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The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (GoSL) and the Government of the Republic of India (GoI), hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties” and individually referred to as a “Party”;

Taking into consideration the close and friendly relations between the two countries and their people;

Keeping in view the need for development of electricity transmission interconnection for trade of electricity between the two countries;

Recognizing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2010 between both Parties to conduct a detailed feasibility study on the cross-border transmission interconnection;

Recalling the decision of 5th meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) on Cooperation in Power Sector between India and Sri Lanka held on 28th February, 2024;

THE PARTIES HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall cooperate for implementation of activities listed in Article III of the MOU (hereinafter referred to as "Project") for the proposed $\pm 320\text{kV}$, 1000 MW VSC HVDC Bipole line (with DMR) between Madurai (New), India to Mannar, Sri Lanka or any other route that is more technically and economically feasible along with 500 MW HVDC terminals in Phase-I at both ends.

ARTICLE II

For the purpose of implementation of this MoU, the Nodal Agency from Indian side shall be Ministry of Power of the Government of the Republic of India working through Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "POWERGRID" which expressions shall unless repugnant to the context herein include its successors and permitted assigns) and from Sri Lankan side, the Nodal Agency shall be the Ministry of Energy of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka through Ceylon Electricity Board (hereinafter referred to as "CEB" which expression shall unless repugnant to the context herein include its successors and permitted assigns)

ARTICLE III

The Joint Technical Team (JTT) will review the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the cross-border link in respect of transmission technology and project cost. The JTT will endeavour to complete the review within three (03) months of the date of signing of this MoU. The JTT will report its findings to the Joint Working Group (JWG) for its consideration. The Joint Working Group will decide the modes of investment and implementation of the Project as well as preparation and finalization of operation



and maintenance guidelines, within a timeline of six (06) months from receipt of report from JTT. The JWG will also review the progress made by the JTT.

ARTICLE IV

Both Nodal Agencies shall appoint a Nodal Officer for respective portion of the project at the functional level. The Nodal Officer shall coordinate with the concerned Ministries of both the Governments as required.

ARTICLE V

Respective Governments shall facilitate all necessary clearances for the project in an expeditious and time bound manner in accordance with the agreed project schedule.

Respective Governments shall facilitate issuance of work permits for the project personnel as required under laws.

ARTICLE VI

Each respective Government shall facilitate the adequate security required for ensuring an environment conducive for execution of the Project and their teams at the Project related sites.

Each respective Government shall make available necessary topographical and technical data as deemed necessary for the Project including but not limited to all reference documents including maps etc. for the execution of the Project.

ARTICLE VII

The personnel working on the Project, shall at all times, abide by applicable laws and regulations of respective Government. Further, no suit or proceeding shall be instituted against any personnel deployed by the Parties in each other's territory with respect to the Projects for anything done or purported to be done in good faith for the successful implementation of the project.

ARTICLE VIII

The Parties shall facilitate expeditious entry into or exit of Project related personnel, including appointed firms and their teams, as and when required, in the course of the implementation of the Project.

Such persons shall be issued multiple entry Visas and work permits.

ARTICLE IX

Each respective Government shall endeavor for exemption of various taxes and duties (i.e. customs taxes, levies, royalties, demurrage, VAT, GST, all types of cess and other fiscal levies).

ARTICLE X

Any differences regarding the interpretation or application of any provision of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE XI

This MoU may be amended or modified by mutual written consent of the Parties.



ARTICLE XII

Laws of respective country shall apply to that part of the Project which is executed within the territory of the country.

ARTICLE XIII

The MoU shall come into force from the date of its signature and shall remain in force till the completion and commissioning of the Project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this MoU.

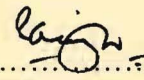
Signed at Colombo on 05th day of April 2025 in two originals in English language.

**ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**



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Prof. K.T.M. Udayanga Hemapala
Secretary,
Ministry of Energy

**ON BEHALF OF THE
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Santosh Jha
High Commissioner of India to
Sri Lanka