F. No. 21/1/2018-SPV Division Government of India Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

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Office Memorandum

Subject: Amendments in norms for participation of MSME sector/Startups in tenders for Solar Water Pumps.

Standard Bidding Document (SBD) was issued for procurement and installation of solar water pumps under the off-grid programme of the Ministry. The SBD is available at - http://mnre.gov.in/file-manager/UserFiles/SBD Solar-Water-Pumping-Systems.pdf.

- 2. For promotion of local small and medium entrepreneurs, the SBD provides for procurement of maximum of 10% of bid quantity from local small and medium entrepreneurs subject to their meeting all the specifications and terms / conditions (except the experience and turnover) and matching the L1 price of the respective model.
- 3. Considering various policy provisions made for promotion of MSME sector and also for 'Startup India' initiative from time to time, the aforementioned provision appearing at last bullet point of the **General Terms and Conditions** in the SBD has been amended as under with immediate effect:

"Part of the tendered quantity (up to 20% of total tendered quantity) may be considered for entrepreneurs of small, medium and startup category with relaxation in criteria for prior turnover and prior experience subject to their meeting all the quality and technical specifications and other terms and conditions of the tender. The relaxation in criteria for prior turnover and prior experience may be guided by the MSME Policy of the State, if any."

4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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