FORMAT FOR LETTER OF CREDIT(FOB)

FROM : (NAME & ADDRESS OF OPENING BANK)

TO : (NAME & ADDRESS OF ADVISING BANK)

(FOR Haldia Shipments) STATE BANK OF INDIA OVERSEAS BRANCH KOLKATA SWIFT CODE SBININBB106

(FOR Vizag Shipments) STATE BANK OF INDIA OVERSEAS BRANCH VIZAG SWIFT CODE SBININBB123

40A TYPE OF L/C : IRREVOCABLE

20 L/C Number :

31C DATE OF ISSUE :

31D DT. & PLACE OF EXPIRY : __________________________ IN INDIA

50 NAME & ADDRESS OF THE:

APPLICANT

51 NAME & ADDRESS OF THE: Steel Authority of India Limited,

CENTRAL MARKETING ORGANISATION,

40 J.N. ROAD, CALCUTTA-700001, INDIA

32B AMOUNT OF CREDIT IN : US DOLLARS/EURO/ANY OTHER FREELY EXCHANGEABLE CURRENCY (IN FIGURES & WORDS)

39A PERCENTAGE CREDIT : AS PER CONTRACT

AMOUNT TOLERANCE

41A CREDIT AVAILABLE WITH: STATE BANK OF INDIA, KOLKATA/VIZAG

CREDIT AVAILABLE BY : PAYMENT

42C USANCE OF THE DRAFTS : AT SIGHT

42A DRAFTS TO BE DRAWN ON:

43P PARTIAL SHIPMENT : AS PER CONTRACT

43T TRANSHIPMENT : AS PER CONTRACT

44A SHIPMENT FROM :

44B SHIPMENT TO :

44C LATEST SHIPMENT DATE:

45A DESCRIPTION OF GOODS:

a) Description of Materials
b) Size (in mm) (except for Pig Iron) and Quantity (in MT)
c) Specification
d) Tolerance (except for Pig Iron)
e) Quantity
f) Quantity Tolerance
g) Price per MT (in USD/Euro/any other freely exchangeable currency)

46A DOCUMENTS REQUIRED :

1. Beneficiary’s Commercial Invoice - one original plus two signed copies covering materials shipped. Invoices will be raised on the basis of (THEORETICAL/ACTUAL/DRAFT SURVEY) WEIGHT.
2. Full set 3/3 original on board ocean or charter party Bills of Lading (CONGEN) issued to the order of the Shipper and blank endorsed marked “Stowed under deck” further more marked “freight prepaid/freight payable as per charter party/freight to pay” evidencing shipment from ______ Port, India to _______ Port in _______ Bills of Lading (CONGEN) with remarks “Materials partly rust stained/rusty edges/wet before shipment/rust stained/some rusty edges” and/or “unprotected cargo” and/or “said to be” and/or “said to weigh” and/or “stored in open area prior to loading” are acceptable.
3. Works Test Certificate in duplicate issued by the Steel Plant (s) of the beneficiary and confirming that the materials are as per contracted specification.
4. Pre-shipment Inspection certificate issued by M/s , (herein after referred to as ) certifying the following:
   (a) The materials were inspected prior to loading at the load port and that the markings were as per General Terms and Conditions for Export (FOB) between beneficiary and the opener.
   (b) Quantity loaded on board the vessel.
   (c) The materials were loaded on board the vessel without apparent damage and were found to be in good order and condition. That the loading was done under their supervision, and were properly lashed and secured (except for pig iron) inside the hatches / holds of the vessel.
Remarks such as “materials partly rust stained/ rusty edges/ wet before shipment/ rust stained/ some rusty edges” and/or “stored in open area prior to loading” and/or “unprotected cargo” appearing in Pre-shipment inspection certificate are acceptable.
5. Beneficiary’s packing list (except for pig iron) indicating details of the materials shipped - 3 copies.
7. Copy of Telex/e-mail or Fax from Steel Authority of India Limited, ________ / CALCUTTA/ NEW DELHI addressed to the opener’s FAX No. ________ within FIVE working days after the on board Bill of Lading (CONGEN) date advising the name of the vessel, Bill of Lading (CONGEN) number and date, materials and quantity, destination ports in ________ (Country).

47A ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:
1. Ocean freight is payable by the opener over and above the value of this Letter of Credit.
2. Marine Insurance to be covered by the opener.
3. In the event of (a) the failure of the opener to nominate a suitable vessel within 21 days, including lay days, from the date of beneficiary’s Notice of Readiness of cargo (herein after referred to as NOR) OR (b) the vessel nominated by the opener and accepted by the beneficiary failing to arrive at ________ port within 21 days including lay days from the date of NOR for reasons other than Force Majeure as defined under Clause 10 of the said contract OR (c) the vessel (nominated by the opener and accepted by the beneficiary) being found unsuitable after its arrival at ________ Port as certified by independent marine surveyors, this credit is payable at sight at your counters in Kolkata/Vizag against presentation of beneficiary’s draft drawn on ourselves for 100 per cent value of invoice accompanied by the following documents:
   a) Beneficiary’s commercial invoice in duplicate.
   b) Copy of Beneficiary’s Notice of Readiness,
   c) One copy of Works Test Certificate issued by the Steel Plant (s) of the beneficiary.
   d) Certificate issued by M/S , certifying that the materials were inspected at the storage yard of the beneficiary at ________ Port and that the markings are as per requirement of the said contract and that the materials are in good condition and further that the materials and quantity as per the Commercial Invoice are ready for shipment.
Remarks such as “materials partly rust stained/ rusty edges/ wet before shipment/ rust stained/ some rusty edges” and/or ‘stored in open area prior to loading’ and/or ‘unprotected cargo’ appearing in the Pre-Ship ment Inspection Certificate are acceptable.
   e) Beneficiary’s declaration that suitable vessel has not been nominated by the opener within 21 days including lay days from the date of NOR OR that the vessel nominated by the opener and accepted by the beneficiary failed to arrive at ________ Port within the agreed lay days for reasons other than Force Majeure as defined in Clause No. 10 of the said contract OR that the vessel (nominated by the opener and accepted by the beneficiary) being found unsuitable after its arrival as certified by the independent Marine Surveyors (copy of certificate of Marine Surveyors to be presented in such an event) as the case may be.
   f) Beneficiary’s declaration that (i) the materials as mentioned in the commercial invoice will be held in custody by the beneficiary at the risk and responsibility of the opener at the storage yard of the beneficiary at Haldia/Vizag Port. (ii) The materials will be covered by tarpaulin at the cost of the opener. (iii) The Materials shall be held by the beneficiary free of ground rent for a period of 30 days from the date of payment (against documents negotiated under this clause) and for storage extending beyond 30 days from the date of payment the ground rent calculated at the rate of USD 1.00 per metric tonne for 15 days or part thereof up to 30 days shall be paid by the opener to the beneficiary and for the period beyond this till the date of acceptance of vessel’s NOR, when the vessel finally calls at the loadport, the cost of holding the materials shall be paid by the opener to the beneficiary at the rate of US $ 1 per metric tonne for every week(s) (7 days) or part thereof. (iv) Upon nomination of suitable vessel within reasonable time by the opener for taking delivery of the materials for which payment has been realized by the beneficiary as aforesaid and subject to such vessel arriving at Haldia/Vizag Port within the agreed lay days, the beneficiary shall at his cost deliver FOB (Stowed) as per terms of the said contract the materials for which payment has been realized by the beneficiary as aforesaid.

4. Any amendment to the letter of credit without the prior written consent of the beneficiary shall not be taken cognizance of under this letter of credit.

71B CHARGES:
All Bank charges incurred outside India shall be borne and paid for by the opener.
All Bank charges incurred in India shall be borne and paid for by the beneficiary.

48 PERIOD FOR PRESENTATION:
Within 21 days from the date of B/L.

49 CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTIONS:
Paying Bank may add their confirmation to this Letter of Credit at the request and expense of the beneficiary and such confirmation shall also apply to any amendment (s) to this credit.
REIMBURSEMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Upon presentation of documents complying in all respects to Letter of Credit terms, the negotiating bank is authorised to claim on us by tested telex certifying that all terms and conditions have been complied with and that the relative documents have been forwarded to us by Registered Airmail/ Courier. We undertake to remit within two working days after receipt by us of your tested telex/swift claim in US Dollars/Euro/any other freely exchangeable currency in accordance with your instructions. This Letter of Credit is subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits (1993 Revision) International Chamber of Commerce Brochure No. 500. This telex/swift may be treated as the operative instrument.

All apparent spelling mistakes/mistakes in LC documents, which do not alter meaning/specification/description/Quantity/value of goods are acceptable and will not count as a discrepancy.