

FORM OF BANK GUARANTEE

[Performance Security]

To

Regional office-Hyderabad

National Highways Authority of India,

D. No. 8-2-269/S/94, 3rd and 4th floors, Plot no. 94, Road No. 2

Sagar society, Banjara Hills,

Hyderabad-500034,

Telangana

WHEREAS _____ [name and address of Contractor]

(hereafter called the "Contractor") has undertaken, in pursuance of Letter of Acceptance (LOA) No. _____ Dated _____ for "Emergent repair/restoration/maintenance works on project works of "Short Term Improvements and Routine Maintenance of 4/6-lane with paved shoulder stretch from Km 40+000 to Km 100+000 on Hyderabad to Vijayawada section of NH-65 in the state of Telangana (Package-I)" at the risk and cost of Contractor under Clause 34.2 of Contract Agreement (hereinafter called the "Contract").

AND WHEREAS the Contract requires the Contractor to furnish the Performance Security/ Additional Performance Security} for due and faithful performance of its obligations, under and in accordance with the Contract, during the {Contract Period/Construction Period/ Defects Liability Period and Maintenance Period} in a sum of Rs..... cr. (Rupees crore) (the "**Guarantee Amount**"¹).

AND WHEREAS we, through our branch at (the "Bank") have agreed to furnish this Bank Guarantee (hereinafter called the "Guarantee") by way of Performance Security.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bank hereby, unconditionally and irrevocably, guarantees and affirms as follows:

1. The Bank hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees the due and faithful performance of the Contractor's obligations during the {Contract Period/ Construction Period/ Defects Liability Period and Maintenance Period} under and in accordance with the Contract, and agrees and undertakes to pay to the Authority, upon its mere first written demand, and without any demur, reservation, recourse, contest or protest, and without any reference to the Contractor, such sum or sums up to an aggregate sum of the Guarantee Amount as the Authority shall claim, without the Authority being required to prove or to show grounds or reasons for its demand and/or for the sum specified therein.
2. A letter from the Authority, under the hand of an officer not below the rank of General Manager, National Highways Authority of India, that the Contractor has committed default in the due and faithful performance of all or any of its obligations under and in accordance with the Contract shall be conclusive, final and binding on the Bank. The Bank further agrees that the Authority

¹ Guarantee Amount for Performance Security and Additional Performance Security shall be calculated as per Contract.

shall be the sole judge as to whether the Contractor is in default in due and faithful performance of its obligations during and under the Contract and its decision that the Contractor is in default shall be final and binding on the Bank, notwithstanding any differences between the Authority and the Contractor, or any dispute between them pending before any court, tribunal, arbitrators or any other authority or body, or by the discharge of the Contractor for any reason whatsoever.

3. In order to give effect to this Guarantee, the Authority shall be entitled to act as if the Bank were the principal debtor and any change in the constitution of the Contractor and/or the Bank, whether by their absorption with any other body or corporation or otherwise, shall not in any way or manner affect the liability or obligation of the Bank under this Guarantee.
4. It shall not be necessary, and the Bank hereby waives any necessity, for the Authority to proceed against the Contractor before presenting to the Bank its demand under this Guarantee.
5. The Authority shall have the liberty, without affecting in any manner the liability of the Bank under this Guarantee, to vary at any time, the terms and conditions of the Contract or to extend the time or period for the compliance with, fulfillment and/ or performance of all or any of the obligations of the Contractor contained in the Contract or to postpone for any time, and from time to time, any of the rights and powers exercisable by the Authority against the Contractor, and either to enforce or forbear from enforcing any of the terms and conditions contained in the Contract and/or the securities available to the Authority, and the Bank shall not be released from its liability and obligation under these presents by any exercise by the Authority of the liberty with reference to the matters aforesaid or by reason of time being given to the Contractor or any other forbearance, indulgence, act or omission on the part of the Authority or of any other matter or thing whatsoever which under any law relating to sureties and guarantors would but for this provision have the effect of releasing the Bank from its liability and obligation under this Guarantee and the Bank hereby waives all of its rights under any such law.
- .6. This Guarantee is in addition to and not in substitution of any other guarantee or security now or which may hereafter be held by the Authority in respect of or relating to the Contract or for the fulfillment, compliance and/or performance of all or any of the obligations of the Contractor under the Contract.
7. Notwithstanding anything contained hereinbefore, the liability of the Bank under this Guarantee is restricted to the Guarantee Amount and this Guarantee will remain in force for the period specified in paragraph 8 below and unless a demand or claim in writing is made by the Authority on the Bank under this Guarantee all rights of the Authority under this Guarantee shall be forfeited and the Bank shall be relieved from its liabilities hereunder.
8. The Guarantee shall cease to be in force and effect on ****
- . Unless a demand or claim under this Guarantee is made in writing before expiry of the Guarantee, the Bank shall be discharged from its liabilities hereunder.
9. The Bank undertakes not to revoke this Guarantee during its currency, except with the previous

express consent of the Authority in writing, and declares and warrants that it has the power to issue this Guarantee and the undersigned has full powers to do so on behalf of the Bank.

10. Any notice by way of request, demand or otherwise hereunder may be sent by post addressed to the Bank at its above referred branch, which shall be deemed to have been duly authorized to receive such notice and to effect payment thereof forthwith, and if sent by post it shall be deemed to have been given at the time when it ought to have been delivered in due course of post and in proving such notice, when given by post, it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was posted and a certificate signed by an officer of the Authority that the envelope was so posted shall be conclusive.
11. This Guarantee shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force and effect up to the date specified in paragraph 8 above or until it is released earlier by the Authority pursuant to the provisions of the Contract.
12. This Guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) 2010 Revision, ICC Publication No. 758, except that the supporting statement under Article 15(a) is hereby excluded.
13. This guarantee shall also be operatable at our..... Branch at New Delhi, from whom, confirmation regarding the issue of this guarantee or extension / renewal thereof shall be made available on demand. In the contingency of this guarantee being invoked and payment thereunder claimed, the said branch shall accept such invocation letter and make payment of amounts so demanded under the said invocation.
14. The guarantor/bank hereby confirms that it is on the SFMS (Structural Finance Messaging System) platform & shall invariably send an advice of this Bank Guarantee to the designated bank of NHAI, details of which is as under:

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of Beneficiary	NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
2.	Name of Bank	Canara Bank
3.	Account No.	0798201001991
4.	IFSC Code	CNRB0013008

Signed and sealed this day of, 20..... at

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

For and on behalf of the Bank by:

(Signature)

(Name)

(Designation)

(Code Number)

(Address)