Form 55B

Rule 28.46(3)(b)

Subpoena to produce documents   
(International Arbitration Act 1974)

No.       of 20

Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: [State]

Division: [Division]

**[Name of First Applicant]** [if 2 or more add "and [another/others] named in the schedule"]

Applicant[s]

**[Name of First Respondent]** [if 2 or more add "and [another/others] named in the schedule"]

Respondent[s]

To: [name], [address]

**You are ordered to produce this subpoena or a copy of it and the documents or things specified in the Schedule of documents.** See next page for details.

**Failure to comply with this subpoena without lawful excuse is a contempt of court and may result in your arrest.**

Please read Notes 1 to 13 at the end of this subpoena.

The last date for service of this subpoena is [date]. *(See Note 1)*

Date:

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| Signed by an officer acting with the authority of the District Registrar |

Issued at the request of [name of party], whose address for service is:

Place: [see rule 11.01]

Email:

**Details of subpoena**

You must comply with this subpoena:

(a) by attending to produce this subpoena or a copy of it and the documents or things specified in the Schedule of documents below at the date, time and place specified for attendance and production; or

(b) by delivering or sending this subpoena or a copy of it and the documents or things specified in the Schedule of documents below to the [Name of arbitral tribunal] at the address below, or if there is more than one address below, at any one of those addresses, so that they are received not less than 2 clear business days before the date specified for attendance and production. (*See Notes 5–9*)

Date, time and place at which you must attend to produce the subpoena or a copy of it and documents or things, unless you receive a notice of a later date or time from the issuing party, in which case the later date or time is substituted:

Date:

Time:

Place: [Name of arbitral tribunal] at [address]

Address, or any address, to which the subpoena (or copy) and documents or things may be delivered or posted:

[Name of arbitral tribunal] at [address]

**Schedule of documents**

The documents and things you must produce are as follows:

[List the documents or things. Attach list if insufficient space.]

***Notes***

**Last day for service**

1. You need not comply with the subpoena unless it is served on you on or before the date specified in the subpoena as the last date for service of the subpoena.

**Informal service**

2. Even if this subpoena has not been served personally on you, you must, nevertheless, comply with its requirements, if you have, by the last date for service of the subpoena, actual knowledge of the subpoena and of its requirements.

**Addressee a corporation**

3. If the subpoena is addressed to a corporation, the corporation must comply with the subpoena by its appropriate or proper officer.

**Conduct money**

4. You need not comply with the subpoena in so far as it requires you to attend for examination unless conduct money sufficient to meet your reasonable expenses of attending as required by the subpoena is handed or tendered to you a reasonable time before the date your attendance is required.

**Production of subpoena or copy of it and documents or things by delivery or post**

5. If this subpoena requires production of the subpoena (or a copy of it) and a document or thing, instead of attending to produce the subpoena (or a copy of it) and the document or thing, you may comply with the subpoena by delivering or sending the subpoena (or a copy of it) and the document or thing to the [Name of arbitral tribunal]:

(a) at the address specified in the subpoena for the purpose; or

(b) if more than one address is specified - at any of those addresses;

so that they are received not less than 2 clear business days before the date specified in the subpoena for attendance and production, or if you receive notice of a later date from the issuing party, before the later date or time.

6. If you object to a document or thing produced in response to this subpoena being inspected by a party to the proceeding or any other person, you must, at the time of production, notify the [Name of arbitral tribunal] in writing of your objection and of the grounds of your objection.

7. Unless the Court otherwise orders, if you do not object to a document or thing produced by you in response to the subpoena being inspected by any party to the proceeding, the [Name of arbitral tribunal] may permit the parties to the proceeding to inspect the document or thing.

**Production of a number of documents or things**

8. If you produce more than one document or thing, you must, if requested by the [Name of arbitral tribunal], produce a list of the documents or things produced.

**Production of copy instead of original**

9. You may, with the consent of the issuing party, produce a copy, instead of the original, of any document that the subpoena requires you to produce.

9A. The copy of a document may be:

(a) a photocopy; or

(b) in an electronic form in any of the following electronic formats:

.doc and .docx – Microsoft Word documents

.pdf – Adobe Acrobat documents

.xls and .xlsx – Microsoft Excel spreadsheets

.jpg – image files

.rtf – rich text format

.gif – graphics interchange format

.tif – tagged image format

**Applications in relation to subpoena**

10. You have the right to apply to the Court:

(a) for an order setting aside the subpoena (or a part of it) or for relief in respect of the subpoena; and

(b) for an order with respect to your claim for privilege, public interest immunity or confidentiality in relation to any document or thing the subject of the subpoena.

**Loss or expense of compliance**

11. You may apply to the Court for an order that the issuing party pay an amount (in addition to conduct money and any witness’s expenses) in respect of the loss or expense, including legal costs, reasonably incurred in complying with the subpoena.

**Contempt of court - arrest**

12. Failure to comply with a subpoena without lawful excuse is a contempt of court and may be dealt with accordingly.

13. Note 12 is without prejudice to any power of the Court under any rules of the Court (including any rules of the Court providing for the arrest of an addressee who defaults in attendance in accordance with a subpoena) or otherwise, to enforce compliance with a subpoena.

[\* If more than one applicant, respondent, cross-claimant or cross-respondent, insert names of the second, third, fourth etc as required in this schedule. Delete schedule if not required.]

**Schedule**

No.       of 20

Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: [State]

Division: [Division]

[\*]**Applicants**

Second Applicant: [Name]

[\* etc]

[\*]**Respondents**

Second Respondent: [Name]

[\* etc]

[\*]**Cross-claimants**

Second Cross-claimant: [Name]

[\* etc]

[\*]**Cross-respondents**

Second Cross-respondent: [Name]

[\* etc]

Date:

[\*delete if inapplicable]