



CLARIFICATION # 02		Date: 22-July-2026
Sr #	Bidder's Query	Client Response
	Confirmation of acceptable instrument: Kindly confirm whether a Bank Guarantee — issued by a Saudi bank on behalf of our JV's Saudi partner, and duly counter-guaranteed by a Scheduled Bank in Pakistan — will be accepted as the Bid Security instrument for this tender, notwithstanding the narrower list of instruments stated in the Bid Data Sheet (ITB 16.2). Foreign bank guarantee requirements: If confirmed as acceptable, kindly specify any particular requirements applicable to a Bid Security processed and issued from abroad, including but not limited to: - The specific Scheduled Bank(s) in Pakistan acceptable for providing the counter-guarantee; - The required validity period beyond Bid Validity — fourteen (14) days per IB Clause 15.2 or twenty-eight (28) days per ITB Clause 17.2.1 — as the two clauses differ; - Whether the guarantee must be issued in the name of the Joint Venture as a whole, or may be issued in the name of the Saudi lead partner alone per ITB Clause 17.9; - Any requirement for SWIFT confirmation, direct bank-to-bank advice, or physical submission of the original instrument, given the cross-border issuance. Prescribed format: Kindly confirm whether Form BS-1 "Form of Bid Security" (Section VII, Standard Bidding Forms, Pages 130–131) is the format to be used for a bank-issued Bid Security/Guarantee, or whether a separate, bank-guarantee-specific format will be issued by the Employer for this purpose.	