

**Reference e-Tender No. RSMM/GGM (Cont)/Cont-16/2024-25 Dated 11.10.2024 for “Hiring of Heavy Earth Moving Equipments for Removal of Overburden, Raising, Loading and Transportation etc. of Saleable Lignite and allied works at GB-II & Jalelo Pit of Giral Lignite Mines, District Barmer (Rajasthan)”**

The pre bid meeting was held on dated 23.10.2024 for addressing the issues of prospective bidders. The meeting was attended by FA, GGM ( SBU-PC-Lignite), DGM(F&A)Co, SM(Civil) Lignite, SM(Cont) & M(F&A)CO. Details of the prospective bidders attended the pre-bid meeting is placed for ready reference. Written queries as received in advance from the prospective bidders are placed for kind perusal.

**The major issues raised by the prospective bidders are as under:**

- i) Commencement of operational activities of Giral Lignite Thermal Power plant.
- ii) High value of Bid Security & Security Deposit.
- iii) Idling charges in the event of suspension of mining activities.
- iv) Increasing the Consumption norms of diesel.
- v) Status of Consent to operative after 29.02.2028
- vi) Operational activities through electrical equipment.
- vii) Methodology of calculation of labour escalation.
- viii) Clarification w.r.t. plantation activities.
- ix) Clarification wr.r.t. provision of tender clause 9.8.1 “Rights of Various interest”
- x) Extension of due date of submission of tender.

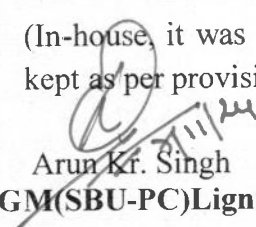
The following issues deliberated in the pre bid meeting were discussed in-house for further decision in the tender procedure.

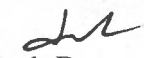
**1. Commencement of operational activities of Giral Lignite Thermal Power plant (GLTPP).**

It was clarified to the prospective bidders that at present the GLTPP is not under operation. The proposed lignite in the tender is for mercantile sale.

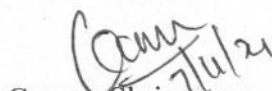
**2. Relaxation in High value of Bid Security & Security Deposit.**

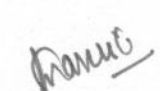
(In-house, it was decided that the Bid Security Amount @ 2% & SD @ 10 % has been kept as per provision of RTPP Act & Rules 2013, therefore no changes is required)

  
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**3. Idling charges in the event of suspension of mining activities.**

The prospective bidder requested for allowing idling charges or payment for overburden removal in case of non lifting of lignite or no work due suspension of mining activities for a longer period.

(In-house, it was discussed that the situation referred are unforeseen conditions and therefore it was decided that no such idling charges for overburden removal can be provided, therefore no changes is required)

**4. Increasing the Consumption norms of diesel.**

The prospective bidders requested to increase the consumption norm provided in the tender due to lead and Lift of 1.75 KM. Further it was also requested to change in diesel norms due to consumption of Urea into the exhaust system of diesel engines to reduce NOx emissions as per the norms under BS-IV policy of Govt.

*(In-house, it was discussed and decided that on the basis of request of the prospective bidder and considering the facts that the norms of diesel kept in similar mining tender Sonari 0.325 ( 1.7 KM lead) & 0.30 ( 1.5 KM Existing Giral tender) , the consumption norms in the proposed new tender having lead of 1.75 KM may be kept as 0.35 / ltr per cum.)*

**5. Computation of escalation for GB2 & Jalelo pit.**

The clause no. 7.2.9 in the tender may be read as under to further clarify:

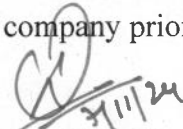
“The above computation is for purpose of illustration only. The actual computation shall be made on the cumulative basis for work executed at GB2 and Jalelo pit.”

**6. Definition of “Saleable Lignite”**

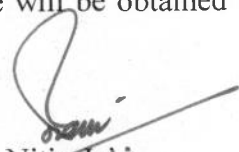
In house it was decided to clarify the definition of “**Saleable Lignite**” as “ **Saleable Lignite means lignite/ carbonaceous material which has calorific value in general in the range of 2700-3300 K Cal/Kg, Insitu.**” in the tender as per provisions of Lignite auction confirmed by SBU-PC(Lignite) through corrigendum

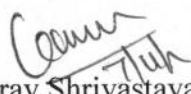
**7. Status of Consent to operative after 29.02.2028**


It was clarified to the prospective bidder, that the consent to operate will be obtained by the company prior to expiry of the existing

  
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**8. Operational activities through electrical equipment.**

It was clarified to the prospective bidder the present mining plan allowed deployment of diesel operated vehicle only, therefore as per present statue no such permission can be allowed to the contractor.

**9. Methodology of calculation of labour escalation.**

The prospective bidder requested to provide example for better understanding of escalation provision.

*(In house, it was discussed and decided that illustration for same shall be provided through corrigendum for better understanding of the provision to avoid ambiguity at a later date)*

**10. Clarification w.r.t. plantation activities.**

It was clarified to the prospective bidders the execution of plantation requirement should be maintained as per the guidelines of statutory authority; therefore strict compliance of the same should be carried out by the contractor.

**11. Clarification w.r.t. provision of tender clause 9.8.1 "Rights of Various interest"**

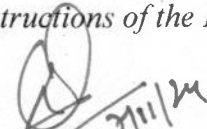
It was requested by the prospective bidder to provide clarification w.r.t to the clause no. 9.8.1, which allows rights to the company to distribute the work between more than one contractor.

*(In house, it was discussed and decided that to avoid ambiguity the existing clause be more clarified by adding "in case of under-performance by the contractor)*

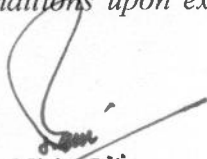
**12. Clarification w.r.t. water sprinkling requirement for dust suppression activities.**

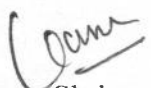
It was requested by the prospective bidder to provide clarification w.r.t to provision of providing water sprinkling requirement for dust suppression during rainy season/ monsoon in clause 4.2.8.3.

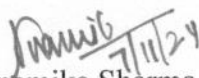
*(In house , it was discussed and decided that to we may clarify that " during rainy season/ monsoon the requirement can be reduced subject to actual site conditions upon explicit instructions of the EIC through corrigendum )*

  
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### 13. Extension of due date of submission of tender.


(In house, it was discussed and agreed that considering the Diwali Festival & Banking holidays etc, the due date of submission of tender may be extended by 15 days up to 27.11.2024.)

All other queries were addressed in line with the provisions of tender document. Point wise reply of the quarries received through mail is enclosed with MOM.


Based on the discussions draft corrigendum is prepared and placed in the file for kind perusal.

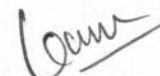
The following is proposed for consideration in addition to typographical corrections in the tender for kind perusal & competent approval:

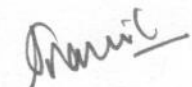
- i) Definition of "**Saleable Lignite**" as "**Saleable Lignite means lignite/ carbonaceous material which has calorific value in general in the range of 2700-3300 K Cal/Kg, Insitu**".
- ii) Word "J" in existing clause no. 2.32 may be read as "H"
- iii) Clause no. 4.2.8.3 "during rainy season/ monsoon the requirement can be reduced subject to actual site conditions upon explicit instructions of the EIC.
- iv) Providing example in the existing clause for labour escalation to avoid ambiguity.
- v) Clarification in existing clause 9.8.1 "to distribute the work between more than one contractors in case of under- performance.
- vi) Extension of last date of submission up to 27.11.2024 (3.00PM) and due date of opening of part-I to 28.11.2024 (3.30PM)

  
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S. no.	queries raised by bidders	Remarks
1	remove the technical qualification criteria in the current and future mining tenders floated by RSMML and reverting the previous tendering practice based on solely on financial qualifications , which will benefit from increased competition, and competitive and fair bids.	Pre-qualification criteria of tender will prevailed, No changes require
2	1. Reduction in EMD We request a reduction in the EMD from 18 crore to 9 crore. This adjustment would significantly ease the financial burden on bidders and encourage broader participation.	AS per RTPP Act
3	1. Pre-Qualification Criteria (Ownership of Equipment)The current tender specifies that equipment such as excavators and dumpers must be owned by the bidder. Given that different mining sites require varied equipment, we request that the criteria be amended to allow for leased equipment. We propose submitting a copy of the lease or hire agreement as proof of equipment availability. Kindly confirm if this will be acceptable	Pre-qualification criteria of tender will prevailed, No changes require
4	1. Execution of Agreement We request that two original copies of the agreement be prepared, with one retained by RSMML and the other by the contractor. Both parties should bear the cost of their respective copies. Kindly confirm.	Tender condition will prevail
5	1. Joint Venture (JV) Partner Criteria We recommend that a minimum technical and financial threshold be established for JV partners to ensure the involvement of experienced contractors. Additionally, a minimum partnership ratio should be specified. Kindly confirm if such criteria will be introduced.	Tender condition will prevail
6	1. Format of Forms I & J The formats for Form I and Form J are not provided in the tender documents. Please clarify the required format and contents.	refer corrigendum for details.
7	Groundwater Encounter Kindly clarify whether groundwater will be encountered during the execution of the work.This information is crucial for calculating the cost of dewatering pumps and associated activities.	As per tender condition
8	1. Estimated Project Cost Please provide the estimated cost of the project to facilitate accurate calculation of the Bank Guarantee (BG) and to aid in negotiations.	already provided in the eproc & spps
9	Virtual Meeting for Pre-Bid We request that a virtual meeting (VC) link be arranged for the pre-bid meeting.	No such provision available
10	1. Timeline for Tender Finalization and Release of EMD BG Kindly clarify the expected timeline for the finalization of the tender and the release of EMD BG for unsuccessful bidders.	Tender condition will prevail
11	Minable Thickness and Final Floor Depth Please confirm the minable thickness of lignite and the final floor depth for both GB-II and Jalelo pits.	Tender condition will prevail
12	Quantity and Time of Execution in Part-BKindly confirm the quantity of work and the expected timeline for execution of Part-B.	Tender condition will prevail
13	1. Approval of CTO Post-2028 Please confirm that RSMML will secure the necessary CTO (Consent to Operate) approvals post-29.02.2028.	As per tender condition
14	1. Land Position and CTO ConditionsKindly confirm that there will be no hindrance due to land possession or CTO conditions during the execution of the project.	Tender condition will prevail
15	1. Arrangements for Land/NOCs Please confirm that RSMML will arrange all required land and NOCs before the a commencement of the work,	Tender condition will prevail
16	1. Escalation Mechanism for Fixed Rate Items (Part-B) Kindly clarify the mechanism for yearly escalation in the prices of fixed-rate items underPart B.	Tender condition will prevail



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17	1. Mobilization Period Please confirm that the 45-day mobilization period will not be included in the overall 1st year or the total time period for project completion	Tender condition will prevail
18	1. Labour Escalation Kindly provide clarity on labour escalation calculations, with numerical examples, to avoid confusion and enable accurate bid rate formulation.	refer corrigendum for details.
19	RVAT on Diesel The current contract assumes a 10% RVAT on diesel, whereas the prevailing rate is 17%. Please confirm if RSMML will arrange for a certificate for the reduced VAT rate or if the full RVAT rate will apply for escalation purposes.	Tender condition will prevail
20	1. Diesel Norms The diesel consumption norm is on the lower side considering the lead and lift specified in the tender. We suggest adjusting the norm to 0.45 litres per cubic metre. Kindly confirm	refer corrigendum for details.
21	1. Escalation for Part-B Work The pre-decided rates for Part-B work amounting to Rs. 21.17 crore do not account for inflation over the contract duration. We request an annual escalation of 7.5-10% on these rates. Kindly confirm.	Tender condition will prevail
22	1. Site Visit and Guidance Clause 2.1.7 suggests that contractors are expected to visit the site and assess working conditions. To assist in this, please depute a senior representative at the site who can guide prospective bidders regarding site-specific requirements. Kindly provide their name and contact information.	Tender condition will prevail
23	1. Clause 2.1.7 of the tender states that "The tenderer is deemed to know the scope, nature and magnitude of the works and requirement of materials, equipment, tools and labor involved, wage structures, conditions of service of Company's staff/workmen doing similar and same type of work etc and as to what all works he has to complete in accordance with the contract documents irrespective of any defect, omissions or errors that may be found in the contract documents. The Contractor shall be deemed to have visited site and surroundings, to have satisfied himself to the working conditions at the site, availability of water, electric power, labour etc, transportation facilities, probable sites for labor accommodation and store godowns etc and all other factors involved in the execution of works." Being a 10-year long contract, it is essential to have a qualified and experienced representative from RSMML present during site visits to provide the bidders with necessary insights and address any queries regarding the analysis of data, site conditions, and geological factors. Therefore, we request the appointment of a designated representative for the bidder's site inspections.	Tender condition will prevail
24	2. Given the complexity of the work involved, we are concerned that the current timeline for preparing the bid is insufficient. We suggest that an extension of at least four weeks would allow us to better understand the requirements and submit a comprehensive and competitive bid, and will also be beneficial for all parties involved.	refer corrigendum for details.
25	3. The tender requires an EMD of Rs. 18 crores, which is substantially high. We recommend that a bank guarantee/deposit of Rs. 50 Lakhs towards the EMD should be considered, in line with practices followed by organizations such as Coal India and SECL. This would encourage more competitive bidding.	Tender condition will prevail