SECTION V

2. GENERAL TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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2 GENERAL TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

2.1 Standards

Ratings, characteristics, tests and test procedures, etc. for the electrical equipment encompassed by this Specification shall comply with the provisions and requirements of the standards of the International Electro-technical Commission (IEC), unless otherwise expressly stated in Particular Technical Specifications. Where the IEC standards do not fully cover all provisions and requirements for the design, construction, testing, etc. and for equipment and components that are not covered by IEC Recommendations, recognised national standards shall be applied. The rules of CEE (International Commission for the approval of electrical equipment) and the standards of CENELEC (Comité Europeen de Normalisation Elecrotechnique) may also be applied in such cases.

The latest revision or edition in effect at the time of Bid Invitation shall apply. Where references are given to numbers in the old numbering scheme from IEC it shall be taken as to be the equivalent number in the new five-digit number scheme. The Bidder shall specifically state the Precise Standard, complete with identification number, to which the various equipment and materials are manufactured. The Bid Documents do not contain a full list of standards to be used, as they only are referred to where useful for clarification of the text.

2.2 Units

The SI-system (meter, Newton, second) shall be used throughout the works covered by this Specification.

2.3 Auxiliary Power Interruptions

The Contractor shall ensure that the plants as a whole will function without interruptions if auxiliary AC power disappears. The plant shall be shut safely down by long interruptions in AC supply or by faults in the DC supply.

2.4 Selectivity

The contractor is responsible for selectivity in the auxiliary AC and DC power circuits and shall present calculations proving the selectivity between main and sub distributions under maximum and minimum short-circuit levels.

2.5 Design and Materials

2.5.1 General

Design and calculations shall be governed by the design criteria given in the Bid Documents, standards and normal design practice. Necessary safety factors shall be included. The supplier shall assure himself that the apparatus is suitable for intended use and the environment and stresses to which it will be exposed. He must also assure that the equipment is compatible with equipment it shall be connected to, or work together with.

The design shall be reliable and simple. The design shall incorporate every reasonable precaution and provision for the safety of the general public as well as for all those engaged in the operation and maintenance of the equipment itself or equipment connected to or installed in close proximity to it.

All apparatus shall be designed to ensure reliable and safe operation under the atmospheric conditions prevailing at the Site and under such sudden variations of load and voltage as may be met with under working conditions of the system. The

plant shall withstand without permanent weakening or deformation from short circuit current within the rating of the apparatus (including those due to faulty synchronising) as well as normal atmospheric over voltages taking into account the use of lightning arresters.

Special considerations shall be given to pressure rises by short circuits and fire risk. All material and equipment shall be designed and arranged so that over pressure will be relieved in a safe direction and so that fire risk is minimised and consequences of a fire reduced. The indoor 11kV switchboard shall be designed with a duct on top of the board for pressure release.

All plastic material used in boxes, panels and boards shall be halogen free and self-extinguishable.

The contract supplies shall be designed to facilitate inspection, cleaning and repairs and for operation, in which continuity of service is the first consideration.

All conductors and current carrying parts must be dimensioned with ample cross sections so that temperatures are kept within limits in operation and under short circuits. Temperature rises on all equipment shall be kept within limits set in IEC standards provided nothing else is specified. For all current carrying parts the permissible short circuit duration shall be as stated in the specifications. All electrical connections shall be secured by bolts or set screws of ample size, fitted with locknuts or lock washers of approved types.

The equipment shall as far as possible be factory mounted with internal cables and internal equipment installed before shipment. Plug-in components can be shipped separately.

Equipment for use outdoors or in wet or damp rooms shall be constructed so that water runs off. It shall also have devices draining any inside condensation that may form. Axial bearings on such equipment must be equipped with durable sealing preventing water to ingress.

2.5.2 Electrical Equipment Materials

All materials supplied under this Contract shall be new and of the best quality and of the class most suitable for working under the conditions specified. They shall withstand the variations of temperature and atmospheric conditions arising under working conditions (including start and stop) without distortion deterioration or undue stresses in any parts and also without affecting the suitability of the various parts of the Works for which they were designed. The Plant shall be designed for a lifetime of 40 years. Equipment with a shorter life cycle shall be identified and so arranged that they are easy to replace.

No welding, filling or plugging of defective parts will be permitted without the sanction in writing of the Project Manager.

Materials that are susceptible to mould growth under tropical conditions shall be treated to exclude moisture and prevent growth of mould after all machining has been carried out.

Copper and aluminium used as electrical conductors shall be of the electrolytic type and comply with the respective ASTM or DIN Standards.

Cast iron shall not be used for chambers of oil-filled apparatus or for any part of the equipment that is in tension or subject to impact stresses. Exception is made where it can be shown that service experience has been satisfactory with the grade of cast iron and the duty proposed.

2.5.3 Bolts, Studs, Nuts, Screws, Washers, etc.

All bolts, studs, nuts, etc., shall have a standard metric threading and conform to the relevant standards as regards shape and tolerance. They shall be of Strength Class 8.8 and marked accordingly.

All bolts, studs, nuts, washers, screws, etc., used outdoor or in wet or moist environment shall be in stainless steel or hot-dip galvanised. If hot-dip galvanised bolts and nuts are used, special considerations shall be taken related to pre-stressing. Bolts, nuts, studs and screws that require frequent tightening and unbolting during inspection or maintenance procedures, shall be of stainless steel.

All bolts and nuts shall be hexagonal, either normally or of the round head socket type and secured in an approved manner against becoming loose during operation.

The Contractor shall supply the net quantities plus 5% of all permanent bolts, screws and other similar items and materials required for installation of the works at the site. Any such rivets, bolts, screws, etc. which are surplus after the installation of the equipment has been completed shall become spare parts and shall be wrapped, marked and handed over to the Employer.

Taper pins shall have threaded stems with nuts where dismantling of the pins is likely to be required.

Bolts shall not protrude more than 10 mm beyond the nut but not less than two full threads.

2.5.4 Electrical Equipment Panels and Support Structure Surface Treatment and Painting

2.5.4.1 Electrical Equipment Panels

Panel boards, cubicles, cabinets, etc. in dry rooms shall have interior surfaces painted with at least one priming and one finishing coat of anti-corrosion paint. Exterior surfaces shall be adequately treated to be substantially corrosion resistant, with one priming coat, and two finishing coats.

Outdoor installations and indoor installations in wet and damp rooms shall at least have one priming coat and two layers of paint on zinc powder basis applied after perfect cleaning.

Structural supports outdoor and in wet or moist rooms and parts that cannot be readily painted, shall be hot-dip zinc galvanised. All galvanising shall be in accordance with BS 729 or other internationally approved standards. Steel below ground shall in addition to galvanising be protected with Bitumen or a substance of similar quality.

The particulars of priming and finishing paintings shall be stated in the Bid, with specifications of paint, together with a listing of colours available, for each of the plant and equipment.

The Employer is not bound to accept the finishing colour proposed by the Bidder. Determination of colour shall be at the option of the Employer and shall be finalised at the time of approval of drawings.

2.5.4.2 Substation Equipment Steel Support Structures

Unless otherwise specified, metalwork shall be carried out in accordance with the provision of B.S.5950 and other relevant BSI standards. All steel structures for substation equipment support and gantry shall be hot dip galvanized, with a 110 microns minimum zinc coating thickness. Other steel structures not made for equipment support (outdoor MKs and LV boards supports) shall have 100 microns minimum zing coating.

2.5.5 Insulating Oil

All electrical equipment requiring insulating oil or other insulating liquids shall be furnished with the first filling including flushing, if required. An excess of 10% of the net amount of oil or liquid required for each component shall also be furnished by the Contractor as spare.

The Contractor shall endeavour to employ, as far as practicable, one type and make of insulating oil only for all the electrical equipment.

2.5.6 Sulphur hexafluoride gas (SF_6)

The SF_6 gas shall comply with the requirements of IEC 60376. In addition to the quantity of gas required to fill the equipment supplied, 20% shall be supplied as spare.

The high-pressure cylinders for shipment and storage of the SF_6 gas shall comply with the applicable national regulations. All the necessary pipes, couplings, flexible tubes and valves for coupling to the switchgear for filling or evacuating all the gases to be used, with all necessary instructions for the storage of this equipment, shall be provided.

2.5.7 Locking Devices and Padlocks

Facilities for applying safety or security padlocks to circuit breaker operating mechanisms, disconnector and switch operating handles, control switches, control cubicles, outdoor cabinets etc. shall be provided for all equipment accessible by unauthorised personnel. The facilities shall be suitable for padlocks having a hasp diameter of 10 mm. Padlocks are not required.

2.5.8 Nameplates and signs

Marking shall be in corrosion resistant material with permanent lettering. All equipment shall be marked in accordance with standards and local practice. The Contractor must mark all components in a clear and unambiguous way so that it can be related to the documentation. All operating mechanisms as pushbuttons, switches and handles must be marked in a precise way and necessary warning signs must be supplied.

All outdoor nameplates and signs shall be made of non-corrosive weatherproof material as trafolyte aluminium or stainless steel.

Letters shall be white and engraved on black background. For aluminium and steel signs black letters on metallic background shall be used. For warning signs red background shall be used.

2.5.9 Tool Rack in the switchgear Room

A tool rack shall be installed in the switchgear room for all the, handles and tools required for operation of the switchgear including panel/marshalling boxes keys. The rack shall be easily accessible to operators and not cause obstruction to operations.

2.6 Equipment

2.6.1 Standardisation

The Contractor shall be responsible for the standardisation of all small mechanical and electrical equipment, materials and devices for the Works. He shall arrange and perform the necessary co-ordination work with his subcontractors for the purpose of such standardisation. Such equipment, devices, fittings, etc. shall comprise, but not necessarily be restricted to, the following:

- Programmable controllers, control devices and control switches
- Electrical instruments and meters
- Terminals and terminal blocks
- Primary, secondary and auxiliary relaying devices
- Contactors, fuses, miniature breakers and the like.
- Lamps, bulbs, sockets, plugs, etc.
- Lubricants and Oil

2.6.2 Electrical Sockets

Single phase electrical sockets installed for lamps, hand tools, measuring equipment etc., shall be square pin type with earth connection. The sockets shall be rated for at least 16A (lower rating shall not be used). Other sockets shall be according IEC 60309 (CEE type). The Contractor shall endeavour to use components available in the local market.

2.6.3 Degree of Protection

Enclosures for electrical equipment shall have the following degree of protection (ref IEC 60034, IEC 60059, IEC 60529 and IEC 60947):

- Motors/Motor Terminal boxes - IP 54 / IP 65
- Dry Transformers - IP 2x
- Limit switches - IP 65
- Indoor switches - IP 5x
- Outdoor switches - IP 54
- Medium voltage enclosed switchgear - IP 42 (IP 20 with front door open)

Low voltage switchgear and control cabinets:

- Indoor - IP 3x
- Outdoor - IP 54
- With open door - IP 20
- Junction boxes - IP 65

Light fittings

- Outdoor and wet areas - IP 4x
- Indoor - IP 2x

2.6.4 Indicators and Instruments

All status and position indication lamps shall be of the light emitting diode type and be replaceable without use of soldering or special tools.
In un-manned operation a switch shall be arranged for turning off the indication lights for the substation. A switch for lamp test shall be arranged.

All indicators mounted on control desks and panels shall be flush mounted.

The minimum accuracy tolerance for these indicators shall be 2.5% of span. Indicators shall generally be of the moving coil type but electronic type digital indicators are also acceptable. Where digital indicators are used these shall be provided with at least 4 digit indications.
Indicators mounted on local gauge boards shall be of circular type and shall have a minimum case diameter of 160 mm. All local indicators shall be housed in robust dust and moisture proof cases suitable for open air installation. The read-out window for indicators, recorders and similar equipment shall be non-reflecting, anti-static and minimize parallax errors
All control instruments shall be rectangular or square type, with the exposed metal portions of all cases having the same finish, trim and general appearance. Instrument and meter scales shall be white with black markings. Instrument cases shall be dust- proof.
Each instrument shall have a zero-adjustment device so that the zero position of the pointer can be adjusted without removing the cover. For frequency measurement purposes it is not permissible to use reed type frequency meters except for the synchronizing equipment.

2.6.4.1 Electronic equipment

Where possible, plug-in type printed circuit boards shall be used.
External connections to the boards shall be by plug and socket connection.
All electronic components, including integrated circuits, transistors, resistors, capacitors and inductors shall be selected in order to ensure long life and stable operation. Indication lamps used in conjunction with electronic circuits shall be light emitting diodes.
All relay equipment shall use modern plug-in type circuit boards, containing standard type miniature relays, which can be plugged- in and easily replaced on sockets on the circuit boards. Only a few types of standard relays shall be used. All relays shall be of the encapsulated type. External connections to the boards shall be by plug and socket connection.
For time relays transistorized relays shall be used. Time-setting shall be effected by means of setting knobs on the front panel.

2.6.4.2 Measurement of electrical parameters

Remote indicators for electrical quantities such as power, voltage, current frequency, etc. will be of the milliamp type. The overall dimension of the ammeter, Voltmeter, shall be 96x96mm. All power and energy measurement devices shall be digital type. All indication contacts shall be galvanic isolated and potential free.

Temperature indicators shall be of the PT 100 type protected to suit the environment where it is to be used.

Pressure indicators shall be of corrosion proof material, IP 54, vibration class 1. The scale shall indicate bar or equivalent m water column. The diameter shall be 160 mm and the measuring pipe shall be equipped with stop chock. If the indicator is exposed to vibration it shall be filled with damping liquid (glycerine).

Limit switches for pressure, temperature and flow (even if combined with the indicators) shall be of class 1 without noticeable hysteresis. Where more than one limit is required each limit shall be independently settable. Set points shall be easily readable.

Flow meters shall be graded in litres/s from zero to well above required value. Flow meters for water shall be electronic without moving mechanical parts.

Panel instrument shall be accuracy class 1.5 or better, dimensions 96x96 mm with non-reflective glass. Measuring converters shall be of accuracy class 0.5 with 4-20 mA output, DC auxiliary voltage and galvanic isolated potential free output.

All semaphores shall be of LED type, and shall be used for issuing of commands (Trip and Open). No additional push button for close and open shall be installed.

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2.6.5 Fuses and Miniature Circuit Breakers

Miniature circuit breakers shall replace fuses in control and power circuits 100 amps and below. They shall be approved as circuit breakers and have a breaking capacity sufficient to break the short circuit at the place of use (i.e. no upstream backup fuses for reduction of fault level shall be necessary). All circuit breakers used in DC circuits must be approved for the relevant DC voltage and current.

Where nothing else is specified, LV power fuses above 63 amps shall be of high rupturing capacity cartridge, type NH gl, according to DIN VDE 0636 and IEC 60269. All fuse bases shall have a load switching capacity and a thermal rating equal to the rating of the largest fuse it can accommodate. Fuse replacement shall be possible without use of special tools and with IP 20 protection against live parts.

2.6.6 Relays and Contactors

All resetting of relays and contactors must be possible without dismantling of any covers and without risk for electrical shock. All contactors and relays used in DC circuits must be approved for the relevant DC voltage and current.

Limit switches not mounted in enclosures shall be of the proximity type without need for separate power supply and equipped with light emitting diodes to indicate position.

2.6.7 Motors

2.6.7.1 General

As far as possible and if nothing else is specified, motors shall be three phase squirrel cage motors complying with IEC 60034 and with dimensions according to IEC 60072. Such motors shall have the following data:

DESCRIPTION	RATING
Continuous rating	130 % of mechanical load
Frequency band for continuous rated operation without exceeding temperature class	47 – 57 Hz
Voltage band for continuous rated operation without exceeding temperature class	-15 % - +10 %
Maximum start current with direct start	
• Motors above 75 kW	5 x In
• Motors between 35 and 75 kW	6x in
Insulation class	F
Temperature rise	B
Direct starting range	75 – 110 % of Un

Motors shall have sealed ball or roller bearings. If the bearing is not sealed for life it shall withstand two years of operation before refill of lubricants.

Outdoor motors and motors erected in moist environment shall be equipped with still-stand heaters controlled from the starter. The heater shall be so dimensioned that maximum temperature is not reached even if the heater remains connected under operation.

Motors shall withstand three consequent starts without overheating. Motors over 20 kW shall be equipped with thermistor based temperature protection.

The three line connections of A.C. motors shall be brought out to a terminal box sealed from the motor. The terminal arrangement shall be suitable for the reception of aluminium and copper cable. A permanently attached diagram or instruction sheet shall be provided giving the connections for the required direction of rotation. If only one direction of rotation is permitted, this shall be clearly marked.

Motors to be connected to variable speed drives shall be special adapted to this.

2.6.7.2 Special Motors

Other types of motors shall only be used where squirrel cage motors are inconvenient to use (and then only after approval by the project manager) or if DC motors are specified. Such motors shall as far as possible follow the requirements set above.

Brushes shall be designed with a constant brush pressure and shall withstand at least 5 000 hours of operation before they have to be replaced. It shall always be at least two brushes in parallel and the brush-holders shall not touch the commutators when the brushes wear out. The press fingers shall not carry the current and each brush shall be separately adjustable.

Where single phase motors are used the motors shall be grouped so as to form, approximately, a balanced three phase load.

2.6.8 Motor control gear

Control gear shall comply with the requirements of IEC 60947, the control gear being rated according to the duty imposed by the particular application. No replacement of equipment shall be necessary after short circuit (ref. IEC 60947)

Motor contactors shall comply with IEC 60947 class of intermittent duty 0-3 and utilisation category AC4. The contactors, and their associated apparatus shall be capable of switching the stalled current, and shall have a continuous current rating of at least 50% greater than the full load current of the motors they control.

The operating currents of overload trips fitted to motor contactors shall be substantially independent of ambient temperature conditions, including the effect of direct sunlight on the enclosure in which the contactors are installed.

Where small motors are connected in groups, the group protection shall be arranged so that it will operate satisfactorily in the event of a fault occurring on a single motor.

Each motor or group of motors shall be provided with control gear for starting and stopping by hand and automatically. Overload and single-phasing protection shall be provided. Facilities for padlocking the supply in off position shall be provided.

2.6.9 Computer Based Controllers

Computer Based Controllers inclusive Programmable Logical Controllers (PLC) can be used for individual control functions. Such equipment shall be designed for industrial environment and application in high voltage plants. The control equipment must be fed from the general station DC supply.

The control equipment must be equipped with internal “watchdog” function giving external potential free alarm by internal fault. The operational status shall be frozen by fault or un-normal function so it can be re-established after restart. The process must be shut down to a safe stage if fatale faults occur in the controller.

Analogue and digital in- and out puts must be galvanic isolated and potential free and must, together with the enclosure, screen against disturbance from electromagnetic field occurring by short-circuit, switching over voltages or lightning discharges. The control equipment shall be tested according IEC 60255 and fulfil relevant EMC requirements for Industrial Environment.

Digital inputs and outputs shall be tested and approved for switching of DC voltages supplied by the main plant battery (AC values are irrelevant).

Programmes shall be stored in “flash ram” or similar storage medium and shall not be destroyed or changed by power failure (i.e. Separate backup battery shall not be used). The memory shall contain the last program version.

All programming of control sequences shall be documented in a self-explanatory way not requiring special program knowledge for understanding (function block programming or similar)

Communication between various controllers (and the main control system) can be over fibre optical cable provided agreement between the contractors. Such communication must use open protocols to be approved by the Project Manager. The Bidder shall in any case present a verification of transmission quality.

The Controllers shall be delivered with software and software licences needed for testing, setting ad reconfiguration. If hardware other than laptop is required for this such shall be included in the supply.

2.7 Construction and Erection

2.7.1 Switchboards, Panels and Cabinets

Switchboards, control, panel boards and cabinets shall be of robust construction, formed of a steel frame and covered with smooth steel plate (outdoor cabinets can be of aluminium). The steel plate shall be properly stiffened to prevent distortion. Panels shall normally be covered at their rear with hinged doors. The frames of the boards shall be designed to permit firm anchoring on the floor. The frames shall permit easy erection, and allowance shall be made for extension of the board by similar additional panels. Panels for power circuits shall be in accordance IEC 60439 (minimum partly type tested apparatus (PTTA)). All enclosures shall be ventilated so that the temperature inside the enclosure do not raise more than 5 °C above ambient even with possible heaters connected.

Outdoor-cabinets and cabinets for moist environments shall be provided with thermostat-controlled heaters to inhibit collection of moisture. The heater must be

arranged not to overheat any cables or equipment. Openings for drainage of condense shall be provided at the lowest point in the cabinets.

All major or important compartments containing electrical equipment shall be provided with a single phase 16A square pin socket and internal lighting facilities switched off by a door switch.

Unless otherwise specified or agreed upon, all instruments, apparatus and devices on the panel fronts shall be provided for flush mounting.

Flush mounted relays shall be provided with transparent cover. The cover shall be hinged to allow resetting and adjustment. All terminals and all equipment shall be accessible without dismantling other components. Equipment shall not be mounted in swing-out doors. However, proper swing out frames may be used provided they can be opened will full load without twisting or distorting the panel. Windows shall be provided in front of rack mounted equipment.

2.7.2 Wiring and Terminal Blocks within Enclosures

All wiring shall be stranded flexible copper conductor, PVC with steel wire armour. Insulated, suitable for operation at voltages below 1000 V and in compliance with the provisions of the applicable IEC Recommendations. Conductors shall not be smaller than 2.5 mm² for measurement circuits and all other control circuits. The selection of conductor sizes shall be supported by calculations.

For wiring within boards the "bunch" pattern shall be adopted. For a small number of connections, wiring may be grouped using flexible plastic bands or equivalent. For a large number of connections a system using support strips or U-shaped troughs (with covers) shall be used. Ample space shall be provided for running of cable within the enclosures.

The screens or screened pairs of multicore cables shall be earthed in accordance with a coherent earthing philosophy to be worked out by the main Contractor and approved by the Project Manager. The screen and earth wires shall be terminated in terminals dedicated for this use. All free conductors in connecting cables shall be terminated in terminals that shall be temporarily connected to earth and special marked. Though, in field boxes the free conductors can be laid orderly and short-circuited or insulated. The length shall allow future connection.

Multi-stranded conductor ends shall be fitted with a suitable crimped thimble (bootlace ferrule type). The thimble shall be of correct type and length according to the core size and crimple tools shall be specially adapted to the thimble and cross section used. Each wire shall be separately terminated unless otherwise approved.

It shall be possible to work on small wiring for maintenance or test purposes without making a switchboard dead.

The wiring identification shall be by numbered ferrules, sleeves or other approved means.

All wiring shall terminate at terminal blocks, the latter shall be of the moulded type not less than IP20 and provided with barriers to separate power from control cables. It shall be possible to replace a single terminal block without dismantling a whole row. They shall be clearly marked, the designations being those entered in the respective wiring diagrams. Terminal blocks using screws acting directly on the wire (conductor) as well as spring type terminal blocks are not acceptable. To avoid squeezing of the

wire the screw pressure shall be applied by a pressure plate having smooth edges. 'OBA' terminal blocks are not acceptable. Only terminal blocks that are operated using screw drivers are acceptable.

Terminal blocks for current and voltage transformers shall be separated and specially marked. They shall be equipped with a sliding splice for separation and "banana" sockets on both sides for testing. The splices shall be so arranger that they fall into closed position when loose. Where appropriate, other terminal blocks shall be equipped with facilities for testing, such as short-circuiting, separating splices, plugs, etc. All such device shall be accessible even when paralleling strips are used.

Only one conductor shall be connected to each side of a terminal block and the branch-offs shall be made by interconnecting the necessary number of neighbouring blocks by means of copper strips.

Terminal blocks shall be located at least 300mm from the bottom of the panel and shall be easily accessible. Terminal blocks for different voltages shall not be mixed between one another. All conductors in a multi-core cable shall be terminated on the same terminal block. The blocks shall be grouped for each voltage and they shall be clearly marked for easy identification of the system voltage. There shall be at least 20 % spare terminals on each block.

2.7.3 Cable Laying and Routing

The final routing of HV and LV cables in indoor and outdoor installations shall be determined by the Contractor from the directives given in Particular Specifications, and the principles shown in the layouts on the drawings. All cable routing and arrangement shall be subject to the Project Manager's approval and must adapt to obstacles as tubes and ventilation channels. All penetrations of fire zone separations shall have the same fire classification as the separation itself.

Cables shall be laid on corrosion resistant (aluminium or hot dipped galvanised) cable trays and racks and by raising cables fixed to cable ladders. The trays shall be dimensioned and fixed so that it allows one man to climb on it in addition to the cable load. Each tray shall have at least 15 % spare capacity. The distance between each tray shall at least be 300 mm. For exposed outdoor installations cables shall be laid in covered cable trenches, plastic or steel ducts, depending on the available space.

Branch offs to individual equipment shall be fixed and supported all the way to the connection box. Cables and cable supports shall be properly fixed and secured against movement under short-circuit and strain caused by erection work. Particular attention shall be given to termination in confined areas where personnel may climb under erection and maintenance. Flexible tubes of "spiral type" shall not be used whereas tubes of "plica" type can.

Low power cables, i.e. cables for control, metering, etc. shall not be run in close parallel to high power cables or earth wires, but shall be run at the greatest possible separating distance. The minimum distances are:

- High and medium voltage versus control and measuring cables 800 mm
- Low voltage power cables versus control and measuring cables 400 mm

Necessary EMC consideration shall be taken in accordance with EMC standards.

Additionally, cables for extra low power, i.e. mA and mV circuits and cables connected to low power solid state electronic circuits, shall be laid in separate sheet steel trays

with covers. The DC trip and AC voltage supplies and wiring to main protective gear shall be segregated from those for back-up protection to the greatest extent possible.

Single-phase power cables shall be run in trefoil configuration, single-phase DC power cables shall be run in parallel. Special care shall be taken so that closed magnetic circuits do not form around single phase cables.

All cables shall be steel wire armoured with stranded flexible conductors.

Cables below 25 mm^2 cross section shall be copper. Larger cross sections may be aluminium.

Minimum cross sections shall be as follows:

- Measuring cables for current 2.5 mm^2
- Control and other measuring cables 2.5 mm^2
- DC Supply cables 2.5 mm^2
- Telecommunication cables 1.5 mm^2
- Power cables according 120 % max load current

All cross section must be checked against max load current, allowable burden on measuring transformers, short circuit values, voltage drop, protection requirements and selectivity.

The cables shall be marked with item designation in both ends as well as by entrances in enclosures. The cable marking shall be fire proof.

Cables shall be laid in full runs and **not** spliced unless approved by Project Manager. Termination of multi-stranded conductor ends shall be with a suitable crimped thimble as specified above. All other cable lugs or similar shall be of crimped type adapted to the cable type and cross-section used. The tools used should be special approved for the lugs and cable type used.

The cable supplier's instructions regarding handling and bending radius shall be followed.

Fibre optic cables shall not contain metallic material and be so laid that they have proper mechanical protection. I.e. cables not constructed for embedding shall be laid in protective tubes.

2.7.4 Earthing (Grounding)

An embedded earthing system shall be designed and supplied by the contractor. The embedded earthing system shall be arranged connected to exposed and accessible earthing bars from where an exposed earthing system shall be arranged. The Contractor is responsible for installation and connecting of his equipment to this network so that all precautions are taken regarding safety (ref. National regulations) and shielding against disturbances. Cables shall be earthed and shielded in accordance with earthing philosophy worked out by main switchgear contractors. For details of the earthing system refer to relevant Particular Technical Specification 4.1.2.6 Substation Earthing.