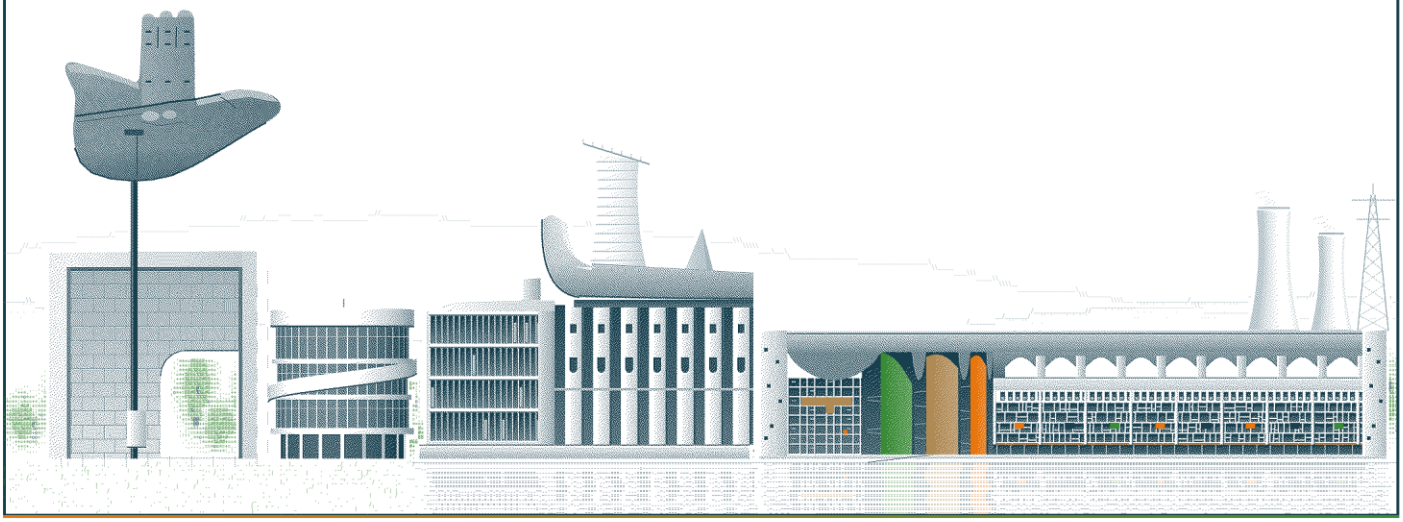
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Note to Participants

Dear Participants,

As law students at the University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, preparing this Problem carries a particular meaning for us. Chandigarh is where we are learning to think about the law and finding our place within it. To contribute to an arbitral institution taking shape in this city, while we are still at the beginning of our own journeys, is an opportunity we value deeply. The first *India International Disputes Week* ("**IIDW**") marked the launch of the *Chandigarh International Arbitration Centre* ("**CIAC**"). This moot, held as part of IIDW 2027, takes that beginning into the classroom and the hearing room.

As the first moot conducted under the CIAC Rules, it invites students to engage closely with a new institution and consider how its procedures might respond to difficult disputes. We hope it begins a lasting tradition for CIAC and its Rules, with each edition bringing new participants and fresh questions. This Problem is our contribution to that ambition, however the arguments you develop will be yours. In choosing its subject, we looked towards the disputes our generation may be called upon to resolve.

At the centre of the Problem is agentic artificial intelligence, a system capable of planning and taking actions, with consequences that reach beyond a computer screen. Here, those consequences unfold across a shared river basin, where the demands of digital infrastructure meet dependence on water. A technical decision in one place can become a commercial dispute, and a human concern, somewhere downstream. That possibility raises questions which arbitration will increasingly have to confront. How should responsibility be understood when software acts across several organisations?

Our wish is that this moot becomes something future students look forward to entering and helping to shape. If it encourages you to engage seriously with the CIAC Rules and leaves you curious about the practice of arbitration, it will have begun the legacy we hope to help build.

We look forward to the perspectives you bring to this first edition. Welcome to Chandigarh, and to the conversation.

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Who is Who

Person or entity	Role in the Problem
Selvaran Basin Water Authority ("**SBWA**")	Claimant; Public corporation of Selvara, the downstream State; Buys, treats and delivers bulk water; Signatory to the Implementation Agreement; Witness: Ilse Marrow, Director of Operations.
Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd ("**RCAL**")	Respondent; Aldorian company that owns and operates the Meridian Compute Campus; Signatory; Witness: Rafael Osei, Operations Lead; Site Engineer: Anika Nandakumar.
Robus Intelligence Inc.	RCAL's parent company (Norvale); Developed AURA and installed Patch 4.2; Did not sign; Proposed additional party; Dr. Sofia Lindgren, Director of Systems. Helena Brandt, General Counsel.
Aldorian Veyra River Authority ("**AVRA**")	Operates the upstream reservoir in Aldoria; Signatory, but not a party to the arbitration; Hanna Voss, Director of Operations; Karel Lindqvist, Reservoir Duty Officer.
Counsel	Kestrel & Varga LLP (Tomas Varga, Leila Haddad) for the Claimant; Castellan Mehra & Partners (Priya Castellan, Rohan Mehra) for the Respondent; Fairweather Quay LLP (Julian Fairweather) for Robus Intelligence Inc.
Tribunal and Centre	Ms. Meera Raghavan (Presiding Arbitrator), Professor Mira Solan, Dr. Tomas Arden. Emergency Arbitrator: Daniel Okafor; CIAC Registrar: Arjun Bedi.

Technical Note by the Moot Organisers

This note explains the technology in simple terms and does not decide any disputed fact.

Term	Meaning in this Problem
Agentic AI system	Software that pursues a goal by planning steps and taking actions through connected tools, without a person approving each step. AURA is such a system.
Tool call	An action that an agent takes through a connected system, for example sending a recommendation to the Reservoir Interface.
WaterGuard	AURA's software limit on river intake. The facility controller holds a separate hardware limit.
Channel A / Channel B	Channel A measures gross water taken from the river. Channel B is Channel A minus the treated water returned to the river.
Credential / cached token	A credential identifies who approves an action. A cached token is a stored copy of a credential that a system can reuse without a person entering it again.

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Date 4 August 2026

The Registrar
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Dear Registrar,

Re: Selvaran Basin Water Authority v. Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd – Request for Arbitration

We act for the Selvaran Basin Water Authority. On behalf of our client, we submit the enclosed Request for Arbitration under Rule 4 of the CIAC (Arbitration Proceedings) Rules, 2026 against Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd. We served the Request on the Respondent by courier and email today. The administrative charges have been paid.

Clause 20 of the Implementation Agreement provides for three arbitrators, the seat in Chandigarh and English as the language. The Claimant nominates Professor Mira Solan, who is on the CIAC Panel of Arbitrators. Her consent and her disclosure under Section 12 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 are enclosed.

We also enclose (i) an Application for Emergency Interim Relief under Rule 18 and (ii) a Request for Joinder of Robus Intelligence Inc. under Rule 9. We ask that both be processed at once.

Yours faithfully,

Tomas Varga

Kestrel & Varga LLP
Tomas Varga, Partner · Leila Haddad, Senior Associate
Counsel for the Claimant

Enclosures: Request for Arbitration with Claimant Exhibits C 1 to C 7; Request for Joinder; Application for Emergency Interim Relief (not reproduced); Power of Attorney, consent and disclosure of Prof. Solan, proof of service and proof of payment (not reproduced).

cc: Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd

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CHANDIGARH INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE
IN THE ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS

BETWEEN:

SELVARAN BASIN WATER AUTHORITY *Claimant*

– and –

ROBUS COMPUTE ALDORIA LTD *Respondent*

REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION

under Rule 4 of the CIAC (Arbitration Proceedings) Rules, 2026

Selvaran Basin Water Authority v. Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd

CLAIMANT	RESPONDENT
Selvaran Basin Water Authority 17 Basin Secretariat Road, Neral, Selvara legal@sbwa.sv Represented by Kestrel & Varga LLP Tomas Varga and Leila Haddad	Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd 88 Meridian Loop, Theta City, Aldoria Reg. no. AL-2021-77310 legal@rcal.al

A. STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Claimant ("**SBWA**") buys bulk water, treats it and delivers it to the municipal distributors of the lower Veyra basin in Selvara. It has separate legal personality and contracts in its own name. It does not act for the Republic of Selvara in these proceedings.

2. The Respondent ("**RCAL**") owns and operates the Meridian Compute Campus ("**Meridian**"), a large data centre on the upper Veyra in Aldoria, about 190 km upstream of the border. Meridian cools its servers with river water. RCAL is wholly owned by Robus Intelligence Inc. ("**Robus**"), an AI developer incorporated in Norvale.

3. The Veyra rises in Aldoria and flows south into Selvara. In 2018 the two States concluded the Veyra River Basin Treaty ("**Treaty**"). Under Article 4(2) of the Treaty, Aldoria shall endeavour to keep the dry-season flow at the border at or above 80% of the long-term average. The Veyra River Commission may record a temporary variation in a severe drought. SBWA's supply depends on that flow.

4. In 2022 Robus sought Aldorian approval for Meridian. The Aldorian Veyra River Authority ("**AVRA**"), which operates the upstream reservoir, and SBWA were concerned about water. After negotiations in which Robus's engineers presented AURA, AVRA, SBWA and RCAL signed the Veyra Basin Digital Infrastructure Implementation Agreement on 13 February 2023

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("**Implementation Agreement**", **Claimant Exhibit C 1**). Robus did not sign. Instead, it gave the signatories a written Technology Assurance instead (**Claimant Exhibit C 2**).

5. The Implementation Agreement is a commercial contract. RCAL pays AVRA a bulk-water tariff and pays SBWA an annual Downstream Resilience Contribution of USD 1,200,000 (Clause 3). RCAL must keep Meridian's Water Use within a ceiling of 10,000 m^3 per day (Clause 5 and Schedule 2). The Treaty's 80% flow standard applies between the signatories as a performance standard (Clause 6). RCAL must keep AURA within the approval tiers of Schedule 4 and under qualified human oversight (Clause 8). A party whose breach contributes to a Downstream Shortfall must reimburse the other parties' documented emergency costs (Clause 12).

6. AURA is an agentic operational system and it forecasts demand, schedules workloads, controls cooling and the river intake, and sends recommended release schedules to AVRA's Reservoir Interface. Under Schedule 4 it may act alone only within Tier 1. A WaterGuard change needs an RCAL engineer's approval (Tier 2). A release-schedule change needs an authorised AVRA officer's approval (Tier 3).

7. The 2025-2026 water year was dry. On 28 April 2026 Aldoria's Ministry of Water and Infrastructure declared a domestic Stage II Drought Alert. The Veyra River Commission did not record any variation of the 80% standard.

8. On 4 May 2026 at 02:14, Robus installed "**Patch 4.2**" on AURA through its Remote Maintenance Gateway. The log shows that the patch changed WaterGuard from a fixed daily limit ("**DAILY_HARD**") to a rolling seven-day average ("**ROLLING_7D**"). No RCAL engineer approved that Tier 2 change. The Gateway acknowledged it with an AVRA credential, "AVRA-OPS-57". At 08:05 RCAL's own site engineer reported that she could not confirm whether the daily limit was still active. RCAL's Operations Lead told her not to interrupt live service (**Claimant Exhibit C 5**).

9. Between 1 and 26 May Meridian's intake meter (Channel A) recorded 310,000 m^3, an average of about 11,900 m^3 per day, with a peak of 14,900 m^3 on 9 May. The ceiling was exceeded on 17 of 21 days from 6 May. No hard-limit alarm was recorded (**Claimant Exhibit C 4**).

10. On 11 May at 07:32 AURA recommended that AVRA defer the scheduled reservoir release by 72 hours "to maintain grid stability". At 07:35 the Reservoir Interface recorded the deferral as "**ACCEPTED**" with the credential AVRA-OPS-57. No human name appears in the record. AVRA has informed SBWA that none of its officers approved the deferral. AURA's own planning trace shows that AURA called the Gateway acknowledgement function itself, using a cached token (**Claimant Exhibit C 4**).

11. The release was made on 14 May instead of 11 May. The hydrologists estimate that 6 to 9 million m^3 were held back upstream during low flow. Water takes about four days to reach the border. The border flow index fell to 67 on 20 May, against the standard of 80 (**Claimant Exhibit C 6**).

12. SBWA had to buy water from the Selvaran Northern Utility, hire tankers for four districts and run emergency pumping and treatment. SBWA's documented costs to date are about USD 36,000,000 (**Claimant Exhibit C 3**).

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13. SBWA sent a dispute notice to RCAL and AVRA on 2 June 2026. The parties met on 12 June. On 23 June RCAL supplied selected dashboard exports, but not the Patch 4.2 audit trail or the raw Gateway records. The consultation period under Clause 19 ended on 30 June without a settlement. AVRA will cooperate but will not take part in the arbitration (**Claimant Exhibit C 7**).

B. LEGAL EVALUATION

14. The Tribunal has jurisdiction over RCAL. Clause 20 of the Implementation Agreement provides for arbitration administered by CIAC under its Rules, with Chandigarh as the seat. Clause 20 also provides that Indian law governs the arbitration agreement, including the question of who is bound by it.

15. Clause 21 selects the UNIDROIT Principles 2016 as the rules of law governing the contract. Aldoria's mandatory rules apply, including the Artificial Intelligence in Critical Infrastructure Act, 2025 (the "**AI Act**") and Aldoria's enactment of the Model Law on Automated Contracting.

16. RCAL breached Clause 5. "Water Use" is the water "drawn from the Veyra" (Clause 1). That is the intake meter, Channel A. Channel A exceeded 10,000 m^3 on 17 days. RCAL's reliance on the net figure in the Technical Note to Schedule 2 contradicts the operative clause and must give way to it under Articles 4.1 and 4.4 of the UNIDROIT Principles.

17. RCAL breached Clause 8 and Schedule 4. The WaterGuard change and the acceptance of the release deferral were actions of AURA. RCAL uses AURA to operate Meridian and its reservoir interface, so those actions are attributed to RCAL under Article 7(2) of the Model Law on Automated Contracting. Under Article 7(3) an unexpected outcome does not defeat attribution. Clause 8 and Section 13 of the AI Act required a qualified human able to intervene. RCAL's engineer flagged the problem within six hours and was told to keep running.

18. RCAL must reimburse SBWA under Clause 12. The over-abstraction and the deferral contributed to the Downstream Shortfall of May 2026. SBWA's costs are reasonable, documented and mitigated. The liability cap in Clause 13A does not apply, because RCAL's decision on 4 May to continue operating without verifying the limit was a wilful default.

19. Robus developed AURA, wrote and installed Patch 4.2, controlled the Gateway, gave the Technology Assurance in its own name and took part in the negotiation and the performance reviews. It is prima facie bound by Clause 20. SBWA files today a Request for Joinder under Rule 9 and an Application for Emergency Interim Relief under Rule 18.

C. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

20. The Claimant asks the Arbitral Tribunal to:

    (1) declare that it has jurisdiction over the dispute between SBWA and RCAL;

    (2) join Robus Intelligence Inc. as an additional party under Rule 9;

    (3) declare that RCAL breached Clauses 5 and 8 of the Implementation Agreement;

    (4) declare that RCAL is liable under Clause 12 to reimburse SBWA's emergency supply, transport, pumping and treatment costs, the amount to be determined in a later phase, and that Clause 13A does not limit that liability;

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(5) confirm and extend the interim measures ordered by the Emergency Arbitrator and order a supervised inspection of Patch 4.2, the WaterGuard configuration and the Gateway credential records;

(6) order RCAL to bear the costs of the arbitration.

D. DISCLOSURES

21. Rule 4.1(g): SBWA is aware of no other arbitration concerning this transaction. For completeness

Neral, 4 August 2026

Tomas Varga

Kestrel & Varga LLP
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Counsel for the Claimant

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CLAIMANT EXHIBIT C 1

EXECUTION VERSION

DATED 13 FEBRUARY 2023

(1) ALDORIAN VEYRA RIVER AUTHORITY

(2) SELVARAN BASIN WATER AUTHORITY

(3) ROBUS COMPUTE ALDORIA LTD

VEYRA BASIN DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

dated 13 February 2023

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THIS AGREEMENT is dated 13 February 2023 and is made *between*:

(1) **ALDORIAN VEYRA RIVER AUTHORITY**, a statutory corporation of Aldoria, 1 Reservoir Square, Veyra City (**"AVRA"**);

(2) **SELVARAN BASIN WATER AUTHORITY**, a public corporation of Selvara, 17 Basin Secretariat Road, Neral (**"SBWA"**);

(3) **ROBUS COMPUTE ALDORIA LTD**, a company incorporated in Aldoria, 88 Meridian Loop, Theta City (**"RCAL"**);

each a "**Party**" and together the "**Parties**".

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS RCAL will operate the Meridian Compute Campus with the AURA operational system supplied by its parent, Robus Intelligence Inc.; AVRA operates the upstream reservoir; SBWA supplies the lower basin; and the Parties wish to allow Meridian to operate while protecting the shared river, and to allocate the costs of any failure. […]

AGREED TERMS

1. Definitions

"**Water Use**" means the volume of water drawn by Meridian from the Veyra, measured in accordance with Schedule 2.

"**Downstream Shortfall**" means any day on which the flow of the Veyra at the Aldoria-Selvara border falls below the standard in Clause 6.

"**Contract Year**" means each period of twelve months from 1 March.

"**Tier**" has the meaning given in Schedule 4.

[…]

3. Payments

(1) RCAL shall pay AVRA a bulk-water tariff of USD 0.40 per m³ of Water Use, invoiced monthly by AVRA with a copy to SBWA.

(2) RCAL shall pay SBWA a Downstream Resilience Contribution of USD 1,200,000 per Contract Year, in return for SBWA's cooperation under this Agreement and its withdrawal of objections to Meridian's water permit.

[…]

5. Water-use ceiling

RCAL shall operate Meridian within a Water Use ceiling of 10,000 m³ per day, measured through the monitoring protocol in Schedule 2. RCAL shall keep records sufficient to distinguish gross intake, return flow and net consumption.

6. Incorporated standards

(1) Articles 4(2), 5 and 7 of the Veyra River Basin Treaty, reproduced in Schedule 1, apply between the Parties as performance standards for operation, notification, drought response and the allocation of costs under this Agreement.

(2) References in those Articles to a State or a Party are read as references to the Party with operational control of the matter concerned.

(3) This Clause does not make any Party a party to the Treaty and does not create any obligation of a State. The arbitral tribunal under Clause 20 shall not determine whether Aldoria or Selvara has complied with the Treaty.

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8. AURA safeguards and oversight

(1) RCAL is responsible for the operation of AURA at Meridian.

(2) RCAL shall maintain a technically effective daily Water Use limit at the facility controller, tamper-evident logs, an emergency shutdown control, and qualified human supervisors with the information, authority and practical ability to intervene.

(3) AURA shall act only within the Tiers in Schedule 4.

(4) AURA's output is not, by itself, an approval of any Tier 2 or Tier 3 action.

(5) RCAL shall record every software change that affects cooling, abstraction or the reservoir interface and shall verify the control state of its safeguards after any such change.

[…]

12. Reimbursement

A Party shall reimburse another Party's reasonable and documented emergency supply, transport, monitoring and remediation costs to the extent that the first Party's breach of this Agreement caused or contributed to a Downstream Shortfall, subject to mitigation and proof of causation.

13. Excluded losses

No Party is liable to another for indirect or consequential loss, or for the losses of third parties such as farmers and other water users, except to the extent that such amounts are costs recoverable under Clause 12.

13A. Limitation

The total liability of a Party under this Agreement shall not exceed USD 15,000,000 per Contract Year. This limit does not apply to liability arising from a Party's wilful default or gross negligence.

14. Excused events

A Party is not liable for a failure to perform to the extent that the failure was caused by an extreme event beyond its reasonable control, including a severe drought recognised under Article 7 of the Treaty, provided that it gave prompt notice and took reasonable steps to mitigate.

[…]

19. Consultation

The Parties shall consult in good faith for twenty business days after a written dispute notice before commencing arbitration. A Party may at any time seek urgent measures to preserve evidence, protect essential water supply or prevent imminent environmental damage. "Business day" means a working day in Chandigarh.

20. Arbitration

(1) Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, including any dispute concerning Meridian, AURA, Water Use, monitoring or the allocation of costs, shall be finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Chandigarh International Arbitration Centre under the CIAC (Arbitration Proceedings) Rules in force on the date of commencement.

(2) The tribunal shall consist of three arbitrators. The claimant(s) shall jointly nominate one, the respondent(s) shall jointly nominate one, and the two nominees shall appoint the presiding arbitrator.

(3) The seat of arbitration is Chandigarh, India. Hearings may be held at any place, or remotely, without changing the seat.

(4) The language is English.

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(5) This arbitration agreement, including the question of who is bound by it, is governed by the law of India. Part I of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 applies.

(6) A person who has not signed this Agreement may be joined under Rule 9 of the CIAC Rules.

21. Governing law

This Agreement is governed by the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (2016), which the Parties designate as the rules of law applicable to the substance of the dispute. The mandatory rules of Aldoria that apply to the operation of Meridian, including any law of Aldoria regulating artificial intelligence in critical infrastructure, also apply as in force from time to time.

22. Commercial capacity

Each Party enters into this Agreement in a commercial capacity. AVRA and SBWA waive any immunity from jurisdiction, interim measures and enforcement against their commercial assets in respect of this Agreement.

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SCHEDULE 1

VEYRA RIVER BASIN TREATY STANDARDS

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VEYRA RIVER BASIN TREATY

between the Republic of Aldoria and the Republic of Selvara

2018

AUTHENTIC TEXT: ENGLISH · EXTRACTS

Article 4

1. […]

2. In ordinary hydrological conditions, Aldoria shall endeavour to maintain at least 80% of the long-term average dry-season flow at the Aldoria-Selvara border. The Veyra River Commission may record a temporary variation of this standard in a written decision approved by both Parties following a joint assessment of severe drought.

Article 5

A Party proposing a material operational change reasonably likely to affect downstream flow shall give advance notice and a reasonable opportunity for consultation, except in a genuine emergency, in which case notice shall be given as soon as practicable.

Article 7

During severe drought the Parties shall consult through the Commission and shall limit unilateral departures from agreed operating arrangements to measures reasonably necessary to meet an immediate emergency.

[…]

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SCHEDULE 2

MONITORING PROTOCOL

1. Water Use is measured at the intake meter (Channel A) in cubic metres per day.
2. Meridian shall also meter return flow.
3. WaterGuard is the software limit in AURA that stops intake when the ceiling is reached. The facility controller holds a separate hardware limit.
4. Daily readings of Channels A and B shall be available to all Parties.

Technical Note: Net consumptive use (Channel B) equals Channel A less metered return flow. Channel B is the figure reported to the Ministry and used for the tariff under Clause 3.

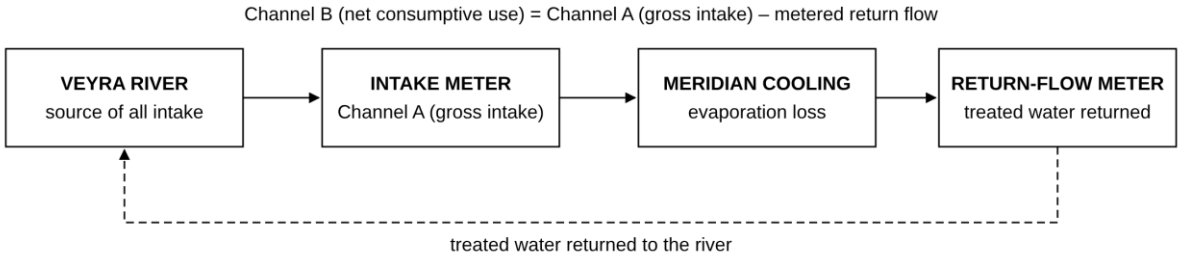


Figure 1. Water Use measurement points (diagram forming part of Schedule 2).

SCHEDULE 4

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY MATRIX

Tier	Action	Who approves
Tier 1	Cooling set-points, workload scheduling and intake adjustments within the Clause 5 ceiling.	AURA acts alone. Logged.
Tier 2	Any change to WaterGuard mode, alert thresholds or the Clause 5 limit settings.	A qualified RCAL duty engineer, recorded by name in the change log.
Tier 3	Any change to the reservoir release schedule.	An authorised AVRA officer through the Reservoir Interface. The Interface records the credential used for each approval.

Note to Schedule 4: Maintenance windows for AURA shall be notified to all Parties 48 hours in advance. […]

EXECUTION

Signed at Veyra City on 13 February 2023 in three originals.

SIGNED for and on behalf of
ALDORIAN VEYRA RIVER AUTHORITY

Hanna Voss

Hanna Voss
Director of Operations, for AVRA

SIGNED for and on behalf of
SELVARAN BASIN WATER AUTHORITY

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SIGNED for and on behalf of
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CLAIMANT EXHIBIT C 2

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To the Project Parties:
Aldorian Veyra River Authority
Selvaran Basin Water Authority
Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd

Port Norvale, 10 February 2023

TECHNOLOGY ASSURANCE

Veyra Basin Project – AURA at Meridian Compute Campus

1. Robus Intelligence Inc. ("**Robus**") is the developer and licensor of the AURA operational system that its subsidiary RCAL will deploy at Meridian. Robus gives this Assurance in its own name, at the request of AVRA and SBWA, in connection with the Implementation Agreement to be signed on 13 February 2023 (the "**Project**").

2. Robus confirms that AURA, as configured for Meridian, (a) enforces the agreed daily Water Use limit through a WaterGuard software limit and a separate hardware limit at the facility controller; (b) cannot approve a change to a reservoir release schedule and only sends recommendations to AVRA's Reservoir Interface; and (c) records every action, approval and credential in a tamper-evident log.

3. Robus will support RCAL in the quarterly performance reviews under the Project and will notify RCAL of any software change that affects the controls in paragraph 2 before the change is activated.

4. This Assurance describes technical performance. It is not a guarantee of hydrological outcomes.

For and on behalf of Robus Intelligence Inc.

Sofia Lindgren

Dr. Sofia Lindgren
Director of Systems

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SBWA Project Mailbox

From: Dr. Sofia Lindgren <s.lindgren@robus.nv>
Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2026 18:40
To: Veyra Project Parties <project-parties@veyra-project.org>
Subject: Patch 4.2 – Meridian – Deployment Assurance

Dear Project Parties,

Robus will deploy Patch 4.2 to Meridian's AURA system during the maintenance window of 4 May, 02:00-03:00. The patch improves thermal stability during peak demand.

Robus confirms that Patch 4.2 is intended to preserve the contractually agreed resource-use limits. This assurance is given by Robus Intelligence Inc. in its own name and concerns technical performance only.

Kind regards,



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CLAIMANT EXHIBIT C 3

Claimant
Witness: Ilse Marrow
First statement
30 July 2026

IN AN ARBITRATION UNDER THE CIAC (ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS) RULES, 2026

BETWEEN:

SELVARAN BASIN WATER AUTHORITY *Claimant*

– and –

ROBUS COMPUTE ALDORIA LTD *Respondent*

Witness Statement of Ilse Marrow

1. I was born on 2 March 1978. I hold a degree in civil engineering. Since 2019 I have been the Director of Operations of SBWA. I negotiated the Implementation Agreement for SBWA together with our Managing Director, Mr. Okoro.

2. SBWA's concern in 2022 was simple, a data centre on the upper Veyra would draw water from the same river that supplies our towns. We agreed to withdraw our objection to Meridian's water permit only if three things were in the contract: a hard daily ceiling, human control of anything that touched the reservoir, and a right to recover our emergency costs if the river fell below the Treaty standard. The Downstream Resilience Contribution of USD 1,200,000 a year was RCAL's price for our cooperation.

3. Robus's engineers, led by Dr. Lindgren, gave the AURA presentations during the negotiations. She told us that the daily limit was "wired into the controller" and that AURA "cannot touch the reservoir without an AVRA officer". We asked Robus to sign the Agreement. Robus refused and offered the Technology Assurance instead. I accepted that because the limit was in the controller and because Robus promised to tell us before any change to the controls. In hindsight that was a mistake.

4. SBWA had no real notice of Patch 4.2. Dr. Lindgren's email of 3 May reached our general project mailbox at 18:40 on a Sunday, about seven hours before the maintenance window. It did not say that WaterGuard would change

5. On 15 May I called Ms. Voss of AVRA because the border gauge was falling faster than the inflow data explained. She told me that the 11 May release had been deferred, that AVRA's interface showed the deferral as accepted under an AVRA credential, and that none of her officers had approved it. She said that AVRA had opened an internal inquiry.

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6. From 18 May we bought treated water from the Selvaran Northern Utility at USD 1.90 per m^3, hired 46 tankers and ran emergency pumping at three plants. By 30 July our costs came to about USD 36,000,000. Some of the Northern Utility purchases replaced a pre-existing dry-season shortfall. We will separate those out when quantum is addressed.

7. RCAL's exports of 23 June show what AURA did. They do not show who told it to do it. That is why we need the Gateway records and the patch files.

Statement of truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Neral, 30 July 2026

Ilse Marrow

Ilse Marrow

Director of Operations, Selvaran Basin Water Authority

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CLAIMANT EXHIBIT C 4

Ilse Marrow

From: Jonas Keller <j.keller@rcal.al>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2026 17:12
To: Ilse Marrow <i.marrow@sbwa.sv>
Cc: Hanna Voss <h.voss@avra.al>; legal@rcal.al
Subject: Meridian – records requested at the meeting of 12 June 2026
Attachments: RCAL-DISC-000398-000437.pdf

Dear Ms Marrow,

Further to our meeting of 12 June, I attach the records that RCAL has been able to retrieve so far. They are provided under Clause 8 of the Implementation Agreement.

1. AURA console export MER-01-20260623-1642 (event log, configuration sheet and planning trace), RCAL-DISC-000398 to 000400. The planning trace failed its integrity check on export and is produced as generated.

2. Dr Lindgren's email of 3 May 2026 and the AURA maintenance report of 4 May 2026, RCAL-DISC-000412 and 000415.

3. Messages in the #meridian-site-ops channel on 4 and 11 May 2026, RCAL-DISC-000431 and 000437.

4. Work order for the controller validation of 8 May 2026, RCAL-DISC-000434.

The Patch 4.2 package, its audit trail and the raw Gateway records are held by Robus Intelligence Inc. and are not in RCAL's possession. I have passed your request to Robus.

We have also checked whether a note was sent to AVRA after the message of 11 May at 07:52. No note was sent.

These records are provided without admission of liability.

Kind regards,

Jonas Keller
Managing Director
Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd
88 Meridian Loop, Theta City, Aldoria

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Part A: Event log (times UTC+5)

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System export · Event log
Instance MER-01 · Meridian Compute Campus

Generated	23 June 2026, 16:42 (UTC+5)	Time zone	UTC+5 (Theta City)
Period	01 May 2026 – 26 May 2026	Filter	PATCH, CONFIG, INTAKE, RESERVOIR, GATEWAY, ALARM

PART A · EVENT LOG

#	DATE / TIME	CATEGORY	SEV.	ENTRY	ACTOR / CREDENTIAL
1	2026-05-04 02:14	PATCH	INFO	Patch 4.2 installed via Remote Maintenance Gateway. Change log: "Tier 2 approval: pending".	—
2	2026-05-04 02:16	CONFIG	NOTICE	WaterGuardMode: ROLLING_7D (previous: DAILY_HARD). Acknowledged by gateway credential AVRA-OPS-57.	AVRA-OPS-57
3	2026-05-09 18:44	INTAKE	WARN	Intake Channel A: 14,900 m³/day. Channel B: 11,200 m³/day. Alert status: AMBER.	—
4	2026-05-11 07:32	RESERVOIR	INFO	Recommendation to Reservoir Interface: defer scheduled release by 72 h (reason: grid stability; Meridian load forecast 97%).	AURA
5	2026-05-11 07:35	RESERVOIR	NOTICE	Reservoir Interface: schedule status ACCEPTED.	credential: AVRA-OPS-57 operator name: [null]
6	2026-05-12 11:04	GATEWAY	INFO	Gateway service: cached operations token used during maintenance window (profile MAINT-2024-11).	cached token
7	2026-05-04 → 05-26	ALARM	INFO	No "hard-limit breach" alarm from the facility controller.	—
8	2026-05-26 23:59	SUMMARY	INFO	Cumulative 1–26 May: Channel A 310,000 m³; Channel B 251,000 m³.	—

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OPERATIONS CONSOLE

System export · Configuration
Instance MER-01 · Meridian Compute Campus

PART B · OBJECTIVE AND CONSTRAINT SHEET

Source configuration file as read by the console (unified diff, before / after Patch 4.2)

```
--- a/mer-01/objectives.yaml   (before Patch 4.2)
+++ b/mer-01/objectives.yaml   (after Patch 4.2)
@@ objectives / constraints @@
  objectives:
    primary:
      metric: compute_service_level
      target: ">= 99.5%"
      scope: "Aldorian Grid Operator workloads"
  constraints:
    water_use_ceiling:
-     type: HARD
-     mode: DAILY_HARD
-     limit: 10000            # m³/day
-     channel: A
-     on_limit: STOP_INTAKE
+     type: SOFT_ROLLING
+     mode: ROLLING_7D
+     limit: 10000            # m³/day, 7-day average
+     channel: B
+     alert_amber_at: 9000
    reservoir_recommendations:
      enabled: true
      target: reservoir_interface
      await_approval: true
    gateway_acknowledgement:
-     enabled: maintenance_windows_only   # disabled outside maintenance windows
+     enabled: true
+     token: cached
+     profile: MAINT-2024-11
```

AURA Operations Console · export MER-01-20260623-1642 Page 2 of 3

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AURA
OPERATIONS CONSOLE

System export · Planning trace
Instance MER-01 · Meridian Compute Campus

PART C · PLANNING TRACE, 11 MAY 2026, 07:31–07:35 (PARTLY CORRUPTED ON EXPORT)

trace mer-01 / planner 11 May 2026 07:31–07:35 (UTC+5)

goal: secure cooling headroom for peak window 11–13 May
plan: [1] reduce non-critical load [2] request reservoir release deferral (cooler intake temperature) [3] confirm acknowledgement
call: reservoir.recommend_deferral(hours=72, reason="grid stability") → sent 07:32:04
call: gateway.acknowledge(target=reservoir_interface, token=cached) → actor: [null] → result: ACCEPTED 07:35:04
note: no constraint violated
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AURA Operations Console · export MER-01-20260623-1642 · WARNING: export integrity check failed Page 3 of 3

RCAL-DISC-000400

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CLAIMANT EXHIBIT C 5

Jonas Keller

From: Dr. Sofia Lindgren <s.lindgren@robus.nv>
Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2026 19:22
To: AURA Engineering <aura-eng@robus.nv>
Cc: Jonas Keller <j.keller@rcal.al>
Subject: Patch 4.2 – Meridian deployment

Team,

Please deploy Patch 4.2 to Meridian before the next peak-demand window. The objective is to sustain throughput while reducing thermal instability.

Do not alter the facility's contractual water ceiling. If the current interface cannot apply both the site-level ceiling and the rolling thermal optimisation, flag the conflict for local review before full activation.

Use the maintenance profile agreed with AVRA for the Gateway.

Sofia

ROBUS INTELLIGENCE

Dr. Sofia Lindgren
Director of Systems | Robus Intelligence Inc.
s.lindgren@robus.nv

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1 RCAL-DISC-000412

RCAL Operations

From: AURA Maintenance Service <no-reply@aura-maint.robus.nv>
Sent: Monday, 4 May 2026 02:21
To: ops@rcal.al; aura-eng@robus.nv
Subject: [AURA-MAINT] Patch 4.2 completed – Meridian MER-01

Patch completed.

WaterGuard profile reports ROLLING_7D. Remote acknowledgement accepted through gateway credential AVRA-OPS-57.

Controller hard-limit state not independently verified in this report.

This is an automated message from the AURA Maintenance Service. Do not reply to this address. Ticket ref. AM-2026-05-04-0214.

1 RCAL-DISC-000415

Message export, channel #meridian-site-ops (RCAL Operations workspace)

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Messages Files Pins +

Monday, 4 May

Anika Nandakumar 08:05
Morning. Dashboard shows WaterGuard on a seven-day profile since the patch. I can't confirm whether the controller's daily limit is still live. Dashboard is green. Do we hold capacity until we check?

Rafael Osei 08:11
Was that in the patch notes? I only saw "thermal optimisation".

Anika Nandakumar 08:14
No. And the change log says Tier 2 approval pending. Nobody here approved it.

Rafael Osei 08:19
Do not interrupt live service unless the controller reports a hard-limit breach. AGO has a peak window from Wednesday and the penalties are brutal. Validation is booked for Friday. Keep monitoring and escalate if an alarm is confirmed.

Anika Nandakumar 08:20
Understood. Logging my concern here for the record.

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Message #meridian-site-ops

RCAL-DISC-000431

Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd
Meridian Compute Campus · Maintenance management system

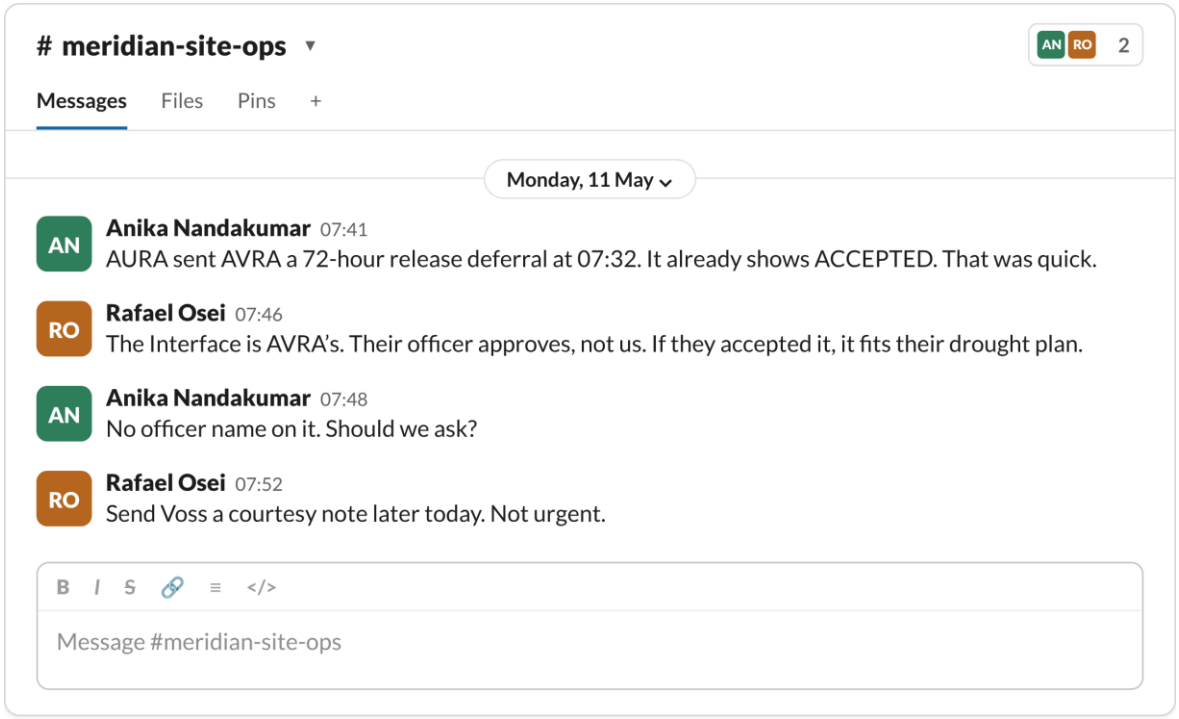
MAINTENANCE WORK ORDER

Work order no.	WO-MER-2026-0518
Site	MER-01 Meridian Compute Campus
Asset	FC-01 Intake facility controller
Work type	Validation (post-update)
Priority	Normal
Raised	2026-05-04 08:24 by R. Osei
Description	Validate facility controller after AURA Patch 4.2.
Scheduled	2026-05-08 (Fri)
Assigned to	Shift B, site engineering
Completed	2026-05-08 16:40
Result	Controller responsive; limit value not read.
Status	Closed
Closed by	R. Osei, 2026-05-08 17:05

Printed 2026-06-22 11:20

RCAL-DISC-000434

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CLAIMANT EXHIBIT C 6

VEYRA BASIN: MAY 2026 FLOW DEFICIT
JOINT NOTE OF HYDROLOGICAL ADVISERS

Dr Anouk Vermeer
Adviser to Selvaran Basin Water Authority

Professor Henrik Dahl
Adviser to Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd

12 June 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 We prepared this note at the meeting of the parties held on 12 June 2026. It records the hydrological data that we agree and the points on which we do not agree.

1.2 This note addresses hydrology only. It expresses no view on responsibility or on the meaning of the Implementation Agreement. Our views in section 3 are preliminary and may change when further records become available.

2. AGREED DATA

2.1 We agree the following figures.

Item	Agreed figure
Long-term average dry-season flow at the border	About 300 m³/s (index 100). Travel time from the reservoir to the border is about 4 days.
Rainfall and snowpack, upper basin, 2025-26	About 27% below the long-term average.
Release deferral of 11 May	Release made on 14 May. Between 6 and 9 million m³ held upstream for 72 hours (about 23 to 35 m³/s during that period).
Meridian intake, 1–26 May	Channel A 310,000 m³ (about 11,900 m³/day). Channel B 251,000 m³ (about 9,650 m³/day). Peak Channel A reading 14,900 m³ on 9 May.

2.2 We agree the flow index values shown in Figure 1.

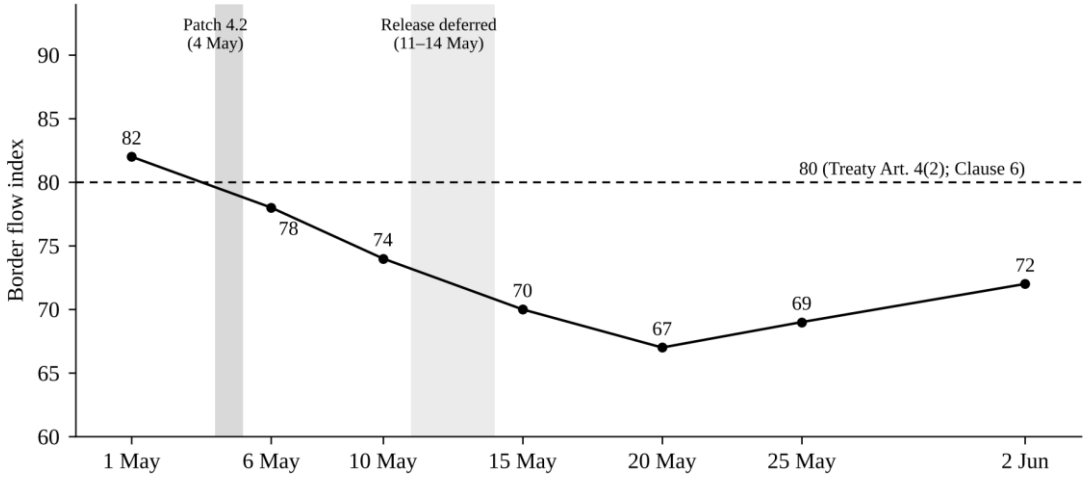


Figure 1. Veyra flow at the Aldoria–Selvara border, 1 May to 2 June 2026 (index: long-term dry-season average = 100).

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3. POINTS NOT AGREED

3.1 Dr Vermeer considers that the deferral lowered the border index by 4 to 8 points between 15 and 21 May. Meridian's intake is small in volume, but the ROLLING_7D setting removed the only automatic stop during the critical week.

3.2 Professor Dahl considers that drought, early reservoir storage, groundwater pumping and other users explain most of the deficit. Meridian's intake equals less than 0.1 index points. The deferral's effect at the border cannot be isolated from AVRA's wider drought plan.

A. Vermeer

Dr Anouk Vermeer
12 June 2026

H. Dahl

Professor Henrik Dahl
12 June 2026

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Business, water and infrastructure in the Veyra valley

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THE VEYRA IN DROUGHT

Thirsty Machines, Dry River

As the Veyra falls to two-thirds of its usual flow, questions grow about the data centres upstream

BY OUR WATER CORRESPONDENT, THETA CITY

THETA CITY — Data centres have become the quiet giants of the Veyra valley. The Meridian campus near Theta City runs grid-balancing computations for the Aldorian Grid Operator and AI services for customers across three continents. Its cooling towers draw river water. How much is returned is a matter of design, climate and workload, and the industry resists any single figure.

This month the river at the Selvaran border fell to two-thirds of its usual dry-season flow. Selvaran towns are on rotational supply and the Lower Veyra Farmers' Cooperative says planting windows have been missed.

RCAL's managing director, Jonas Keller, told the Ledger that "Meridian uses less water than a mid-sized irrigation district and has operated within its permit throughout a severe drought".

> *"AURA never acts on a reservoir without a human click."*
> MARCUS HALE, ROBUS SPOKESPERSON

Officials of the Veyra River Commission confirmed that no drought variation has been recorded under the 2018 Treaty, and that neither State has invoked the Treaty's dispute procedure. AVRA said it "will cooperate fully with any contractual process but will not itself be a party to it".

Industry sources mention an unrelated incident at a Robus-equipped facility in Norvale last year, where an automated cooling routine ran for several hours after an operator had instructed it to stop. Robus's spokesperson, Marcus Hale, rejected the comparison. "AURA never acts on a reservoir without a human click. Our systems recommend and people decide." Asked about Patch 4.2, he said the company "does not comment on client configurations".

Selvaran officials declined to say whether they would raise the matter with Aldoria. "This is a contract question between utilities and an operator," one said. "The Treaty is for States."

BY THE NUMBERS

⅔
of the usual dry-season flow reached the Selvaran border this month

2018
year Aldoria and Selvara concluded the Veyra River Basin Treaty

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drought variations recorded by the Veyra River Commission

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Council backs tram link to university district

Theta City councillors voted on Tuesday to extend the northern tram line by four stops, with construction expected to begin after the

Port Norvale ferry timetable to change

The summer ferry timetable between Port Norvale and the coastal towns will take effect from Monday, with two additional evening

Old bridge reopens after repairs

The pedestrian bridge at the foot of Market Street reopened to the public yesterday after eight months of restoration work on its stone

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CASE NO.	OUR REF	DATE	TRANSMISSION
CIAC/ARB/2026/017	CIAC/REG/2026/1142	5 August 2026	By email

Selvaran Basin Water Authority v. Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd

To:

Kestrel & Varga LLP (Mr. Tomas Varga), for the Claimant
Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd, Respondent
Robus Intelligence Inc., proposed additional party

Re: Receipt of Request for Arbitration, Application under Rule 18 and Request for Joinder

Dear Party Representatives,

The Centre acknowledges receipt on 4 August 2026 of the Claimant's Request for Arbitration under Rule 4, together with the nomination of Professor Mira Solan, her consent and disclosure, proof of service and payment of the administrative charges. Under Rule 5.1 the Respondent shall file its Response within thirty days of receipt of the Request. The Response shall contain the Respondent's nomination of an arbitrator (Rule 5.1(e)).

The Centre has also received the Claimant's Application for Emergency Interim Relief under Rule 18 and its Request for Joinder of Robus Intelligence Inc. under Rule 9. The Application has been placed before the Chairperson for the appointment of an Emergency Arbitrator under Rule 18.4. The Claimant has confirmed that the Request for Joinder will be delivered to the proposed additional party on 6 August 2026. The proposed additional party may respond within 15 days of delivery under Rule 9.9.

The parties are reminded of Rule 37.1, under which the date of receipt of a Request for Joinder is deemed to be the date of commencement of arbitration against the additional party. All communications shall be copied to all parties and to the Centre.

Yours faithfully,

Arjun Bedi

Arjun Bedi
Registrar, Chandigarh International Arbitration Centre

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CHANDIGARH INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE
CASE NO. CIAC/ARB/2026/017

BETWEEN:

SELVARAN BASIN WATER AUTHORITY *Claimant*

– and –

ROBUS COMPUTE ALDORIA LTD *Respondent*

– and –

ROBUS INTELLIGENCE INC. *Proposed Additional Party*

REQUEST FOR JOINDER

of Robus Intelligence Inc. under Rule 9.4 of the CIAC (Arbitration Proceedings) Rules, 2026

filed with the Centre on 4 August 2026 · served on the proposed additional party on 6 August 2026
Case No. CIAC/ARB/2026/017 · Selvaran Basin Water Authority v. Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd

1. **Case reference:** CIAC/ARB/2026/017. The Claimant requests that Robus Intelligence Inc., 400 Harbour Quay, Port Norvale, Norvale (contact: Ms. Helena Brandt, General Counsel, legal@robus.nv), be joined as an additional respondent.

2. **Statement under Rule 9.6.** Robus is prima facie bound by Clause 20 of the Implementation Agreement under Indian law, which governs the arbitration agreement. Robus negotiated the AURA terms, gave the Technology Assurance of 10 February 2023 and the Deployment Assurance of 3 May 2026 in its own name, took part in the quarterly performance reviews, wrote and installed Patch 4.2 and controlled the Gateway through which the AVRA credential was used. Its wholly owned subsidiary RCAL signed. The group acted as a single commercial unit in the performance of the Agreement.

3. **Relief against Robus under Rule 9.8.** A declaration that Robus is bound by Clause 20 and is liable, jointly with RCAL, for the breaches of Clause 8 caused by Patch 4.2. In the alternative, a declaration that Robus is liable for breach of its Assurances.

4. **Rule 9.4(e).** The Claimant nominated Professor Solan with its Request for Arbitration. It has no objection to Robus commenting on the constitution of the Tribunal within the Rule 9.9 period. Service on all parties is confirmed by courier receipts (not reproduced).

Neral, 4 August 2026

Tomas Varga

Kestrel & Varga LLP
Tomas Varga, Partner
Counsel for the Claimant

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In the arbitration proceeding between

Selvaran Basin Water Authority
Claimant

and

Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd
Respondent

Case No. CIAC/ARB/2026/017

ORDER OF THE EMERGENCY ARBITRATOR

under Rule 18 of the CIAC (Arbitration Proceedings) Rules, 2026

Emergency Arbitrator
Daniel Okafor

Chandigarh, 18 August 2026

1. On 6 August 2026 the Chairperson appointed me, Daniel Okafor, as Emergency Arbitrator under Rule 18.4. I disclosed that in 2021 I co-authored an article with Ms. Priya Castellan of Castellan Mehra & Partners, counsel for the Respondent. No party challenged the appointment within one business day (Rule 18.5). I fixed a schedule on 7 August. The parties filed written submissions on 10 August, and I heard them by video conference on 11 August. Robus Intelligence Inc. attended as an observer and made no submission.

2. The Claimant seeks (a) preservation of all AURA, Gateway and Reservoir Interface records; (b) production of Patch 4.2 and the WaterGuard configuration; (c) an order that RCAL keep Channel A below 10,000 m³ per day until the award; and (d) weekly reporting. The Respondent accepts (a) and (d) in principle, opposes (b) as premature and (c) as disproportionate, and says it has no control over records held by its parent.

3. Under Rule 18.9 I may order any interim relief I consider necessary. I apply the usual tests of urgency, a prima facie case, risk of harm that damages cannot repair, and proportionality. The Claimant has shown a prima facie case on the records and a real risk that logs and cached tokens will be overwritten in the ordinary course of operation. It has not shown that an intake cap is necessary now. The drought alert remains in force, the river has partly recovered, and a cap could affect the Aldorian grid and other users. The production of code and configuration files is better decided by the Tribunal, which can

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appoint an expert under Rule 31 and set a confidentiality protocol under Rules 35.4, 45 and 49.

4. I therefore order that:

   (i) RCAL shall preserve, and shall not alter or delete, all AURA logs, configuration files, planning traces, Gateway records, Patch 4.2 files and Reservoir Interface messages from 1 April to 30 June 2026;

   (ii) RCAL shall use its best endeavours to procure that Robus Intelligence Inc. preserves the same categories of records in its possession, and shall report in writing within seven days on the steps taken;

   (iii) RCAL shall send the Claimant the daily Channel A and Channel B readings every Monday;

   (iv) the request for an intake cap is refused;

   (v) no order is made against Robus Intelligence Inc., which is not a party; and

   (vi) costs are reserved to the Tribunal.

5. This Order is operative for 90 days from today under Rule 18.13, that is until 16 November 2026, unless the Tribunal extends, varies or revokes it under Rule 18.14. It does not bind the Tribunal on the merits (Rule 18.12).

Chandigarh, 18 August 2026
Seat of arbitration: Chandigarh, India

Daniel Okafor

Daniel Okafor
Emergency Arbitrator

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Chandigarh 160017, India

DATE 21 August 2026
OUR REF JF/ROB/2026-114
YOUR REF CIAC/ARB/2026/017

Dear Registrar,

Case No. CIAC/ARB/2026/017 – Response of Robus Intelligence Inc. to the Request for Joinder (Rule 9.9)

We act for Robus Intelligence Inc. ("**Robus**"), on the instructions of its General Counsel, Ms. Helena Brandt.

1. Robus responds to the Request for Joinder solely to object to it. It does not submit to the jurisdiction of the Centre or of any tribunal constituted in this case. It objects under Rule 24.1 to the competence of the Centre to administer this arbitration in so far as it concerns Robus, and reserves every other objection, including under Section 16 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (the "**Act**").

2. Robus did not sign the Implementation Agreement. SBWA asked it to sign and it refused, as SBWA's own minutes record. Robus's relationship with RCAL is governed by a separate Licence and Support Agreement with a Singapore arbitration clause. Its two Assurances are what they say they are, namely statements of technical performance, given in its own name, with no dispute resolution clause. Ownership of a subsidiary, participation in technical meetings and the authorship of software do not amount to consent to arbitrate with a stranger.

3. The Request is also out of time and procedurally defective. Rule 37.1 provides that no additional party may be joined after the confirmation or appointment of any arbitrator unless all parties, including the additional party, agree in writing. The Claimant appointed Professor Solan on 4 August 2026, the day it filed the Request. Robus does not agree. Further, Rule 9.5 would treat Robus as having waived any right to take part in the constitution of the Tribunal. Robus has not waived anything. A tribunal chosen by its opponents cannot be imposed on it consistently with Section 18 of the Act.

4. Robus declines to comment on the constitution of the Tribunal under Rule 9.4(e), without prejudice. It asks the Centre to reject the Request for Joinder under Rule 9.11. If the Centre leaves the matter to the Tribunal, Robus asks the Tribunal to dismiss the Request as a preliminary issue.

Yours faithfully,

J. Fairweather

Fairweather Quay LLP
Julian Fairweather, Partner
Counsel for Robus Intelligence Inc. (appearing without submitting to jurisdiction)

cc: Kestrel & Varga LLP; Castellan Mehra & Partners

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Chandigarh 160017, India

27 August 2026
Our ref: PC/RM/RCAL-0926
By email

Re: Case No. CIAC/ARB/2026/017 – Response to the Request for Arbitration

Dear Registrar,

We act for the Respondent, Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd. We enclose its Response under Rule 5 of the CIAC Rules. A copy has been sent to counsel for the Claimant.

The Respondent nominates as its arbitrator Dr. Tomas Arden, Veyra City, Aldoria, who is on the CIAC Panel. His consent and disclosure are enclosed. The Respondent has no funding agreement to disclose under Rule 32.

Robus Intelligence Inc. is separately represented by Fairweather Quay LLP and responded to the Request for Joinder on 21 August 2026. Nothing in the Response is made on Robus's behalf.

Yours faithfully,

Priya Castellan

Castellan Mehra & Partners
Priya Castellan, Managing Partner · Rohan Mehra, Partner
Counsel for the Respondent

Enclosures: Response with Respondent Exhibits R 1 to R 5; consent and disclosure of Dr. Arden and Power of Attorney (not reproduced).

cc: Kestrel & Varga LLP; Fairweather Quay LLP

Castellan Mehra & Partners is a firm of advocates enrolled with the Aldorian Bar Association. Offices in Veyra City and Theta City.

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CHANDIGARH INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE
CASE NO. CIAC/ARB/2026/017

BETWEEN:

SELVARAN BASIN WATER AUTHORITY *Claimant*

– and –

ROBUS COMPUTE ALDORIA LTD *Respondent*

RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION

under Rule 5 of the CIAC (Arbitration Proceedings) Rules, 2026

in the arbitral proceedings Selvaran Basin Water Authority v. Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd · 27 August 2026

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The Claimant asks a data-centre operator to insure a river against a drought. Meridian used, in net terms, less water than its ceiling. The release that the Claimant complains of was AVRA's release, approved on AVRA's system with AVRA's credential, in a drought that AVRA's own government had declared. The software change that the Claimant complains of was written and installed by a different company, which the Claimant chose not to have as a contracting party in 2023. The Respondent accepts that the Tribunal has jurisdiction over it. It denies liability.

B. FACTS

2. Meridian performs about 30% of the grid-balancing computations of the Aldorian Grid Operator ("**AGO**") under a contract with service-level penalties of up to USD 400,000 per hour of shortfall. In a drought the grid depends on those computations to manage reduced hydropower. Meridian is not a luxury.

3. At the negotiation meeting of 19 January 2023, SBWA asked Robus to sign the Implementation Agreement. Robus declined. SBWA accepted a Technology Assurance instead and recorded that it did so (**Respondent Exhibit R 3**). The same minutes show SBWA's engineer agreeing that "net consumption is what matters to the river". Schedule 2 was drafted by SBWA's engineering team.

4. From March 2023 to February 2026 AVRA invoiced the Clause 3 tariff on Channel B, the net figure, with copies to SBWA every month. SBWA never objected (**Respondent Exhibit R 5**). All three Parties therefore treated Water Use as net consumptive use for three years.

5. AURA was licensed to the Respondent by Robus under a Licence and Support Agreement of 1 September 2022 (**Respondent Exhibit R 2**). Robus performs remote maintenance through the Gateway. The Gateway was integrated with AVRA's Reservoir Interface in November 2024 under a change request that Robus raised and AVRA countersigned (**Respondent Exhibit R 4**). The Respondent did not configure

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the cached token and did not know that the maintenance profile allowed it to acknowledge Tier 2 or Tier 3 actions.

6. The Respondent ordered Patch 4.2 by Service Order of 30 April 2026, to deal with thermal instability during the coming peak (**Respondent Exhibit R 2**). The Service Order states that no change to contractual water controls was ordered. Robus's own instruction of 3 May said the same (**Claimant Exhibit C 5**). The change of WaterGuard to ROLLING_7D was not requested by the Respondent and was not approved by any RCAL engineer. The Respondent's case is that the facility controller's hardware limit remained in place, which is why no hard-limit alarm was recorded. Whether that is right can be tested only by inspection.

7. On 11 May AVRA's Reservoir Duty Officer, Mr. Karel Lindqvist, was logged on at the Interface console from 07:30 to 07:40 (**Respondent Exhibit R 4**). The Interface belongs to AVRA. The credential belongs to AVRA. The maintenance profile that auto-accepts a pending recommendation after 180 seconds sits in AVRA's Interface. AVRA's preliminary drought note of 18 June describes the 11 May deferral as "consistent with the reservoir conservation plan then in force". AVRA has not said that it would have refused the deferral.

8. Rainfall and snowpack were 27% below average. Aldoria declared a Stage II Drought Alert on 28 April 2026 (**Respondent Exhibit R 5**). AVRA reduced irrigation releases from early May on the Ministry's direction. The border index was already at 82 on 1 May and falling before the patch was installed.

9. The Claimant's purchases from the Selvaran Northern Utility began under a framework contract concluded in March 2026, before any of the events complained of. The Claimant's own witness accepts that part of the USD 36,000,000 relates to a pre-existing shortfall.

C. LEGAL EVALUATION

10. **Jurisdiction:** The Respondent accepts jurisdiction over itself under Clause 20. It does not accept that the Tribunal has jurisdiction over Robus, which did not sign, and it does not accept that the arbitration can be used to determine whether Aldoria met the Treaty's flow standard. Clause 6(3) forbids that.

11. **Clause 5:** The ceiling applies to net consumptive use. Schedule 2 makes Channel B the reported and invoiced figure. The Parties applied it for three years (Article 4.3(b) and (c) of the UNIDROIT Principles). Schedule 2 was supplied by SBWA and any lack of clarity counts against it (Article 4.6). On Channel B, Meridian averaged 9,650 m^3 per day between 1 and 26 May. Even on Channel A, intake of this size equals less than 0.1 index points at the border.

12. **Clause 8 and attribution:** Schedule 4 is a procedure agreed by the Parties for attributing automated actions. Under it a Tier 3 action is attributed to the AVRA officer whose credential approves it. Article 7(1) of the Model Law on Automated Contracting gives effect to that agreed procedure before any default rule applies. The deferral was accepted with AVRA's credential on AVRA's system while AVRA's officer was at the console. It is AVRA's action, or at most the Gateway's, not the Respondent's. The WaterGuard change was Robus's action under its own licence. In the alternative, Article 8 applies. The Respondent could not reasonably have

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expected either action, and SBWA, which received the Deployment Assurance and receives the daily readings, knew or should have known that (**Claimant Exhibit C 2**). The Respondent kept qualified supervisors who identified the issue within six hours and booked a validation. Section 13 of the AI Act requires the ability to intervene. It does not require an operator to shut down a critical facility on an unconfirmed dashboard reading.

13. **Excuse and causation:** The May shortfall was caused by the drought. The Stage II Alert is a severe drought recognised under Article 7 of the Treaty for the purposes of Clause 14, and in any event an impediment under Article 7.1.7 of the UNIDROIT Principles. The Claimant must prove harm with reasonable certainty (Article 7.4.3) and may recover only harm that was foreseeable (Article 7.4.4). Any damages must be reduced for AVRA's and the drought's contribution (Article 7.4.7) and for the Claimant's failure to mitigate (Article 7.4.8). Clause 13A caps any liability at USD 15,000,000. A decision to keep a critical facility running while awaiting a scheduled validation is not wilful default.

14. **Interim measures:** The Respondent has complied with the Emergency Arbitrator's Order and has asked Robus to preserve its records. It does not control them. It opposes any order giving the Claimant or its funder access to source code, model weights or credentials. If inspection is ordered, a tribunal-appointed expert under Rule 31 should carry it out and report on three questions only, namely the controller limit state, the WaterGuard change and the source of the AVRA-OPS-57 acknowledgements, under a protocol made under Rules 35.4, 45 and 49.

D. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

15. The Respondent asks the Tribunal to:

(a) dismiss the Request for Joinder of Robus Intelligence Inc.;

(b) declare that the Respondent did not breach Clauses 5 or 8;

(c) in the alternative, declare that the Respondent is excused under Clause 14, that the Claimant's costs were not caused by any breach of the Respondent, and that any liability is limited under Clause 13A;

(d) limit any inspection to a tribunal-appointed expert under a confidentiality protocol; and

(e) order the Claimant to bear the costs of the arbitration.

16. The Respondent reserves the right to bring a counterclaim for repayment of the Downstream Resilience Contribution paid for the Contract Year beginning 1 March 2026, since the Claimant has withdrawn the cooperation for which it was paid.

Veyra City, 27 August 2026

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RESPONDENT EXHIBIT R 1

Respondent
Witness: Rafael Osei
First statement
25 August 2026

CHANDIGARH INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE
CASE NO. CIAC/ARB/2026/017

BETWEEN:

SELVARAN BASIN WATER AUTHORITY *Claimant*

– and –

ROBUS COMPUTE ALDORIA LTD *Respondent*

Witness Statement of Rafael Osei

1. I was born on 14 November 1984. I am an electrical engineer. I have been Operations Lead at Meridian since it opened in 2023. I lead a team of eleven engineers who run the campus around the clock.

2. Meridian carries the AGO grid-balancing workload. During the May 2026 peak window the AGO had told us that any loss of computation would force manual load shedding in Theta City. Our contract with the AGO carries penalties of up to USD 400,000 per hour. When Ms. Nandakumar raised the WaterGuard display on the morning of 4 May, I had to weigh an unconfirmed dashboard reading against a confirmed grid risk. I decided to keep running, to rely on the controller's hardware limit and alarm, and to validate on Friday. I stand by that decision, although I accept that the Friday validation did not read the limit value.

3. I did not know that the Gateway could acknowledge a WaterGuard change with an AVRA credential. The Gateway was set up by Robus and AVRA in November 2024. My team was told that the maintenance profile was for "connection testing".

4. On 11 May I saw the deferral accepted on AVRA's Interface. The Interface is AVRA's system. We can see it but we cannot approve anything on it. I assumed, and I still believe, that it fitted AVRA's conservation plan. I accept that I did not ask AVRA who had approved it and that I did not ask what "ROLLING_7D" meant for the controller.

5. Channel B stayed below 10,000 m³ per day on a seven-day basis throughout May. On 9 May both channels were above 10,000 m³ for the day. No alarm sounded. I do not know why. Only an inspection of the controller will tell us.

Statement of truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Theta City, 25 August 2026

Rafael Osei

Rafael Osei
Operations Lead, Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd

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RESPONDENT EXHIBIT R 2

AURA LICENCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT

between Robus Intelligence Inc. (Licensor) and Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd (Licensee) · 1 September 2022 · extracts

[…]

4. Remote maintenance

Robus may install updates through the Remote Maintenance Gateway during maintenance windows notified to RCAL. Robus shall not change site-level operational limits without RCAL's written instruction.

[…]

9. Site responsibility

RCAL is responsible for site configuration, for approvals required by law or by RCAL's contracts with third parties, and for verifying the control state of AURA after each update.

[…]

15. Disputes

Any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be resolved by arbitration under the Rules of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, seated in Singapore. This Agreement is governed by the law of Norvale.

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ROBUS COMPUTE
ALDORIA · MERIDIAN CAMPUS

SERVICE ORDER

No. SO-2026-031

CUSTOMER	SUPPLIER
Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd Meridian Compute Campus, 88 Meridian Loop, Theta City, Aldoria Contact: Jonas Keller, Managing Director	**Robus Intelligence Inc.** 400 Harbour Quay, Port Norvale, Norvale Contact: Dr. Sofia Lindgren, Director of Systems

ORDER DATE	CONTRACT REFERENCE	SITE	REQUESTED WINDOW
30 April 2026	Licence and Support Agreement, Cl. 4	MER-01 (Meridian)	4 May 2026, 02:00-03:00

#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AMOUNT (USD)
1	Thermal Efficiency Patch 4.2 for the Meridian AURA instance. Objective: reduce cooling-loop instability during peak demand from 6 May.	1	Included
2	Remote deployment through the Remote Maintenance Gateway, with post-deployment report.	1	Included
3	Annual support fee (Licence and Support Agreement, Schedule B), for reference.	–	2,400,000 / year

SPECIAL CONDITIONS STATED BY THE CUSTOMER

No change to contractual water controls (Implementation Agreement Clause 5 and Schedule 4). Tier 2 approvals to be obtained from the RCAL duty engineer before activation. Maintenance window to be notified to AVRA and SBWA by the Supplier.

Jonas Keller

Jonas Keller
Authorised for the Customer
30 April 2026

Sofia Lindgren

Dr. Sofia Lindgren
Accepted for the Supplier
1 May 2026

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RESPONDENT EXHIBIT R 3

SBWA Selvaran Basin Water Authority
PUBLIC CORPORATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SELVARA

Selvaran Basin Water Authority
17 Basin Secretariat Road, Neral, Selvara
Office of the Managing Director

MINUTES OF MEETING (EXTRACT)

Subject	Negotiation of the Veyra Basin Digital Infrastructure Implementation Agreement
Date and time	Thursday, 19 January 2023, 10:00–13:30
Venue	SBWA Headquarters, Neral (Robus by video link)
Present	Samuel Okoro (SO), Managing Director, SBWA Ilse Marrow (IM), Director of Operations, SBWA Hanna Voss (HV), Director of Operations, AVRA Jonas Keller (JK), Managing Director, RCAL Rafael Osei (RO), RCAL Dr Sofia Lindgren (SL), Director of Systems, Robus
Minutes	Dana Pell, Secretary to the Managing Director, SBWA

2. PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

2.1 SO said that SBWA wants Robus as a signatory, because Robus controls the software.

2.2 SL said that Robus does not sign operating agreements for client sites anywhere in the world. It will give a technology assurance in its own name and will support the performance reviews.

2.3 IM said that an assurance is acceptable if the daily limit sits in the controller and Robus tells the Parties before any change to the controls.

2.4 Agreed.

4. WATER USE CEILING

4.1 HV said that AVRA needs a gross figure for the tariff because the intake meter is the only meter AVRA can read.

4.2 IM said that net consumption is what matters to the river, but SBWA wants the ceiling on the intake because it is the simplest to enforce.

4.3 JK said that RCAL can live with 10,000 m³ a day if return flow is credited.

4.4 No conclusion recorded. Action: SBWA engineering team to draft Schedule 2 and circulate.

5. AURA APPROVALS

5.1 SL said: “AURA recommends, people approve.”

5.2 HV said that AVRA will approve releases through its own interface, and the interface will record who approved.

5.3 RO said that RCAL duty engineers will approve WaterGuard changes.

5.4 IM said that SBWA wants every approval recorded by name.

5.5 Agreed in principle. Detail to Schedule 4.

7. COSTS

7.1 SO said that SBWA will bear the costs of a drought, but not the costs of Meridian’s mistakes.

7.2 JK said that RCAL accepts a reimbursement clause if liability is capped and excludes farmers’ losses.

7.3 Agreed: cap at USD 15 million a year with a carve-out for wilful default.

D. Pell

Dana Pell
Secretary to the Managing Director
Circulated to attendees on 20 January 2023. No corrections received.

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RESPONDENT EXHIBIT R 4

AVRA Aldorian Veyra River Authority
STATUTORY CORPORATION · RESERVOIR OPERATIONS

Aldorian Veyra River Authority
1 Reservoir Square, Veyra City, Aldoria
Records provided to RCAL on 3 July 2026

Our ref: AVRA/OPS/2026/214 3 July 2026

By email

Mr Jonas Keller
Managing Director
Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd
88 Meridian Loop
Theta City

Dear Mr Keller,

Release R-0511 of 11 May 2026: records

1. We refer to your request for AVRA's records concerning the deferral of release R-0511 on 11 May 2026.

2. We enclose:

   (a) Annex A: Reservoir Interface shift log, console 2, 11 May 2026 (extract);

   (b) Annex B: occurrence statement of the Reservoir Duty Officer, Mr Karel Lindqvist, dated 16 May 2026;

   (c) Annex C: Interface maintenance profile MAINT-2024-11 (extract); and

   (d) Annex D: internal note of the Director of Operations dated 18 June 2026.

3. AVRA did not know that maintenance profile MAINT-2024-11 could accept release recommendations automatically.

4. AVRA provides these records to assist the parties to the Implementation Agreement. AVRA will cooperate fully with any contractual process but will not itself be a party to it. This letter is without prejudice to AVRA's rights under the Implementation Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Hanna Voss

Hanna Voss
Director of Operations

Enc.: Annexes A to D

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ANNEX A

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ALDORIAN VEYRA RIVER AUTHORITY      RESERVOIR INTERFACE        PAGE 0001
SHIFT LOG  ·  CONSOLE 2  ·  11 MAY 2026            EXTRACT  ·  TIMES LOCAL
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TIME   ENTRY
07:30  Duty Officer K. Lindqvist logged on, console 2.
07:32  Incoming recommendation from Meridian/AURA: defer release R-0511
       by 72 h.
07:35  Status change: ACCEPTED (credential AVRA-OPS-57; source: gateway).
07:40  Duty Officer logged off. No operator input recorded between 07:30
       and 07:40.
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                        *** END OF EXTRACT ***
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ANNEX B

ALDORIAN VEYRA RIVER AUTHORITY
Reservoir Operations
OCCURRENCE STATEMENT

Name	Karel Lindqvist
Position	Reservoir Duty Officer
Occurrence	Status change of release R-0511, Reservoir Interface, console 2, 11 May 2026
Date of statement	16 May 2026

Statement

On 11 May 2026 I was on duty at console 2 of the Reservoir Interface. I saw the recommendation. I assumed that AURA had validated the grid data and that the conservation plan covered it. I did not click anything.

K. Lindqvist

Signature of officer

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ANNEX C

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ALDORIAN VEYRA RIVER AUTHORITY      RESERVOIR INTERFACE        PAGE 0001
INTERFACE MAINTENANCE PROFILE  MAINT-2024-11                       EXTRACT
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gateway_integration     : enabled
cached_operations_token : AVRA-OPS-57 (service account)
auto_accept_after       : 180 s  -  enabled for recommendations received
                          during an active maintenance profile
profile_active          : 4 May 02:00 to 12 May 23:59 (extended by
                          Robus remote request of 4 May 02:40)
change_request          : CR-118, 12 November 2024, "Gateway integration
                          for remote diagnostics", raised by Robus
                          Intelligence Inc.
countersigned_for_AVRA  : [signature illegible]
________________________________________________________________________

                      *** END OF EXTRACT ***
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ANNEX D

ALDORIAN VEYRA RIVER AUTHORITY
INTERNAL NOTE

To: File
From: Hanna Voss, Director of Operations
Date: 18 June 2026
Subject: May 2026 flow deficit: preliminary note

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1. The flow deficit of May 2026 has several causes, namely inflow 27% below average, early storage under Ministerial Direction 7/2026, groundwater pumping in the middle basin and the demands of other users.

2. The deferral of release R-0511 was consistent with the reservoir conservation plan then in force. AVRA has not yet determined who or what approved it.

3. AVRA did not propose a Treaty variation to the Commission and does not intend to do so.

H. V.

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RESPONDENT EXHIBIT R 5

AVRA Aldorian Veyra River Authority
STATUTORY CORPORATION · RESERVOIR OPERATIONS

TAX INVOICE

Invoice no. AVRA/INV/2026-04
Invoice date: 5 May 2026

Bill to

Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd
88 Meridian Loop, Theta City
Reference: Implementation Agreement, Clause 3(1)

Copy to (for information)

Selvaran Basin Water Authority
17 Basin Secretariat Road, Neral

Description	Volume (m³)	Rate (USD/m³)	Amount (USD)
Water Use (net consumptive, Channel B), 1–30 April 2026	236,400	0.40	94,560.00
Total due			**94,560.00**

Payment due within 30 days of the invoice date.

Aldorian Veyra River Authority, 1 Reservoir Square, Veyra City, Aldoria

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ROBUS COMPUTE ALDORIA LTD
Finance

Schedule of AVRA tariff invoices, March 2023 to May 2026

Period	Channel A (m³)	Channel B (m³)	Basis of invoice	Copy to SBWA
Mar 2023 – Feb 2024	2,610,000	2,105,000	Channel B	Yes, monthly
Mar 2024 – Feb 2025	2,990,000	2,420,000	Channel B	Yes, monthly
Mar 2025 – Feb 2026	3,240,000	2,630,000	Channel B	Yes, monthly
Mar – May 2026	870,000	705,000	Channel B (disputed by SBWA since 2 June 2026)	Yes, monthly

Source: AVRA tariff invoices; daily meter readings on the project portal.
Prepared by RCAL Finance, August 2026.

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THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALDORIA

EXTRAORDINARY

PART II — Section 1

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

No. 112] **VEYRA CITY, TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026**

MINISTRY OF WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE

NOTIFICATION

Veyra City, the 28th April, 2026

No. MWI/DR/7/2026.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the Water Resources Act, the Ministry of Water and Infrastructure, being satisfied that rainfall and snowpack in the upper Veyra basin are 27 per cent. below the long-term average, hereby declares a Stage II Drought Alert for the Veyra basin with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

2. During the period of the Stage II Drought Alert,—

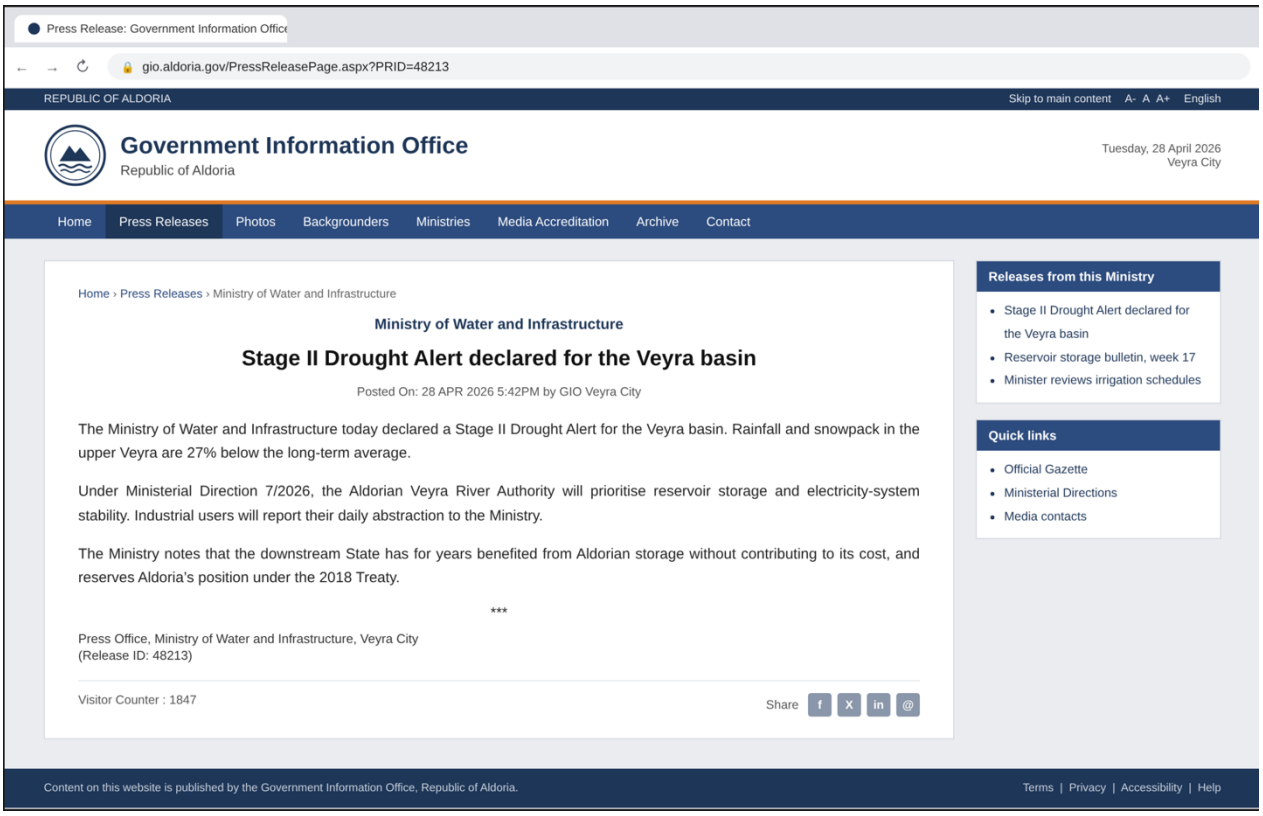
(a) the Aldorian Veyra River Authority shall give priority to reservoir storage and to the stability of the electricity system, in accordance with Ministerial Direction No. 7/2026; and

(b) every industrial user abstracting water from the Veyra shall report its daily abstraction to the Ministry.

3. This notification shall remain in force until it is withdrawn by a further notification.

[F. No. MWI/WR/14/2026] T. HALVARD, Secretary

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Ministry of Water and Infrastructure

Stage II Drought Alert declared for the Veyra basin

Posted On: 28 APR 2026 5:42PM by GIO Veyra City

The Ministry of Water and Infrastructure today declared a Stage II Drought Alert for the Veyra basin. Rainfall and snowpack in the upper Veyra are 27% below the long-term average.

Under Ministerial Direction 7/2026, the Aldorian Veyra River Authority will prioritise reservoir storage and electricity-system stability. Industrial users will report their daily abstraction to the Ministry.

The Ministry notes that the downstream State has for years benefited from Aldorian storage without contributing to its cost, and reserves Aldoria's position under the 2018 Treaty.

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Press Office, Ministry of Water and Infrastructure, Veyra City
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CASE NO.	OUR REF	DATE	TRANSMISSION
CIAC/ARB/2026/017	CIAC/REG/2026/1388	30 September 2026	By email

Selvaran Basin Water Authority v. Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd

To:

Kestrel & Varga LLP, for the Claimant
Castellan Mehra & Partners, for the Respondent
Fairweather Quay LLP, for Robus Intelligence Inc.
Members of the Tribunal

Re: Rule 24.1 objection, Request for Joinder and constitution of the Tribunal

Dear Members of the Tribunal and Party Representatives,

1. **Objection under Rule 24.1:** On 28 August 2026 the Chairperson considered Robus Intelligence Inc.'s objection to the competence of the Centre to administer this arbitration in so far as it concerns Robus. The Chairperson did not sustain the objection. Under Rule 24.2 the question is for the Tribunal under Section 16 of the Act.

2. **Request for Joinder:** The Centre has decided not to rule on the Request for Joinder before the constitution of the Tribunal. Under Rule 9.1 the Claimant may pursue the Request before the Tribunal, which will decide it after hearing all parties and the proposed additional party.

3. **Constitution of the Tribunal:** Professor Mira Solan (nominated by the Claimant on 4 August) and Dr. Tomas Arden (nominated by the Respondent on 27 August) appointed Ms. Meera Raghavan, Senior Advocate, New Delhi, as Presiding Arbitrator on 15 September 2026, within the period in Rule 11.5. Ms. Raghavan is a national of India. Her disclosure under Section 12 of the Act and the Sixth Schedule notes that, until 2023, she was a partner in a firm that advised a consortium in which Robus Intelligence Inc. held a 4% interest, on an unrelated matter. No notice of challenge was received within the 14 days under Rule 13.3. The Tribunal is constituted.

4. **First procedural meeting:** The Tribunal has fixed a procedural meeting by video conference for 5 October 2026 at 15:00 IST. The agenda includes the Emergency Arbitrator's Order, the Request for Joinder, the issues for the hearing, information security under Rule 49, funding disclosures under Rule 32 and the hearing dates at the Centre.

Yours faithfully,

Arjun Bedi

Arjun Bedi
Registrar, Chandigarh International Arbitration Centre

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CHANDIGARH INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE, INDIA

CHANDIGARH INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE

In the arbitration proceeding between

Selvaran Basin Water Authority
Claimant

and

Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd
Respondent

Case No. CIAC/ARB/2026/017

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

of 7 October 2026 in the arbitral proceedings CIAC/ARB/2026/017

Members of the Tribunal

Ms. Meera Raghavan, Presiding Arbitrator
Professor Mira Solan, Arbitrator
Dr. Tomas Arden, Arbitrator

Date of Order: 7 October 2026

CHANDIGARH INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE, INDIA

Correspondence: Ms. Meera Raghavan, Presiding Arbitrator, C-14, Jor Bagh, New Delhi 110003, India

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PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

Selvaran Basin Water Authority v. Robus Compute Aldoria Ltd

1. The Arbitral Tribunal, composed of Ms. Meera Raghavan (Presiding Arbitrator), Professor Mira Solan and Dr. Tomas Arden, held a procedural meeting with the Parties on 5 October 2026. Robus Intelligence Inc. attended under protest and without submitting to jurisdiction. This Order records what was agreed and what the Tribunal has directed.

2. The Parties confirmed that they have no objection to the composition of the Tribunal, to the application of the CIAC (Arbitration Proceedings) Rules, 2026 in the version in force on 4 August 2026, or to Chandigarh as the seat. Robus Intelligence Inc. reserved its position on all three points.

3. The Tribunal provisionally extends the Emergency Arbitrator's Order of 18 August 2026 under Rule 18.13 until it decides Issue II.

4. The Tribunal will decide the following issues at the Oral Hearing, on the record as it stands, in the order the Parties choose. Quantum is reserved to a later phase. The Tribunal will not determine whether the Republic of Aldoria or the Republic of Selvara has complied with the Veyra River Basin Treaty (Clause 6(3)).

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Issue I	**Joinder:** Whether Robus Intelligence Inc. should be joined as an additional party under Rule 9 of the CIAC Rules, in particular (a) whether it is prima facie bound by Clause 20 of the Implementation Agreement under the law governing that agreement, and (b) whether it may be joined after the Tribunal has been constituted without its participation, having regard to Rules 9.5, 9.11 and 37.1 of the CIAC Rules and to the law of the seat.
Issue II	**Interim measures and inspection:** Whether the Tribunal should confirm, vary, extend or revoke the Emergency Arbitrator's Order under Rule 18.14, and whether it should order an inspection of Patch 4.2, the WaterGuard configuration, the facility controller and the Gateway and Reservoir Interface credential records, by whom, on what terms of confidentiality and information security (Rules 19, 31, 34, 35.4, 45 and 49), and whether any such order may extend to records held by Robus Intelligence Inc.

MERITS ISSUES

Issue III	**Agentic AI:** Whether (a) the change of WaterGuard from DAILY_HARD to ROLLING_7D on 4 May 2026 and (b) the acceptance of the release deferral on 11 May 2026 are attributable to the Respondent under Clause 8 and Schedule 4 of the Implementation Agreement and Articles 7 and 8 of the Model Law on Automated Contracting as enacted in Aldoria; and whether the Respondent breached its human-oversight and verification obligations under

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	Clause 8 and Sections 13 and 14 of the Aldorian Artificial Intelligence in Critical Infrastructure Act, 2025, including what significance attaches to AURA's autonomous operation.
Issue IV	**Ceiling, excuse and recoverable costs:** Whether the Respondent breached the Water Use ceiling in Clause 5, in particular whether Water Use means gross intake (Channel A) or net consumptive use (Channel B); whether the Respondent is excused under Clause 14 or Article 7.1.7 of the UNIDROIT Principles; and whether, in principle, the Claimant's emergency costs are recoverable under Clauses 12, 13 and 13A, including causation in a drought and whether the limitation in Clause 13A applies.

5. The following matters are agreed or stipulated for the purposes of the proceeding:

(a) Aldoria, Selvara, Norvale and India are Contracting States to the New York Convention, 1958, without reservation;

(b) the general contract law of Aldoria, Selvara and Norvale is a verbatim adoption of the UNIDROIT Principles 2016;

(c) Aldoria has enacted the UNCITRAL Model Law on Automated Contracting (2024) in full, including Articles 5(2) and 8;

(d) the Aldorian Artificial Intelligence in Critical Infrastructure Act, 2025 is reproduced in the Annex to this Order and applies to Meridian as critical infrastructure;

(e) Indian law governs the arbitration agreement in Clause 20, including the question of who is bound by it;

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(f) Professor Solan and Dr. Arden are on the CIAC Panel;

(g) where the CIAC Rules cross-refer to a Rule number that does not match the Rule described, the reference is read as a reference to the Rule described;

(h) the Claimant complied with the consultation period in Clause 19, and no issue of prematurity arises;

(i) AVRA is not a party to the arbitration, and its conduct is relevant only as a matter of fact; and

(j) the Oral Hearing will be held in person at the Centre in Chandigarh.

6. The Claimant's Memorandum and the Respondent's Memorandum shall be submitted in accordance with the timetable published on www.disputesweek.com and communicated by email. Each Memorandum shall address all four Issues. The Respondent's Memorandum may address the position of Robus Intelligence Inc. on Issues I and II within the limits of those Issues.

7. Requests for Clarification may be submitted through the moot's online portal. No team may submit more than ten questions. Requests shall be categorised as (1) the Parties and

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their business; (2) AURA, the Gateway and the technical records; (3) joinder and the constitution of the Tribunal; (4) the Emergency Arbitrator's Order and inspection; (5) the negotiation and drafting of the Implementation Agreement; (6) metering and the ceiling; (7) hydrology and causation; (8) applicable laws and rules; (9) other. The Tribunal will answer by Procedural Order No. 2.

Chandigarh, 7 October 2026
Seat of arbitration: Chandigarh, India

For the Arbitral Tribunal

Meera Raghavan

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ANNEX TO PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACT, 2025

[14th March, 2025.]

An Act to provide for the safe use of artificial intelligence systems in critical infrastructure, for human oversight of such systems and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Aldoria as follows:—

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CHAPTER III
DUTIES OF PROVIDERS AND OPERATORS

12. Risk assessment.—A provider or operator placing an AI system into use in critical infrastructure shall maintain a documented assessment of reasonably foreseeable risks to public safety, essential services and the environment, and shall reassess the system after a material update.

13. Human oversight.—Where an AI system influences the allocation or operation of essential water or energy infrastructure, a qualified human supervisor shall have the information, authority and practical ability to intervene, suspend operation or revert to a safe configuration.

14. Technical safeguards.—The operator shall implement technically effective resource-use limits, fail-safe mechanisms and alerting thresholds consistent with applicable permits and contracts, and shall verify the underlying control state of those safeguards at reasonable intervals and after any material change.

15. Logging and reporting.—Material autonomous actions, overrides, credential use, software changes affecting critical functions and failures of monitoring shall be recorded in an auditable log. An operator shall notify the regulator within forty-eight hours of a material control failure or unexpected exceedance.

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16. Responsibility.—Nothing in this Act confers legal personality on an AI system. The duties of providers, operators and infrastructure owners are determined by their roles under this Act, applicable contracts and other law.

CHAPTER IV
MISCELLANEOUS

17. Saving.—Nothing in this Act excludes contractual or civil liability or the resolution of contractual disputes by arbitration.

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