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|  |  Clause 1.1(b) (iii) (c), Annexure-A (BDS), Volume I of the Bidding Documents. | In addition to the Contract Performance Security to be furnished by the Licensee, the Licensor shall furnish back up performance security in the form of bank guarantee for 3% of the Ex-works cost of the HTLS conductor as per format provided in the bid documents for successful performance of HTLS conductor to be manufactured and supplied by the Licensee under the contract. | Please allow licensee to issue the bank guarantee on behalf of licensor for same amount Rationale – BG issued by licensor or licensee offer similar commercial protection to client. | The Contractor/Licensee and Licensor shall submit Contract Performance Guarantee(s) as per the requirements of the Bidding Documents.  |
|  | SCC GCC Clause 9.4, Section-V SCC, Volume I of the Bidding Documents. | 9.4 Issuing Banks The Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment Security and Performance Security are to be provided by the Contractor, which should be issued either: 1. by a Public Sector Bank located in India, or

(b) a scheduled Indian Bank having paid up capital (net of any accumulated losses) of Rs. 1,000 Million or above (the latest annual report of the Bank should support compliance of capital adequacy ratio requirement), or  (c) **by a foreign bank or a subsidiary of a foreign bank, acceptable to the Employer,** with overall international corporate rating or rating of long term debt not less than A- (A minus) or equivalent by a reputed rating agency. Further, **the Bank Guarantee should be confirmed by either (i) its corresponding bank located in India; or (ii) a Public Sector Bank located in India; or (iii) a scheduled commercial private bank located in India** as per para (b) above. | In case of licensor being a foreign party, Licensor finds it difficult to issue BG from Indian bank as the licensor do not have bank limits and are not engaged with Indian banks. For these scenarios, we request to **allow the licensor to issue bank guarantee from a foreign bank with confirmation from Indian bank.** | Provisions of the Bidding Documents are amply clear. |