

POWER GRID BANGLADESH PLC

Clarification No. 02

(July 02, 2026)

The Name of the Open Competitive Bidding: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 132/33 kV AIS Substations at Dhupchanchia, Kumarkhali, Matlab North and Chatkhil including associated 132KV bay extension at Kachua Substation on turnkey basis (Package-4)

Pre-bid meeting was held on 08 June, 2026 as per clause 7.4 of Instruction to Bidders of Volume 1 of 3 of the Bidding documents. Some queries were received from the prospective Bidders regarding the Bidding Documents. Clarifications on these queries are given below, which will form part of the bidding documents.

S.N.	Volume	Section / Clause No.	Bidder's Query	Power Grid's Reply	Addendum Yes(Y)/No(N)																														
1	Clarification Addendum No.01	1. Section 3: Special Conditions of Contract Page 3-4 The following text:- "The Employer shall give administrative support to accord all rights of access for transmission line, towers and below the towers specified in that appendix at the cost of the Contractor. Such cost is deemed to be included in the Contract Price. The Contractor shall be responsible for the accounting and providing physical possession of the transmission line, sites and access thereto, and for acquiring possession of and access to all other areas reasonably required for the proper execution of the contract, as specified in the appendix scope of works and supply by the employer in the contract agreement." Shall be replaced as:- "The Employer shall give administrative support to accord all rights of access for substation, towers and below the towers specified in that appendix at the cost of the Contractor. Such cost is deemed to be included in the contract price. The Contractor shall be responsible for acquiring and providing legal and physical possession of the substation sites and access thereto, and for acquiring possession of and access to all other areas reasonably required for the proper execution of the contract, as specified in the appendix scope of works and supply by the employer in the contract agreement." Page 1 of 4	Please clarify the scope of the Contractor's obligation under the requirement to "acquire and provide legal and actual possession" of the substation sites. Specifically, please confirm whether the Contractor is responsible for any of the following: land acquisition; payment of land compensation; settlement of land ownership disputes; obtaining legal title or legal possession of the Site; resettlement of affected persons; handover of the Site by the District Administration or other Government Authorities.	Please refer to Addendum-2.	Y																														
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3	Volume 1 of 3	ITB 21, Bid Security	In reference to ITB Clause No. 21 and the corresponding provisions in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS), we understand that a Bank Guarantee issued by a reputable bank from an eligible country is acceptable for bid security purposes. We kindly request your confirmation on the following point: Will a Bank Guarantee issued by a reputable bank in an eligible country require a counter-guarantee from a scheduled bank in Bangladesh, or will it be accepted as-is?	Please follow the Bidding Document.	N
4	Volume 1 of 3	Section 3 : Bid Evaluation & Qualification Criteria, 1.3.7 Domestic Preference	As per the bidding documents, it is stated that: "In the comparison of Bids, only the CIP price component of each Bid for the Plant and Equipment offered from outside the Employer's country shall be increased by 15%." We kindly request clarification on the following: Will the 15% price adjustment be calculated only on the quoted CIP price, or on the CIP price including applicable Customs Duties, VAT, and AIT?	Please follow the Bidding Document.	N

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5	Volume 1 of 3	Section 9, Contract Forms Terms of Payment As per the bidding documents, under section (B) Payment Procedures, it is stated that: All foreign currency payments will be made through an irrevocable commercial Letter of Credit (LC), except for the advance payment, which will be paid via direct disbursement by Power Grid without the LC. The advance payment shall be 10% of the foreign currency portion, while the remaining 90% will be paid through an irrevocable commercial LC. Furthermore, the LC value will be temporarily increased to 100% of the contract value only for customs clearance purposes at the port. Based on the above, we understand that: All foreign currency payments (except the advance payment) shall be made exclusively through an irrevocable commercial Letter of Credit. We kindly request you to confirm whether this interpretation is correct, particularly that: 90% of the foreign currency portion will be paid via LC, and The LC will be irrevocable and commercial in nature. This confirmation is essential for our financial planning and coordination with banking institutions.	Please follow the Bidding Document.	N
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6	Volume 1 of 3	Section VII - General Conditions of Contract, Clause No. 14 - Taxes & Duties & Section VIII - Special Conditions of Contract Taxes & Duties for Schedule No. 2, Schedule 3 - Design Services, Schedule 4 - Civil Works, Installation, other Services	It is clearly stated that: "Any material imported from abroad under Price Schedule No. 1 shall be considered as the direct import of the Power Grid, and Power Grid's Business Identification Number (BIN) will be used for the import. Power Grid shall bear and promptly pay all relevant customs and import duties as well as other local taxes, e.g., Value Added Tax (VAT), Advance Income Tax (AIT), and other charges imposed by the laws of the country, that are to be incorporated into the facilities. Accordingly, the items under Price Schedule No. 1 shall be quoted exclusive of customs duties, VAT, AIT, and other relevant duties and taxes." However, the applicability of taxes and duties for the items covered under Schedules No. 2, 3, and 4 has not been clearly defined. We therefore kindly request clarification on the following points: 1. Price Inclusion of Taxes for Schedule No. 2, 3, and 4 Should the contractor include the applicable VAT, AIT, and other local taxes and duties in the quoted prices for items under Schedule No. 2, 3, and 4? 2. Temporary Import of Construction Machinery In case the contractor imports machinery and equipment for construction purposes on a returnable basis, will such temporary imports be subject to customs duties? Alternatively, will the contractor be eligible to obtain exemption from such duties by furnishing valid bank guarantees or other acceptable financial instruments? We would appreciate your prompt clarification on the above matters to ensure compliance and accurate cost estimation.	The instructions regarding Taxes and Duties are clearly described in Clause 14 of GCC and SCC of Volume 1 of 3 of the Bidding Document. Please follow the Bidding Document.	N
7	Volume 2 of 3	GTP for 75MVA transformer	For the parameter sheet of 75MVA main transformer, it is specified that: Between the first and last contacts of the selector switch: 275kV; Between any adjacent contacts of the selector switch: 275kV; Between open contacts of the tap changer: 275kV. The specified values are excessively high. Please confirm whether we shall implement design strictly in accordance with these parameters.	Please refer to Addendum-2.	Y
8	Volume 2 of 3 / Volume 3 of 3	48V DC chargers	In Volume 2 of 3, Proposed Optical Communication Scheme, it requires 2 nos 75A chargers (European/European Standard), However, in Volume 3 of 3, it requires each charge shall not be less than 100A rating. Please clarify if volume 3 of 3 should be prior.	Please follow volume 3 Schedule A in this regard.	N

9	Clarification No.01	item 66	The response to your query is incomplete; please review it again.	Panel location will be finalized during execution stage.	N
10	Volume 2 of 3	11.1.1 scope of work (ii) Site preparation including site slope protection cutting or filling up to the level specified in 11.1.4 and levelling as well as compaction. 11.1.2 Earth works Fill where required shall be carried out by the Bidder. Source of fill material and Retaining wall shall be planned and approved by the Employer Boundary wall with retaining wall drawing	Based on the specifications and drawings, there is ambiguity regarding the boundary slope protection. Please clarify whether the boundary wall is constructed with or without a retaining wall.	The boundary wall shall be constructed in accordance with the item specified in the Price Schedule.	N









