
Request for Proposal

For

**RFP for Preparation of Operational Strategy and Implementation Roadmap for Copper Project at Ambaji,
Gujarat**

GMDC Tender No. GMDC/PP&D/004/25-26

Corrigendum-2 - Response to Pre-Bid Queries

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Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation

(The responses to the queries will apply to and form part of the GMDC Tender No. GMDC/PP&D/004/25-26 dated Sept 29, 2025)

Sr No.	RFP Reference	Provision /clause	Query or Clarification Sought	Response
1	<p>Clause 5.2: Page 26</p>	<p>Technical Score Criteria: Criteria for Technical Marking and minimum qualification of proposed team</p>	<p>We suggest that the Authority includes a definition for "Relevant Projects" and "Relevant Experience" under the Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.</p> <p>Accordingly, the following definition is proposed:</p> <p>Relevant Projects/Experience: Any project or experience within the Metals and Mining sector shall be considered a relevant project/experience</p>	<p>Agreed. The relevant projects definition stands added to the clause as follows:</p> <p>“Relevant Projects/Experience: Any consulting project experience within the Metals and Mining sector shall be considered a relevant project/experience. “</p>
2	<p>Clause 5.2: Page 24 and Page 26</p>	<p>Page 24 Proposed Team Profile & Deployment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Leader (5 Marks) • Project manager (4 Marks) • Subject Matter Experts (6 Marks) • Interactions/interviews with the proposed team during the presentation on Approach and Methodology (5 Marks) <p>Page 26 Subject Matter Experts (SME)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal Industries Expert (2.5 Marks) 	<p>We would like to bring to the attention of the Authority; a discrepancy in the total scores allocated for SMEs between pages 24 (6 Marks) and 26 (5 Marks). In light of this, we kindly request clarification on whether the total score for SMEs is 5 or 6.</p>	<p>The total marks allocated between two SMEs are 6 (3 marks for each SME).</p> <p>On page 25-26, in last column of last row on SME of Table providing Qualification and evaluation criteria for the proposed Team of CI 5.2, points per SME stand revised as follows:</p> <p>1. Relevance of experience: 1.5 marks 1 -2 relevant projects/assignments : 0.75 mark</p> <p>Over 2 relevant projects / assignments: 1.5 marks</p> <p>2. Length of experience: 1.5 mark 10 -12 years: 0.75 mark</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Strategy Expert (2.5 Marks) Total 5 Marks for SMEs		<p>Over 12 years: 1.5 mark</p> <p>Total (1.5+1.5) : 3 Marks for each SME</p>
3	Clause 2.5 (a) ii; Page 16	In case Bidder intends to provide Bank Guarantee then it should be provided Compulsory e-Bank Guarantee Confirmation through ICICI Bank through SFMS under our IFS Code: ICIC0000024 and UIC GMDC530265584 for Field 7037. Bank Name: ICICI BANK LTD.	We kindly request the Authority to confirm whether the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is required to be submitted exclusively in the form of an electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG), or if submission of physical Bank Guarantee (BG) will also be accepted.	Physical will also be accepted but e-bank guarantee confirmation as specified is mandatory.
4	Annexure 4: Page 64 & Clause 5.2; B4; Page 25	<p>Annexure 4: Page 64 Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment/TOR</p> <p>Clause 5.2; B4 Interactions/interviews with the proposed team during the presentation on Approach and Methodology as per Point no. C below.</p>	<p>Kindly clarify whether the bidder is required to submit the description of the Approach, Methodology, Work Plan, and Staffing details as part of the hard copy of the Technical Proposal due on 7th October 2025, or if these are to be included solely in the Technical Presentation on Approach and Methodology, as outlined under Clause 5.2; B4.</p> <p>Additionally, we request the Authority to provide a minimum 7–10 days’ advance notice prior to the scheduled date of the technical presentation.</p>	<p>The basic outline of the Approach and Methodology, Work Plan to be provided with the Technical Proposal. Details can be provided during the Technical Presentation.</p> <p>Staffing details to be provided fully with the bid to enable evaluation as per Qualification and evaluation criteria for the proposed Team under CI 5.2.</p> <p>We will attempt to provide maximum advance notice.</p>
5	Clause 4.4 b (11); Page 21	A pen drive comprising a soft copy of the Technical Bid must also be submitted as part of Technical Bid. Price Bid should not be part of this soft copy.	It is understood that the pen drive containing the soft copy of the Technical Bid is to be submitted along with the hard copy of the Technical Bid on 7th October 2025. Kindly confirm.	Yes.

6	Annexure 9: Page 70	Format of power of attorney for authorizing Bidder's Signatory [On Stamp Paper of Value of Rs. 300]	We seek the Authority's permission to submit the Power of Attorney (PoA) in our own format, which aligns with the firm's internal policies (Format of PoA attached at Annexure 1).	OK
7	Clause 5.3: page 27	Credit from Parent / Subsidiary / Sister Concern If bidding firm is a partnership firm, then determination of relationship is based percentage of profit sharing. In such case more than 50% of profit-sharing shall be considered eligible for claiming credit from Parent (Parent firm or common partners holds more than 50% profit sharing in bidding firm) / Subsidiary (Bidding firm or common partners holds more than 50% profit sharing in subsidiary firm) / Sister Concern (Parent firm holds more than 50% profit sharing in both bidding firm and sister concern firm).	In place of a CA certificate, we seek permission to submit an internal officer's certificate affirming that we are an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the <i>global parent</i> , thereby establishing the relationship between the global and Indian entities.	Ok
8	Annexure 2 Page 63	B: Format for Bidder's Experience	It is suggested that the Authority consider deleting the following fields from the Bidder's Experience format, as these details may not be necessary for the technical evaluation of the proposal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total No of staff-months of the Assignment/job • Name of associated Service Providers, if any 	While other details can be dispensed with, please provide sufficient details regarding the actual assignment/ job provided in order to enable evaluating under the experience criteria of the Technical Score.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of professional staff-months provided by associated Service Providers Name of senior professional staff of your firm involved and functions performed <p>Description of actual Assignment/job provided by your staff within the Assignment/job</p>	
9	<p>Section V – Clause 3.3.4 Page 52</p>	Liability for Indirect Damages	<p>The Clause currently makes the Service Provider liable for Indirect Damages. The Bidder is happy to accept liability for direct damages but requests that indirect, consequential, punitive and special damages are excluded. We request confirmation if the last line in this clause can be amended and restated as follows:</p> <p><i>Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, neither party will be liable for any indirect, consequential, incidental, punitive or special damage.</i></p>	Agreed. The last line gets replaced as suggested.
10	<p>Section V – 3.2.3 Page 51</p>	Confidentiality	<p>We request the following provision to be added to this clause to clarify Bidder's obligation toward information shared by GMDC and to allow the Bidder to retain Confidential Information as required by law or regulation:</p> <p><i>In performing the Services, Bidder will use and rely primarily on information</i></p>	<p>We agree to include the following to the cl 3.23 as sub-clause (iv)</p> <p><i>In performing the Services, Bidder will use and rely primarily on information available from public sources and/or its internal databases/analysis. With respect to any Confidential Information shared by GMDC, and GMDC acknowledges that it is authorized to provide the Bidder with</i></p>

			<p><i>available from public sources and the Confidential Information, and GMDC acknowledges that it is authorized to provide the Bidder with such Confidential Information for its use in connection with the agreed Services and that the Bidder will have no obligation to independently verify such information. At GMDC's election and notification to the Bidder, Bidder shall promptly return or destroy any Confidential Information, including any personal data, in its possession or control when the same is no longer necessary for the provision of the Services, provided that the Bidder may retain such Confidential Information only as required by applicable law, regulation or documented professional archival policy or as otherwise authorized or instructed by the GMDC. Any Confidential Information so retained shall at all times remain subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement, including with respect to confidentiality, security and non-disclosure.</i></p>	<p><i>such Confidential Information for its use in connection with the agreed Services. The Bidder will be required to verify such information only in terms of its suitability for the assignment. At GMDC's election and notification to the Bidder, Bidder shall promptly return or destroy any Confidential Information, including any personal data, in its possession or control when the same is no longer necessary for the provision of the Services, provided that the Bidder may retain such Confidential Information only as required by applicable law, regulation or documented professional archival policy or as otherwise authorized or instructed by the GMDC. Any Confidential Information so retained shall at all times remain subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including with respect to confidentiality, security and non-disclosure.</i></p>
	General		<p>We are registered under Udyam Registration Number UDYAM-WB-14-0004261 and recognized as a Startup under DPIIT with Certificate Number DIPP76072. As per the Public Procurement Policy for Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs), 2012, all MSEs are</p>	<p>The RFP Conditions remain unchanged.</p>

			<p>eligible for exemption from prior turnover and prior experience requirements in government procurement. Further, GFR 2017, Rule 173(i) reinforces that MSEs and Startups recognized by DPIIT can participate in tenders without meeting prior experience or turnover criteria. Additionally, under the Startup India Action Plan, Clause 3.1, DPIIT-recognized Startups are also eligible for exemption from prior experience requirements for government procurement and tenders.</p> <p>In view of the above, we kindly request your confirmation that we can avail exemption from prior experience requirements for participation in this tender, based on our MSE and Startup status.</p>	
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