1.1 Constitution of Agreement

1.1.1 For the purpose of these General Terms and Conditions for the Purchase of Goods and Services (the “GTC”), the “Bank” shall mean the African Development Bank and “Supplier” shall mean the party to the Agreement offering goods or services to the Bank.

1.1.2 The Agreement may include Special Conditions, Terms of Reference or any other documents expressly provided as being an integral part of the Agreement. Any reference to “Agreement” in these GTC also refers to the Agreement’s complementary documents.

1.1.3 The submission of any bid shall constitute acceptance of the GTC, except to the extent they may be modified by Special Conditions included in the Agreement.

1.2 Representations

1.2.1 The Supplier represents and warrants that:

(i) The Supplier has title to the goods and is fully qualified to sell, lease, or license such goods or that is has all required skills, experience, authorizations, licenses and permits necessary for the performance of the Services, as applicable;

(ii) The Supplier is not prohibited from bidding for a public procurement under the laws of the jurisdiction under which the Supplier operates;

(iii) The Supplier warrants that it has not been debarred from supplying goods or services by any international organization;

(iv) The Supplier ensures that wages of his personnel, their hours of work and the other labor conditions are at least as favorable as those established for work of the same character in the trade or industry concerned in the area where the work is carried out; and

(v) The Supplier conforms to all relevant laws and regulations of the country where the goods are to be delivered and where the services are to be performed.

1.2.2 The Supplier declares that it is fully cognizant of and undertakes to comply with the Code of Conduct of the Bank regarding suppliers that is attached to the Agreement.

1.2.3 The Supplier acknowledges that the Bank is entitled to verify the accuracy and veracity of the statements listed in paragraph 1.2.1 above. The Supplier shall facilitate the verification of the statements and shall complete any formality and provide any documents as may be required by the Bank.

1.3 Performance of Agreement

1.3.1 The Supplier shall not assign, transfer or subcontract any of its obligations under this Agreement, unless authorized in writing by the Bank. It shall be solely responsible for the performance of the Agreement in every respect.

1.3.2 Unless otherwise specified by or agreed with the Bank, the Supplier shall indicate the Agreement number on all invoices, shipping documents, packing slips, packages and correspondence, which shall be addressed to the Bank unless otherwise stated.

1.3.3 The Supplier shall immediately report to the Bank in writing any problems encountered which may jeopardize the performance of the Agreement.

1.3.4 The Supplier shall not engage in Corrupt, Fraudulent, Coercive, Collusive or Obstructive practices in connection with the Agreement, the Bank may at its discretion, do any one or combination of the following: (i) declare void or terminate this Contract without liability for payment of the Contract Amount or any part thereof; (ii) declare the Supplier ineligible to contract with the Bank or to enter into contracts financed by the Bank; or (iii) pursue legal proceedings against the Supplier. For the purposes of this Agreement:

(i) A “corrupt practice” is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;

(ii) A “fraudulent practice” is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;

(iii) A “coercive practice” is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;

(iv) A “collusive practice” is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including influencing improperly the actions of another party;

(v) “Obstructive practice” means:
1. Deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering, or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Bank investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation, or
2. Acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank’s inspection and audit rights.

1.3.5 Trade terms shall have the meanings assigned to them in the latest edition of INCOTERMS.

1.3.6 The Supplier shall be responsible for obtaining and renewing at its own cost and in due time such approvals, consents, governmental and regulatory authorizations, licenses and permits as may be required or deemed necessary by the Bank to perform this Agreement.

1.4 Environmental Protection

1.4.1 The Supplier shall ensure that the work performed under the Agreement meets the legal requirements in force on the environment, safety, human health and preservation. It must be able to justify compliance at any time during the performance of the Agreement and during the warranty period upon request of the Bank.

1.4.2 In case the legal requirements referred to in paragraph 14.1 above evolves during the performance of the Agreement, any changes requested by the Bank to comply with the new requirements shall be effected through an amendment of the Agreement.

1.5 Liability, Immunities and Applicable Law

1.5.1 The financial liability of the Bank under the Agreement shall not exceed the total amount specified in the Agreement.

1.5.2 Nothing in the Agreement or relating thereto shall be construed as constituting a waiver of the privileges or immunities of the Bank.

1.5.3 The Agreement shall be governed by, enforced and construed in accordance with the laws of England.

1.6 Insurance

1.6.1 Prior to the commencement of the work under this Agreement, the Supplier shall obtain and maintain at its own expense for the duration of this Agreement, appropriate insurance coverage with appropriate loss limits, including any such insurance as required by the law of the country of incorporation or license and by the country where the goods are to be delivered or where the services are to be performed. Upon request, the Supplier shall provide the Bank with certificates of insurance for this insurance coverage.

1.7 Documents

1.7.1 The Supplier shall furnish all documents and technical information, including any information necessary for the maintenance or operation of the goods, that the Bank may deem necessary, in the language requested.

1.8 Changes to Agreement and Amendments

1.8.1 The Bank may, at any time, by written order designated or indicated to be a change order, make changes to the Agreement or any part thereof within the general scope of the Agreement, provided the stage reached in the performance of the Agreement so allows.

1.8.2 If any such change increases or decreases the cost of and/or the time required for the performance of any part of the Agreement, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Agreement price or time schedule or both, and this Agreement shall accordingly be amended. No change in, modification of, or revision to this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the Bank.

1.8.3 The parties may agree to amend this Agreement, provided that such amendment is mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.

1.9 Taxes

1.9.1 Supplies for the Bank are exempted from taxes and customs duty in accordance with Article 57 of the Bank’s Charter. Accordingly prices shall be quoted or invoiced free and clear of all applicable taxes, including value added tax, sales tax, duties, fees, levies or surcharges imposed by, or pursuant to the laws, statutes or regulations of any governmental agency or authority.

1.9.2 If a Supplier is unable to quote or invoice exclusive of all applicable taxes, such taxes shall be separately set forth on the quote or invoices and the Supplier shall provide to the Bank any additional information or document as may be required by the Bank for obtaining the requisite exemption.

1.10 Payment terms

1.10.1 In no event shall the Bank be required to pay for any goods or services not expressly identified in the Agreement.

1.10.2 Prices indicated in the Supplier’s bid shall be deemed to be firm, complete and not subject to revision. The prices are deemed to include all fees and charges, ordinarily included with the goods and services, including those relating to packaging, storage, insurance and transport to point of delivery and all other expenses necessary for the execution of this Agreement.

1.10.3 If the Agreement includes maintenance services, the prices for maintenance are deemed to include:

(i) The value of parts or components and the costs of equipment, ingredients and labor necessary for the performance of the maintenance services;

(ii) The travel allowances and expenses necessitated by changes to the goods at the
(iii) Free from any defects in design, workmanship or materials.

1.12.2 All warranties specified in this Agreement shall be in addition to any other warranties, express, statutory or implied. This warranty shall survive the Bank’s inspection, acceptance and payment, and the Bank’s continued use of the goods or services after notifying the Supplier of their failure to conform to the Agreement or breach of warranty will not be considered a waiver of the Bank’s right to a remedy.

1.12.3 Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, the warranty period for all goods and service, as applicable, shall be at least 12 months from the date of acceptance pursuant to article 1.11. The Supplier shall carry out all work, such as modifications and repairs, necessary to comply with the terms of the Agreement, or replace any part that is not complying with these terms during the warranty period. All costs (including transportation) arising in connection with this obligation will be borne by the Supplier.

1.12.4 If the Supplier fails to comply with the above requirements, the Bank may, after notice to the Supplier, take action at the Supplier's expense which, in the opinion of the Bank is necessary.

1.13 Suspension

1.13.1 The Bank may at any time suspend the performance of this Agreement or any part thereof for its convenience by a written notice specifying the part to be suspended, the effective date and the anticipated period of suspension. The Bank shall not be responsible for the cost of the Supplier’s further performance of the suspended part after the Supplier has been notified to suspend performance.

1.13.2 Suspension of this Agreement shall not prejudice or affect the accrued rights or claims and liabilities of either party to this Agreement.

1.14 Termination

1.14.1 The Bank may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience by giving the Supplier a notice of such a termination stating that termination is for the Bank's convenience, the extent to which performance under this Agreement is terminated, and the effective termination date.

1.14.2 If the Supplier has abandoned or repudiated this Agreement, has without valid reason failed to commence work under this Agreement or has violated any of the terms of this Agreement, the Bank will notify the Supplier in writing describing the failure or violation and give the Supplier a reasonable opportunity to remedy the default within a period of at least three (3) days. The Bank may, by written notice, without prejudice to any other remedy it may be entitled to, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part if the Supplier fails to remedy such default within the period specified.

1.14.3 Notwithstanding paragraph 1.14.2 above, the Bank shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate the Agreement for default, without having to give the Supplier an opportunity to remedy, if the Supplier is in violation of paragraphs 1.3.1 or 13.4 of this Agreement, or if the Supplier
1.14.4 If the Bank has failed to pay the Supplier any sum due under this Agreement within the specified period or if the Supplier is unable to carry out any of its obligations under this Agreement for any reason attributable to the Bank, then the Supplier may give a notice to the Bank of such events, and if the Bank has failed to pay the outstanding sum or to remedy the situation within forty-five (45) days of such notice, the Supplier may by a further notice to the Bank forthwith terminate this Agreement.

1.14.5 Upon receipt of the notice of termination under paragraphs 1.14.1, 1.14.2, 1.14.3 or 1.14.4, the Supplier shall, either immediately or upon such date as is specified in the notice of termination cease all further work under this Agreement, except for such work as the Bank may specify in the notice of termination for the sole purpose of protecting that part of the goods already delivered or of services already rendered or except for any work required in order to leave the site in a clean and safe condition. Subject to paragraph 1.14.6, the Supplier shall be entitled to be paid the Price specified in the Agreement attributable to the portion of the Agreement executed as at the date of termination, including all services provided and goods delivered, and reasonable costs, if any, incurred in in leaving the site in a clean and safe condition. In case of partial termination of this Agreement, the Supplier shall continue performance of this Agreement to the extent not terminated.

1.14.6 In the event of termination for default pursuant to paragraphs 1.14.2 and 1.14.3, the Bank may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may deem appropriate, goods similar to those not delivered and the Supplier shall be liable for any excess costs or damage caused to the Bank by the Supplier’s default. The Bank reserves the right to offset costs, incurred by it in relation to the termination of the Agreement, from any monies due.

1.14.7 In the event of termination for convenience pursuant to paragraph 1.14.1, the Bank will, in addition to the amounts payable under paragraph 1.14.5, pay to the Supplier an equitable adjustment, not to exceed the total Agreement price, to compensate the Supplier for:

(i) the services accepted by the Bank but not paid previously and adjusted for any savings;

(ii) costs incurred in the performance of the work terminated, including initial and preparatory expenses; and

(iii) the cost of settling disputes with and making payments to the Supplier’s contractors, subcontractors or lessors, under terminated agreements properly chargeable to the terminated portion of the Agreement and not included in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above;

1.14.8 Termination of this Agreement in whole or in part by the Bank shall not prejudice or affect the accrued rights or claims and liabilities of either party to this Agreement.

1.15 Audit

1.15.1 The Supplier agrees to maintain, in accordance with sound and generally accepted accounting practices, records supporting all amounts invoiced under this Agreement.

1.15.2 The Supplier shall make such records available to the Bank or the Bank’s designated representative at all reasonable times until the expiration of three (3) years after the date of the final payment, for the purpose of auditing this Agreement.

1.15.3 In the event an audit determines that the Bank has overpaid the Supplier, the Supplier shall reimburse the Bank, within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written request thereof, the amount of any such overpayment.

1.16 Liquidated Damages

1.16.1 Unless provided otherwise in the Agreement, if the Supplier fails to perform this Agreement or any part thereof within the specified time stated in the Agreement, the Bank may, without prejudice to any other remedy under this Agreement, deduct from the Agreement price, as liquidated damages, a sum equal to 0.1% of the Agreement price for each day of delay until actual performance.

1.16.2 The liquidated damages shall begin to accrue penalties the day after the contract period of performance of the services has expired, without the need to notify the Supplier in writing of such default.

1.17 Liability

1.17.1 The Supplier shall be liable for all damages arising from its action or that of its employees, agents or subcontractors, of which the Supplier or its employees, agents or subcontractors could be rendered responsible under applicable laws.

1.17.2 The Supplier shall bear the full financial consequences of any material damage or personal injuries, including death which, through the Supplier’s action or that of its employees, agents or subcontractors, may be suffered by the Bank or its agents or any third party.

1.18 Intellectual Property and Confidentiality

1.18.1 The Supplier undertakes to indemnify and hold the Bank and its agents and principals harmless against any claim for infringement of intellectual property rights by the transfer or use of any of the goods or components thereof supplied by the Supplier to the Bank.

1.18.2 The Supplier shall be liable for all the consequences, in particular legal and financial, of the exercise by the Bank of its rights, and shall guarantee the Bank against any claim.

1.18.3 If the Supplier is prevented from using the goods or services provided hereunder, the Bank shall return said items to the Supplier who shall refund the Bank for the price paid and for the costs of transportation, installation (if any) and all other costs relating to the acquisition thereof.
1.19 Dispute Settlement

1.19.1 The parties shall make every effort to resolve any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with this purchase order amicably by direct informal negotiation. The party asserting the existence of a disagreement or dispute shall, promptly upon becoming aware of such disagreement or dispute, notify the other party in writing (such writing being referred to herein as the "Notice of Dispute") specifying the nature of the disagreement or dispute, and shall also provide such other information about the disagreement or dispute as the other party may reasonably require.

1.19.2 If, forty-five (45) days after the date the Notice of Dispute has been given, the parties have been unable to amicably resolve the dispute or difference, either party may require that such dispute be settled by arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as at present in force.

1.19.3 The arbitral tribunal shall comprise one arbitrator jointly chosen by the parties. However, where the parties are unable to reach an agreement within sixty (60) days of notification of the Conciliation Notice, the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) shall become the appointing authority.

1.19.4 The arbitration shall take place in the venue specified in the Agreement, or, failing that, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire and shall be in the English language.

1.19.5 The resulting award shall be final and binding on the parties and shall be in lieu of any other remedy.

1.19.6 Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed as or constitute a waiver, renunciation or other modification of any privileges, immunities and exemptions accorded to the Bank under the Agreement Establishing the African Development Bank, international conventions or any other applicable law.

1.19.7 The provisions of this article shall remain in force after the termination of this Agreement.

1.20 Force Majeure

1.20.1 "Force Majeure" means any event or condition which (a) wholly or partially delays or prevents a party from performing any of its obligations under this Agreement, (b) is unforeseeable and unavoidable, (c) is beyond the reasonable control of such party, and (d) occurs without the fault or negligence of such party.

1.20.2 The party affected by such Force Majeure shall give prompt written notice to the other party of the nature and probable duration of such Force Majeure, and of the extent of its effects on such party's performance of its obligations hereunder.

1.20.3 During the continuance of such Force Majeure, the obligations of the affected party shall be suspended to the extent necessitated by such Force Majeure.

1.20.4 In the event of Force Majeure which delays performance of the Agreement or any part thereof by more than thirty (30) days, either party shall have the right, by notice to the other party, to terminate this Agreement.

1.21 Severability

1.21.1 If any provision of the Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect, and such provision will be deemed to be amended to the minimum extent necessary to render it enforceable.

2. Packaging, Title and Risk of Loss for Goods

2.1.1 The Supplier shall provide proper and adequate packaging in accordance with prevailing commercial best practices to ensure that material shipped to the Bank will be delivered free of damage. The Supplier shall use commercially reasonable efforts to utilize recycled and/or recyclable packaging materials. Expenses incurred by the Bank due to the Supplier's non-compliance with such instructions will be for the Supplier's account. The Bank reserves the right to reject any and all shipments deemed by the Bank to have been inadequately packaged.

2.1.2 Title to all goods furnished under the Agreement shall be transferred free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests or other encumbrances when title thereto passes to the Bank. Title will pass to the Bank on the earlier of the date of the payment for such goods or acceptance of the goods. The Supplier shall assume all risk of loss or damage for the goods until such time the title passes to the Bank.