

North Dakota Department of Transportation
INVITATION TO BID

NDDOT Contract # 50141213

Bid Number: 775-45-14-050	Bid Opening Date & Time: 07/30/2014 02:00 PM
Items: Salt, Road Maintenance	Buyer: Sue Eberle
Bid Mailing Address: 608 East Boulevard Avenue	Telephone Number: 701-328-4465
City, State, Zip: Bismarck, ND 58505-0700	Email: seberle@nd.gov
Contract Period: 09/01/2014 TO 08/31/2015	Date Prepared: 07/16/2014

BID RESPONSE

Please submit your bid response on the attached forms in conformance with the instructions and specifications in the NDAC 04-12-01 -- 04-12-16. One copy of your bid response must be returned to the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDOT) prior to the time and date specified for the bid opening. Bid responses received after the time and day specified for the bid opening will be rejected. Mark envelope with word "BID" and the opening time and date. If your bid response is accepted by NDDOT, then your bid response will constitute a binding contract.

CONTRACT

This contract is made and entered into by and between NDDOT for the state of North Dakota (hereinafter state) and

Vendor Name <u>NSC minerals Ltd.</u>	Vendor Address <u>2241 Speers Ave, Saskatoon, SK, Canada</u>
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(hereinafter vendor). In consideration of and for the acceptance by the state of the offer made by the vendor pursuant to the bid response, the vendor agrees and promises to sell, furnish, and deliver to the state, at the time, places, and prices specified in the bid response, all goods, merchandise, supplies, commodities, equipment, or other items contained in the bid response and for which the vendor has been awarded this contract by the state. The vendor shall fully perform this contract in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the bid response including all specifications, rules, or regulations mentioned therein, and shall comply with all applicable provisions of the NDAC 04-12-01 -- 04-12-16 promulgated by the State Purchasing Division; such manual being made a part of this contract by reference to the Risk Management Appendix and Civil Rights Appendix, both attached, are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this agreement.

The following must be completed by the vendor; failure to do so may result in the rejection of the vendor's bid proposal.

Vendor Name <u>NSC minerals Ltd.</u>		
Mailing Address <u>2241 Speers Ave, Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7L 5X6</u>		
Telephone Number <u>(306) 934-6477</u>	Fax Number <u>(306) 242-0178</u>	E-mail Address <u>nsc@nscminerals.com</u>

M. NEIL CAMERON PRES. & CEO

Name & Title (Type or Print)

[Signature]

Signature

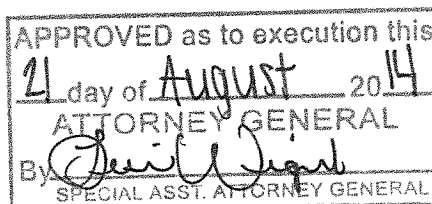
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Date

To be signed by Owner; Partner; Corp. Pres., Vice Pres., or other authorized Corp. Officer or bid may be rejected. (if signed by other authorized Corp. Officer, please attach copy of Power of Attorney or other documentation showing authority to sign.)

FOR ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION USE ONLY Accepted by the state according to provisions of award.

Authorized Signature <u>Darcy R. Rosendahl, Dep. Dir.</u>	Date <u>21 AUG 2014</u>
Recommended for approval <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>8-12-14</u>
	Approximate contract amount \$ <u>2,472,086.24</u>



CLA 7480 (Div. 50)

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail only one completed and signed request for bid document per envelope, unless instructed otherwise. Request for bid documents not signed or received after the date and time specified in the request for bid will be rejected.

BID IS: ☒ SEALED ☐ NOT SEALED

Address the envelope containing your response in the following manner:

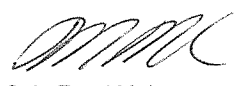
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BID OPENING DATE/TIME - July 30, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
N. D. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
PROCUREMENT SECTION
608 E BOULEVARD AVE
BISMARCK ND 58505-0700

BIDDERS INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Acceptance/Rejection/Waiver.** The state of North Dakota reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive minor irregularities or technicalities, provided such waiver does not substantially change the offer or provide a competitive advantage to any vendor, in the judgment of the state.
2. **Affirmative Action.** The contractor will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of individuals with disabilities, and concerning the treatment of all employees without regard to discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.
3. **Assistance to Bidders with a Disability.** Bidders with a disability that need an accommodation must contact the Procurement Officer prior to the deadline for receipt of bids so that reasonable accommodations can be made.
4. **Alterations and/or Corrections.** The person signing the bid response must initial any or all manual alterations and/or corrections to the bid response. Those bid responses with alterations and/or corrections that are not initialed may be rejected.
5. **Award.** Award will be made to a responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest price considering conformity with specifications, terms of delivery, quality, and serviceability. NDDOT reserves the right to consider bids varying in minor respects from any specific requirements herein, but judged to meet the intent of this request.

Contracts are not awarded at the bid opening. Bid responses will be firm for 30 days, unless stated otherwise.
6. **Awards, Splitting of.** The state reserves the right to make awards by item, groups of items, or on the total low bid for all the items specified as indicated in the detailed specifications. Bidders interested only in the total low bid for all items are to state 'all or nothing' on their bid response.
7. **Bidder Checklist.** HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO:
 - Bid F.O.B. Destination (Ship To: Address) Freight Prepaid.
 - Mark envelope as indicated.
 - Review Standard Terms and Conditions contained in this solicitation.
 - Sign your bid on the cover sheet.
 - Initial all bid/pricing changes you made.
 - Bid responses must be submitted in ink or type written.
 - Review and complete all requirements contained in this solicitation to ensure compliance.
8. **Bidder's Responsibility and Late Bids.** It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that a bid response is physically deposited with the NDDOT Procurement Office prior to the date and time specified for the opening. Late bid responses will not be opened and will be rejected and returned regardless of the degree of lateness or the reasons. It is the bidder's responsibility to comply with the State of North Dakota's laws and regulations.

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9. **Bid Summary.** Bid summaries are available when the bid has been awarded. When bids are issued using the State's electronic bidding system, the bid summary will be posted and available for download from:
<http://www.nd.gov/spo/>

Bid summaries will be mailed to those bidders who supply a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their bid response. A copy of the bid summary may also be obtained by visiting the NDDOT Procurement Office during normal working hours.

10. **Bid Bond.** Waived in this instance; however, bidder(s) failing to enter into a contract with this office, upon notification of award, may be subject to removal from the bidder's list.

11. **Clarifications, Bid Changes and Questions Deadline.** The Procurement Officer is the point of contact. Any irregularities, lack of clarity, requested bid changes and all questions regarding this bid and the procurement process must be addressed to the Procurement Officer referenced on the first page of this document not later than end of business July 23, 2014. (Contact information is indicated on cover page). If a bid amendment is required, it will generally be issued after this date.

The bidder is cautioned that the requirement of this solicitation can be altered only by written amendments and that verbal communications from whatever source are of no effect.

12. **Definitions.**

- Bidder - any person or firm submitting a competitive bid in response to a solicitation.
- Bid summary - a summary of all bid responses received by the NDDOT Procurement Office.
- Bid response - the executed document submitted by a bidder in response to a solicitation.
- Contract - a deliberate written agreement between two or more competent persons to perform specific act or acts.
- Contractor - any person or firm having a contract with a governmental body.
- Solicitation - the process of notifying prospective bidders that the state wishes to receive bids for furnishing goods or services.

13. **Deviation from Specifications Supplied by NDDOT.** Unless otherwise indicated by the bidder, it will be assumed that specifications will be met in all respects. Any deviation from the minimum specifications indicated herein must be clearly pointed out PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS; otherwise, it will be considered that the items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications, and the bidder will be held responsible.

14. **Electronic & Facsimile Bids.** Bid responses are not to be email attached or faxed to the NDDOT unless this transmittal method has been authorized by the Procurement Officer or bid document. (Contact the Procurement officer regarding additional requirements and exceptions.) Bid responses electronically submitted or faxed may be rejected as non-responsive.

15. **Eligible Bidders.** Road salt manufacturers/producers only shall be deemed eligible bidders. Bids submitted by trucking or other companies who do not manufacture or produce road salt will be rejected.

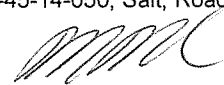
16. **Freight/F.O.B. Destination.** Freight and transportation charges are to be included in the price of the products, unless otherwise specified in the solicitation. (F.O.B. - Free On Board).

17. **Indemnification.** The attached Risk Management will be incorporated into the contract. The successful Bidder may be required to furnish proof of insurance, as detailed in the Risk Management Appendix.

18. **Multiple Bid(s).** Bidders may submit more than one bid response(s) for the item(s) specified in the solicitation. Each bid submitted must comply in all aspects with the bid requirements and these instructions.

19. **Negotiation.** NDDOT reserves the right to negotiate with the successful bidder to ensure the best possible consideration is afforded to all concerned.

20. **Open Records.** After award, bid documents will be subject to the North Dakota open records law. Records are closed or confidential only if specifically stated in law. If a request for public information is received, the procurement officer will determine whether the information is an exception to the North Dakota open records law, and the information will be processed appropriately. Those interested in reviewing the bid file, are to make



arrangements, with the NDDOT Procurement Office. The NDDOT Procurement Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

21. **Performance Bond.** Successful bidders will not be required to furnish a performance bond; however, failure to perform satisfactorily will result in the immediate termination of the contract(s) and bidders may be subject to removal from the bidder's list.

22. **Preparation of Bid.** Bids will be accepted on NDDOT forms only. If the document is located on the State Procurement Office website, then bidder is to download the document and type or write their responses as indicated by the bid document. Alteration of the bid document may be cause for bid rejection. Bidders are cautioned to examine specifications and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk.

23. **Pricing.** Unit prices are to be stated in United States currency and based on the unit of measurement specified in the solicitation, F.O.B. Destination, to the NDDOT delivery locations specified herein.

In the event of mathematical differences between the unit price and extended total, the unit price will prevail.

24. **Protest of Award.** An interested party may protest the award within seven days after receiving notice in accordance with N.D.C.C. 54-44.4-12 and N.D.A.C. 4-12-14.

25. **Receipt of Bids.** All sealed bids received by the NDDOT Procurement Office will be opened and read at 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, at the time specified in the solicitation.

26. **Rejection.** Bid responses may be rejected if:

- The bid response is not legible.
- The bid response is not submitted on the form supplied.
- The bid response is not completed as requested.
- The bid response is completed and/or signed in pencil.
- The bid response is faxed to the procurement office.
- The bid response is not signed by an authorized company representative.
- The bid response is not responsive to the specifications or other requirements of the solicitation.
- Changes to the bid response are not initialed.
- The bid response is received after the time and date specified.
- The bidder has not met Vendor Registration requirements or is suspended or debarred.
- The bid document has been altered by the bidder.
- The bidder is determined to be not responsible (N.D.A.C. 4-12-11-04).
- The price is not fair and reasonable
- Or a combination of above.

27. **Signature.** The bid must be signed manually in ink. The name and title of the person signing the bid response must be typed or printed above the signature. The bid must be signed by **Owner, Partner, Corp. Pres., Vice Pres., or other authorized Corp. Officer** or the bid may be rejected. If signed by other authorized Corp. Officer or representative, please attach a letter signed by the Owner, Partner, Corp. Pres., or Vice Pres. indicating the individual has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the company (or a Power of Attorney).

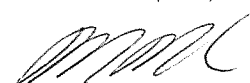
28. **Supplemental Terms and Conditions.** Bids including supplemental terms and conditions will be accepted, but supplemental conditions that conflict with any conditions contained in this ITB or that diminish the State's rights will be considered null and void. The State is not responsible for identifying conflicting supplemental terms and conditions before issuing a contract award.

After award of contract:

- a) If a conflict arises between a supplemental term or condition included in the bid and a term or condition of the ITB, the term or condition of the ITB will prevail, and,
- b) If the State's rights would be diminished as a result of application of a supplemental term or condition included in the bid, the supplemental term or condition will be considered null and void.

Changes, modifications, additions, or alterations to the bid document could be cause for rejection of the submitted bid at the sole discretion of the NDDOT. Contact the Procurement Officer in writing prior to the deadline for clarifications.

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29. **Taxes.** The State does not pay sales tax or federal excise tax. The state sales tax exemption number is E-2001. The federal tax-free transaction number is 45-0309764.

30. **Vendor Registration.** Bids will be accepted from bidders who are not currently Approved Bidders for the State of North Dakota; however, the successful bidder may be required to become approved prior to award, in accordance with N.D.C.C. 54-44.4-09. To become an Approved Bidder, you must: 1) register with the North Dakota Secretary of State (fees apply), and 2) submit a completed Bidder List Application to the ND State Procurement Office. Registration instructions and forms are available on-line at: www.nd.gov/spo/vendor. Contact the ND State Procurement Office at 701-328-2683 or infospo@nd.gov for assistance.

31. **Withdrawal or changes to a bid response prior to the bid opening date and time.** A bidder may withdraw or make a change to his bid response prior to the bid opening date and time. The request to make a change or withdraw must be in writing by a representative of the firm. The request to withdraw or change must be signed by the bidder or his designated representatives.

32. **Withdrawals after the bid opening date and time.** Withdrawals after the bid opening will be allowed only upon written approval from the NDDOT Procurement Office. Vendors continually withdrawing bids after the bid opening may be removed from the Vendor Database.

GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Applicable Law and Venue.** Any dispute arising out of this agreement will be resolved under the laws of the State of North Dakota.

2. **Binding Contract.** The acceptance of a bid response in writing by the purchasing agency constitutes a contract between the bidder and the State. Written acceptance from the purchasing agency will be in the form of a purchase order, notification of award, or contract. Any oral agreement or arrangement by a bidder with a State employee or purchasing agency will have no force or effect unless reduced to writing.

3. **Compliance with Laws, Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action.** The contractor must, in performance of work under this contract, fully comply with all applicable federal, state or local laws, rules, regulations and policies, including those relating to nondiscrimination, affirmative action, accessibility and civil rights including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The contractor agrees to file all required reports on time, to make required payroll deductions, and to pay all taxes and premiums owed on time, including sales and use taxes and unemployment compensation and workers' compensation premiums. The contractor shall have and keep current at all times during the term of this contract all licenses and permits required by law.

4. **Contract Amendments, Waivers.** After a binding contract has been entered into, no changes (i.e. additions, substitutions, subcontracting or a price adjustment) may be made, unless prior approval has been obtained from the purchasing agency and Procurement Officer.

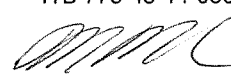
The terms of this contract shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented, or amended, in any manner whatsoever, except by written instrument signed by the parties. No waiver consent, modification or change of terms of this agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties. Such waiver, consent, modification, or change, if made shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given. There are no understandings, agreements, or representations, oral or written, not specified herein regarding this agreement.

5. **Contract Term and Renewal Option.** The NDDOT will enter into a contract with an effective date **beginning September 1, 2014, and ending August 31, 2015, inclusive.** This contract may be renewed upon satisfactory completion of the initial contract term. The NDDOT reserves the right to execute up to four options to renew this contract for a period of twelve (12) months each, not to exceed sixty (60) months total. Renewals will be documented by amendment.

The NDDOT reserves the right to renegotiate price and terms provided that such negotiated price and terms fall within the original scope of work for this bid. Negotiations may be conducted annually or at such times that additional and unexpected services falling within the scope of the contract may occur. Such changes will be documented by amendment to the contract.

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6. **Contract Termination.**

- a. **Termination without Cause.** This contract may be terminated by mutual consent of both parties, or by either party upon 30 days' written notice.
- b. **Termination for Lack of Funding or Authority.** The State may terminate this contract effective upon delivery of written notice to the contractor, or on any later date stated in the notice, under any of the following conditions:
- If funding from federal, state, or other sources is not obtained and continued at levels sufficient to allow for purchase of the services or supplies in the indicated quantities or term. The contract may be modified by agreement of the parties in writing to accommodate a reduction in funds.
 - If federal or state regulations or guidelines are modified, changed or interpreted in such a way that the services are no longer allowable or appropriate for purchase under this contract or are no longer eligible for the funding proposed for payments authorized by this contract.
 - If any license or certificate required by law or regulation to be held by the contractor to provide the services required by the contract is for any reason denied, revoked or not renewed.
- Any such termination of this contract under (i), (ii), or (iii), above, shall be without prejudice to any obligations or liabilities of either party already accrued prior to such termination.
- c. **Termination for Cause.** The State by written notice to the contractor may terminate the whole or any part of this contract:
- If the contractor fails to provide services required by this contract within the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or
 - If the contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of this contract, or so fails to pursue the work as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms and after receipt of written notice from the State, fails to correct such failures within ten days or such longer period as NDDOT may authorize.
 - The rights and remedies of the State provided in the above clause related to defaults by the contractor are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.
- d. **Termination, Deliveries.** If the contract is terminated for any reason, the contractor is responsible for delivery of all commodities and services ordered prior to the termination, unless those orders had been canceled by the Purchasing Agency or Entity.

7. **Contract Price Adjustment:** The Contract Unit Prices shall be firm for the twelve (12) months of the contract period. On an annual basis, all unit prices may be subject to price adjustment (increase / decrease). The request for a price adjustment shall be submitted to the Procurement Office at least forty five (45) days before the scheduled contract expiration date and must include justification for the proposed change. The Procurement Officer will respond as follows:

- 1) The request may be granted,
- 2) The contract may be cancelled and solicitation may be re-advertised, or
- 3) The contract may be continued without change.

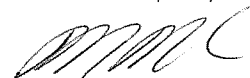
If a price increase is approved by the NDDOT, the date the increase will be effective along with the new unit prices will be included in an amendment document. Approval of any price increase renews the twelve month firm price period.

The State shall also be advised of and receive the benefit of any price decrease. The same notification and review process will apply to a decrease in cost.

8. **Materials and Workmanship.** All material and workmanship shall be subject to inspection and testing at the discretion of the purchasing agency.

9. **Inspection and Investigations.** The State reserves the right to conduct inspections and investigations related to the bidder and offered commodities or services to make determinations regarding compliance with the bid requirements and responsibility of the bidder.

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Billing and Payment Procedures: Orders may be placed by telephone, facsimile, or email. The bidder shall deliver the order and bill the district. The NDDOT will then process payment through voucher with reference to contract number.

Payment will normally be made within thirty days after delivery and acceptance of commodities or services under this contract and receipt of a correct invoice. All invoice and payment inquiries must be directed to the purchasing agency.

10. **Subcontracts, Assignment:** The contractor shall not subcontract, assign or transfer the contractor's interests or duties under this contract without express written consent of the purchasing agency.

11. **Successors in Interest:** The provisions of this agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns.

12. **Receiving:** Deliveries must arrive at the designated destination(s) during normal business hours unless other shipping/receiving instructions are issued by NDDOT personnel. The contractor shall contact the NDDOT to schedule delivery dates and times at least 24 hours in advance of delivery.

All NDDOT offices will be closed in recognition of State holidays. Any day declared a holiday by the President or Governor will also be recognized by office closure.

13. **Service Representative.** The contractor must provide a dedicated customer service representative to provide support for this contract. The contractor shall notify the Procurement Officer in the event the representative is changed.

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(Name of person servicing this contract)

BUSINESS NAME: NSC minerals Ltd.

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CITY & STATE: Saskatoon, SK ZIP CODE: S7L 5X6

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FAX NUMBER: (306) 242-0178 E-MAIL: jdekolver@nscminerals.com

ADDITIONAL CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

Sealed bids will be received for furnishing sodium chloride in the form of **ROAD MAINTENANCE SALT** as per the following instructions and specifications. Bids must be received at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), Procurement Section, 608 E Boulevard Ave., Bismarck ND 58505-0700 **no later than 2:00 p.m. July 30, 2014**, at which time and place such bids will be publicly opened and read.

CONTRACT AWARD: Award will be made to a responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest price considering conformity with specifications, terms of delivery, quality, and past performance. The NDDOT reserves the right to award in the best interests of the state.

Any individual contractor may be awarded multiple districts for salt deliveries. NDDOT reserves the right to limit the tonnage of salt awarded to any one bidder, taking into consideration the vendor's capacity to deliver, as determined by NDDOT.

If the contractor's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the same, the contractor shall execute and affect a contract in accordance with the terms of the contractor's bid within 10 days after notice of award.

Should the prime contractor(s) fail to meet the delivery or product specification requirements of the resultant contract(s) of this bid, the State reserves the right to purchase the material from the nearest available source. Any additional cost incurred as a result by the NDDOT may be collected from the prime contractor(s).

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BID PRICE: The total bid price is to include all discounts and deductions, and is to be less federal and state taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Unit prices are to be the price per TON for salt in bulk, delivered by truck, F.O.B. Destination, to the NDDOT delivery locations specified herein.

Delivery to locations not shown in the bid response will be at the unit price established for the closest bid point.

Payment for sodium chloride failing to meet product specifications may be reduced at a rate of up to twenty percent (20%) of the invoice price per ton. The State reserves the right to waive any or all price adjustments. For price adjustments due to liquidated damages, see the Performance Requirements section.

OFF SEASON DISCOUNT: A bidder who is concerned with meeting delivery deadlines in the late fall to fill orders, may want to plan for summer or off season deliveries. The summer or off season deliveries may also provide for better opportunity of back hauls which could reduce shipping costs. Bidders are invited to submit an 'off-season' delivery discount for orders placed **May 1 – August 31**. The discount will be a percentage off of the delivered price by district. Bidders are not required to include discounts in their bid offer. If offered, please indicate this discount in the Bid Response section of this bid document.

Discounts will be applied if offered. If a discount is submitted, then the discount shall be bid as a percentage that will be calculated and deducted from the material total for each district.

Discounts will not be used to determine low bid by district.

FUEL SURCHARGE ADJUSTMENT: The contract will apply a fuel cost adjustment to motor diesel fuel for increases/decreases in fuel costs during the contract period. The adjustment will be based on the average monthly fuel cost and any increase/decrease will be applied to the loads shipped for the next month.

The Procurement Officer will determine a monthly average price for motor diesel fuel for each calendar month by using the weekly prices posted in the "Weekly Retail On-Highway Diesel Prices – Midwest Region" maintained by the Energy Information Administration of the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) to determine the fuel cost adjustment factor which will be applied. <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/wohdp/diesel.asp>.

Contractors, districts and the Maintenance Division will be notified by the Procurement Officer when a fuel cost adjustment is to be made.

The price for diesel fuel in the Midwest on the **1ST Monday of July 2014** as determined from USDOE reporting will be the **base price** from which adjustments will be determined. The following table is an example of the table which will be used to determine the unit price adjustment factor: The adjustment factor will be applied to the Contract Unit Price by District for road maintenance salt as awarded.

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Contract Unit Price (firm 12 mth) x Fuel Cost Adjustment Factor = Next Month's Unit Price

REFERENCE		
FUEL PRICE RANGE		% ADJUSTMENT TO UNIT PRICE
\$2.050	\$2.149	-5.85%
\$2.150	\$2.249	-5.20%
\$2.250	\$2.349	-4.55%
\$2.350	\$2.449	-3.90%
\$2.450	\$2.549	-3.25%
\$2.550	\$2.649	-2.60%
\$2.650	\$2.749	-1.95%
\$2.750	\$2.849	-1.30%
\$2.850	\$2.949	-0.65%
\$2.950	\$3.049	0.00%
\$3.050	\$3.149	0.65%
\$3.150	\$3.249	1.30%
\$3.250	\$3.349	1.95%
\$3.350	\$3.449	2.60%
\$3.450	\$3.549	3.25%
\$3.550	\$3.649	3.90%
\$3.650	\$3.749	4.55%
\$3.750	\$3.849	5.20%
\$3.850	\$3.949	5.85%

The table will expand upward and/or downward as necessitated by fuel price fluctuation.

Example: USDOE reports are issued each Monday. If June has four weeks reporting. ((June 7 @ \$2.899 + June 14 @ \$2.874 + June 21 @ \$2.908 + June 28 @ \$2.893) / 4 wks.) = \$2.894 (rounded to two decimal places). This represents a unit price adjustment of -0.65% using the table presented above if the base fuel price is \$2.950 - \$3.049. If the Contract Unit Price is \$36.00 per Ton, then \$36.00 Ton x -0.65% = \$35.77 for the month of July shipments. The increased or decreased fuel cost adjustment for all loads shipped in July would be based on June's fuel cost adjustment factor and so on throughout the contract period.

The fuel cost adjustment method will not change throughout the term of the contract. An average for the last month of the contract annually will not be performed since at that time the contract will either be under review for extension or will be in the solicitation process. If the contract is extended, the new base price for diesel fuel will be the cost per gallon as determined by USDOE on the 1st Monday of July of each consecutive year.

CONTRACT VOLUME: The quantities to be purchased will depend on requirements as determined by climatic conditions. An estimation based on previous purchase requirements is listed in the schedule of contemplated purchases. It is possible that no purchases may be required for some of the shipping points listed. NDDOT reserves the right to vary purchase quantities from those indicated, based on actual need. Quantities are based on best information available at this time.

NDDOT, in consideration for the unit price obtained from the supplier, agrees to purchase under each contract a minimum of 70% of the estimated quantities. We reserve the right to purchase up to 130% of the estimated quantities, if inclement weather necessitates additional salt purchases.

PNEUMATIC DELIVERY: Some districts prefer pneumatic deliveries. Where indicated bidders shall provide a fee per ton which will be added to invoices for loads shipped with pneumatic equipment.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

ORDERING AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS: Orders will be placed beginning **September 1, 2014.**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation is divided into eight district locations. The district offices order salt for their sections. A listing of NDDOT contact people at each location will be provided to the successful bidder(s). The salt storage in the section locations is limited by the salt storage capacity; therefore, salt orders will be placed as needed throughout the winter. Severe weather may cause the rapid depletion of salt inventories, and require the district to place orders under emergency conditions. The district will notify the vendor that emergency conditions exist at the time the order is placed.

Orders will be placed by the districts for sodium chloride for shipment by truck, 27 ton / 25 metric ton lots, and in bulk form. Orders may be placed by telephone, facsimile, or email. The bidder shall deliver the order and bill the district. The NDDOT will then process payment through voucher with reference to contract number.

Routine deliveries must begin within 7 days and be completed within 12 calendar days after receipt of the order. For orders larger than 200 tons, an additional day shall be allowed for each 50 tons ordered over 200 tons. Emergency orders require delivery of a minimum of 100 ton / 91 metric ton (per district) within 96 hours of the order.

Occasionally, a district may order large quantities for salt/sand mixing. A district may be mixing at two locations, at the same time, in late September-early October. The district must give the vendor one week notice prior to the commencement of delivery. Orders for mixing may be as large as 700 tons and must be delivered within a two week period. The additional day for orders larger than 200 tons will not apply in this instance.

Vendors must notify the districts if they are unable to meet required delivery schedules. Consideration will be given for delays due to road closures. If deliveries cannot be made due to severe weather, the vendor must contact the ordering district so that NDDOT can prioritize deliveries. When situations warrant, the contractor may request and NDDOT may authorize delivery at times and by means not normally allowed under the terms of this contract.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: Liquidated damages will be assessed by NDDOT Maintenance Division at a rate of \$0.30/ton per day after 12 calendar days for routine orders, after the fourth calendar day for emergency orders, and after the adjusted required delivery period for orders larger than 200 tons. NDDOT districts should notify the Maintenance Division regarding orders eligible for the application of liquidated damages. The State reserves the right to waive any or all parts of these liquidated damages.

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NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SPECIFICATIONS FOR
SODIUM CHLORIDE TO BE USED FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES

1. **Description:** This specification consists of supplying sodium chloride, in the form of rock salt, to the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) for use as a deicer in snow and ice removal and for various other purposes.

2. **Materials:**

A. **Standard Specification:** The sodium chloride shall meet the standard specification requirements of ASTM D 632-01 Type I with the following exceptions:

1. Remove section 4. **Chemical Requirements** and insert the following: The sodium chloride shall conform to the following requirements for chemical composition:

Sodium Chloride (NaCl), min, %	98.0
Insolubles, max, %	1.0

2. Remove section 4. **Physical Requirements** and insert the following:

5.1 *Grading*

5.1.1 *Type I* - The grading of Type I sodium chloride, when tested by means of laboratory sieves conforming to Specification E 11, shall conform to the following requirements for particle size distribution:

Sieve Size	Max % Passing
19.0 mm (3/4 in.)	100
12.5 mm (1/2 in.)	100
9.5 mm (3/8 in.)	100
4.75 mm (No. 4)	95 - 100
2.36 mm (No. 8)	65 - 90
0.600 mm (No. 30)	5 - 25
0.300 mm (No. 50)	0 - 10

3. Remove section 6. **Permissible Variations.**

B. **Moisture Content:** A maximum moisture content of 1.0 percent by weight will be allowed. If the sodium chloride is delivered with more than 1.0 percent moisture, the shipment will be accepted provided the material is still suitable for use and a price adjustment will be made to compensate for all moisture over 1.0 percent. If the material is not suitable for use, the shipment will not be accepted.

3. **Packaging and Marking:** The sodium chloride shall be delivered in bulk lots as specified by the NDDOT. For each bulk lot, the contractor shall furnish the NDDOT with a copy of a 'Certificate of Compliance' from the manufacturer furnishing the sodium chloride certifying that it conforms to the specifications herein. The 'Certificate of Compliance' shall be submitted to the Maintenance Supervisor or an employee assigned by the Maintenance Supervisor to receive the certificate for the respective district and shall include the following:

1. Name of the supplier.
2. Truck number
3. Bulk lot number
4. Clear identification of the type and grade of sodium chloride supplied.
5. Quantity of sodium chloride represented by the certificate (in tons).
6. Statement that the sodium chloride meets the specification herein required by the Contract.
7. Signature of responsible representative from sodium chloride manufacturer.

4. **Inspection:** The Department reserves the right to sample and test the material either at the point of manufacture or after delivery. In such cases, the result of the tests shall govern the acceptance or rejection of the material. Every facility shall provide free entry should the purchaser elect to sample the material at the place of manufacture. If the purchaser decides to sample the material after delivery, it is understood that the sample will be taken directly from the freight car or truck.
5. **Method of Measurement:** The sodium chloride will be measured by the ton as shown on the 'Certificate of Compliance' delivered and accepted by the NDDOT. The NDDOT reserves the right to weigh any or all bulk lots.
6. **Basis of Payment:** The quantity of sodium chloride measured shall be paid at the contract price per ton for sodium chloride in the form of rock salt. Price and payment shall include delivery charges to the location set forth in the bid.

**BID RESPONSE FOR
SODIUM CHLORIDE IN THE FORM OF ROCK SALT**

BISMARCK AREA - DISTRICT 1			
Delivery Point	Salt Shed Storage Capacity in tons	Estimated Purchase Quantity in Tons	Price per Ton
Bismarck	2900	4000	
Center	340	440	
Flasher	185	200	
Glen Ullin	1000	1200	
Linton	375	200	
McClusky	390	260	
Napoleon	285	200	
Selfridge	185	300	
Steele	1230	1000	
Underwood	1000	1200	
Total	7890	9000	\$78.85

Off season delivery discount for orders placed May 1 – August 31 - Bismarck district 5 %

Pneumatic delivery charge – Bismarck District \$ 20.00/ton

VALLEY CITY AREA - DISTRICT 2			
Delivery Point	Salt Shed Storage Capacity in tons	Estimated Purchase Quantity in Tons	Price per Ton
Ashley	60	30	Price per Ton
Courtenay	120	30	
Edgeley	500	300	
Ellendale	500	120	
Gackle	120	120	
Jamestown	1200	150	
Litchville	No Shed	0	
Medina	500	420	
Oakes	120	150	
Valley City	850	1620	
Wishek	500	60	
Total	4470	3000	\$94.86

Off season delivery discount for orders placed May 1 – August 31 – Valley City district 5 %

Pneumatic delivery charge – Valley City District \$ 20.00/ton

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SODIUM CHLORIDE IN THE FORM OF ROCK SALT**

DEVILS LAKE AREA - DISTRICT 3			
Delivery Point	Salt Shed Storage Capacity in tons	Estimated Purchase Quantity in Tons	Price per Ton
Cando	270	0	
Carrington	200	0	
Devils Lake	1200	0	
Fessenden	No Shed	0	
Langdon	200	0	
Maddock	200	300	
Pekin	200	0	
Rolla	125	0	
Rugby	600	500	
Total	2995	800	\$77.85

Off season delivery discount for orders placed May 1 – August 31 – Devils Lake district 5 %

Pneumatic delivery charge – Devils Lake District \$ 20.00/ton

MINOT AREA - DISTRICT 4			
Delivery Point	Salt Shed Storage Capacity in tons	Estimated Purchase Quantity in Tons	Price per Ton
Bottineau	350	125	
Garrison	400	100	
Harvey	350	75	
Kenmare	300	150	
Minot	750	300	
Mohall	300	200	
Parshall	350	300	
Towner	120	75	
Velva	150	75	
Total	3070	1400	\$70.59

Off season delivery discount for orders placed May 1 – August 31 - Minot district 5 %

Pneumatic delivery charge – Minot District \$ 20.00/ton

**BID RESPONSE FOR
SODIUM CHLORIDE IN THE FORM OF ROCK SALT**

DICKINSON AREA - DISTRICT 5			
Delivery Point	Salt Shed Storage Capacity in tons	Estimated Purchase Quantity in Tons	Price per Ton
Beach	500	250	
Belfield	500	150	
Beulah	500	400	
Bowman	500	150	
Dickinson	1500	750	
Hettinger	500	200	
Killdeer	500	200	
Mott	500	150	
New England	300	75	
Richardton	500	200	
Total	5800	2525	\$84.74

Off season delivery discount for orders placed May 1 – August 31 - Dickinson district 5 %

Pneumatic delivery charge – Dickinson District \$ 20.00/ton

GRAND FORKS AREA - DISTRICT 6			
Delivery Point	Salt Shed Storage Capacity in tons	Estimated Purchase Quantity in Tons	Price per Ton
Adams	1060	225	
Cavalier	700	0	
Cooperstown	1060	408	
Drayton	2000	125	
Finley	No Shed	0	
Grafton	1060	400	
Grand Forks	4576	1000	
Larimore	1060	0	
Michigan	1060	200	
Total	12576	2358	\$86.68

Off season delivery discount for orders placed May 1 – August 31 – Grand Forks district 5 %

Pneumatic delivery charge – Grand Forks District \$ 20.00/ton

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WILLISTON AREA - DISTRICT 7			
Delivery Point	Salt Shed Storage Capacity in tons	Estimated Purchase Quantity in Tons	Price per Ton
Bowbells	500	220	
Crosby	500	220	
New Town	500	100	
Stanley	1000	1350	
Tioga	500	100	
Watford City	500	100	
Williston	1500	1500	
Total	5000	3590	\$81.32

Off season delivery discount for orders placed May 1 – August 31 - Williston district 5 %

Pneumatic delivery charge – Williston District \$ 20.00/ton

FARGO AREA - DISTRICT 8			
Delivery Point	Salt Shed Storage Capacity in tons	Estimated Purchase Quantity in Tons	Price per Ton
Casselman	450	450	
Fargo	3000	2500	
Forman	450	350	
Hillsboro	450	650	
Leonard	No Shed	0	
Lidgerwood	450	450	
Lisbon	450	250	
Mayville	450	400	
Wahpeton	450	650	
Wyndmere	1000	450	
Total	7150	6150	\$98.61

Off season delivery discount for orders placed May 1 – August 31 - Fargo district 5 %

Pneumatic delivery charge – Fargo District \$ 20.00/ton

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**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CIVIL RIGHTS APPENDIX**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the Contractor), agrees as follows:

1. Compliance with Regulations: The Contractor shall comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. Nondiscrimination: The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap, or income status**, in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor shall not participate, either directly or indirectly, in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiation, made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap, or income status.**
4. Information and Reports: The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the North Dakota Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Contractor shall so certify to the North Dakota Department of Transportation, or the Federal Highway Administration, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the North Dakota Department of Transportation shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including but not limited to:
 - a. withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or
 - b. cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
6. Incorporation of Provisions: The Contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 6 in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto.

The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the North Dakota Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance provided, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation by a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the North Dakota Department of Transportation to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State; and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

**The Act governs race, color, and national origin. Related Nondiscrimination Authorities govern sex, 23 U.S.C. 324; age, 42 U.S.C. 6101; disability/handicap, 29 U.S.C. 790; and low income, E.O. 12898.



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Risk Management Appendix

Service Contracts with Private Individuals, Companies, Corporations, Etc.:

Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the state of North Dakota, its agencies, officers and employees (State), from and against claims based on the vicarious liability of the State or its agents, but not against claims based on the State's contributory negligence, comparative and/or contributory negligence or fault, sole negligence, or intentional misconduct. The legal defense provided by Contractor to the State under this provision must be free of any conflicts of interest, even if retention of separate legal counsel for the State is necessary. Contractor also agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the State harmless for all costs, expenses and attorneys' fees incurred if the State prevails in an action against Contractor in establishing and litigating the indemnification coverage provided herein. This obligation shall continue after the termination of this agreement.

Contractor shall secure and keep in force during the term of this agreement, from insurance companies, government self-insurance pools or government self-retention funds authorized to do business in North Dakota, the following insurance coverages:

- 1) **Commercial general liability and automobile liability** insurance – minimum limits of liability required are **\$250,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per occurrence.**
- 2) **Workers compensation** insurance meeting all statutory limits.
- 3) The State of North Dakota, its agencies, officers, and employees (State) shall be endorsed as an **additional insured** on the commercial general liability and automobile liability policies.
- 4) Said endorsements shall contain a **"Waiver of Subrogation"** in favor of the state of North Dakota.
- 5) The policies and endorsements may not be canceled or modified without **thirty (30) days prior written notice** to the undersigned State representative.

Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance evidencing the requirements in 1, 3, and 4, above to the undersigned State representative prior to commencement of this agreement.

The State reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of all required insurance documents, policies, or endorsements at any time. Any attorney who represents the State under this contract must first qualify as and be appointed by the North Dakota Attorney General as a Special Assistant Attorney General as required under N.D.C.C. Section 54-12-08.

When a portion of a Contract is sublet, the Contractor shall obtain insurance protection (as outlined above) to provide liability coverage to protect the Contractor and the State as a result of work undertaken by the Subcontractor. In addition, the Contractor shall ensure that any and all parties performing work under the Contract are covered by public liability insurance as outlined above. All Subcontractors performing work under the Contract are required to maintain the same scope of insurance required of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be held responsible for ensuring compliance with those requirements by all Subcontractors.

Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary (i.e., pay first) as respects any insurance, self-insurance or self-retention maintained by the State. Any insurance, self-insurance or self-retention maintained by the State shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. The insolvency or bankruptcy of the insured Contractor shall not release the insurer from payment under the policy, even when such insolvency or bankruptcy prevents the insured Contractor from meeting the retention limit under the policy. Any deductible amount or other obligations under the policy(ies) shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. This insurance may be in a policy or policies of insurance, primary and excess, including the so-called umbrella or catastrophe form and be placed with insurers rated "A-" or better by A.M. Best Company, Inc. The State will be indemnified, saved, and held harmless to the full extent of any coverage actually secured by the Contractor in excess of the minimum requirements set forth above.

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**North Dakota Department of Transportation
AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 50141213
Project No.**

THIS AMENDMENT to the above-referenced contract is entered into by and between the State of North Dakota, acting through its Director of Transportation, hereinafter known as NDDOT, whose address is 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0700, and NSC Minerals, Ltd., hereinafter known as the Contractor, whose address is 2241 Speers Avenue, Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7L5X6.

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a contract on September 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the contract was competitively bid and awarded to the Contractor; and

WHEREAS, an off-season discount is applied to orders placed between May 1st and August 31st; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Contractor and NDDOT agree that the off-season discount will be applied to orders placed between May 1st and July 31st.



All other terms and conditions of the above-referenced contract are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect.

EXECUTED the date last below signed.

WITNESS:

Jaime Dekelver

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Jaime Dekelver

SIGNATURE

To be signed by Owner, Partner, Corp. Pres., Vice Pres., or other authorized Corp. Officer. (If signed by other authorized Corp. Officer, please attach copy of Power of Attorney or other documentation showing authority to sign.)

CONTRACTOR:

NSC Minerals Ltd.

COMPANY NAME

M. Neil Cameron

OFFICER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

SIGNATURE

President - CEO

TITLE

September 26, 2014

DATE

WITNESS:

Sandra Gaebel

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Sandra Gaebel

SIGNATURE

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Grant Levi

DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)

Grant Levi

SIGNATURE

10/10/14

DATE

APPROVED as to substance by:

Bred Darr

DIVISION DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)

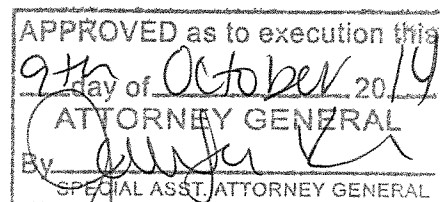
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SIGNATURE

10-7-14

DATE

CLA 52494 (Div. 06)
L.D. Approved 5-19-00; 5-03





Certificate of Insurance

No.: 2013-9

Dated: November 29, 2013

This document supersedes any certificate previously issued under this number

This is to certify that the Policy(ies) of insurance listed below ("Policy" or "Policies") have been issued to the Named Insured identified below for the policy period(s) indicated. This certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the Certificate Holder named below other than those provided by the Policy(ies).

Notwithstanding any requirement, term, or condition of any contract or any other document with respect to which this certificate may be issued or may pertain, the insurance afforded by the Policy(ies) is subject to all the terms, conditions, and exclusions of such Policy(ies). This certificate does not amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the Policy(ies). Limits shown are intended to address contractual obligations of the Named Insured.

Limits may have been reduced since Policy effective date(s) as a result of a claim or claims.

Certificate Holder:

North Dakota Department of Transportation
Procurement, Room 22
608 E Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58508-0700

Named Insured and Address:

NSC Minerals Ltd.
2241 Speers Avenue
Saskatoon, SK S7L5X6
Dharmesh Samji

This certificate is issued regarding:

Type(s) of Insurance	Insurer(s)	Policy Number(s)	Effective/ Expiry Dates	Sums Insured Or Limits of Liability	
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY • Including Cross Liability • Contingent Employer's Liability • Contractual Liability	Lloyd's Underwriters	B0509DR625013	Dec 01, 2013 to Dec 01, 2014	Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability	\$ 1,000,000 Each Claim
				Products & Completed Operations	\$ 2,000,000 Aggregate
				Non - Owned Auto	\$ 2,000,000
				Tenants Legal Liability	\$ 2,000,000
				Pollution - IBC 2313	\$ 2,000,000

Additional Information:

ADDITIONAL INSURED:

North Dakota Department of Transportation - Procurement as additional insured where required by written contract or written agreement with respect to Commercial General Liability, but only with respect to the above and arising out of the operations of the Named Insured.

WAIVER OF SUBROGATION:

A waiver of subrogation shall be provided in favor of the Certificate Holder, but only with respect to liability arising out of the operations of the Named Insured.

PRIMARY/NON-CONTRIBUTORY: Commercial General Liability Policy, but only with respect to work performed by the Insured.

Notice of cancellation:

Should any of the policies described herein be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, the insurer(s) affording coverage will endeavour to mail 30 days written notice to the certificate holder named herein, but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the insurer(s) affording coverage, their agents or representatives, or the issuer of this certificate.

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North Dakota Department of Transportation

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Amendment #1

To: M. Neil Cameron, President, NSC Minerals Ltd.
From: Sue Eberle, Financial Mgmt. Division, NDDOT
Date: August 19, 2014
Re: ITB 775-45-14-050, Salt, Road Maintenance

NSC Minerals Ltd. has provided correspondence dated August 18, 2014 regarding the risk management appendix requirement for automobile liability insurance.

NSC Minerals Ltd. has stated that all salt sold under the duration of this contract will be conveyed into trucks at the plant and hauled by third party carriers.

NSC Minerals Ltd. will require that all third party carriers contracting with NSC Minerals Ltd. to haul road salt for the North Dakota Department of Transportation shall provide evidence of sufficient automobile liability insurance coverage to meet the risk management requirements of the State of North Dakota.

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Neil Cameron".

M. Neil Cameron, President, NSC Minerals Ltd.

Dated

A handwritten date in black ink, "Aug. 19/14".

Eberle, Sue M.

From: Jaime DeKelter <jdekelter@nscminerals.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 11:10 AM
To: Eberle, Sue M.
Subject: Automobile Liability Insurance
Attachments: 20140818095805132.pdf

Hi Sue,

Please see attached documentation from our last contract regarding the Automobile Liability Insurance component of our contract. This email will confirm that all salt sold under the duration of this contract will be conveyed into trucks at the plant and hauled by third party carriers. NSC Minerals Ltd. will require that all third party carriers contracting with NSC Minerals Ltd. to haul road salt for the North Dakota Department of Transportation shall provide evidence of sufficient automobile liability insurance coverage to meet the risk management requirements of the State of North Dakota.

If you require anything further, please let me know.

Regards,
Jaime DeKelter, CCLP
Vice President of Logistics



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WHEREAS, the contract was competitively bid and awarded to the Contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has performed satisfactorily under the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has expressed a willingness to extend the term of the above-referenced contract for an additional twelve (12) months; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Contractor and NDDOT agree that the term of the contract will be extended through August 31, 2016 with an overall base price decrease of 3.83% per ton. New pricing per location is attached.



All other terms and conditions of the above-referenced contract are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect.

EXECUTED the date last below signed.

WITNESS:

Julie Bayne
NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Bayne
SIGNATURE

To be signed by Owner, Partner, Corp. Pres., Vice Pres., or other authorized Corp. Officer. (If signed by other authorized Corp. Officer, please attach copy of Power of Attorney or other documentation showing authority to sign.)

CONTRACTOR:

NSC Minerals Ltd
COMPANY NAME

Jaime DeKelver
OFFICER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

DeKelver
SIGNATURE

VP Logistics
TITLE

July 28, 2015
DATE

WITNESS:

LAUREEN M. MARTIN
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Laureen M Martin
SIGNATURE

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Grant Levi
DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)

Darcy R. Rosendahl, Dep. Dir.
SIGNATURE

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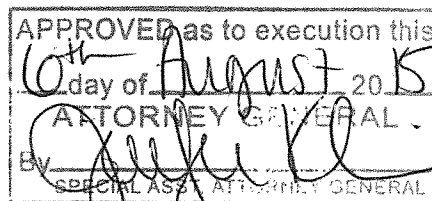
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NSC Minerals Ltd.

Pricing for State of North Dakota
September 1, 2015 - August 30, 2016

District (Approx. Annual Volume)	Location	Unit Prices US\$/Ton	
		Hopper Delivery	Additional Charge for Pneumatic Delivery
Bismarck (9,000 Tons)	Bismarck	\$ 76.14	\$ 20.00
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	Flasher		
	Glen Ullin		
	Linton		
	McClusky		
	Napoleon		
	Selfridge		
	Steele		
	Underwood		
Dickinson (2,525 Tons)	Beach	\$ 81.39	\$ 20.00
	Belfield		
	Beulah		
	Bowman		
	Dickinson		
	Hettinger		
	Halliday		
	Killdeer		
	Mott		
	New England		
	Richardton		
Devils Lake (800 Tons)	Cando	\$ 75.24	\$ 20.00
	Carrington		
	Devils Lake		
	Fessenden		
	Langdon		
	Maddock		
	Pekin		
	Rolla		
	Rugby		
	Starkweather		
Fargo (6,150 Tons)	Cassellton	\$ 94.26	\$ 20.00
	Fargo		
	Forman		
	Hillsboro		
	Hankinson		
	Lidgerwood		
	Leonard		
	Lisbon		
	Mayville		
	Wahpeton		
	Wyndmere		
Grand Forks (2,358 Tons)	Adams	\$ 83.29	\$ 20.00
	Aneta		
	Cavalier		
	Cooperstown		
	Drayton		
	Finley		
	Grand Forks		
	Grafton		
	Larimore		
	Michigan		
Minot (1,400 Tons)	Bottineau	\$ 68.47	\$ 20.00
	Garrison		
	Harvey		
	Kenmare		
	Minot		
	Mohall		
	Parshall		
	Towner		
	Velva		
Valley City (3,000 Tons)	Ashley	\$ 90.88	\$ 20.00
	Courtenay		
	Edgeley		
	Ellendale		
	Gackle		
	Jamestown		
	Litchville		
	Medina		
	Oakes		
	Valley City		
	Wishek		
Williston (3,590 Tons)	Bowbells	\$ 78.53	\$ 20.00
	Crosby		
	New Town		
	Stanley		
	Tioga		
	Watford City		
	Williston		

Notes:

1. See attached cover letter dated July 20, 2015.
2. The original terms and conditions from Contract No. 50141213 shall apply.
3. Off season discount of 5% will apply for orders placed May 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016.

**North Dakota Department of Transportation
AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 50141213
Project No.**

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WHEREAS, the parties entered into a contract on September 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the contract was competitively bid and awarded to the Contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has performed satisfactorily under the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has expressed a willingness to extend the contract for an additional twelve (12) months; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Contractor and NDDOT agree that the contract is extended through August 31, 2017.



All other terms and conditions of the above-referenced contract are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect.

EXECUTED the date last below signed.

WITNESS:

Julie Bayne

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Julie Bayne

SIGNATURE

To be signed by **Owner, Partner, Corp. Pres., Vice Pres., or other authorized Corp. Officer.** (If signed by other authorized Corp. Officer, please attach copy of Power of Attorney or other documentation showing authority to sign.)

CONTRACTOR:

NSC Minerals Ltd.

COMPANY NAME

Chime DeKolver

OFFICER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Chime DeKolver

SIGNATURE

VP of Logistics

TITLE

July 27, 2016

DATE

WITNESS:

Sandra Goebel

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Sandra Goebel

SIGNATURE

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Grant Levi

DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)

Grant Levi

SIGNATURE

8/1/16

DATE

APPROVED as to substance by:

Brod Darr

DIVISION DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)

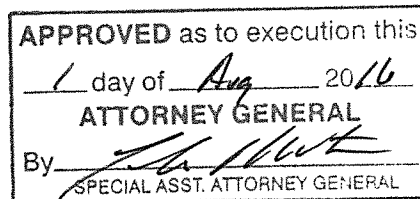
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WHEREAS, NDDOT has requested an adjustment to the summer salt delivery schedule; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Contractor and NDDOT agree that all deliveries from June 1st through August 31st must take place Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.



All other terms and conditions of the above-referenced contract are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect.

EXECUTED the date last below signed.

WITNESS:

Kerry Wallace
NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Kerry Wallace
SIGNATURE

To be signed by Owner, Partner, Corp. Pres., Vice Pres., or other authorized Corp. Officer. (If signed by other authorized Corp. Officer, please attach copy of Power of Attorney or other documentation showing authority to sign.)

CONTRACTOR:

NSC Minerals Ltd.
COMPANY NAME

Jaime Dekelver
OFFICER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Jaime Dekelver
SIGNATURE

VP of Logistics
TITLE

Aug 2/16
DATE

WITNESS:

Sandra Goebel
NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Sandra Goebel
SIGNATURE

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Grant Levi
DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)

Grant Levi
SIGNATURE

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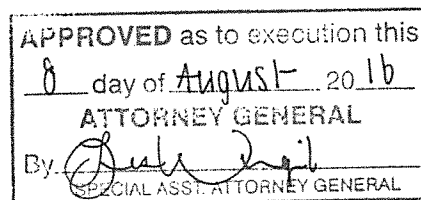
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DIVISION DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)

Brad Dorr
SIGNATURE

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DATE

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NOW THEREFORE, the Contractor and NDDOT agree that the contract is extended through August 31, 2018.



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All other terms and conditions of the above-referenced contract are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect.

EXECUTED the date last below signed.

WITNESS:

Brianne Brynorghe
NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)
Brianne Brynorghe
SIGNATURE

To be signed by Owner, Partner, Corp. Pres., Vice Pres., or other authorized Corp. Officer. (If signed by other authorized Corp. Officer, please attach copy of Power of Attorney or other documentation showing authority to sign.)

CONTRACTOR:

NSC Minerals Ltd.
COMPANY NAME
Allan Deacon
OFFICER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)
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SIGNATURE
VP of Sales
TITLE
Aug 8th, 2017
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WITNESS:

Sandra Gochel
NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)
Sandra Gochel
SIGNATURE

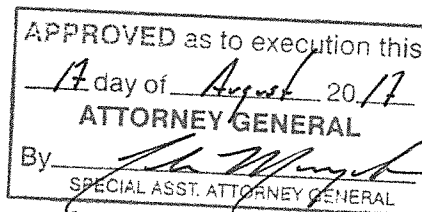
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SIGNATURE
8-21-17
DATE

APPROVED as to substance by:

Brad Darr
DIVISION DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)
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SIGNATURE
8-17-17
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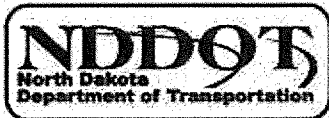
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NOW THEREFORE, the Contractor and NDDOT agree that the Contractor and NDDOT agree that the term of the contract will be extended through August 31, 2019 with an overall base price increase of 4.85% per ton. New pricing per location is attached.



All other terms and conditions of the above-referenced contract are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect.

EXECUTED the date last below signed.

WITNESS:

Julie Bayne
NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)
Bayne
SIGNATURE

To be signed by **Owner, Partner, Corp. Pres., Vice Pres., or other authorized Corp. Officer.** (If signed by other authorized Corp. Officer, please attach copy of Power of Attorney or other documentation showing authority to sign.)

CONTRACTOR:

USC Minerals Ltd.
COMPANY NAME
Allan Deacon
OFFICER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)
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SIGNATURE
VP of Sales
TITLE
July 18, 2018
DATE

WITNESS:

LAUREEN M. MARTIN

Laureen M Martin
NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)
[Signature]
SIGNATURE

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION
Ronald J. Henke

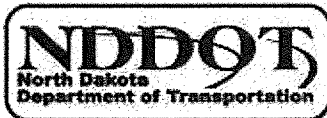
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SIGNATURE
8-3-18
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APPROVED as to execution this
6 day of August 2018
ATTORNEY GENERAL
By [Signature]
SPECIAL ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL





NSC Minerals Ltd.

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