

POWER GRID COMPANY OF BANGLADESH LIMITED

Dhaka and Western Zone Transmission Grid Expansion Project

Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 400kV and 230kV Transmission Lines' LILO at Kaliganj and Purbachal Substation on Turnkey Basis (Package-1)

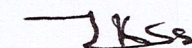
(OCB No. PGCB/ADB/3853-BAN/DWZTGEP/400kV&230kV LILO/P1)

CLARIFICATION NO.1

Sl. No	Reference and Queries of Prospective Bidders	PGCB's Reply/Clarification	Addendum (Yes-Y/No-N)
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1.	Section 7: GCC and Section 8: SCC General We have seen that there are issues raised by Audit teams and NBR post vetting of the contract or during execution of the Contract which are counter to the contract conditions and creates unnecessary delays in decision making that too primarily related to the taxes and duties. Hence it is better that the tender document must be vetted by Ministries to have the vetted conditions to avoid any future contractual issues on interpretation of conditions. We have the following clarification in this regard Whether the Contract Documents, Specifically GCC & SCC have been vetted by various ministries to have their opinion on the clauses of taxes and Duties or not? If not, it is requested to have clear opinion on taxes and duties before closing of the bid. Pls Clarify.	It shall be as per bid document. If you have any specific query regarding SCC & GCC Please ask.	N.

2.	Section 8: SCC Clause 9: Contractor's Responsibility Here in the newly added clause 9.8 (C) it is written that The Contractor shall (a) establish an operational system for managing environmental impacts, (b) comply with the approved SSEMP and any corrective or preventative actions set out in safeguards monitoring reports that the Employer will prepare from time to time to monitor the implementation of the project EMP through the SSEMP, (c) allocate the budget required to ensure that such measures, requirements and actions are carried out, (d) submit semi-annual reports on the compliance of such measures to the Employer For the above, we have the following clarification How the payment for the above item shall be made as there is no item in the price schedule for the same. Pls Clarify.	Bidders are requested to follow the bid documents carefully. It shall be as per bid document.	N
3.	Section 8: SCC Clause 9: Contractor's Responsibility A new Clause 9.11 is added The Contractor shall obtain temporary rights-of-way for the mobilization of materials for the purpose of construction of transmission lines which are necessary for the Works in accordance with the Resettlement Plan (RP). The Employer shall monitor Contractor's activity, secure necessary budget, pay actual compensation cost and ensure timely disbursement of compensation and other entitlements to the Contractor in accordance with the RP and the Development Project Proposal (DPP) as updated from time to time. The Contractor shall obtain, at his risk and cost, any additional rights of way or facilities outside the Site which he may require for the purposes of the Works in accordance with the RP. For the above, we have the following clarification Kindly share the detailed resettlement plan & Development project proposal for the bidders to understand their related Scope and Activities to be performed.	Resettlement Action Plan has already been uploaded in PGCB's Website. - Bidders are requested to follow the bid documents carefully. It shall be as per bid document.	N





4.	Section 8: SCC Clause 47: Environmental Management Plan Here at the end of this clause it is written that Appendix to SCC (will be provided in PDF form) with the bidding document): 1. Resettlement Plan (RP) 2. Initial Environment Examination (IEE) 3. Environment management Plan (EMP) 4. Corrective Action Plan (CAP) It is requested to kindly provide the above referred document in PDF Form.	These documents have already been uploaded in PGCB's Website.	N
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5.	Section 3: Quality Assurance Annexure- 3-5 Field Quality Plan for Transmission Line Under This Field Quality Plan (FQP) template at Item Number 4 "Tower Foundation" Item B Classification Point (C) Concrete Strength (Cube Comp Strength) it is written that per tower location One Sample of 4 Cubes to be taken for Concrete strength checking while in the Same FQP item No 5 Pile Foundation It is mentioned that for each pile One Set of Cubes (4 Nos) to be taken and tested for 7 & 28 days strength. We have the following clarification in this regard a. Kindly clarify which specs is to be followed for cube testing i.e One set per tower or one set per pile? b. It is to submit that logistically it is practically challenging to handle 4 Cubes per pile and for 16-20 pile foundation about 64-80 cubes are to be taken and properly cured and tested. The subject requirement is practically hindering the whole project progress and takes huge amount of time & financial resource to maintain the logistics associated with the cube testing. In view of the practical challenge and it is requested to kindly review the FQP and amend the cube sampling to one set per leg of pile foundation. Please clarify your position in this regard. Also, it is written that the cube testing at Employer's approved laboratory, We understand that if the contractor Establish as Cube Testing Machine (CTM) which is calibrated by BUET/Any other Approved Authorities and further approved by Employer and the Cube test performed on such CTM & witnessed by employer, then the reports must be well acceptable by the employer. Pls Clarify your position in this regard.	a. Please refer to Addendum-1 b. Please refer to Addendum-1 c. Cube Testing Machine can be established by contractor which needs to be calibrated by BUET/Any other Approved Authorities and further approved by Employer.	Y

6.	Section 6: Survey & Soil Investigation Clause 6.4.2 (SPT) Here in this clause it is mentioned that minimum depth of soil investigation is 30 meters for overland Foundation and 60 meters for River Crossing Foundation. We have the following clarification If the foundation design of the location itself demands pile length far less than 30 meters and we get 3 Consecutive reading of minimum 50 SPT well before 30-meter depth, then the soil investigation can be stopped at the length lesser than 30 meter itself. Pls clarify.	Your understanding is correct.	N.
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7.	Schedule B Bid Prices and Schedule General In totality, the total project scope is defined for about 5 Kms of Lilo Lines while the given price schedule BoQ seems to be reasonably high which may call for significant variation during execution stage beyond contractual limits that may invoke price revision clauses. Hence it is requested to review the same to be more precise on the BOQ for respective scope. Pls clarify your position in this regards.	Price schedule is updated and attached with the Addendum as Attachment-1.	Y





