**SPECIMEN - LABOUR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND**

No. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Note: This Bond is issued simultaneously with another Bond in favour of the Obligee conditioned for the full and faithful performance of the contract.

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT **(CONTRACTOR NAME)**  as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and **( SURETY/INSURANCE COMPANY’S NAME(S) AND ADDRESS(ES))**  a corporation or corporations created and existing under the laws of Canada, and duly authorized to transact the business of Suretyship in Canada, as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety if one Surety is named in this Bond and the Co-Sureties if more than one, is/are, subject to the conditions hereinafter contained, held and firmly bound, jointly and severally in the case of Co-Sureties, unto HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, for the use and benefit of the Claimants, their and each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, in the amount of Dollars ($ ) of lawful money of Canada, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, the Principal and the Surety or Co-Sureties as the case may be bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has entered into a written contract with the Obligee, dated the day of 20\_\_\_ for **(PROJECT NUMBER AND PROJECT NAME)** which contract documents are by reference made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that, if the Principal shall make payment to all Claimants for all labour and material used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect, subject, however, to the following conditions:

1. A Claimant for the purpose of this Bond is defined as one having a direct contract with the Principal for labour, material, or both, used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract, labour and material being construed to include that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental equipment directly applicable to the Contract provided that a person, firm or corporation who rents equipment to the Principal to be used in the performance of the Contract under a contract which provides that all or any part of the rent is to be applied towards the purchase price thereof, shall only be a Claimant to the extent of the prevailing industrial rental value of such equipment for the period during which the equipment was used in the performance of the Contract. The prevailing industrial value of equipment shall be determined, insofar as it is practical to do so, in accordance with and in the manner provided for in the latest revised edition of the publication of the Canadian Construction Association titled "Rental Rates on Contractors Equipment" published prior to the period during which the equipment was used in the performance of the Contract.

2. The Principal and the Surety or Co-Sureties as the case may be, hereby jointly and severally agree with the Obligee, that every Claimant who has not been paid as provided for under the terms of their contract with the Principal, before the expiration of a period of ninety (90) days after the date on which the last of such Claimant's work or labour was done or performed or materials were furnished by such Claimant, may sue on this Bond, prosecute the suit to final judgment for such sum or sums as may be justly due to such Claimant under the terms of their contract with the Principal and have execution thereon. Provided that the Obligee is not obliged to do or take any act, action or proceeding against the Surety or Co-Sureties as the case may be on behalf of the Claimants, or any of them, to enforce the provisions of this Bond. If any act, action or proceeding is taken either in the name of the Obligee or by joining the Obligee as a party to such proceeding, then such act, action or proceeding, shall be taken on the understanding and basis that the Claimants, or any of them, who take such act, action or proceeding shall indemnify and save harmless the Obligee against all costs, charges and expenses or liabilities incurred thereon and any loss or damage resulting to the Obligee by reason thereof. Provided still further that, subject to the foregoing terms and conditions, the Claimants, or any of them, may use the name of the Obligee to sue on and enforce the provisions of this Bond.

3. No suit or action shall be commenced hereunder by any Claimant:

 (a) unless such Claimant shall have given written notice within the time limits hereinafter set forth to each of the Principal, the Surety or Co-Sureties as the case may be and the Obligee, stating with substantial accuracy the amount claimed. Such notice shall be served by mailing the same by registered mail to the Principal, the Surety and the Obligee, at any place where an office is regularly maintained for the transaction of business by such persons or served in any manner in which legal process may be served in the Province or other part of Canada in which the subject matter of the Contract is located. Such notice shall be given

 (1) in respect of any claim for the amount or any portion thereof, required to be held back from the Claimant by the Principal, under either the terms of the Claimant's contract with the Principal or under the Mechanic's Liens Legislation applicable to the Claimant's contract with the Principal whichever is the greater, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after such Claimant should have been paid in full under the Claimant's contract with the Principal.

 (2) in respect of any claim other than for the holdback, or portion thereof, referred to above, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date upon which such Claimant did, or performed, the last of the work or labour or furnished the last of the materials for which such claim is made, under the Claimant's contract with the Principal;

 (b) after the expiration of one (1) year following the date on which the Principal ceased work on the Contract, including work performed under the guarantees provided in the Contract.

 (c) other than in a Court of competent jurisdiction in a Province or Territory of Canada in which the subject matter of the Contract, or any part thereof, is situated and not elsewhere, and the parties hereto agree to submit to the jurisdiction of such Court.

4. The Surety or Co-Sureties as the case may be agrees not to take advantage of Article 2365 of the Civil Code of the Province of Quebec in the event that, by an act or an omission of a Claimant, the Surety or Co-Sureties as the case may be can no longer be subrogated in the rights, hypothecs and privileges of said Claimant.

5. The amount of this Bond shall be reduced by, and to the extent of any payment or payments made in good faith, and in accordance with the provisions hereof, inclusive of the payment by the Surety or Co-Sureties as the case may be of mechanics' liens which may be filed of record against the subject matter of the Contract, whether or not claim for the amount of such lien be presented under and against this Bond.

6. The Surety or Co-Sureties as the case may be shall not be liable for a greater sum than the specified penalty of this Bond.

7. If this Bond is issued by Co-Sureties, then the Co-Surety that signs the first signature block on this Bond shall be designated as the “Lead Surety” for the purposes of this Bond and the Co-Sureties hereby jointly and severally irrevocably: appoint and authorize the Lead Surety to act as the sole representative of and agent for the Co-Sureties, and with authority to bind the Co-Sureties, in all dealings and matters between the Co-Sureties and the Obligee, Principal and/or any Claimant(s) arising from or relating to this Bond, including without limitation the receipt on behalf of the Co-Sureties of any directions, notices, demands or draws on or given under this Bond issued by the Obligee and/or any Claimant(s) and in the investigation, payment, compromise, settlement and defence of any claims, demands and draws on, arising from or related to this Bond; and, agree and acknowledge that the Obligee, the Principal and/or any Claimant(s) shall be entitled to assume that any act done, document executed or entered into or waiver given by the Lead Surety to the Obligee, the Principal and/or the Claimant(s) arising from or related to this Bond has been duly authorized by each Co-Surety and is binding upon each Co-Surety without the Obligee, Principal and/or the Claimant(s) being under any obligation to enquire into the authority of the Lead Surety in such matters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety or Co-Sureties as the case may be have signed and sealed this Bond this day of 20 .

 **[IF MORE THAN ONE SURETY ADD SIGNATURE BLOCKS AS APPROPRIATE FOR EACH AND EVERY CO-SURETY OBLIGATED UNDER THIS BOND. THE FIRST SURETY SIGNATURE BLOCK IS FOR THE LEAD SURETY]**

SIGNED and SEALED

In the presence of:

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For the Principal/Contractor

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For the Surety Attorney-in-fact