



## **INTEGRITY PACT (IP)**

Integrity Pact is a tool aimed at preventing corruption in public contracting developed by Transparency International (TI), an international NGO. The Integrity Pact is an agreement between the Principal and bidder for a public contract, binding both parties to ethical conduct. It contains rights and obligations to the effect that both sides will be transparent in their dealings, that neither side will pay, offer, demand or accept bribes, that bidder will not collude with competitors to obtain the contract, etc.

SAIL was one of the pioneers to adopt Integrity Pact. At present the pact is an integral part of all contracts & long term agreements valuing more than Rs.20 Crore and all Handling Contract tenders (irrespective of value) of SAIL's Central Marketing Organization.

For monitoring of the Integrity Pact, SAIL has appointed the following eminent personalities as Independent External Monitors (IEM) after approval of Central Vigilance Commission:

Ms. Alka Sirohi - IAS (Retd.) & former Secretary, Ministry of Personnel

Sh. Rajiv – IPS (Retd.) & former Vigilance Commissioner, Central Vigilance Commission

Sh. Madhusudan Prasad, IAS (Retd.) & former Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development

The task of the IEMs is to review independently and objectively whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this agreement.

In tenders where Integrity Pact is involved, SAIL sends the IP duly signed in advance to the bidders who are required to sign the Pact and submit it with their bids. Bids received without the duly signed IP are rejected. The names of the IEMs are also included in all tenders valuing more than Rs.20 Crore and also in all Handling Contract tenders of Central Marketing Organisation.

Bidders, if aggrieved, may approach competent authority/operating authority of the tender, Chief Vigilance Officer of SAIL or IEMs of Integrity Pact. IEMs may be contacted through Integrity Pact Secretariat (email:sail.ip.secretariat@gmail.com), 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, SCOPE Minar, Laxmi Nagar District Centre, Delhi – 110092. (SAIL's Integrity Pact is available in [www.sailtenders.co.in/Standard Documents](http://www.sailtenders.co.in/Standard Documents))

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