

Request for Proposal

For

Technical Services for obtaining Forest Clearance for Kudanali Lubri

Coal Block in Odisha

RFP NO.: GMDC/PP&D/005/2024-25

Answer to Pre- Bid Queries and Corrigendum document-1

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited

April 2025

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1	Definition Page no 6 & 5.1. Pre-Qualification Criteria Page no 6 & 30	<p>Definition</p> <p>“Consortium” shall mean the group of legally constituted entities, who have come together to participate in captioned Service Provision work. A Consortium is not permitted to participate in this Project/Assignment.</p> <p>Clause 5.1 (page no 6 and 30) The Bidder should not have been blacklisted for participation in this tender as on bid submission date by any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) / Central or State Government in India / Central or State Government undertaking. The Bidder shall need to submit Anti Blacklisting Affidavit as per format specified in Annexure 8. All consortium members should provide this Affidavit in case Bidder is a Consortium.</p>	Kindly confirm whether Consortium Bids are permitted under this tender.	<p>A Consortium is not permitted to participate in this Project/ Assignment, as mentioned in point no 7 of “DEFINATION” section.</p> <p>The typo error in clause 5.1) stand removed and said clause stands amended as below.</p> <p>“The Bidder should not have been blacklisted for participation in this tender as on bid submission date by any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) / Central or State Government in India / Central or State Government undertaking. The Bidder shall need to submit Anti Blacklisting Affidavit as per format specified in Annexure 8.”</p>
2	5.2 – Technical Score Criteria (Page No. 31)	Experience involving preparation of Forest Diversion Proposal and obtaining Stage I and Stage II Forest Clearances in Odisha State only for Mining / Mineral / Processing Plant Projects/Infrastructure sector projects, for reputed private sector firm or any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)/Central or State Government undertaking in last 7 (seven) years in India.	We request clarification on whether ongoing projects will be considered under the "Experience of Bidder" category, which allocates 15 marks per assignment, with a maximum of 45 marks.	<p>Completed Projects shall be considered eligible for assigning the Marks.</p> <p>The ongoing Projects shall only be considered as eligible projects for assigning the marks if the Stage I approval has already been obtained and Stage II is in progress.</p>
3	Clause 5.2	Technical Marking Criteria	Please kindly inform the date of Bidder's presentation	It will be communicated to bidders who will meet PQ criteria.

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4	Clause 2.5 b) i	EMD "Bidders holding and sharing valid Certificate issued under the MSME Act, 2006 on the date of submission of Tender are exempted from submission of EMD/ Bid Security"	MSME Certificate having NIC 5 Digit Code 71100 - "Architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy", so please confirm whether this certificate is valid for Bid Security/EMD Exemption or not.	Yes. The Bidders having valid UDYAM Registration Certificate issued under the MSME Act, 2006 is eligible for availing exemption under this clause.
5	5.1. Pre-Qualification Criteria Page no. 30	The Bidder must have an average annual audited turnover of Rs 1 crore (INR One Crore only) from consultancy Services for any two of the last three years.	We believe that reducing this threshold would open up the opportunity for a wider pool of qualified participants to engage in this tender process. In particular, we would like to propose that the minimum average annual turnover requirement be revised from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 50 lakhs (INR Fifty Lakh only) . This revision would not only encourage more bidders to participate but also potentially attract a more diverse range of high-quality consultancy firms, ultimately leading to better service offerings and competitive pricing for the project. We trust that you will consider this request favorably, taking into account the potential benefits of a more inclusive tender process.	As per clause 5.1 a), the Bidder should have registered office in Odisha. RFP conditions remain unchanged.
6	2.1. Detailed Scope of Work for	Obtain coal reserves certificate in Forest and Non-Forest area if or as may be required for the Stage I approval.	This may be excluded from Forest Consultant Scope as it is a purely mining plan related work.	Please note the Coal reserve certificate refers to the relevant authorized document indicating coal reserves and required for the submission of FDP.

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	Phase 2 point no D Obtaining required recommend ations/ certificates Page no 14			The relevant documents shall be provided by GMDC
7	2.1. Detailed Scope of Work for Phase 2 (2.1.4) Coordination for Processing of FDP at various stages and Recommendation as well as provide support for Essential details sought (EDS) Page no. 15	Prepare status of clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and amendments thereof wherever required.	Please clarify this Point	It states that the status of approval of FDP at various levels after the submission of FDP. This status shall be prepared as and when required by GMDC for Environment Clearance or any other approvals.

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8	2.1. Detailed Scope of Work for Phase 2 (2.1.4) Coordination for Processing of FDP at various stages and Recommendation as well as provide support for Essential details sought (EDS) Page no 16	Prepare detailed reclamation Plan, wherever required. It should be realistic exhaustive and complete in all respects along with relevant maps in distinct colours. It should also include the details of back filling, afforestation and execution of such works, wherever required.	This work may be excluded from the Forest Consultant Scope or may be a separate tender for this.	GMDC shall furnish the Mine Plan and Mine closure plan . The Service Provider shall need to extract relevant section of the reclamation work and prepare in a format required for obtaining the forest clearance
9	2.5 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security Page no 25	Exemption of submission of Bid Security/ EMD shall be granted as per the following provisions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidders holding and sharing valid Certificate issued under the MSME Act, 2006 on the date of submission of Tender are exempted from submission of EMD/ Bid Security". 	Is the UDYAM Registration Certificate under MSME Act eligible for exemption or not?	Yes. The Bidders having valid UDYAM Registration Certificate issued under the MSME Act, 2006 is eligible for availing exemption under this clause.

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10	Clause 4.4 Submission Format & Sealing and Marking of Proposals Page no 28	<p>Bidder's Organization and Experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of registration in India along with RBI approval certificate, GSTIN certificate, PAN details OR Partnership deed, GSTIN registration, PAN details OR Incorporation certificate, MOA, AOA, GSTIN Registration, PAN details as may be applicable. 	In case of Proprietorship firm, self-affidavit is required, or GST Certificate is sufficient as a proof of registration?	<p>In the case of Proprietorship firm, below mentioned certificates are required as evidence of registration:</p> <p>GST, PAN, document evidencing the registered office and or MSME registration document</p>
11	General		In reference to the RFP for technical services for FC Kudaloi coal block Odisha, the .KML file of the proposed block is essential to assess the tree cover, terrain etc for preparation of the technical proposal, soft copy of which may be provided.	GMDC shall provide the KML file of the block to the Selected Bidder.
12	Section II- Scope of Work (page no	“The Service Provider shall be required to complete the scope specified in Phase 1 within 6 months of time period. It is to be noted that Phase 2 of the scope of the work is optional and completely on discretion of GMDC. Post the successful completion of Phase 1 and the completion of subsequent Exploration work, GMDC, at its sole direction, award the work for Phase 2 of the Scope of Work. GMDC shall provide 15 days prior notice in case Phase 2 work is awarded.”	Whether Phase-1 cost is independent of Phase-2, for the purpose of Bidding. Since, at Section-II pg. 10 as detailed below:	<p>i.) As per Annexure 11 and clause 5.4 of Section III, the Bidder shall be required to quote Service Fees separately for Phase 1 and Phase 2. The Total Price for Phase 1 and Phase 2 shall be taken into account for the Price Bid Evaluation as per Section 5.4.</p> <p>ii.) Please note , the payment for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 shall be made independent of each phase as per the respective Payment Terms/ Milestones as per the Section IV of the RFP.</p> <p>iii.) As per Note no 2 of Annexure 11 , the Fees for Phase 2 will be subject to test reasonableness</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Diversion is an important part of EC, since EC proposal covers the total Forest Area to be diverted, only then forest diversion area is validated. • River regime to remain unaltered with mining affect (protection plan to be enforced). This is also part of EC study. <p>Hence, above activities shall be better suited to EC contract.</p>	
15	Section II- Scope of Work (page no	Prospecting License (Phase-1):	<p>During monsoon period mobilisation of field staff in and around forest area for tree enumeration and other field activities is challenging as there is limited access to the forest. This may affect timelines T1 and subsequent timelines. Since, Kudanali Lubri is close to Naurani river & part of Forest area, there may be flooding during heavy rain and movement of elephants may prevent entry to the forest for field activities. This risk may be incorporated to be part of Force-de-majeure.</p>	<p>In normal course, GMDC expects the Service Provider to continue the work. Adverse situations like Flooding are already defined as Force Majeure event and in such case according to the clause 2.4 b) , the Contract Period/ Milestone Period shall be extended suitably until completion of Scope and Liquidated Damages shall not become applicable.</p>
16	Clause 1.6 of Section III	Bidding Schedule		<p>Bidding Schedule stands amended as per the Annexure 1.</p>

Annexure 1 : Amended Schedule of Bidding (Clause 1.6 of Section III stands amended as follows)

Sr. No.	Event Description	RFP Provision	Amended Provision
4	Online Submission of Price Bid	<p>The Price Bid is to be submitted online only at designated place on https://gmdctender.nrprocure.com 23/04/2025 up-to 15:00 hrs. and (i) any submission of offline price bid (i.e., physical submission) or (ii) submission of price bid along with technical bid will lead to disqualification.</p> <p>A copy of instruments or information pertaining to it may be required to be submitted online at the time of submission of Price bid.</p> <p>Technical Bid is not to be submitted online but should be submitted in physical offline at the designated address by the deadline mentioned.</p>	<p>The Price Bid is to be submitted online only at designated place on https://gmdctender.nrprocure.com 05/05/2025 up-to 15:00 hrs. and (i) any submission of offline price bid (i.e., physical submission) or (ii) submission of price bid along with technical bid will lead to disqualification.</p> <p>A copy of instruments or information pertaining to it may be required to be submitted online at the time of submission of Price bid.</p> <p>Technical Bid is not to be submitted online but should be submitted in physical offline at the designated address by the deadline mentioned.</p>
5	Last Date and Time of Submission of Technical Bid, RFP Fees & EMD in Hard Copy	<p>The Technical Bid is to be submitted off line , on or before 23/04/2025 up to 16:00 Hrs. at GMDC office situated at Khanij Bhavan, 132-ft. Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad- 380052, by Speed Post/RPAD/Hand delivery/Courier in sealed cover duly super scribed as mentioned in the RFP.</p>	<p>The Technical Bid is to be submitted off line , on or before 05/05/2025 up to 16:00 Hrs. at GMDC office situated at Khanij Bhavan, 132-ft. Ring Road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad- 380052, by Speed Post/RPAD/Hand delivery/Courier in sealed cover duly super scribed as mentioned in the RFP.</p>
6	Opening of Technical Bid	On 23/04/2025 at 17:00 Hrs. at GMDC office	On 05/05/2025 at 17:00 Hrs. at GMDC office