



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM:	DATE: 19 March 2013
	REFERENCE: RfQ13/00631

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for Complex daily/monthly cleaning services to the UN House, as detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ. When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2.

Quotations may be submitted on or before **02 April 2013, 16:30 (Moldova local time)** and via e-mail or courier mail to the address below:

United Nations Development Programme in Moldova
131, 31 August 1989 Street, MD-2012 Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
Attention: Registry Office/Procurement
tenders-Moldova@undp.org

Quotations shall be submitted in English or Romanian duly signed and stamped and shall be marked with the note **"RfQ13/00631: Cleaning services to UN House"**.

Quotations submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 5MB, virus-free and no more than 5 email transmissions. They must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected.

It shall remain your responsibility to ensure that your quotation will reach the address above on or before the deadline. Quotations that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your quotation by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

Please take note of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to the supply of the abovementioned services:

Exact Address of services provision - Location	UN House – 131 , 31 August 1989 Street, Chisinau, Moldova
Preferred Currency of Quotation ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars <input type="checkbox"/> Euro <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moldovan Lei
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes <input type="checkbox"/> Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	02 April 2013, 16:30 (Moldova local time)
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others: Romanian

¹ Conversion of currency into the UNDP preferred currency, if the offer is quoted differently from what is required, shall be based only on UN Operational Exchange Rate prevailing at the time of competition deadline.

CM

Documents to be submitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2, and in accordance with the list of requirements in Annex 1; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company profile (short info up to 2 pages incl. current list of clients); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Company's Registration Certificate; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Company's Certificate for provision of cleaning services; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificates of quality for the offered products; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement or certificate of origin for the offered products; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of consumables and detailed description of the offered products (the list should include the brand name, product name and intended use of the product and a list of all ingredients constituting greater than 0.1% of the product for each of the cleaning products must be supplied); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of tools & equipment to be made available for the above assignment; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List and CVs of the proposed staff; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal for operational / working schedule; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reference Letters; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Certificates (ISO, etc.); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evidence/Certification of Environmental Sustainability ("Green" Standards) of the Company or the Product being supplied; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List.
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Deadline Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> 120 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Vendor to extend the validity of the Quotation beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFQ. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Quotation.
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted by LOT
Payment Terms	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% upon complete delivery of goods <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others: Quarterly payments made in MDL at the UN Operational Rate of Exchange on the day of payment
Evaluation Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum 3 year experience in the field; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability of registration certificate and certificate for cleaning services provision at the moment of quotation submission; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability of certificates of quality and origin for the offered products; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability of necessary cleaning equipment and sufficient number of experienced and professional staff; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability of minimum 3 (three) reference letters; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance of the proposed consumables with the environmental requirements listed in Annex 1, section 4.1;
UNDP will award to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one supplier <input type="checkbox"/> One or more Supplier

Type of Contract to be Signed	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Type/s of Contract: Institutional Contract
Conditions for Release of Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Installation <input type="checkbox"/> Passing all Testing <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of Training on Operation and Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Written Acceptance of Goods based on full compliance with RFQ requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others: Provision of good quality cleaning services certified by UNDP CO
Annexes to this RFQ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of Requirements (Annex 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3). Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.
Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only) ²	Corneliu Martiniuc, Procurement Associate corneliu.martiniuc@undp.org Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.

Goods offered shall be reviewed based on completeness and compliance of the quotation with the minimum specifications described above and any other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The quotation that complies with all of the specifications, requirements and offers the lowest price, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated, shall be selected. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price (obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity) shall be re-computed by UNDP. The unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the supplier does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its quotation will be rejected.

After UNDP has identified the lowest price offer, UNDP reserves the right to award the contract based only on the prices of the goods in the event that the transportation cost (freight and insurance) is found to be higher than UNDP's own estimated cost if sourced from its own freight forwarder and insurance provider.

At any time during the validity of the quotation, no price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the quotation. At the time of award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

Any Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a quotation implies that the vendor accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP herein attached as Annex 3.

² This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was received.

UNDP is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract/Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Supplier's preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

Please be advised that UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a purchase order or contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link: <http://www.undp.org/procurement/protest.shtml>.

UNDP encourages every prospective Vendor to avoid and prevent conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, specifications, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFQ.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its suppliers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link : http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

Sincerely yours,



Narine Sahakyan,
Deputy Resident Representative

BREAKDOWN OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEANING SERVICES

1. Background

Place of services to be delivered: 4 floors building of UN House (131, 31 August 1989 Street, Chisinau, Moldova)

Total floor space – 1181 m²

Total basement space – 188 m²

Total garage space – 46 m²

Total area of windows – 276 m²

Total area of glass partitions – 67 m²

Total area of carpet covering – 108 m²

Sanitarily rooms - 11

Kitchenettes - 2

Working places - 67

Contract duration: 15 April 2013 – 14 April 2016.

2. Overall Objectives

To provide general Office Cleaning Services to the UN House to the highest industry standards and not less than in accordance with the minimum service levels outlined below.

The following, but not limited to, are the services to be performed by the company:

- Effective provision of cleaning services for the assigned premises/space.
- Maintenance of high hygiene and green office/premises environment.

3. Scope of Services and Requirements

I. OFFICE ROOMS

Daily works

- To clean out baskets and other waste containers
- To vacuum-clean carpet covering
- To change bags in baskets, if necessary
- To mop solid floors
- To Hoover textile surfaces subjected to walking up and down the room, as well as doorsills
- To remove fingerprints on vertical surface (doors around handles, etc.)
- To dust off all horizontal surfaces within sight and window sills
- To gather up cups, dishes in offices

Weekly works

- To treat furniture by appropriate polish
- To mop solid floors carefully, less accessible sites as well
- To Hoover textile surfaces, less accessible sites as well

Monthly works

- To clean all the area of doors and doorframes
- To dust horizontal surfaces above sight and window sills
- To clean up side of tables, wardrobes and other wood furniture, according to need to treat them by appropriate polish

- To dust additional interior components (radiators, heating distribution, hangers, picture frames, fire alarms, cable distributions, fire extinguisher, electric outlet, switches)
- To clean up plastic parts of chairs and to Hoover upholstery
- To Hoover and dust office chairs
- To clean all glass partitions

Cleaning works according to the needs

- To remove spider webs and dust fluffs
- Notify management on any detected problems.

II. HALLS, STAIRS, ENTRANCE HALL

Daily works

- To clean out baskets and other waste containers
- To vacuum clean carpet covering
- To change bags in baskets, if necessary
- To mop solid floors
- To remove fingerprints on vertical surface (glass walls, doors around door handles, etc.)
- To dust furniture, storage spaces, counters, etc. within sight and window sills

Weekly works

- To wipe and polish glass panels
- To clean passage doors and doorsills carefully
- To mop solid floors carefully, less accessible sites as well
- To clean the entrance door glass, Conference Room glass, both sides, removing fingers marks and smudges

Monthly works

- To clean table sides and other wood furniture, to treat them with appropriate polish according to needs
- To dust interior accessories (radiators, heating plan distributions, hangers, picture frames, fire alarms, cable distributions, fire extinguisher, electric outlet, switches)
- To clean plastic parts of chairs and Hoover upholstery

Cleaning services according to needs

- To remove spider webs and dust fluffs

III. SANITARILY ROOMS, KITCHENETTES

Daily works

- To clean out baskets and other waste containers
- To change bags in baskets, if necessary
- To mop solid floors, socles included
- To Hoover textile surfaces and door mats
- To remove fingerprints on vertical surface (doors around handles, walls, storage of hygienic stuff, etc.)
- To clean out areas made of rust-resistant materials
- To clean out sanitary facilities (washbasins, WC, flush mechanisms, storage spaces) including germicide
- To polish fixtures and mirrors
- To clean tile cladding subjected to water splashes, germicide included
- To remove fingerprints on vertical surfaces (doors around door handles, etc.)
- To manage quantity and replenishment of consumables hygienic stuff according to the agreement with a client
- Washing of dishes – in kitchens

Weekly works

- To mop solid floors carefully, less accessible sites as well , germicide included
- To clean out sanitary facilities carefully (washbasins, WC, flush mechanisms, storage spaces), germicide included
- To wash the whole surface of doors and doorframes
- To replenish paper cloths, toilet paper and air fresheners in toilets

Monthly works

- To clean out carefully ceramic facing, to remove water stone in sanitary facilities;
- To clean carefully kitchen shelves in the kitchen

Quarterly works

- To clean heating fixtures before and after heating season
- To dust extinguishers and fire hydrants
- To give light switchers, electric outlets and protective shield of electric distribution a good clean
- To clean out refrigerators inside with assistance of person authorised by contracting party
- To defrost and to wash refrigerators 1 time/quarter

Cleaning services according to need

- To remove spider webs and dust fluffs

IV. BASEMENT (TECHNICAL SPACE) & GARAGE

Monthly works

- To mop floors
- To remove fingerprints on vertical surface (doors around door handles, etc.)
- To dust (wet cleaning) furniture, storage spaces, counters, etc.

V. Additional services

- To wash all windows, interior and exterior sides, 2 times/year
- To conduct special intensive vacuum cleaning of all carpets 2 times/year
- Emergency services will be provided at "no-extra cost"

Upon completion of cleaning work, all lights shall be turned off, windows shall be closed, doors shall be locked and the premises shall be left in neat and orderly conditions.

4. Cleaning Equipment and Cleaning Consumables

The Contractor shall make available, at its own cost, all necessary equipment, machinery and materials required to adequately perform the services including but not limited to:

- Vacuum Cleaners with clean air filter
- Garbage bags, toilet supplies (toilet paper, paper towels, liquid hand soap, etc.)
- Detergents and disinfectants to be used when cleaning toilets, floors, carpets and glass surfaces (windows and mirrors)
- Dusters, brooms, brushes, buckets and mops

4.1 Environmental criteria for the cleaning consumables (compulsory requirements that products must fulfil):

Restricted cleaning products

- Chlorine-based sanitary cleaners and strongly acidic toilet and bathroom cleaners with inorganic acids

- Chemical air fresheners
- Chemical drain cleaner
- Disposable wipes
- Sprays containing propellants.

Heavy metals

All offered cleaning products must not contain the following heavy metals in concentrations greater than those listed below;

- Arsenic must not exceed 0.5 mg/l.
- Lead must not exceed 0.5 mg/l
- Cadmium must not exceed 0.1 mg/l.
- Chromium must not exceed 0.5 mg/l.
- Mercury must not exceed 0.02 mg/l.

Phosphorous

All offered cleaning products may not contain more than 1% by weight of phosphorus.

Other restricted substances

All offered cleaning products must not contain the following ingredients:

- Ethylene-diamine-tetra-acetate (EDTA) and its salts
- Nitrilo-tri-acetate (NTA)
- Alkyl phenol ethoxylates (APEO) or derivatives thereof

5. Requirements for Contractor's Staff and Labour

All Personnel, cleaning equipment and materials are to be provided by the company.

5.1 Uniform:

The Contractor shall provide uniforms whose quality and colour shall be approved by the UNDP Operations Unit.

5.2 Staff Benefits:

- *Social Security Coverage* – the Contractor will if eligible, ensure provision of social security coverage as per the Government prescribed rates.
- *Pension Scheme Coverage* – the Contractor will ensure provision of pension scheme as admissible under the Government rule.
- *Medical insurance Scheme* - enrol employees in a medical insurance scheme for out-patient and in-patient cover as per the medical insurance practice and laws existing.
- *Leave* - accord Leave entitlements to cleaners as per the country's labour laws.

The company should ensure safety and security of the UN property ensuring highest standards of integrity of company's personnel. The company shall ensure that its personnel are properly insured thus UNDP is exempt from any third party claims.

6. Working hours for delivery of cleaning services:

The contractor will provide two full-time cleaners every day, Monday to Friday, 8 hours, from 08:00 to 17:00 inclusive of 1 hour lunch break for cleaning of bathrooms (incl. re-stock of toilet paper, paper hand towels and liquid soap), common areas (to remove all traces of visible dirt) and in case of meeting rooms, every after each meeting, also, any other emergency services.

It is required that overall office cleaning services are performed after the standard working hours of UN House those are: **08:30 – 18:00.**

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION

(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery)

We, the undersigned, hereby accept in full the UNDP General Terms and Conditions, and hereby offer to supply the items listed below in conformity with the specification and requirements of UNDP as per RFQ Reference RfQ13/00631:

TABLE 1: Offer to Provide Services Compliant with Breakdown of Requirements

	Description	Unit	Rate per month	No. of months	Total
1.	Cleaning of Building Interior & Exterior (as per the Annex 1) FIXED PRICE	Lump sum per month		36	

TABLE 1.1: Breakdown of Consumable Costs per month (included in monthly rate)

List of Consumable Item/s	Estimated Average Consumption (per month)	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Total Price per Item
Total consumables per month				

TABLE 2: Offer to Comply with Other Conditions and Related Requirements

Other Information pertaining to our Quotation are as follows :	Your Responses		
	<i>Yes, we will comply</i>	<i>No, we cannot comply</i>	<i>If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal</i>
Validity of Quotation			
All Provisions of the UNDP General Terms and Conditions			

All other information that we have not provided automatically implies our full compliance with the requirements, terms and conditions of the RFQ.

[Name and Signature of the Supplier's Authorized Person]

[Designation]

[Date]

**UNDP
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**

1.0 LEGAL STATUS:

The Contractor shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Contractor's personnel and sub-contractors shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of UNDP or the United Nations.

2.0 SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS:

The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to UNDP in connection with the performance of its services under this Contract. The Contractor shall refrain from any action that may adversely affect UNDP or the United Nations and shall fulfill its commitments with the fullest regard to the interests of UNDP.

3.0 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES:

The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees and will select, for work under this Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of this Contract, respect the local customs, and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

4.0 ASSIGNMENT:

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Contract or any part thereof, or any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under this Contract except with the prior written consent of UNDP.

5.0 SUB-CONTRACTING:

In the event the Contractor requires the services of sub-contractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval and clearance of UNDP for all sub-contractors. The approval of UNDP of a sub-contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations under this Contract. The terms of any sub-contract shall be subject to and conform to the provisions of this Contract.

6.0 OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:

The Contractor warrants that no official of UNDP or the United Nations has received or will be offered by the Contractor any direct or indirect benefit arising from this Contract or the award thereof. The Contractor agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of this Contract.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless, and defend, at its own expense, UNDP, its officials, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands, and liability of any nature or kind, including their costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the Contractor, or the Contractor's employees, officers, agents or sub-contractors, in the performance of this Contract. This provision shall extend, inter alia, to claims and liability in the nature of workmen's compensation, products liability and liability arising out of the use of patented inventions or devices, copyrighted material or other intellectual property by the Contractor, its employees, officers, agents, servants or sub-contractors. The obligations under this Article do not lapse upon termination of this Contract.

8.0 INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES TO THIRD PARTIES:

8.1 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of this Contract.

8.2 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance, or the equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury or death in connection with this Contract.

8.3 The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death or bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising from or in connection with the provision of services under this Contract or the operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes or other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or sub-contractors performing work or services in connection with this Contract.

8.4 Except for the workmen's compensation insurance, the insurance policies under this Article shall:

8.4.1 Name UNDP as additional insured;

8.4.2 Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's rights to the insurance carrier against the UNDP;

8.4.3 Provide that the UNDP shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.

8.5 The Contractor shall, upon request, provide the UNDP with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article.

9.0 ENCUMBRANCES/LIENS:

The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with the UNDP against any monies due or to become due for any work done or materials furnished under this Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor.

10.0 TITLE TO EQUIPMENT: Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by UNDP shall rest with UNDP and any such equipment shall be returned to UNDP at the conclusion of this Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment, when returned to UNDP, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear. The Contractor shall be liable to compensate UNDP for equipment determined to be damaged or degraded beyond normal wear and tear.

11.0 COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:

11.1 Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, the UNDP shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for the UNDP under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for the UNDP.

11.2 To the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (i) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (ii) that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, the UNDP does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to the UNDP a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

11.3 At the request of the UNDP; the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to the UNDP in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.

11.4 Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents, and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of the UNDP, shall be made available for use or inspection by the UNDP at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential, and shall be delivered only to UNDP authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.

12.0 USE OF NAME, EMBLEM OR OFFICIAL SEAL OF UNDP OR THE UNITED NATIONS:

The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that it is a Contractor with UNDP, nor shall the Contractor, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or THE United Nations, or any abbreviation of the name of UNDP or United Nations in connection with its business or otherwise.

13.0 CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION:

Information and data that is considered proprietary by either Party and that is delivered or disclosed by one Party ("Discloser") to the other Party ("Recipient") during the course of performance of the Contract, and that is designated as confidential ("Information"), shall be held in confidence by that Party and shall be handled as follows:

13.1 The recipient ("Recipient") of such information shall:

13.1.1 use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication or dissemination of the Discloser's Information as it uses with its own similar information that it does not wish to disclose, publish or disseminate; and,

13.1.2 use the Discloser's Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed.

13.2 Provided that the Recipient has a written agreement with the following persons or entities requiring them to treat the Information confidential in accordance with the Contract and this Article 13, the Recipient may disclose Information to:

13.2.1 any other party with the Discloser's prior written consent; and,

13.2.2 the Recipient's employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, and employees officials, representatives and agents of any legal entity that it controls, controls it, or with which it is under common control, who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, provided that, for these purposes a controlled legal entity means:

13.2.2.1 a corporate entity in which the Party owns or otherwise controls, whether directly or indirectly, over fifty percent (50%) of voting shares thereof; or,

13.2.2.2 any entity over which the Party exercises effective managerial control; or,

13.2.2.3 for the UNDP, an affiliated Fund such as UNCDF, UNIFEM and UNV.

13.3 The Contractor may disclose Information to the extent required by law, provided that, subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Contractor will give the UNDP sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of Information in order to allow the UNDP to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made.

13.4 The UNDP may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the UN, resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly, or rules promulgated by the Secretary-General.

13.5 The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing Information that is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction, is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality, is previously known by the Recipient, or at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder.

13.6 These obligations and restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

14.0 FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS

14.1 In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting force majeure, the Contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the UNDP, of such occurrence or change if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract. The Contractor shall also notify the UNDP of any other changes in conditions or the occurrence of any event that interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of this Contract. On receipt of the notice required under this Article, the UNDP shall take such action as, in its sole discretion; it considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the Contractor of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform its obligations under this Contract.

14.2 If the Contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly, or in part, by reason of force majeure to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract, the UNDP shall have the right to suspend or terminate this Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 15, "Termination", except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days.

14.3 Force majeure as used in this Article means acts of God, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or other acts of a similar nature or force.

14.4 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in or for any areas in which the UNDP is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute force majeure under the Contract..

15.0 TERMINATION

15.1 Either party may terminate this Contract for cause, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) days notice, in writing, to the other party. The initiation of arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 16.2 ("Arbitration"), below, shall not be deemed a termination of this Contract.

15.2 UNDP reserves the right to terminate without cause this Contract at any time upon 15 days prior written notice to the Contractor, in which case UNDP shall reimburse the Contractor for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to receipt of the notice of termination.

15.3 In the event of any termination by UNDP under this Article, no payment shall be due from UNDP to the Contractor except for work and services satisfactorily performed in conformity with the express terms of this Contract.

15.4 Should the Contractor be adjudged bankrupt, or be liquidated or become insolvent, or should the Contractor make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a Receiver be appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor, the UNDP may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the terms of these conditions, terminate this Contract forthwith. The Contractor shall immediately inform the UNDP of the occurrence of any of the above events.

16.0 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

16.1 Amicable Settlement: The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the parties.

16.2 Arbitration: Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under Article 16.1, above, within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's written request for such amicable settlement, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. For all evidentiary questions, the arbitral tribunal shall be guided by the Supplementary Rules Governing the Presentation and Reception of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration of the International Bar Association, 28 May 1983 edition. The arbitral tribunal shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26 ("Interim Measures of Protection") and Article 32 ("Form and Effect of the Award") of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.

17.0 PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES:

Nothing in or relating to this Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18.0 TAX EXEMPTION

18.1 Section 7 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter-alia that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize the United Nations exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Contractor shall immediately consult with the UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.

18.2 Accordingly, the Contractor authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Contractor's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Contractor has consulted with the UNDP before the payment thereof and the UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Contractor to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Contractor shall provide the UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

19.0 CHILD LABOUR

19.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, nor any of its suppliers is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

19.2 Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, at no cost to UNDP.

20.0 MINES:

20.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its suppliers is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term "Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.

20.2 Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

21.0 OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW:

The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the terms of this Contract.

22.0 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

22.1 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by it or by any of its employees or any other persons who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged by it from, exchanging any money, goods, services, offers of employment or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging in any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.

22.2 The UNDP shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

23.0 AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP, only the UNDP Authorized Official possesses the authority to agree on behalf of UNDP to any modification of or change in this Agreement, to a waiver of any of its provisions or to any additional contractual relationship of any kind with the Contractor. Accordingly, no modification or change in this Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless provided by an amendment to this Agreement signed by the Contractor and jointly by the UNDP Authorized Official.