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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

PROJECT DANTAK

AND

CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF BHUTAN

BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION

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- Objective: This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a collaborative framework between Project Dantak and Construction Association of Bhutan (CAB) to execute infrastructure project under Project Dantak in Bhutan. The MoU aims to facilitate mutual advantage in knowledge transfer, ensure adherence to standardized procedures, enhance occupational health and safety measures and promote the timely and quality execution of projects.
- Knowledge Transfer: Both Project Dantak and the Construction Association of Bhutan (CAB) recognizes the importance of fostering knowledge sharing, technological advancement and collaborative efforts to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly practices in the construction sector. In this spirit, both parties commit to actively exchange knowledge, expertise, and best practices, particularly in the area of green technology.
 - Information Sharing: Project Dantak and CAB shall establish mechanisms for sharing information related to innovative green technologies, sustainable construction methods and environmental conscious practices. This exchange of information shall encompass both local and international perspectives to drive the adoption of cutting-edge solutions.
 - Capacity Building: CAB shall facilitate capacity building initiatives to enhance the understanding and application of green technology among construction professionals. This may include training programs, certifications and skill development activities.
- Standard Bidding Documents and Procurement Rules: The MoU entails the incorporation of standard bidding documents and rules / regulations in execution of infrastructure project with specified focus on area such as inclusion of provisions for occupational health and safety, insurance coverage of workers, as well as accommodation arrangements in the Bills of Quantities (BOQ). This inclusion ensure that workers welfare and needs are adequately addressed during project execution.
- Mobilization and Secured Advance: Project Dantak will release a 4. mobilization advance of 10% above 25 Crores of the contract value to the contractors against conditional Bank Guarantees, facilitating the efficient initiation of project activities. Additionally, a secured advance may be released for non-perishable materials brought to the site as part payment in RARs,

enhancing resource availability.

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5. **Quality Assurance and Timely Execution**: Both parties shall collaborate to formulate a fail-safe mechanism that emphasizes quality assurance and timely project execution. Regular monitoring, inspection and reporting procedures shall be established as given in the tender document to ensure that projects are completed to the highest standards and within stipulated timelines.

Fail-safe mechanism for Quality Assurance and Timely Execution: Recognizing the paramount importance of ensuring the highest standards of quality assurance and timely execution in infrastructure projects, both parties commit to jointly strive towards formulating and implementing a robust fail-safe mechanism shall encompass stringent measures and processes aimed at preventing project delays and upholding exceptional quality throughout all stages of project execution.

6. **Confidentiality:** Any information exchange between the parties in the context of this MoU shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties without prior written consent.

General Provisions:

This MoU is not legally binding and is intended to serve as a framework for collaboration and understanding between the parties.

Any amendments or modifications to this MoU will be made in writing and require the consent of both the parties.

This MoU does not establish any financial obligations between the parties unless explicitly agreed upon in separate agreements.

This MoU will remain in effects for a period of one year unless terminated by mutual agreement or in accordance with applicable laws.

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7. **Signatories:** This MoU is executed by the authorized representatives of Project Dantak and the Construction Association of Bhutan on the 08 Sep 2023 with each party retaining one original copy.

Signatures:

Mr. Trashi Wangyal

President

Construction Association of Bhutan

Date:

Sep 2023

President

Construction Association of Bhutan

Brigadier Jaswinder Singh

Chief Engineer

Project Dantak

Date **8** Sep 2023

In presence of:

Lyonpo Dorji Tshering

Hon'ble Minister

Ministry of Infrastructure & Transport

Dated:

