# SPECIMEN RETENTION GUARANTEE

(To be completed on paper bearing the letterhead of the financial institution)

For the attention of

<Name and address of the Contracting Authority>

referred to below as the ‘Contracting Authority’

Subject: Guarantee No <…>

Retention Guarantee for Contract <contract number and title> (please quote number and title in all correspondence)

We, the undersigned, <name, and address of financial institution>, hereby irrevocably declare that we guarantee, as primary obligor, and not merely as a surety on behalf of <Contractor’s name and address>, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Contractor’, payment to the Contracting Authority of <amount of the retention guarantee>, representing the retention guarantee mentioned in Article 47 of the Special Conditions of the Contract (contract number and title) concluded between the Contractor and the Contracting Authority, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Contract’

Payment will be made without objection or legal proceedings of any kind, upon receipt of your first written claim (sent by registered letter with confirmation of receipt) stating that the Contractor has failed to fulfil its contractual obligations fully and properly. We will not delay the payment, nor will we oppose it for any reason whatsoever. We will inform you in writing as soon as payment has been made.

We accept that no amendment to the terms of the Contract can release us from our obligation under this guarantee. We waive the right to be informed of any change, addition or amendment to the Contract.

We note that the guarantee will be released in accordance with Article 47.3 of the General Conditions to the Contract.

The law applicable to this guarantee will be that of [<the country of the Contracting Authority>. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this guarantee will be referred to the courts of [<the country of the Contracting Authority>.

The guarantee will enter into force and take effect upon its signature.

Done at [*insert place*], on [*insert date*]

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| [*Signature*]  [*Function at the Financial Institution/Bank*] | [*Signature*]  [*Function at the Financial Institution/Bank*] |

*Stamp of the body providing the guarantee*