

ARGENT VENTURES, INC.

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NPC shall not be liable for any claim associated with the extension of contract time unless it has examined the facts as well as the extent of delay, and has agreed in writing that the CONTRACTOR is entitled for an extension of time.

**ARTICLE VI
ENTIRE CONTRACT**

This contract is for one whole, complete work. Partial payments made by NPC and/or the use of parts of the work or its equivalent shall not constitute as acceptance of any part of the work prior to its completion and final acceptance in writing by NPC.

**ARTICLE VII
CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY**

The Parties hereby agree that the employees of the CONTRACTOR are not employees of NPC. NPC shall not in any way be liable or responsible for any personal injury or damages, including death sustained or caused by any of the employees of the CONTRACTOR, including its sub-contractor, agent or supplier, whether or not occurring during the performance of their duties. The CONTRACTOR agrees and binds itself to indemnify NPC for whatever injury or damages caused or occasioned by the failure, negligence or conduct of the CONTRACTOR and/or its employees, sub-contractors, agents, suppliers or consultants arising out of on in connection with or on the occasion of the performance of the Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall, at all times, stand solely liable and/or responsible for the enforcement of and compliance with all existing laws, rules and regulations; and binds itself to save and hold NPC free and harmless from any and all liability in respect thereof and/or arising therefrom and/or by reason of this Contract and its implementation.

**ARTICLE VIII
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR**

The CONTRACTOR shall assume full responsibility for the entire contract work until its final acceptance by NPC and shall be held responsible for any damage or destruction of works until final acceptance.

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**ARTICLE IX
NON-ASSIGNMENT AND NO SUBCONTRACT**

The CONTRACTOR shall not, without the written approval of NPC, assign, transfer, pledge, sub-contract, or make any other disposition of interest in this Contract. Any unapproved assignment, transfer, pledge, sub-contracting or any other disposition, shall be sufficient ground for NPC to terminate or cancel this Contract motu proprio without need of judicial action. Should NPC give its written approval, such consent shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of its responsibilities under the Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the terms and conditions of any subcontract shall comply and conform with the terms and conditions of this Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the observance by the sub-contractor of the terms and conditions of this Contract.

If any portion of the project sub-contracted is not performed faithfully in accordance with the contract, the sub-contractor shall be removed or replaced immediately upon the written request of NPC, provided, however, that any failure of NPC to make such request shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of its obligations under the contract. NPC shall not be responsible for the delays or costs incurred by the CONTRACTOR because of the disapproval or removal of the sub-contractor, or because of the late submission of its approval.

**ARTICLE X
AGREEMENT MODIFICATION**

No modification, alteration or waiver of any provision of this agreement shall be binding upon the Parties unless evidenced by a written amendment signed by the Parties.

**ARTICLE XI
SUSPENSION OF WORK**

NPC or its duly authorized representative shall have the authority to suspend the work, wholly or partly, by written order for period/s as may be deemed necessary due to force majeure, fortuitous event, failure on the part of the CONTRACTOR to correct bad working conditions which are unsafe for workers or third parties, failure to carry out valid orders given by NPC, failure to perform any provisions of this contract, and due to adjustment of plans to suit field conditions as found necessary by NPC during construction. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately comply with work suspension, either wholly or partly.

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**ARTICLE XII
PRE-TERMINATION**

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, NPC has the right to terminate, cancel and/or rescind this contract motu proprio, without need of judicial action, in case of breach thereof by the CONTRACTOR, by giving at least ten (10) day written notice, which shall be final and binding on all parties. Upon receipt of NPC's notice, the CONTRACTOR cannot remove, withdraw or pull-out any equipment, machinery, tool, material and supply brought to the project site without the written approval of NPC.

Any misrepresentation made by the CONTRACTOR in the submission of documents, or suppression of material facts, which if known could have disqualified the contractor gives NPC the immediate right or recourse to motu proprio, without need of judicial action, rescind, abrogate or otherwise terminate the Contract.

Within thirty (30) days after termination, cancellation or rescission of this Contract, the Parties shall settle their respective accountabilities as of the date of termination, cancellation, or rescission, including the refund of any and all advances made, plus legal interest from the date of receipt of the amount or amount advanced.

**ARTICLE XIII
REMEDY AND RELIEF**

Should there be any dispute or controversy in connection with this Contract, the Parties, as far as practicable, shall settle it amicably. In the event that such dispute or disagreement be not resolved to the parties' satisfaction, the matter shall be submitted to arbitration in the Philippines according to the provisions of Republic Act No. 876, otherwise known as the "Arbitration Law". Provided, however, that disputes within the competence of the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission shall be submitted thereto, Arbitration proceedings shall be without prejudice to the right of the NPC to rescind or terminate this Contract.

Should NPC be constrained to resort to court action to enforce or safeguard its rights and interests under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall be liable to NPC for attorney's fees in the amount equivalent to twenty percent (20%) of the sum total claimed in the complaint, exclusive of other damages and the expenses of litigation.

In case of dispute or disagreement arises between NPC and the CONTRACTOR regarding the manner by which the latter is performing works, the CONTRACTOR shall follow the instruction of NPC relative thereto, otherwise, the CONTRACTOR shall have no right to ask for arbitration or go to court for relief.

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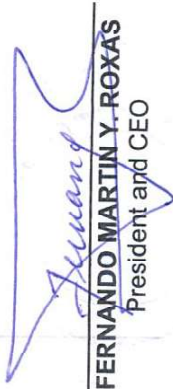

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ARTICLE XIV
PERFORMANCE SECURITY

To guarantee the faithful performance of the CONTRACTOR's obligation under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall post a Performance Security which shall remain valid and effective during the contract duration.

a. Cash Manager's/Cashier's Check, Bank Draft/Guarantee issued by a Universal Bank or Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank: provided however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a reputable local Universal or Commercial Bank, if issued by a foreign bank, equivalent to ten (10%) of the contract price.

b. Surety Bond callable upon demand and penal in nature by a Surety or Insurance Company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security which shall be Thirty Percent (30%) of the total contract price.

The Insurance Company that will issue Performance Security must be accredited by the Insurance Commission and acceptable to the National Power Corporation.

The performance security shall be valid for the duration of the contract and shall remain valid and effective until after sixty (60) days from NPC's final acceptance of the project, unless the contract duration is extended, in which case the validity of the performance security shall accordingly be extended.

The performance security shall also be answerable for any damages or penalties or any expenses that NPC may suffer as a result of the failure of the CONTRACTOR to perform its obligation under this Contract including the defects liability period of one year. The Performance Security shall be entirely confiscated by NPC upon default of CONTRACTOR.

In case of surety bond, any extension of the contract time granted to the CONTRACTOR, shall be considered as given, and any modification of the contract shall be considered as authorized, as if with the expressed consent of the surety, provided that such extension or modifications falls within the effective period of the said surety bond. However, in the event that the extension of the contract time would be beyond the effective period of the surety bond first posted, it shall be the sole obligation of the CONTRACTOR to post an acceptable Performance Security within ten (10) calendar days after the contract time extension has been granted by NPC.

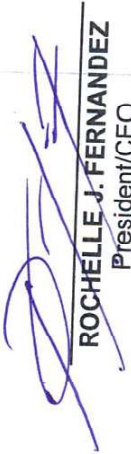
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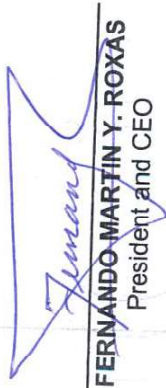

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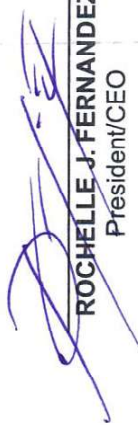
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to the CONTRACTOR only after the required warranty security/guarantee bond shall have been posted by the CONTRACTOR.

**ARTICLE VI
GUARANTEE BOND**

To assure that any structural defects in the WORK shall be corrected by the CONTRACTOR, and to cover third party liabilities, the CONTRACTOR shall post a Guarantee Bond after the final acceptance of the Work. This is also a pre-requisite to the discharge and release to the CONTRACTOR of the retention money. The Guarantee Bond shall remain valid and effective for the period of one (1) year. The Guarantee Bond shall be posted before the release of the ten percent (10%) retention money provided for in the Bidding Documents. This shall be either in the form of Cash, Letter of Credit issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank equivalent to five percent (5%) of the total contract price, or Bank guarantee confirmed by Universal or Commercial bank equivalent to 10% of the total contract price or Surety Bond penal in nature and callable upon demand issued by any surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security, equivalent to thirty percent (30%) of the total contract price. The CONTRACTOR shall be held responsible for Structural Defects for the number of years mentioned in the Bidding Documents.

**ARTICLE VII
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

Should CONTRACTOR fail to satisfactorily complete the WORK within the stipulated contract time, plus any time extension duly granted and is hereby in default under this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall pay liquidated damages to NPC for each day that the Completion Date is later than the intended Completion Date. The applicable liquidated damages is at least one-tenth (1/10) of one percent (1%) of the cost of the unperformed portion for every day of delay. NPC shall deduct liquidated damages from payments due to CONTRACTOR. Payment of liquidated damages shall not affect the CONTRACTOR's liabilities. Once the cumulative amount of liquidated damages reaches ten percent (10%) of the amount of this Contract, NPC may rescind or terminate this Contract without prejudice to other course of action and remedies available under circumstances.

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