

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART III**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

President's text

2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Australia

3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

Draft Regulation 18bis

4. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the "track changes" function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.

[Regulation18 bis

Obligations of the Contractors.

1. Contractors shall comply with these Regulations and the Rules of the Authority in a manner consistent with the Convention and the Agreement.

2. Contractors, their holding, subsidiary~~ies~~, affiliated and Ultimate Parent companies, agencies~~;~~ and partnerships~~;~~ and suppliers shall be held liable for the compliance of the Contract. Particularly, they shall be jointly and severally liable for the obligation of compensating damages arising from Exploitation Activities.

5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]

Australia notes that 'Contractors' in paragraph 1 should be plural.

Australia suggests deletion of 'and suppliers' in paragraph 2 given that suppliers are unlikely to be parties to the Contract and therefore unable to be held liable.

Consequential amendments to insert the word 'and' before partnerships are suggested due to deletion of the reference to 'suppliers'.