**Specimen: ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE**

To

voestalpine Stahl GmbH

voestalpine-Straße 3

A-4020 Linz

Advance payment guarantee no. …………………………….…..

Purchaser/Buyer as Beneficiary:

voestalpine Stahl GmbH, voestalpine-Straße 3,

A-4020 Linz, Austria

Contractor/Supplier:

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Supply of goods and/or services of ..………………….………….

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Purchase order number/Contract: ………………………………….

Currency and amount of the bank guarantee: \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Expiration of the validity of the bank guarantee: ………………….………

You concluded a contract with the contractor for the above mentioned supply at a price of.......................................... .

According to the terms of the above mentioned contract you will make an advance payment of .............................................. to the contractor.

As security for possible claims for the refund of the advance payment in connection with the mentioned contract, an irrevocable and unconditional advance payment guarantee by a bank shall be furnished.

In consideration of the above, we .................................................................................................................,

hereby irrevocably undertake to refund to you on your first demand, irrespective of the validity and the effects of the above mentioned contract and waiving all rights of objection and defence arising therefrom, the advance payment in the amount of

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within eight calendar days upon your first written request for payment.

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Our undertaking expires automatically, if we get back this document, however at the latest on ………………………….., even without return of this document. Your written request (forwarded by registered mail or by courier) for payment has to reach us on or before that date. Your claim is deemed as sent in due time if sent by fax or by e-mail until the indicated due date, if the original document reaches us within seven calendar days of the dispatch of your claim (even if this date is after the indicated due date). The claim can be executed both beneficiary and voestalpine Stahl GmbH.

We represent and warrant that all consents, licences, filings and registrations as may be necessary for the valid execution, delivery, performance and enforceability of this guarantee have been obtained and made.

Competent Court, Applicable Law:

Unless otherwise stated, any disputes or claims arising out of or in connection with this Advance payment guarantee or as a result of this Advance payment guarantee shall be settled through friendly consultations between the Parties. In case no settlement can be reached through consultations any dispute/litigation arising out of or in connection with this Advance payment guarantee or as a result of this Advance payment guarantee shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the competent ordinary court in Linz, Austria.

Unless otherwise stated, all relations, arising out of or in connection with this Advance payment guarantee or as a result of this Advance payment guarantee shall be governed by Austrian law with the exclusion of its conflict of law rules (e.g. VO ROM I+II, IPRG etc.) and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods of April 11th, 1980, as amended from time to time.

Remark: For Contractors and/or Guarantors having their place of business outside the territory of the European Union (with the exclusion of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Switzerland, Iceland or Norway:

Arbitration and Applicable Law:

Any dispute or claims arising out of or in connection with this Advance payment guarantee or as a result of this Advance payment guarantee shall be settled through friendly consultations between the Parties. In case no settlement can be reached through friendly consultations any dispute/litigation arising out of or in connection with this Advance payment guarantee or as a result of this Advance payment guarantee shall be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by one or more arbitrator(s) appointed in accordance with said ICC-Rules. The arbitration shall take place in Vienna, Austria. The Arbitration shall be carried out in German language.

Unless otherwise stated, all relations, arising out of or in connection with this Advance payment guarantee or as a result of this Advance payment guarantee shall be governed by Austrian law with the exclusion of its conflict of law rules (e.g. VO ROM I+II, IPRG etc.) and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods of April 11th, 1980, as amended from time to time.

Place and date of issuance: ……………………….……

Authorized signatures of the bank

In case of possible queries in connection with the issuance of bank guarantees please contact:

voestalpine Stahl GmbH, FFT, Treasury, Guarantees: 0043 50304 15 9336 or 5449