### COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO) REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)

#### FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2014 unprecedented outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in West Africa, which exposed the weaknesses in Liberia's health care delivery system, the need for a public health institution in Liberia was highlighted as a mechanism for support to national health care delivery institutions;

WHEREAS, in 2016, through an Act of the Legislature, NPHIL was established to collaborate with and strengthen the Ministry of Health and other institutions in the health sector through the carrying out of research into public health concerns of the Nation and to provide disease prevention activities;

WHEREAS, the Institute is a corporate body solely owned by the Government of financial, technical and administrative autonomy which allows it in the exercise of its function like all other state-owned enterprises to enter into contracts or any other transaction(s) in furtherance of its mandate;

WHEREAS, the Institute has been allotted Operational funding under the 2022 National Budget, which amongst other things shall be applied towards the procurement of Petroleum Products for the Institute;

WHEREAS, the Institute instituted and scrupulously complied with Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPCA) by among other things, undertaking a RESTRICTED BID DING process under NCB No.: NPHIL/GOL/SBA/RB/001/2022, from which the Contractor emerged as the "most responsive bidder" and was offered the said Contract for the procurement of works as detailed herein;

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a Liberian owned company with a good history of dealership in assorted petroleum products in Liberia, and having been selected the most respons ve bidder and awarded the said contract, has accepted the offer and covenant to execute this Contract consistent with its scope, terms and other provisions herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual interests, promises, warranties and covenants set forth herein, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

#### **SECTION I- AWARD**

The Institute hereby awards a Contract to the Contractor by these presents and for the Procurement of Petroleum Products, both gasoline and diesel, to the Institute within duration of this Contract as specified herein.

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#### SECTION II- SUPPLY REQUIREMENT

- 1. The Contractor shall supply Petroleum Products to the Institute pursuant to requests made by the Institute through sealed Local Purchase Orders (LPO) specifying the type of products to be supplied and the quantity of each.
- 2. Petroleum Products, when made, shall be in the form of coupons of various denominations either in United States dollars.
- 3. The Contractor is required to supply Petroleum Product detailed in the LPD within one week of receipt of the LPO.

#### SECTION III CONTRACT PRICE

- 1. It is mutually agreed by the Parties that the Institute shall request and purchase and the Contractor shall supply the Institute Petroleum Product up to the amount of Fourteen Thousand Thirty United States Dollars (US\$14,030.00).
- 2. It is further mutually agreed by the Parties that the Contractor shall sell or supply and the Institute shall purchase from the Contractor gasoline at a unit price (per gallon) of US\$5.72, and diesel at a unit price of US\$5.89. However, these unit prices are subject to fluctuations based upon the Government of Liberia promulgated prices, which means decreases and/or increases in unit prices from time to time over the Contract Duration.

### SECTION IV- TERM/DURATION

The duration of the contract is three (3) months from the effective date which is the date of the last co-signature, or up to December 31, 2022, provided which one comes first. The Contract shall be executed within the period of the 2022 National Budget, provided that all Petroleum Products paid for but not supplied before the December 31, 2022, shall continue to be supplied to the Institute until fully exhausted.

#### SECTION V PAYMENT TERMS

The **Contractor** must provide the **Institute** with a valid invoice for each Order detailing the Services supplied and the Price. All payments for Services supplied shall be made consistent with the internal payment or disbursement processing procedures of the Institute as follows:

- 1. The **Institute** shall pay the **Contractor** thru the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP). Payments to the Contractor shall be made in advance before the supply or delivery of petroleum products is made.
- 2. The **Institute** shall notify the **Contractor** if there is any error in the invoice, or if it disputes some of the charges. Notwithstanding this, The **Institute** may withhold payment of any disputed portion of the invoice pending resolution of the dispute, but remains obligated to pay the remaining balance of the invoice on time.
- 3. The **Institute** is entitled to set off any amount the **Contractor** owes the Institute under this Agreement against any amount that the Institute owes the **Contractor**.

# SECTION VI- WARRANTY

The Contractor warrants the all coupons supplied to the Institute shall be accepted at all of its stations and stations of its affiliate companies across the country. The Parties acknowledge that the validity of the coupons once issued is ninety (90) days.
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2. Contractor warrants that it has the capacity to supply all petroleum products, in both quantity and kind as will be specified in LPOs from time to time, and that said supply shall be made on or before one week from the date of receipt of the LPO by the Contractor at a place to be designated by it.

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#### **SECTION VII - TERMINATION**

- 1. The Institute may terminate this Agreement without cause with 30 days' written notice.
- 2. The **Institute** may terminate this Agreement immediately with written notice to the Contractor if:
  - (a) the Contractor commits a fundamental breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement, and such breach is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within fourteen (14) days of notice in writing from the Institute requiring that such breach be remedied;
  - (b) the **Institute** determines that the **Contractor** has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract,
  - (c) the **Contractor** is in breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement, which breach is not a fundamental breach and such breach is capable of being remedied and has not been remedied within thirty (30) days of notice in writing from the **Institute** requiring that such breach be remedied;
  - (d) for any reason the **Contractor** is no longer able to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
  - (e) the **Contractor** becomes insolvent or goes into administration, receivership or liquidation or enters into any arrangement or composition with its creditors or any action is taken for the appointment of an administrator or official manager or receiver of the assets of the **Contractor**; or
  - (f) the Contractor ceases or threatens to cease carrying on business.
- 3. The Contractor may terminate this Agreement immediately on written notice to the Institute if the Institute fails to pay or dispute any invoice and fails to remedy such breach within sixty (60) days of a notice from the Contractor requiring the Institute to remedy same and stipulating that the Institute is in breach of this Agreement.
- 4. Termination of this Agreement is without prejudice to any accrued rights of either party as at the date of termination.

#### SECTION VIII- FORCE MAJEURE

That in the event of Force Majeure the contract shall be suspended until such period of force majeure is abated and normal conditions are restored. Force Majeure is herein defined as nature disasters, acts of God war, civil disturbances, or other events beyond the parties' control that may hinder, delay or make impossible performance of this contract. The Party affected by the force majeure shall promptly inform the other Party through documentary evidence of the Force Majeure circumstances and the contract duration shall be extended accordingly when the force majeure situation is abated.

### SECTION IX- DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Parties shall submit to arbitration under the Commercial Code of Liberia, all disputes of any kind whatsoever between the Institute and the in connection with, or arising out of the Contact or the execution of the works, whether during the execution of the works or after their completion and whether before or after repudiation or other termination of the Contract, including any dispute as to any opinion, instruction, determination, certificate, or valuation of the Contract. The matter in dispute shall, in the first place, be referred in writing with a copy to the other party. Such reference shall state the problem discover no later than (5) five working days, after which any failure to amicably resolve the said dispute the aggrieved party shall serve the supposing breaching party a notice of intention to commence arbitration.

#### SECTION X - NO CLAIMS

There are no claims, investigations or court proceedings or others in progress, pending or threat against the Contractor which, if determined adversely, would have a material adverse effect on the capacity of the Contractor's capacity to implement the Contract.

# SECTION XI NOTICE OF MATERIAL EVENTS

The Contractor shall immediately provide written notice to the Institute of any claims, investigation or court proceedings in progress, pending or threatened against it which, if

determined adversely, would have a material contrary effect on the capacity of the Contractor to implement the Contract or perform any of its obligations.

### SECTION XII NON-WAIVER OF REMEDIES

No delay in exercising any right or remedy under this agreement shall be construed as a waiver of such right of remedy.

#### **SECTION XIII - NOTICE**

Any notice required by this Agreement shall be in writing and (i) sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by reputable courier, to the parties at the addresses set out above; or (ii) personally delivered with acknowledgement of receipt. Notices in conformance with this paragraph shall be effective upon receipt.

#### **SECTION XIV - TAXATION**

The Contractor shall pay all taxes that are due and payable under this contract to the Liberia Revenue Authority.

### **SECTION XV - SEVERABILITY**

Any provision hereof which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof and without affecting the validity or enforceability of such provisions in any other jurisdiction. Where applicable laws resulting in such prohibition or unenforceability may be waived, they are waived by the parties to the full extent permitted by law so this Agreement shall be valid, binding agreement, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

### SECTION XVI - SURVIVAL

All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Contractor in this agreement shall be considered to have been relied upon by the Institute and shall survive the execution and delivery of this agreement, regardless of any investigation made by the Institute or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Institute may have had notice or knowledge of any fact or incorrect representation or warranty at any time in the contract term, and shall continue in full force and effect ending five years subsequent.

# SECTION XVII CONFIDENTIALITY

In performance of this Agreement or otherwise, all information regarding the activities or business of the Institute shall at all times be treated by the Contractor as confidential and shall not be disclosed or circulated except with the prior written consent of the Institute or to the extent that the information is or comes into public domain through no fault of the Contractor, or that such disclosure is required by law.

#### SECTION XVIII - AMENDMENT

Amendments and modifications to this Agreement shall be made in writing and signed by The Parties or their respective authorized agents. The terms of this agreement shall extend to and be binding on The Parties, their successors in office, legal representatives and heirs during the life of the Agreement

# SECTION XIX - ENTIRE AGEEEMENT

There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein. This Agreement supersedes all previous communication, representations, agreements, negotiations, or understandings, either verbal or written between the parties hereto.

# ARTICLE XX - BINDING CLAUSE

The terms and conditions of this contract shall be binding on the parties hereto, their legal representatives, assigns, Successors-in-Business and interest as if they were specifically named herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate copies on the dates and at the places indicated below.

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

FOR SUPER PETROLEUM COMPANY:

A. Karim Kanneh

FOR THE INSTITUTE:

Hon. Jane A. Macauley DIRECTOR GENERAL