specified in Clause 12.4.3;
- (f) the Punch List items have not been completed within the period set forth in Clause 14.4.1;

- (g) the Concessionaire is in breach of the Maintenance Requirements or the Safety Requirements, as the case may be;
- (h) the Concessionaire has failed to make any payment to MPRDC within the period specified in this Agreement;
- (i) an Escrow Default has occurred and the Concessionaire fails to cure the default within a Cure Period of 15 (fifteen) days;
- (j) upon occurrence of a Financial Default, the Lenders' Representative has by notice required MPRDC to undertake Suspension or Termination, as the case may be, in accordance with the Substitution Agreement and the Concessionaire fails to cure the default within the Cure Period specified hereinabove;
- (k) a breach of any of the Project Agreements by the Concessionaire has caused a Material Adverse Effect;
- (l) the Concessionaire creates any Encumbrance in breach of this Agreement;
- (m) the Concessionaire repudiates this Agreement or otherwise takes any action or evidences or conveys an intention not to be bound by the Agreement;
- (n) a Change in Ownership has occurred in breach of the provisions of Clause 5.3;
- (o) there is a transfer, pursuant to law either of (i) the rights and/or obligations of the Concessionaire under any of the Project Agreements, or of (ii) all or part of the assets or undertaking of the Concessionaire, and such transfer causes a Material Adverse Effect;
- (p) an execution levied on any of the assets of the Concessionaire has caused a Material Adverse Effect;
- (q) the Concessionaire is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the Concessionaire or for the whole or material part of its assets that has a material bearing on the Project;

- (r) the Concessionaire has been, or is in the process of being liquidated, dissolved, wound-up, amalgamated or reconstituted in a manner that would cause, in the reasonable opinion of MPRDC, a Material Adverse Effect;
- (s) a resolution for winding up of the Concessionaire is passed, or any petition for winding up of the Concessionaire is admitted by a court of competent jurisdiction and a provisional liquidator or receiver is appointed and such order has not been set aside within 90 (ninety) days of the date thereof or the Concessionaire is ordered to be wound up by Court except for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction; provided that, as part of such amalgamation or reconstruction, the entire property, assets and undertaking of the Concessionaire are transferred to the amalgamated or reconstructed entity and that the amalgamated or reconstructed entity has unconditionally assumed the obligations of the Concessionaire under this Agreement and the Project Agreements; and provided that:
  - (i) the amalgamated or reconstructed entity has the capability and operating experience necessary for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements;
  - (ii) the amalgamated or reconstructed entity has the financial standing to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Project Agreements and has a credit worthiness at least as good as that of the Concessionaire as at the Appointed Date; and
  - (iii) each of the Project Agreements remains in full force and effect;
- (t) any representation or warranty of the Concessionaire herein contained which is, as of the date hereof, found to be materially false, incorrect or misleading or the Concessionaire is at any time hereafter found to be in breach thereof;
- (u) the Concessionaire submits to MPRDC any statement, notice or other document, in written or electronic form,

which has a material effect on MPRDC's rights, obligations or interests and which is false in material particulars;

- (v) the Concessionaire has failed to fulfil any obligation, for which failure Termination has been specified in this Agreement; or
- (w) the Concessionaire commits a default in complying with any other provision of this Agreement if such default causes a Material Adverse Effect on MPRDC.

37.1.2 Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies which MPRDC may have under this Agreement, upon occurrence of a Concessionaire Default, MPRDC shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Concessionaire; provided that before issuing the Termination Notice, MPRDC shall by a notice inform the Concessionaire of its intention to issue such Termination Notice and grant 15 (fifteen) days to the Concessionaire to make a representation, and may after the expiry of such 15 (fifteen) days, whether or not it is in receipt of such representation, issue the Termination Notice, subject to the provisions of clause 37.1.3.

37.1.3 MPRDC shall, if there be Senior Lenders, send a copy of its notice of intention to issue a Termination Notice referred to in Clause 37.1.2 to inform the Lenders' Representative and grant 15 (fifteen) days to the Lenders' Representative, for making a representation on behalf of the Senior Lenders stating the intention to substitute the Concessionaire in accordance with the Substitution Agreement. In the event MPRDC receives such representation on behalf of Senior Lenders, it shall, in its discretion, either withhold Termination for a period not exceeding 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of such representation or exercise its right of Suspension, as the case may be, for enabling the Lenders' Representative to exercise the Senior Lenders' right of substitution in accordance with the Substitution Agreement:

Provided that the Lenders' Representative may, instead of exercising the Senior Lenders' right of substitution, procure that the default specified in the notice is cured within the aforesaid period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days, and upon such

curing thereof, MPRDC shall withdraw its notice referred to above and restore all the rights of the Concessionaire:

Provided further that upon written request from the Lenders' Representative and the Concessionaire, MPRDC shall extend the aforesaid period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days by such further period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days, as MPRDC may deem appropriate.

### **37.2 Termination for MPRDC's Default**

37.2.1 In the event that any of the defaults specified below shall have occurred, and MPRDC fails to cure such default within a Cure Period of 90 (ninety) days or such longer period as has been expressly provided in this Agreement, MPRDC shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement (the "**MPRDC Default**") unless the default has occurred as a result of any breach of this Agreement by the Concessionaire or due to Force Majeure. The defaults referred to herein shall include:

- (a) MPRDC commits a material default in complying with any of the provisions of this Agreement and such default has a Material Adverse Effect on the Concessionaire;
- (b) MPRDC has failed to make any payment to the Concessionaire within the period specified in this Agreement; or
- (c) MPRDC repudiates this Agreement or otherwise takes any action that amounts to or manifests an irrevocable intention not to be bound by this Agreement.
- (d) the State commits a material default in complying with the provisions of the State Support Agreement if such default has a Material Adverse Effect on the Concessionaire and the breach continues for a period of 90 (ninety) days from the date of notice given in this behalf by the Concessionaire to the Authority.

37.2.2 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy which the Concessionaire may have under this Agreement, upon occurrence of a Government Default, the Concessionaire shall, subject to the provisions of the Substitution Agreement, be entitled to terminate

this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to MPRDC; provided that before issuing the Termination Notice, the Concessionaire shall by a notice inform MPRDC of its intention to issue the Termination Notice and grant 15 (fifteen) days to MPRDC to make a representation, and may after the expiry of such 15 (fifteen) days, whether or not it is in receipt of such representation, issue the Termination Notice.

### **37.3 Termination Payment**

37.3.1 Upon Termination on account of a Concessionaire Default during the Operation Period, MPRDC shall pay to the Concessionaire, by way of Termination Payment, an amount equal to 90% (ninety per cent) of the Debt Due less Insurance Cover; provided that if any insurance claims forming part of the Insurance Cover are not admitted and paid, then 80% (eighty per cent) of such unpaid claims shall be included in the computation of Debt Due. For the avoidance of doubt, the Concessionaire hereby acknowledges that no Termination Payment shall be due or payable on account of a Concessionaire Default occurring prior to COD.

37.3.2 Upon Termination on account of an Authority Default, the Authority shall pay to the Concessionaire, by way of Termination Payment, an amount equal to the discounted value of future Annuity payments, the discounting factor applied being the then SBI PLR -(minus) 3%:

37.3.3 Termination Payment shall become due and payable to the Concessionaire within 15 (fifteen) days of a demand being made by the Concessionaire to MPRDC with the necessary particulars, and in the event of any delay, MPRDC shall pay interest at a rate equal to 3% (three per cent) above the Bank Rate on the amount of Termination Payment remaining unpaid; provided that such delay shall not exceed 90 (ninety) days. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly agreed that Termination Payment shall constitute full discharge by MPRDC of its payment obligations in respect thereof hereunder.

37.3.4 The Concessionaire expressly agrees that Termination Payment under this Article 37 shall constitute a full and final settlement of all claims of the Concessionaire on account of Termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever and that the Concessionaire or any shareholder thereof shall not have any

further right or claim under any law, treaty, convention, contract or otherwise.

#### **37.4 Other rights and obligations of MPRDC**

Upon Termination for any reason whatsoever, MPRDC shall:

- (a) be deemed to have taken possession and control of the Project Highway forthwith;
- (b) take possession and control of all materials, stores, implements, construction plants and equipment on or about the Site;
- (c) be entitled to restrain the Concessionaire and any person claiming through or under the Concessionaire from entering upon the Site or any part of the Project;
- (d) require the Concessionaire to comply with the Divestment Requirements set forth in Clause 38.1; and
- (e) succeed upon election by MPRDC, without the necessity of any further action by the Concessionaire, to the interests of the Concessionaire under such of the Project Agreements as MPRDC may in its discretion deem appropriate, and shall upon such election be liable to the Contractors only for compensation accruing and becoming due and payable to them under the terms of their respective Project Agreements from and after the date MPRDC elects to succeed to the interests of the Concessionaire. For the avoidance of doubt, the Concessionaire acknowledges and agrees that all sums claimed by such Contractors as being due and owing for works and services performed or accruing on account of any act, omission or event prior to such date shall constitute debt between the Concessionaire and such Contractors, and MPRDC shall not in any manner be liable for such sums. It is further agreed that in the event MPRDC elects to cure any outstanding defaults under such Project Agreements, the amount expended by MPRDC for this purpose shall be deducted from the Termination Payment.

### **37.5 Survival of rights**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, but subject to the provisions of Clause 37.3.4, any Termination pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the accrued rights of either Party including its right to claim and recover money damages, insurance proceeds, security deposits, and other rights and remedies, which it may have in law or contract. All rights and obligations of either Party under this Agreement, including Termination Payments and Divestment Requirements, shall survive the Termination to the extent such survival is necessary for giving effect to such rights and obligations.

## ARTICLE 38

### DIVESTMENT OF RIGHTS AND INTEREST

#### 38.1 Divestment Requirements

38.1.1 Upon Termination, the Concessionaire shall comply with and conform to the following Divestment Requirements:

- (a) notify to MPRDC forthwith the location and particulars of all Project Assets;
- (b) deliver forthwith the actual or constructive possession of the Project Highway, free and clear of all Encumbrances, save and except to the extent set forth in the Substitution Agreement;
- (c) cure all Project Assets, including the road, bridges, structures and equipment, of all defects and deficiencies so that the Project Highway is compliant with the Maintenance Requirements; provided that in the event of Termination during the Construction Period, all Project Assets shall be handed over on 'as is where is' basis after bringing them to a safe condition;
- (d) deliver and transfer relevant records, reports, Intellectual Property and other licences pertaining to the Project Highway and its design, engineering, construction, operation and maintenance, including all programmes and manuals pertaining thereto, and complete 'as built' Drawings as on the Transfer Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the Concessionaire represents and warrants that the Intellectual Property delivered hereunder shall be adequate and complete for the design, engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of the Project Highway and shall be assigned to MPRDC free of any encumbrance;
- (e) transfer and/or deliver all Applicable Permits to the extent permissible under Applicable Laws;
- (f) execute such deeds of conveyance, documents and other writings as MPRDC may reasonably require for conveying, divesting and assigning all the rights, title and

interest of the Concessionaire in the Project Highway, including manufacturers' warranties in respect of any plant or equipment and the right to receive outstanding insurance claims to the extent due and payable to MPRDC, absolutely unto MPRDC or its nominee; and

- (g) comply with all other requirements as may be prescribed or required under Applicable Laws for completing the divestment and assignment of all rights, title and interest of the Concessionaire in the Project Highway, free from all Encumbrances, absolutely unto MPRDC or to its nominee.

38.1.2 Subject to the exercise by MPRDC of its rights under this Agreement or under any of the Project Agreements to perform or procure the performance by a third party of any of the obligations of the Concessionaire, the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement, notwithstanding the giving of any Termination Notice, until the Termination of this Agreement becomes effective in accordance with its terms.

## **38.2 Inspection and cure**

Not earlier than 90 (ninety) days prior to Termination but not later than 15 (fifteen) days prior to the effective date of such Termination, the Independent Engineer shall verify, after giving due notice to the Concessionaire specifying the time, date and venue of such verification and/or inspection, compliance by the Concessionaire with the Maintenance Requirements, and if required, cause appropriate tests to be carried out at the Concessionaire's cost for this purpose. Defaults, if any, in the Maintenance Requirements shall be cured by the Concessionaire at its cost and the provisions of Article 39 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, in relation to curing of defects or deficiencies under this Article 38.

## **38.3 Cooperation and assistance on transfer of Project**

38.3.1 The Parties shall cooperate on a best effort basis and take all necessary measures, in good faith, to achieve a smooth transfer of the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement so as to protect the safety of and avoid undue delay or

inconvenience to the Users, other members of the public or the lawful occupiers of any part of the Site.

38.3.2 The Parties shall provide to each other, 9 (nine) months prior to the Transfer Date in the event of Termination by efflux of time and immediately in the event of either Party conveying to the other Party its intent to issue a Termination Notice, as the case may be, as much information and advice as is reasonably practicable regarding the proposed arrangements for operation of the Project following the Transfer Date. The Concessionaire shall further provide such reasonable advice and assistance as MPRDC, its concessionaire or agent may reasonably require for operation of the Project until the expiry of 6 (six) months after the Transfer Date.

38.3.3 MPRDC shall have the option to purchase or hire from the Concessionaire at a fair market value and free from any encumbrance all or any part of the plant and machinery used in connection with the Project but which does not form part of the assets specified in Clause 38.1.1 and is reasonably required in connection with operation of the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event of dispute or difference relating to fair market value, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.

#### **38.4 Vesting Certificate**

The divestment of all rights, title and interest in the Project Highway shall be deemed to be complete on the date when all of the Divestment Requirements have been fulfilled, and MPRDC shall, without unreasonable delay, thereupon issue a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-U (the “**Vesting Certificate**”), which will have the effect of constituting evidence of divestment by the Concessionaire of all of its rights, title and interest in the Project Highway, and their vesting in MPRDC pursuant hereto. It is expressly agreed that any defect or deficiency in the Divestment Requirements shall not in any manner be construed or interpreted as restricting the exercise of any rights by MPRDC or its nominee on, or in respect of, the Project Highway on the footing that all Divestment Requirements have been complied with by the Concessionaire.

### **38.5 Additional Facilities**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, all Additional Facilities shall continue to vest in the Concessionaire upon and after Termination.

### **38.6 Divestment costs etc.**

38.6.1 The Concessionaire shall bear and pay all costs incidental to divestment of all of the rights, title and interest of the Concessionaire in the Project Highway in favour of MPRDC upon Termination, save and except that all stamp duties payable on any deeds or Documents executed by the Concessionaire in connection with such divestment shall be borne by MPRDC.

38.6.2 In the event of any dispute relating to matters covered by and under this Article 38, the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall apply.

## ARTICLE 39

### DEFECTS LIABILITY AFTER TERMINATION

#### **39.1 Liability for defects after Termination**

The Concessionaire shall be responsible for all defects and deficiencies in the Project Highway for a period of 120 (One hundred and twenty) days after Termination, and it shall have the obligation to repair or rectify, at its own cost, all defects and deficiencies observed by the Independent Engineer in the Project Highway during the aforesaid period. In the event that the Concessionaire fails to repair or rectify such defect or deficiency within a period of 15 (fifteen) days from the date of notice issued by MPRDC in this behalf, MPRDC shall be entitled to get the same repaired or rectified at the Concessionaire's risk and cost so as to make the Project Highway conform to the Maintenance Requirements. All costs incurred by MPRDC hereunder shall be reimbursed by the Concessionaire to MPRDC within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of demand thereof, and in the event of default in reimbursing such costs, MPRDC shall be entitled to recover the same from the Escrow Account.

#### **39.2 Retention in Escrow Account**

39.2.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, but subject to the provisions of Clause 39.2.3, a sum equal to 5% (five per cent) of the total Realisable Fee for the year immediately preceding the Transfer Date shall be retained in the Escrow Account for a period of 120 (one hundred and twenty) days after Termination for meeting the liabilities, if any, arising out of or in connection with the provisions of Clause 39.1.

39.2.2 Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 39.2.1, the Independent Engineer shall carry out an inspection of the Project Highway at any time between 210 (two hundred and ten) and 180 (one hundred and eighty) days prior to the Termination and if it recommends that the status of the Project Highway is such that a sum larger than the amount stipulated in Clause 39.2.1 should be retained in the Escrow Account and for a period longer than the aforesaid 120 (one hundred and twenty) days, the amount recommended by the Independent Engineer shall be retained in the Escrow Account for the period specified by it.

39.2.3 The Concessionaire may, for the performance of its obligations under this Article 39, provide to MPRDC a guarantee from a Bank for a sum equivalent to the amount determined under Clause 39.2.1 or 39.2.2, as the case may be, and for the period specified therein, substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-F (the “**Performance Guarantee**”), to be modified, *mutatis mutandis*, for this purpose, and MPRDC shall, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies hereunder or in law, be entitled to encash and appropriate the required amounts from the Performance Guarantee for undertaking the repairs or rectification at the Concessionaire’s risk and cost in accordance with the provisions of this Article 39. Upon furnishing of a Performance Guarantee under this Clause 39.2.3, the retention of funds in the Escrow Account in terms of Clause 39.2.1 or 39.2.2, as the case may be, shall be dispensed with.

## ARTICLE 40

### ASSIGNMENT AND CHARGES

#### **40.1 Restrictions on assignment and charges**

40.1.1 Subject to Clauses 40.2 and 40.3, this Agreement shall not be assigned by the Concessionaire to any person, save and except with the prior consent in writing of MPRDC, which consent MPRDC shall be entitled to decline without assigning any reason.

40.1.2 Subject to the provisions of Clause 40.2, the Concessionaire shall not create nor permit to subsist any Encumbrance, or otherwise transfer or dispose of all or any of its rights and benefits under this Agreement or any Project Agreement to which the Concessionaire is a party except with prior consent in writing of MPRDC, which consent MPRDC shall be entitled to decline without assigning any reason.

#### **40.2 Permitted assignment and charges**

The restraints set forth in Clause 40.1 shall not apply to:

- (a) liens arising by operation of law (or by an agreement evidencing the same) in the ordinary course of business of the Project Highway;
- (b) mortgages/pledges/hypothecation of goods/assets other than Project Assets and their related documents of title, arising or created in the ordinary course of business of the Project Highway, and as security only for indebtedness to the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements and/or for working capital arrangements for the Project Highway;
- (c) assignment of rights, interest and obligations of the Concessionaire to or in favour of the Lenders' Representative as nominee and for the benefit of the Senior Lenders, to the extent covered by and in accordance with the Substitution Agreement as security for financing provided by Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements; and

(d) liens or encumbrances required by any Applicable Law.

### **40.3 Substitution Agreement**

40.3.1 The Lenders' Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, may exercise the right to substitute the Concessionaire pursuant to the agreement for substitution of the Concessionaire (the "**Substitution Agreement**") to be entered into amongst the Concessionaire, MPRDC and the Lenders' Representative, on behalf of Senior Lenders, substantially in the form set forth in Schedule-V.

40.3.2 Upon substitution of the Concessionaire under and in accordance with the Substitution Agreement, the Nominated Company substituting the Concessionaire shall be deemed to be the Concessionaire under this Agreement and shall enjoy all rights and be responsible for all obligations of the Concessionaire under this Agreement as if it were the Concessionaire; provided that where the Concessionaire is in breach of this Agreement on the date of such substitution, MPRDC shall by notice grant a Cure Period of 120 (one hundred and twenty) days to the Concessionaire for curing such breach.

### **40.4 Assignment by MPRDC**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, MPRDC may, after giving 60 (sixty) days' notice to the Concessionaire, assign and/ or transfer any of its rights and benefits and/or obligations under this Agreement to an assignee who is, in the reasonable opinion of MPRDC, capable of fulfilling all of MPRDC's then outstanding obligations under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 41

### CHANGE IN LAW

#### 41.1 Increase in costs

If as a result of Change in Law, the Concessionaire suffers an increase in costs or reduction in net after-tax return or other financial burden, the aggregate financial effect of which exceeds the higher of ₹ 1.00 crore (Rupees one crore) and 0.5% (zero point five per cent) of the Annuity (Annuity amount in **₹. 15.85 crores**) in any Accounting Year, the Concessionaire may so notify MPRDC and propose amendments to this Agreement so as to place the Concessionaire in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law resulting in the cost increase, reduction in return or other financial burden as aforesaid. Upon notice by the Concessionaire, the Parties shall meet, as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 30 (thirty) days from the date of notice, and either agree on amendments to this Agreement or on any other mutually agreed arrangement:

Provided that if no agreement is reached within 90 (ninety) days of the aforesaid notice, the Concessionaire may by notice require MPRDC to pay an amount that would place the Concessionaire in the same financial position that it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law, and within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice, along with particulars thereof, MPRDC shall pay the amount specified therein; provided that if MPRDC shall dispute such claim of the Concessionaire, the same shall be settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that this Clause 41.1 shall be restricted to changes in law directly affecting the Concessionaire's costs of performing its obligations under this Agreement.

#### 41.2 Reduction in costs

If as a result of Change in Law, the Concessionaire benefits from a reduction in costs or increase in net after-tax return or other financial gains, the aggregate financial effect of which exceeds the higher of ₹ 1.00 crore (Rupees one crore) and 0.5% (zero point five per cent) of the Annuity in any Accounting Year,

MPRDC may so notify the Concessionaire and propose amendments to this Agreement so as to place the Concessionaire in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law resulting in the decreased costs, increase in return or other financial gains as aforesaid. Upon notice by MPRDC, the Parties shall meet, as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 30 (thirty) days from the date of notice, and either agree on such amendments to this Agreement or on any other mutually agreed arrangement:

Provided that if no agreement is reached within 90 (ninety) days of the aforesaid notice, MPRDC may by notice require the Concessionaire to pay an amount that would place the Concessionaire in the same financial position that it would have enjoyed had there been no such Change in Law, and within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice, along with particulars thereof, the Concessionaire shall pay the amount specified therein to MPRDC; provided that if the Concessionaire shall dispute such claim of MPRDC, the same shall be settled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that this Clause 41.2 shall be restricted to changes in law directly affecting the Concessionaire's costs of performing its obligations under this Agreement.

#### **41.3 Protection of NPV**

Pursuant to the provisions of Clauses 41.1 and 41.2 and for the purposes of placing the Concessionaire in the same financial position as it would have enjoyed had there been no Change in Law affecting the costs, returns or other financial burden or gains, the Parties shall rely on the Financial Model to establish a net present value (the "NPV") of the net cash flow and make necessary adjustments in costs, revenues, compensation or other relevant parameters, as the case may be, to procure that the NPV of the net cash flow is the same as it would have been if no Change in Law had occurred.

#### **41.4 Restriction on cash compensation**

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the demand for cash compensation under this Article 41 shall be restricted to the effect of Change in Law during the respective Accounting Year and shall be made at any time after commencement of such year, but

no later than one year from the close of such Accounting Year. Any demand for cash compensation payable for and in respect of any subsequent Accounting Year shall be made after the commencement of the Accounting Year to which the demand pertains, but no later than 2 (two) years from the close of such Accounting Year.

**41.5 No claim in the event of recovery from Users**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, MPRDC shall not in any manner be liable to reimburse to the Concessionaire any sums on account of a Change in Law if the same are recoverable from the Users.

## ARTICLE 42

### LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

#### 42.1 General indemnity

42.1.1 The Concessionaire will indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless MPRDC and its officers, servants, agents, Government Instrumentalities and Government owned and/or controlled entities/enterprises, (the “**Government Indemnified Persons**”) against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims from third parties for any loss, damage, cost and expense of whatever kind and nature, whether arising out of any breach by the Concessionaire of any of its obligations under this Agreement or any related agreement or on account of any defect or deficiency in the provision of services by the Concessionaire to any User or from any negligence of the Concessionaire under contract or tort or on any other ground whatsoever, except to the extent that any such suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims have arisen due to any negligent act or omission, or breach or default of this Agreement on the part of MPRDC Indemnified Persons.

42.1.2 MPRDC will indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the Concessionaire against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, demands and claims from third parties for any loss, damage, cost and expense of whatever kind and nature arising out of (i) defect in title and/or the rights of MPRDC in the land comprised in the Site, and/or (ii) breach by MPRDC of any of its obligations under this Agreement or any related agreement, which materially and adversely affect the performance by the Concessionaire of its obligations under this Agreement, save and except that where any such claim, suit, proceeding, action, and/or demand has arisen due to a negligent act or omission, or breach of any of its obligations under any provision of this Agreement or any related agreement and/or breach of its statutory duty on the part of the Concessionaire, its subsidiaries, affiliates, contractors, servants or agents, the same shall be the liability of the Concessionaire.

#### 42.2 Indemnity by the Concessionaire

42.2.1 Without limiting the generality of Clause 42.1, the Concessionaire shall fully indemnify, hold harmless and defend

MPRDC and MPRDC Indemnified Persons from and against any and all loss and/or damages arising out of or with respect to:

- (a) failure of the Concessionaire to comply with Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits;
- (b) payment of taxes required to be made by the Concessionaire in respect of the income or other taxes of the Concessionaire's contractors, suppliers and representatives; or
- (c) non-payment of amounts due as a result of materials or services furnished to the Concessionaire or any of its contractors which are payable by the Concessionaire or any of its contractors.

42.2.2 Without limiting the generality of the provisions of this Article 42, the Concessionaire shall fully indemnify, hold harmless and defend MPRDC Indemnified Persons from and against any and all suits, proceedings, actions, claims, demands, liabilities and damages which MPRDC Indemnified Persons may hereafter suffer, or pay by reason of any demands, claims, suits or proceedings arising out of claims of infringement of any domestic or foreign patent rights, copyrights or other intellectual property, proprietary or confidentiality rights with respect to any materials, information, design or process used by the Concessionaire or by the Concessionaire's Contractors in performing the Concessionaire's obligations or in any way incorporated in or related to the Project. If in any such suit, action, claim or proceedings, a temporary restraint order or preliminary injunction is granted, the Concessionaire shall make every reasonable effort, by giving a satisfactory bond or otherwise, to secure the revocation or suspension of the injunction or restraint order. If, in any such suit, action, claim or proceedings, the Project Highway, or any part thereof or comprised therein, is held to constitute an infringement and its use is permanently enjoined, the Concessionaire shall promptly make every reasonable effort to secure for MPRDC a licence, at no cost to MPRDC, authorising continued use of the infringing work. If the Concessionaire is unable to secure such licence within a reasonable time, the Concessionaire shall, at its own expense, and without impairing the Specifications and Standards, either replace the affected

work, or part, or process thereof with non-infringing work or part or process, or modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing.

### **42.3 Notice and contest of claims**

In the event that either Party receives a claim or demand from a third party in respect of which it is entitled to the benefit of an indemnity under this Article 42 (the “**Indemnified Party**”) it shall notify the other Party (the “**Indemnifying Party**”) within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the claim or demand and shall not settle or pay the claim without the prior approval of the Indemnifying Party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event that the Indemnifying Party wishes to contest or dispute the claim or demand, it may conduct the proceedings in the name of the Indemnified Party, subject to the Indemnified Party being secured against any costs involved, to its reasonable satisfaction.

### **42.4 Defence of claims**

42.4.1 The Indemnified Party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to contest, defend and litigate any claim, action, suit or proceeding by any third party alleged or asserted against such Party in respect of, resulting from, related to or arising out of any matter for which it is entitled to be indemnified hereunder, and reasonable costs and expenses thereof shall be indemnified by the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party acknowledges in writing its obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Party in respect of loss to the full extent provided by this Article 42, the Indemnifying Party shall be entitled, at its option, to assume and control the defence of such claim, action, suit or proceeding, liabilities, payments and obligations at its expense and through the counsel of its choice; provided it gives prompt notice of its intention to do so to the Indemnified Party and reimburses the Indemnified Party for the reasonable cost and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party prior to the assumption by the Indemnifying Party of such defence. The Indemnifying Party shall not be entitled to settle or compromise any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party, unless the Indemnifying Party provides such security to the Indemnified Party as shall be reasonably required by the Indemnified Party to secure the loss to be indemnified hereunder to the extent so compromised or settled.

42.4.2 If the Indemnifying Party has exercised its rights under Clause 42.3, the Indemnified Party shall not be entitled to settle or compromise any claim, action, suit or proceeding without the prior written consent of the Indemnifying Party (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

42.4.3 If the Indemnifying Party exercises its rights under Clause 42.3, the Indemnified Party shall nevertheless have the right to employ its own counsel, and such counsel may participate in such action, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the Indemnified Party, when and as incurred, unless:

- (a) the employment of counsel by such party has been authorised in writing by the Indemnifying Party; or
- (b) the Indemnified Party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be a conflict of interest between the Indemnifying Party and the Indemnified Party in the conduct of the defence of such action; or
- (c) the Indemnifying Party shall not, in fact, have employed independent counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party, to assume the defence of such action and shall have been so notified by the Indemnified Party; or
- (d) the Indemnified Party shall have reasonably concluded and specifically notified the Indemnifying Party either:
  - (i) that there may be specific defences available to it which are different from or additional to those available to the Indemnifying Party; or
  - (ii) that such claim, action, suit or proceeding involves or could have a material adverse effect upon it beyond the scope of this Agreement:

Provided that if Sub-clauses (b), (c) or (d) of this Clause 42.4.3 shall be applicable, the counsel for the Indemnified Party shall have the right to direct the defence of such claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding on behalf of the Indemnified Party, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of such counsel shall constitute legal or other expenses hereunder.

#### **42.5 No consequential claims**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article 42, the indemnities herein provided shall not include any claim or recovery in respect of any cost, expense, loss or damage of an indirect, incidental or consequential nature, including loss of profit, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

#### **42.6 Survival on Termination**

The provisions of this Article 42 shall survive Termination.

## ARTICLE 43

### **RIGHTS AND TITLE OVER THE SITE**

#### **43.1 Licensee rights**

For the purpose of this Agreement, the Concessionaire shall have rights to the use of the Site as sole licensee subject to and in accordance with this Agreement, and to this end, it may regulate the entry and use of the Project Highway by third parties in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **43.2 Access rights of MPRDC and others**

43.2.1 The Concessionaire shall allow free access to the Site at all times for the authorised representatives and vehicles of MPRDC, Senior Lenders, and the Independent Engineer, and for the persons and vehicles duly authorised by any Government Instrumentality to inspect the Project Highway and to investigate any matter within their authority, and upon reasonable notice, the Concessionaire shall provide to such persons reasonable assistance necessary to carry out their respective duties and functions.

43.2.2 The Concessionaire shall, for the purpose of operation and maintenance of any utility or road specified in Article 11, allow free access to the Site at all times for the authorised persons and vehicles of the controlling body of such utility or road.

#### **43.3 Property taxes**

All property taxes on the Site shall be payable by MPRDC as owner of the Site; provided, however, that any such taxes payable by the Concessionaire under Applicable Laws for use of the Site shall not be reimbursed or payable by MPRDC.

#### **43.4 Restriction on sub-letting**

The Concessionaire shall not sub-license or sub-let the whole or any part of the Site, save and except as may be expressly set forth in this Agreement; provided that nothing contained herein shall be construed or interpreted as restricting the right of the Concessionaire to appoint Contractors for the performance of its

obligations hereunder including for operation and maintenance of all or any part of the Project Highway.

## ARTICLE 44

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION

#### 44.1 Dispute resolution

44.1.1 Any dispute, difference or controversy of whatever nature howsoever arising under or out of or in relation to this Agreement (including its interpretation) between the Parties, and so notified in writing by either Party to the other Party (the “**Dispute**”) shall, in the first instance, be attempted to be resolved amicably in accordance with the conciliation procedure set forth in Clause 44.2.

44.1.2 The Parties agree to use their best efforts for resolving all Disputes arising under or in respect of this Agreement promptly, equitably and in good faith, and further agree to provide each other with reasonable access during normal business hours to all non-privileged records, information and data pertaining to any Dispute.

#### 44.2 Conciliation

In the event of any Dispute between the Parties, either Party may call upon the Independent Engineer to mediate and assist the Parties in arriving at an amicable settlement thereof. Failing mediation by the Independent Engineer or without the intervention of the Independent Engineer, either Party may require such Dispute to be referred to the Secretary, PWD and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Concessionaire for amicable settlement, and upon such reference, the said persons shall meet no later than 7 (seven) days from the date of reference to discuss and attempt to amicably resolve the Dispute. If such meeting does not take place within the 7 (seven) day period or the Dispute is not amicably settled within 15 (fifteen) days of the meeting or the Dispute is not resolved as evidenced by the signing of written terms of settlement within 30 (thirty) days of the notice in writing referred to in Clause 44.1.1 or such longer period as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, either Party may refer the Dispute to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Clause 44.3.

### **44.3 Arbitration**

- 44.3.1 Any Dispute which is not resolved amicably by conciliation, as provided in Clause 44.2, shall be finally decided by reference to arbitration by a Board of Arbitrators appointed in accordance with Clause 44.3.2. Such arbitration shall be held in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, New Delhi (the “**Rules**”), or such other rules as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Arbitration Act. The venue of such arbitration shall be Bhopal], and the language of arbitration proceedings shall be English.
- 44.3.2 There shall be a Board of three arbitrators, of whom each Party shall select one, and the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the two arbitrators so selected, and in the event of disagreement between the two arbitrators, the appointment shall be made in accordance with the Rules.
- 44.3.3 The arbitrators shall make a reasoned award (the “**Award**”). Any Award made in any arbitration held pursuant to this Article 44 shall be final and binding on the Parties as from the date it is made, and the Concessionaire and MPRDC agree and undertake to carry out such Award without delay.
- 44.3.4 The Concessionaire and MPRDC agree that an Award may be enforced against the Concessionaire and/or MPRDC, as the case may be, and their respective assets wherever situated.
- 44.3.5 This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall remain in full force and effect, pending the Award in any arbitration proceedings hereunder.

### **44.4 Adjudication by Regulatory Authority or Commission**

In the event of constitution of a statutory Regulatory Authority or Commission with powers to adjudicate upon disputes between the Concessionaire and MPRDC, all Disputes arising after such constitution shall, instead of reference to arbitration under Clause 44.3, be adjudicated upon by such Regulatory Authority or Commission in accordance with the Applicable Law and all references to Dispute Resolution Procedure shall be construed accordingly. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties hereto agree

that the adjudication hereunder shall not be final and binding until an appeal against such adjudication has been decided by an appellate tribunal or High Court, as the case may be, or no such appeal has been preferred within the time specified in the Applicable Law.

## ARTICLE 45

### DISCLOSURE

#### **45.1 Disclosure of Specified Documents**

The Concessionaire shall make available for inspection by any person, copies of this Concession Agreement, the Maintenance Manual, the Maintenance Programme and the Maintenance Requirements (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**Specified Documents**”), free of charge, during normal business hours on all working days at the Toll Plaza[s] and Concessionaire’s Registered Office. The Concessionaire shall prominently display at [each of] the Toll Plaza[s] and toll booths, public notices stating the availability of the Specified Documents for such inspection, and shall provide copies of the same to any person upon payment of copying charges on a ‘no profit no loss’ basis.

#### **45.2 Disclosure of Documents relating to safety**

The Concessionaire shall make available for inspection by any person copies of all Documents and data relating to safety of the Project Highway, free of charge, during normal business hours on all working days, at the Concessionaire’s Registered Office. The Concessionaire shall make copies of the same available to any person upon payment of copying charges on a ‘no profit no loss’ basis.

**45.3** Notwithstanding the provisions of Clauses 45.1 and 45.2, MPRDC shall be entitled to direct the Concessionaire, from time to time, to withhold the disclosure of Protected Documents (as defined hereinbelow) to any person in pursuance of the aforesaid Clauses.

*Explanation:*

The expression Protected Documents shall mean such of the Specified Documents or documents referred to in Clauses 45.1 and 45.2, or portions thereof, the disclosure of which MPRDC is entitled to withhold under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

## ARTICLE 46

### REDRESSAL OF PUBLIC GRIEVANCES

#### 46.1 Complaints Register

46.1.1 The Concessionaire shall maintain a public relations office at each of the Toll Plazas where it shall keep a register (the “**Complaint Register**”) open to public access at all times for recording of complaints by any person (the “**Complainant**”). Information relating to the availability of and access to the Complaint Register shall be prominently displayed by the Concessionaire at each Toll Plazas so as to bring it to the attention of all Users.

46.1.2 The Complaint Register shall be securely bound and each page thereof shall be duly numbered. It shall have appropriate columns including the complaint number, date, name and address of the Complainant, substance of the complaint and the action taken by the Concessionaire. Immediately after a complaint is registered, the Concessionaire shall give a receipt to the Complainant stating the date and complaint number.

46.1.3 Without prejudice to the provisions of Clauses 46.1.1 and 46.1.2, MPRDC may, in consultation with the Concessionaire, specify the procedure for making complaints in electronic form and for responses thereto.

#### 46.2 Redressal of complaints

46.2.1 The Concessionaire shall inspect the Complaint Register every day and take prompt and reasonable action for redressal of each complaint. The action taken shall be briefly noted in the Complaint Register and a reply stating the particulars thereof shall be sent by the Concessionaire to the Complainant under a certificate of posting.

46.2.2 Within 7 (seven) days of the close of each month, the Concessionaire shall send to MPRDC and to the Independent Engineer a true photocopy each of all the pages of the Complaint Register on which any entry has been recorded during the course of such month, and upon perusal thereof, MPRDC may, in its

discretion, advise the Concessionaire to take such further action as MPRDC may deem appropriate for a fair and just redressal of any grievance. The Concessionaire shall consider such advice and inform MPRDC of its decision thereon, and if MPRDC is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to further relief, it may refer the matter to the competent forum for its disposal under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, and advise the Complainant to pursue the complaint at his own risk and cost.

## ARTICLE 47

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### **47.1 Governing law and jurisdiction**

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of India, and the courts at Bhopal and High Court of Madhya Pradesh shall have exclusive jurisdiction over matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

#### **47.2 Waiver of immunity**

Each Party unconditionally and irrevocably:

- (a) agrees that the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Agreement constitute commercial acts done and performed for commercial purpose;
- (b) agrees that, should any proceedings be brought against it or its assets, property or revenues in any jurisdiction in relation to this Agreement or any transaction contemplated by this Agreement, no immunity (whether by reason of sovereignty or otherwise) from such proceedings shall be claimed by or on behalf of the Party with respect to its assets;
- (c) waives any right of immunity which it or its assets, property or revenues now has, may acquire in the future or which may be attributed to it in any jurisdiction; and
- (d) consents generally in respect of the enforcement of any judgement or award against it in any such proceedings to the giving of any relief or the issue of any process in any jurisdiction in connection with such proceedings including the making, enforcement or execution against it or in respect of any assets, property or revenues whatsoever irrespective of their use or intended use of any order or judgement that may be made or given in connection therewith.

### **47.3 State Support Agreement**

The Concessionaire acknowledges that for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, it requires support and certain services from GoMP. The nature and scope of such support and services required by the Concessionaire from GoMP shall be fully described in the State Support Agreement. The State Support Agreement shall be executed substantially in the form are stated in Schedule 'X' to this Agreement. The Concessionaire shall enter into the State Support Agreement at its cost and expense with MPRDC and GoMP.

### **47.4 Depreciation and interest**

47.4.1 For the purposes of depreciation under the Applicable Laws, the property representing the capital investment made by the Concessionaire in the Project shall be deemed to be acquired and owned by the Concessionaire. For the avoidance of doubt, MPRDC shall not in any manner be liable in respect of any claims for depreciation to be made by the Concessionaire under the Applicable Laws.

47.4.2 Unless otherwise specified, any interest payable under this Agreement shall accrue on a daily outstanding basis and shall be compounded on the basis of quarterly rests.

### **47.5 Delayed payments**

The Parties hereto agree that payments due from one Party to the other Party under the provisions of this Agreement shall be made within the period set forth therein, and if no such period is specified, within 30 (thirty) days of receiving a demand along with the necessary particulars. In the event of delay beyond such period, the defaulting Party shall pay interest for the period of delay calculated at a rate equal to 5% (five per cent) above the Bank Rate, and recovery thereof shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Parties under this Agreement including Termination thereof.

## **47.6 Waiver**

47.6.1 Waiver, including partial or conditional waiver, by either Party of any default by the other Party in the observance and performance of any provision of or obligations under this Agreement:

- (a) shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or subsequent default hereof or of other provisions of or obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) shall not be effective unless it is in writing and executed by a duly authorised representative of the Party; and
- (c) shall not affect the validity or enforceability of this Agreement in any manner.

47.6.2 Neither the failure by either Party to insist on any occasion upon the performance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement or any obligation thereunder nor time or other indulgence granted by a Party to the other Party shall be treated or deemed as waiver of such breach or acceptance of any variation or the relinquishment of any such right hereunder.

## **47.7 Liability for review of Documents and Drawings**

Except to the extent expressly provided in this Agreement:

- (a) no review, comment or approval by MPRDC or the Independent Engineer of any Project Agreement, Document or Drawing submitted by the Concessionaire nor any observation or inspection of the construction, operation or maintenance of the Project Highway nor the failure to review, approve, comment, observe or inspect hereunder shall relieve or absolve the Concessionaire from its obligations, duties and liabilities under this Agreement, the Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits; and
- (b) MPRDC shall not be liable to the Concessionaire by reason of any review, comment, approval, observation or inspection referred to in Sub-clause (a) above.

#### **47.8 Exclusion of implied warranties etc.**

This Agreement expressly excludes any warranty, condition or other undertaking implied at law or by custom or otherwise arising out of any other agreement between the Parties or any representation by either Party not contained in a binding legal agreement executed by both Parties.

#### **47.9 Survival**

479.1 Termination shall:

- (a) not relieve the Concessionaire or MPRDC, as the case may be, of any obligations hereunder which expressly or by implication survive Termination hereof; and
- (b) except as otherwise provided in any provision of this Agreement expressly limiting the liability of either Party, not relieve either Party of any obligations or liabilities for loss or damage to the other Party arising out of, or caused by, acts or omissions of such Party prior to the effectiveness of such Termination or arising out of such Termination.

47.9.2 All obligations surviving Termination shall only survive for a period of 3 (three) years following the date of such Termination.

#### **47.10 Entire Agreement**

This Agreement and the Schedules together constitute a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the Parties on the subject hereof, and no amendment or modification hereto shall be valid and effective unless such modification or amendment is agreed to in writing by the Parties and duly executed by persons especially empowered in this behalf by the respective Parties. All prior written or oral understandings, offers or other communications of every kind pertaining to this Agreement are abrogated and withdrawn. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties hereto agree that any obligations of the Concessionaire arising from the Request for Qualification or Request for Proposals, as the case may be, shall be deemed to form part of this Agreement and treated as such.

#### **47.11 Severability**

If for any reason whatever, any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable or is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction or any other instrumentality to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected in any manner, and the Parties will negotiate in good faith with a view to agreeing to one or more provisions which may be substituted for such invalid, unenforceable or illegal provisions, as nearly as is practicable to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision. Failure to agree upon any such provisions shall not be subject to the Dispute Resolution Procedure set forth under this Agreement or otherwise.

#### **47.12 No partnership**

This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture or partnership between the Parties, or to impose any partnership obligation or liability upon either Party, and neither Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, the other Party.

#### **47.13 Third parties**

This Agreement is intended solely for the benefit of the Parties, and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create any duty to, standard of care with reference to, or any liability to, any person not a Party to this Agreement.

#### **47.14 Successors and assigns**

This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

#### **47.15 Notices**

Any notice or other communication to be given by any Party to the other Party under or in connection with the matters contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall:

- (a) in the case of the Concessionaire, be given by facsimile or e-mail and by letter delivered by hand to the address given and marked for attention of the person set out below or to such other person as the Concessionaire may from time to time designate by notice to MPRDC; provided that notices or other communications to be given to an address outside Bhopal may, if they are subsequently confirmed by sending a copy thereof by registered acknowledgement due, air mail or by courier, be sent by facsimile or e-mail to the number as the Concessionaire may from time to time designate by notice to MPRDC;
- (b) in the case of MPRDC, be given by facsimile or e-mail and by letter delivered by hand and be addressed to the Secretary, PWD with a copy delivered to MPRDC Representative or such other person as MPRDC may from time to time designate by notice to the Concessionaire; provided that if the Concessionaire does not have an office in Bhopal it may send such notice by facsimile or e-mail and by registered acknowledgement due, air mail or by courier; and
- (c) any notice or communication by a Party to the other Party, given in accordance herewith, shall be deemed to have been delivered when in the normal course of post it ought to have been delivered and in all other cases, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the actual date and time of delivery; provided that in the case of facsimile or e-mail, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the working day following the date of its delivery.

#### **47.16 Language**

All notices required to be given by one Party to the other Party and all other communications, Documentation and proceedings which are in any way relevant to this Agreement shall be in writing and in English language.

#### **47.17 Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in two counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall constitute an original of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 48

### DEFINITIONS

#### 48.1 Definitions

In this Agreement, the following words and expressions shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

“**Accounting Year**” means the financial year commencing from the first day of April of any calendar year and ending on the thirty-first day of March of the next calendar year;

“**Actual Lane Availability**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 28.4

“**Additional Facilities**” means the facilities such as service stations, motels, restaurants, shopping areas and amusement parks which the Concessionaire may, in its discretion and subject to Applicable Laws, provide or procure for the benefit of the Users, and which are in addition to the Project Facilities, and not situated on the Site;

“**Adjusted Equity**” means the Equity funded in Indian Rupees and adjusted on the first day of the current month (the “**Reference Date**”), in the manner set forth below, to reflect the change in its value on account of depreciation and variations in WPI, and for any Reference Date occurring:

- (a) on or before COD, the Adjusted Equity shall be a sum equal to the Equity funded in Indian Rupees and expended on the Project, revised to the extent of one half of the variation in WPI occurring between the first day of the month of Appointed Date and the Reference Date;
- (b) from COD and until the 4th (fourth) anniversary thereof, an amount equal to the Adjusted Equity as on COD shall be deemed to be the base (the “**Base Adjusted Equity**”) and the Adjusted Equity hereunder shall be a sum equal to the Base Adjusted Equity, revised at the commencement of each month following COD to the extent of variation in WPI occurring between COD and the Reference Date;

- (c) after the 4th (fourth) anniversary of COD, the Adjusted Equity hereunder shall be a sum equal to the Base Adjusted Equity, reduced by 0.56% (zero point five six per cent) thereof at the commencement of each month following the 4th (fourth) anniversary of COD and the amount so arrived at shall be revised to the extent of variation in WPI occurring between COD and the Reference Date;

For the avoidance of doubt, the Adjusted Equity shall, in the event of Termination, be computed as on the Reference Date immediately preceding the Transfer Date; provided that no reduction in the Adjusted Equity shall be made for a period equal to the duration, if any, for which the Concession Period is extended, but the revision on account of WPI shall continue to be made;

“**Affected Party**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 34.1;

“**Agreement**” or “**Concession Agreement**” means this Agreement, its Recitals, the Schedules hereto and any amendments thereto made in accordance with the provisions contained in this Agreement;

“**Annuity**” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Article 27.

“**Annuity Payment Date**” means each date specified as such in Schedule “Y”, for payment of Annuity.

“**Appendix**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 10.3.1;

“**Applicable Laws**” means all laws, brought into force and effect by GOI or the State Government including rules, regulations and notifications made thereunder, and judgements, decrees, injunctions, writs and orders of any court of record, applicable to this Agreement and the exercise, performance and discharge of the respective rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder, as may be in force and effect during the subsistence of this Agreement;

“**Applicable Permits**” means all clearances, licences, permits, authorisations, no objection certificates, consents, approvals and exemptions required to be obtained or maintained under

Applicable Laws in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project Highway during the subsistence of this Agreement;

**“Appointed Date”** means the date on which Financial Close is achieved or an earlier date that the Parties may by mutual consent determine, and shall be deemed to be the date of commencement of the Concession Period. For the avoidance of doubt, every Condition Precedent shall have been satisfied or waived prior to the Appointed Date and in the event all Conditions Precedent are not satisfied or waived, as the case may be, the Appointed Date shall be deemed to occur only when each and every Condition Precedent is either satisfied or waived, as the case may be;

**“Arbitration Act”** means the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and shall include modifications to or any re-enactment thereof, as in force from time to time;

**“Associate”** or **“Affiliate”** means, in relation to either Party {and/or Consortium Members}, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Party {or Consortium Member} (as used in this definition, the expression “control” means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person, whether by operation of law or by contract or otherwise);

**“Assured Lane Availability”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 28.4 and Schedule-K

**“Average Daily Annuity”** means the amount arrived at after dividing the Annuity for an Annuity Payment Period by the number of days in that Annuity Payment Period;

**“Bank”** means a bank incorporated in India and having a minimum net worth of ₹. 1,000 crore (Rupees one thousand crore) or any other bank acceptable to Senior Lenders, but does not include a bank in which any Senior Lender has an interest;

**“Bank Rate”** means the rate of interest specified by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time in pursuance of section 49 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 or any replacement of such Bank Rate for the time being in effect;

**“Bid”** means the documents in their entirety comprised in the bid submitted by the Consortium in response to the Request for Proposals in accordance with the provisions thereof;

**“Bid Security”** means the security provided by the Consortium to MPRDC along with the Bid in a sum of ₹ 1.59 crores (Rupees one crore fifty nine lacs only) in accordance with the Request for Proposals, and which is to remain in force until substituted by the Performance Security;

**“Bus”** means any passenger motor vehicle with a registered carrying capacity exceeding 32 (thirty two), excluding the driver;

**“COD”** or **“Commercial Operation Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 15.1;

**“Car”** means and includes any mechanical vehicle being a light motor vehicle, car, jeep, van, omnibus, or three-wheeled motor vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight not exceeding 7,500 (seven thousand five hundred) kilograms or a registered carrying capacity not exceeding 12 (twelve), excluding the driver, but does not include a Motor Cycle, Tractor or road roller;

**“Change in Law”** means the occurrence of any of the following after the date of Bid:

- (a) the enactment of any new Indian law as applicable to the State;
- (b) the repeal, modification or re-enactment of any existing Indian law as applicable to the State;
- (c) the commencement of any Indian law, as applicable to the State, which has not entered into effect until the date of Bid;
- (d) a change in the interpretation or application of any Indian law, as applicable to the State, by a judgement of a court of record which has become

final, conclusive and binding, as compared to such interpretation or application by a court of record prior to the date of Bid; or

- (e) any change in the rates of any of the Taxes that have a direct effect on the Project;

**“Change in Ownership”** means a transfer of the direct and/or indirect legal or beneficial ownership of any shares, or securities convertible into shares, that causes the aggregate holding of the Consortium Members, together with their Associates, in the total Equity to decline below (i) 51% (fifty one per cent) thereof during Construction Period and two years thereafter, provided that any material variation (as compared to the representations made by the Concessionaire during the bidding process for the purposes of meeting the minimum conditions of eligibility or for evaluation of its application or Bid, as the case may be,) in the proportion of the equity holding of any Consortium Member to the total Equity, if it occurs prior to completion of a period two years after COD, shall constitute Change in Ownership;

**“Change of Scope”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 16.1;

**“Company”** means the company acting as the Concessionaire under this Agreement;

**“Completion Certificate”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 14.2;

**“Concession”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 3.1.1;

**“Concessionaire”** shall have the meaning attributed thereto in the array of Parties hereinabove as set forth in the Recitals;

**“Concession Fee”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 26.1;

**“Concession Period”** means the period starting on and from the Appointed Date and ending on the Transfer Date;

**“Concessionaire Default”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 37.1.1;

**“Conditions Precedent”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 4.1.1;

**“Consortium”** shall have the meaning set forth in Recital (C);

**“Consortium Member”** means a company specified in Recital (C) as a member of the Consortium;

**“Construction Period”** means the period beginning from the Appointed Date and ending on COD;

**“Construction Works”** means all works and things necessary to complete the Project Highway in accordance with this Agreement;

**“Contractor”** means the person or persons, as the case may be, with whom the Concessionaire has entered into any of the EPC Contract, the O&M Contract, the Tolling Contract or any other material agreement or contract for construction, operation and/or maintenance of the Project Highway or matters incidental thereto, but does not include a person who has entered into an agreement for providing financial assistance to the Concessionaire;

**“Cure Period”** means the period specified in this Agreement for curing any breach or default of any provision of this Agreement by the Party responsible for such breach or default and shall:

- (a) commence from the date on which a notice is delivered by one Party to the other Party asking the latter to cure the breach or default specified in such notice;
- (b) not relieve any Party from liability to pay Damages or compensation under the provisions of this Agreement; and
- (c) not in any way be extended by any period of Suspension under this Agreement;

provided that if the cure of any breach by the Concessionaire requires any reasonable action by the Concessionaire that must be approved by MPRDC or the Independent Engineer hereunder, the applicable Cure Period shall be extended by the period taken by MPRDC or the Independent Engineer to accord their approval;

**“DBFOT”** or **“Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer”** shall have the meaning set forth in Recital (A);

**“Damages”** shall have the meaning set forth in Sub-clause (w) of Clause 1.2.1;

**“Debt Due”** means the aggregate of the following sums expressed in Indian Rupees outstanding on the Transfer Date:

- (a) the principal amount of the debt provided by the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements for financing the Total Project Cost (the “principal”) but excluding any part of the principal that had fallen due for repayment two years prior to the Transfer Date;
- (b) all accrued interest, financing fees and charges payable under the Financing Agreements on, or in respect of, the debt referred to in Sub-clause (a) above until the Transfer Date but excluding (i) any interest, fees or charges that had fallen due one year prior to the Transfer Date, (ii) any penal interest or charges payable under the Financing Agreements to any Senior Lender, and (iii) any pre-payment charges in relation to accelerated repayment of debt except where such charges have arisen due to Government Default; and
- (c) any Subordinated Debt which is included in the Financial Package and disbursed by lenders for financing the Total Project Cost;

provided that if all or any part of the Debt Due is convertible into Equity at the option of Senior Lenders and/or the Concessionaire, it shall for the purposes of this Agreement be deemed to be Debt Due even after such conversion and the principal thereof shall be dealt with as if such conversion had not been undertaken;

**“Debt Service”** means the sum of all payments on account of principal, interest, financing fees and charges due and payable in an Accounting Year to the Senior Lenders under the Financing Agreements;

**“Development Period”** means the period from the date of this Agreement until the Appointed Date;

**“Dispute”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 44.1.1;

**“Dispute Resolution Procedure”** means the procedure for resolution of Disputes set forth in Article 44;

**“Divestment Requirements”** means the obligations of the Concessionaire for and in respect of Termination as set forth in Clause 38.1;

**“Document”** or **“Documentation”** means documentation in printed or written form, or in tapes, discs, drawings, computer programmes, writings, reports, photographs, films, cassettes, or expressed in any other written, electronic, audio or visual form;

**“Drawings”** means all of the drawings, calculations and documents pertaining to the Project Highway as set forth in Schedule-H, and shall include ‘as built’ drawings of the Project Highway;

**“EPC Contract”** means the engineering, procurement and construction contract or contracts entered into by the Concessionaire with one or more Contractors for, *inter alia*, engineering and construction of the Project Highway in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

**“EPC Contractor”** means the person with whom the Concessionaire has entered into an EPC Contract;

**“Emergency”** means a condition or situation that is likely to endanger the security of the individuals on or about the Project Highway, including Users thereof, or which poses an immediate threat of material damage to any of the Project Assets;

**“Encumbrances”** means, in relation to the Project Highway, any encumbrances such as mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, hypothecation, security interest, assignment, privilege or priority of any kind having the effect of security or other such obligations, and shall include any designation of loss payees or beneficiaries or any similar arrangement under any insurance policy pertaining to the Project Highway, where applicable herein but excluding utilities referred to in Clause 11.1;

**“Equity”** means the sum expressed in Indian Rupees representing the paid up equity share capital of the Concessionaire for meeting the equity component of the Total Project Cost, and for the purposes of this Agreement shall include convertible instruments or other similar forms of capital, which shall compulsorily convert into equity share capital of the Company, and any interest-free funds advanced by any shareholder

of the Company for meeting such equity component, but does not include Equity Support;

**“Escrow Account”** means an Account which the Concessionaire shall open and maintain with a Bank in which all inflows and outflows of cash on account of capital and revenue receipts and expenditures shall be credited and debited, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and includes the Sub-Accounts of such Escrow Account;

**“Escrow Agreement”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 31.1.2;

**“Escrow Bank”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 31.1.1;

**“Escrow Default”** shall have the meaning set forth in Schedule-S;

**“Fee”** means the charge that may be levied on and payable to the Authority /Authority Contractor for a vehicle using the Project Highway or a part thereof.;

**“Financial Close”** means the fulfilment of all conditions precedent to the initial availability of funds under the Financing Agreements;

**“Financial Default”** shall have the meaning set forth in Schedule-V;

**“Financial Model”** means the financial model adopted by Senior Lenders, setting forth the capital and operating costs of the Project and revenues therefrom on the basis of which financial viability of the Project has been determined by the Senior Lenders, and includes a description of the assumptions and parameters used for making calculations and projections therein;

**“Financial Package”** means the financing package indicating the total capital cost of Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning and the means of financing thereof, as set forth in the Financial Model and approved by the Senior Lenders, and includes Equity, all financial assistance specified in the Financing Agreements and Subordinated Debt, if any;

**“Financing Agreements”** means the agreements executed by the Concessionaire in respect of financial assistance to be provided by the Senior Lenders by way of loans, guarantees, subscription to non-convertible debentures and other debt instruments including loan agreements, guarantees, notes, debentures, bonds and other debt instruments, security agreements, and other documents relating to the

financing (including refinancing) of the Total Project Cost, and includes amendments or modifications made in accordance with Clause 5.2.2;

**“Force Majeure”** or **“Force Majeure Event”** shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 34.1;

**“GOI”** means Government of India;

**“Good Industry Practice”** means the practices, methods, techniques, designs, standards, skills, diligence, efficiency, reliability and prudence which are generally and reasonably expected from a reasonably skilled and experienced operator engaged in the same type of undertaking as envisaged under this Agreement and which would be expected to result in the performance of its obligations by the Concessionaire in accordance with this Agreement, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits in reliable, safe, economical and efficient manner;

**“Government”** means Government of the State of Madhya Pradesh;

**“Government Default”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 37.2.1;

**“Government Instrumentality”** means any department, division or sub-division of MPRDC of India or the State Government and includes any commission, board, authority, agency or municipal and other local authority or statutory body including Panchayat under the control of MPRDC of India or the State Government, as the case may be, and having jurisdiction over all or any part of the Project Highway or the performance of all or any of the services or obligations of the Concessionaire under or pursuant to this Agreement;

**“Government Representative”** means such person or persons as may be authorised in writing by MPRDC to act on its behalf under this Agreement and shall include any person or persons having authority to exercise any rights or perform and fulfil any obligations of MPRDC under this Agreement;

**“Gross Vehicle Weight”** or **“GVW”** means in respect of any vehicle the total weight of the vehicle and load certified and registered under the Applicable Laws;

**“Heavy Truck”** or **“Multi-axle truck”** means any goods carrier with a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 20,000 (twenty thousand) kilograms and includes a truck with three or more axles;

“**IRC**” means the Indian Roads Congress;

“**Indemnified Party**” means the Party entitled to the benefit of an indemnity pursuant to Article 42;

“**Indemnifying Party**” means the Party obligated to indemnify the other Party pursuant to Article 42;

“**Independent Engineer**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 23.1;

“**Indirect Political Event**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 34.3;

“**Insurance Cover**” means the aggregate of the maximum sums insured under the insurances taken out by the Concessionaire pursuant to Article 32, and includes all insurances required to be taken out by the Concessionaire under Clause 32.1 but not actually taken, and when used in the context of any act or event, it shall mean the aggregate of the maximum sums insured and payable or deemed to be insured and payable in relation to such act or event;

“**Intellectual Property**” means all patents, trademarks, service marks, logos, get-up, trade names, internet domain names, rights in designs, blue prints, programmes and manuals, drawings, copyright (including rights in computer software), database rights, semi-conductor, topography rights, utility models, rights in know-how and other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including applications for registration, and all rights or forms of protection having equivalent or similar effect anywhere in the world;

“**LOA**” or “**Letter of Award**” means the letter of award referred to in Recital (E);

“**Lead Member**” shall have the meaning set forth in Recital (C);

“**Lenders’ Representative**” means the person duly authorised by the Senior Lenders to act for and on behalf of the Senior Lenders with regard to matters arising out of or in relation to this Agreement, and includes his successors, assigns and substitutes;

“**Light Commercial Vehicle**” or “**LCV**” means any mechanical vehicle being a passenger vehicle, minibus, light goods vehicle or goods carrier

with a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 7,500 (seven thousand five hundred) kilograms but less than 12,000 (twelve thousand) kilograms or a registered passenger carrying capacity exceeding 12 (twelve) but less than 32 (thirty two), excluding the driver, and includes a Tractor with Trailer;

**“Local User”** means a person using a vehicle registered for non-commercial purposes and used as such for commuting on a section of the Project Highway, provided that (a) such vehicle is owned by a person who resides within a distance of 20 km (twenty kilometres) from the nearest Toll Plaza; (b) its use of such section of the Project Highway does not extend beyond a Toll Plaza other than such nearest Toll Plaza; and (c) such section of the Project Highway has no service road or alternative road; and shall include a vehicle that uses a section of the Project Highway but does not cross a Toll Plaza;

**MPRDC:** means the Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Ltd acting through its Managing Director or the officer authorized by him

**MPRDC’s Default” shall** have the meaning set forth in clause 37.2.1.

**“MORTH”** means the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways or any substitute thereof dealing with highways;

**“Maintenance Manual”** shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 17.3;

**“Maintenance Programme”** shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 17.4.1;

**“Maintenance Requirements”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 17.2;

**“Material Adverse Effect”** means a material adverse effect of any act or event on the ability of either Party to perform any of its obligations under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and which act or event causes a material financial burden or loss to either Party;

**“Medical Aid Post”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 21.1;

**“Motor Cycle”** means and includes any two-wheeled motor vehicle;

**“Multi-axle truck”** or **“Heavy Truck”** means a mechanical vehicle being any goods carrier, heavy construction machinery or earth moving equipment with a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 20,000 (twenty thousand) kilograms, but less than 60,000 (sixty thousand) kilograms, and includes a truck with three to six axles;

**“Nominated Company”** means a company selected by the Lenders’ Representative and proposed to MPRDC for substituting the Concessionaire in accordance with the provisions of the Substitution Agreement;

**“Non-Political Event”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 34.2;

**“O&M”** means the operation and maintenance of the Project Highway and includes all matters connected with or incidental to such operation and maintenance, provision of services and facilities, and collection of Fee in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

**“O&M Contract”** means the operation and maintenance contract that may be entered into between the Concessionaire and the O&M Contractor for performance of all or any of the O&M obligations;

**“O&M Contractor”** means the person, if any, with whom the Concessionaire has entered into an O&M Contract for discharging O&M obligations for and on behalf of the Concessionaire;

**“O&M Expenses”** means expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Concessionaire or by MPRDC, as the case may be, for all O&M including (a) cost of salaries and other compensation to employees, (b) cost of materials, supplies, utilities and other services, (c) premia for insurance, (d) all taxes, duties, cess and fees due and payable for O&M, (e) all repair, replacement, reconstruction, reinstatement, improvement and maintenance costs, (f) payments required to be made under the O&M Contract, Tolling Contract or any other contract in connection with or incidental to O&M, and (g) all other expenditure required to be incurred under Applicable Laws, Applicable Permits or this Agreement;

**“O&M Inspection Report”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 19.2;

**“Operation Period”** means the period commencing from COD and ending on the Transfer Date;

**“Oversized Vehicle”** means any mechanical vehicle having 7 (seven) or more axles or a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 60,000 (sixty thousand) kilograms;

**“PCU”** shall have the meaning ascribed to a passenger car unit in the Indian Roads Congress Publication No. IRC-64, 1990 or any substitute or modification thereof;

**“PWD”** or **“Public Works Department”** means the Public Works Department of the State Government or any substitute thereof dealing with State Highways and **“Secretary, PWD”** means the Secretary to the State Government in that Department;

**“Panel of Chartered Accountants”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 33.2.1;

**“Parties”** means the parties to this Agreement collectively and **“Party”** shall mean any of the parties to this Agreement individually;

**“Performance Security”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 9.1;

**“Political Event”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 34.4;

**“Project”** means the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project Highway in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and includes all works, services and equipment relating to or in respect of the Scope of the Project;

**“Project Agreements”** means this Agreement, the Financing Agreements, EPC Contract, O&M Contract, Tolling Contract, and any other material agreements or contracts that may be entered into by the Concessionaire with any person in connection with matters relating to, arising out of or incidental to the Project, but does not include the Escrow Agreement, Substitution Agreement, or any agreement for procurement of goods and services involving a consideration of up to Rs.5 (five) crore;

**“Project Assets”** means all physical and other assets relating to and forming part of the Site including (a) rights over the Site in the form of licence, Right of Way or otherwise; (b) tangible assets such as civil works and equipment including foundations, embankments, pavements, road surface, interchanges, bridges, culverts, road overbridges, drainage works, traffic signals, sign boards, kilometre-stones, toll plaza[s], electrical systems, communication systems, rest areas, relief centres,

maintenance depots and administrative offices; (c) Project Facilities situated on the Site; (d) all rights of the Concessionaire under the Project Agreements; (e) financial assets, such as receivables, security deposits etc.; (f) insurance proceeds; and (g) Applicable Permits and authorisations relating to or in respect of the Project Highway, but does not include Additional Facilities;

**“Project Completion Date”** means the date on which the Completion Certificate or the Provisional Certificate, as the case may be, is issued under the provisions of Article 14;

**“Project Completion Schedule”** means the progressive Project Milestones set forth in Schedule-G for completion of the Project Highway on or before the Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Completion Date;

**“Project Facilities”** means all the amenities and facilities situated on the Site, as described in Schedule-C;

**“Project Highway”** means the Site comprising the existing 3 roads comprising of (i) Sausr-Mohgaon-Mordongri (29.58 Km) (ii) Sonapipari-Umreth-Monari-Umbah (22.25 Km) (iii) Gadarwara-Tendukheda (32.12 km) (Total Length 83.95 km) of MDRs and all Project Assets, and its subsequent development and augmentation in accordance with this Agreement;

**“Project Milestones”** means the project milestones set forth in Schedule-G;

**“Provisional Certificate”** shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 14.3;

**“Punch List”** shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 14.3;

**“RBI”** means the Reserve Bank of India, as constituted and existing under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, including any statutory modification or replacement thereof, and its successors;

**“Reference Exchange Rate”** means, in respect of any one currency that is to be converted into another currency in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the exchange rate as of 12.00 (twelve) noon on the relevant date quoted in Delhi by the State Bank of India, and in the absence of such rate, the average of similar rates quoted in Delhi by the Bank of India and the Bank of Baroda;

“**Re.**”, “**Rs.**” or “**Rupees**” or “**Indian Rupees**” means the lawful currency of the Republic of India;

“**Request for Proposals**” or “**RFP**” shall have the meaning set forth in Recital (C);

“**Request for Qualification**” or “**RFQ**” shall have the meaning set forth in Recital (B);

“**Right of Way**” means the constructive possession of the Site, together with all way leaves, easements, unrestricted access and other rights of way, howsoever described, necessary for construction, operation and maintenance of the Project Highway in accordance with this Agreement;

“**Safety Consultant**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 18.1.2;

“**Safety Requirements**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 18.1.1;

“**Safety Fund**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 18.2.;

“**Scheduled Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning Date**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 12.4.1;

“**Scope of the Project**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 2.1;

“**Senior Lenders**” means the financial institutions, banks, multilateral lending agencies, trusts, funds and agents or trustees of debenture holders, including their successors and assignees, who have agreed to guarantee or provide finance to the Concessionaire under any of the Financing Agreements for meeting all or any part of the Total Project Cost and who hold *pari passu* charge on the assets, rights, title and interests of the Concessionaire;

“**Site**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 10.1;

“**Specifications and Standards**” means the specifications and standards relating to the quality, quantity, capacity and other requirements for the Project Highway, as set forth in Schedule-D, and any modifications thereof, or additions thereto, as included in the design and engineering for the Project Highway submitted by the Concessionaire to, and expressly approved by, MPRDC;

“**State**” means the State of Madhya Pradesh and “**State Government**” means the Government of that State;

“**State Support Agreement**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 47.3

“**Statutory Auditors**” means a reputable firm of chartered accountants acting as the statutory auditors of the Concessionaire under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof, for the time being in force, and appointed in accordance with Clause 33.2.1;

“**Subordinated Debt**” means the aggregate of the following sums expressed in Indian Rupees or in the currency of debt, as the case may be, outstanding as on the Transfer Date:

- (a) the principal amount of debt provided by lenders or the Concessionaire’s shareholders for meeting the Total Project Cost and subordinated to the financial assistance provided by the Senior Lenders; and
- (b) all accrued interest on the debt referred to in Sub-clause (a) above but restricted to the lesser of actual interest rate and a rate equal to 5% (five per cent) above the Bank Rate in case of loans expressed in Indian Rupees and lesser of the actual interest rate and six-month LIBOR (London Inter Bank Offer Rate) plus 2% (two per cent) in case of loans expressed in foreign currency, but does not include any interest that had fallen due one year prior to the Transfer Date;

provided that if all or any part of the Subordinated Debt is convertible into Equity at the option of the lenders and/or the Concessionaire’s shareholders, it shall for the purposes of this Agreement be deemed to be Subordinated Debt even after such conversion and the principal thereof shall be dealt with as if such conversion had not been undertaken;

“**Substitution Agreement**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 40.3;

“**Suspension**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 36.1;

“**Taxes**” means any Indian taxes including excise duties, customs duties, value added tax, sales tax, local taxes, cess and any impost or surcharge

of like nature (whether Central, State or local) on the goods, materials, equipment and services incorporated in and forming part of the Project Highway charged, levied or imposed by any Government Instrumentality, but excluding any interest, penalties and other sums in relation thereto imposed on any account whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, Taxes shall not include taxes on corporate income;

“**Termination**” means the expiry or termination of this Agreement and the Concession hereunder;

“**Termination Notice**” means the communication issued in accordance with this Agreement by one Party to the other Party terminating this Agreement;

“**Termination Payment**” means the amount payable by MPRDC to the Concessionaire upon Termination and may consist of payments on account of and restricted to the Debt Due and Adjusted Equity, as the case may be, which form part of the Total Project Cost in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; provided that the amount payable in respect of any Debt Due expressed in foreign currency shall be computed at the Reference Exchange Rate for conversion into the relevant foreign currency as on the date of Termination Payment. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that within a period of 60 (sixty) days from COD, the Concessionaire shall notify to MPRDC, the Total Project Cost as on COD and its disaggregation between Debt Due and Equity, and only the amounts so conveyed shall form the basis of computing Termination Payment, and it is further agreed that in the event such disaggregation is not notified to MPRDC, Equity shall be deemed to be the amount arrived at by subtracting Debt Due from Total Project Cost;

“**Tests**” means the tests set forth in Schedule-I to determine the completion of Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

“**Toll Plaza**” means the structures and barriers erected near each of the two ends of the Project Highway for the purpose of regulating the entry and exit of vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and shall include all land, buildings, equipment, and other facilities required in accordance with or incidental to the provisions of this Agreement;

“**Total Project Cost**” means the lowest of:

- (a) the capital cost of the Project, {less Equity Support} as set forth in the Financial Package;
- (b) the actual capital cost of the Project upon completion of Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning of the Project Highway {less Equity Support}; and
- (c) a sum of ₹ 159.00 crores (Rupees one hundred fifty nine crores only)

provided that in the event of Termination, the Total Project Cost shall be deemed to be modified to the extent of variation in WPI or Reference Exchange Rate occurring in respect of Adjusted Equity and Debt Due, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; provided further that in the event WPI increases, on an average, by more than 6% (six per cent) per annum for the period between the date hereof and COD, the Parties shall meet, as soon as reasonably practicable, and agree upon revision of the amount hereinbefore specified such that the effect of increase in WPI, in excess of such 6% (six per cent), is reflected in the Total Project Cost;

“**Tractor**” means a motor vehicle which is not itself constructed to carry any load other than the equipment used for the purpose of propulsion, but does not include a road roller; and “Tractor with Trailer” means a Tractor with an attached vehicle used for carrying goods;

“**Traffic Aid Post**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 20.2;

“**Transfer Date**” means the date on which this Agreement and the Concession hereunder expires pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement or is terminated by a Termination Notice;

“**Truck**” means any mechanical vehicle being a goods carrier with a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 12,000 (twelve thousand) kilograms, but less than 20,000 (twenty thousand) kilograms;

“**Intermediate-laning/Two-Laning**” or “**Two-Lane**” means the construction and completion of all works included in or constituting a Intermediate-lane/Two-lane Project Highway, as specified in Article 2 read with Schedule-B and Schedule-C;

“**User**” means a person who travels or intends to travel on the Project Highway or any part thereof in/on any vehicle;

“**Vesting Certificate**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 38.4;  
and

“**WPI**” means the Wholesale Price Index for all commodities as published by the Ministry of Industry, GOI and shall include any index which substitutes the WPI, and any reference to WPI shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the latest monthly WPI published no later than 30 (thirty) days prior to the date of consideration hereunder.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED  
AND DELIVERED THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE DAY,  
MONTH AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN**

SIGNED, SEALED AND  
DELIVERED  
for and on behalf of  
**MP Road Development  
Corporation Ltd. Bhopal by:**

SIGNED, SEALED AND  
DELEVERED  
for and on behalf of  
**M/s BVSR SSG Road Projects  
Pvt. Ld. by**

**(Signature)**  
Name: **(Neeraj Vijay)**  
Designation: **Dy. General  
Manager(BOT)**

**(Signature)**  
Name: **(Sitaramaiah)**  
**Authorized Signatory**

In the presence of

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