

Sub: Response to Pre-Bid Clarifications

Sl no.	Clause Reference	Description	Request / clarification sought	Response of CIL
1	IFB – Section-I – Clause 4(4)	EMD – 50 lakhs	Bidder A: Reduce for Rs.10 Lakhs or option give us to submit the Bank Guarantee for Earnest Money deposit (EMD)	No Change in NIT
2	Section IV – Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) – Clause 1.1	The contract shall be valid upto 31.05.2027, from the effective date of Running Contract.	Bidder A: Contract duration should be for 2 years	No Change in NIT
3	TSS – Section VI- Clause I –	Eligibility to offer - The bidder(s) whose offered item(s) i.e., Permitted Electronic Detonator along with the initiation device/blaster for use in underground coal mines have been successfully tested by CIMFR and have also completed the type tests by PESO and has got the approval for field trials in underground coal mines from DGMS (or) has got the final approval of the product from DGMS as on last date of bid submission are only eligible to offer against this tender. The bidder(s) should have applied the offered item(s) in the Enlistment Portal of CIL.	Bidder B: Any new bidder should not be qualified just based on having Field trial permission from DGMS but should also demonstrate CIL that they will be having valid DGMS permission for regular supplies from the inception of RC. The new bidder who is having just DGMS permission field trial at the time of tender submission & who can't demonstrate that they will be ready for supplies from the inception of the RC, before the RA date may be barred for participating in the RA process and their EMD may please be forfeited. This will prevent non serious bidder to participate in the tendering process Bidder C: We suggest that the manufacturer having trial approval will be participating in the tender but they should have DGMS approval of the product before awarding the R/C	No Change in Eligibility criteria

Bidder A:

As per Clause 1 – Eligibility to Offer, the final approval from DGMS after successful completion of product testing is required. We respectfully submit that Permitted Electronic Detonators are highly critical safety products used in underground coal mining operations. The process of testing, evaluation, and obtaining final DGMS approval for a new product is extensive and, under the current system, generally requires a minimum of six months. Considering the critical nature of this product and the importance of ensuring uninterrupted and safe mining operations, we request that only fully approved and regularly approved PED products with valid final DGMS approval be considered eligible for supply under this tender.

Further, if vendors without final DGMS-approved products are awarded quantities, they may not be able to commence supplies within the stipulated timelines due to the pending statutory approval process. This could result in unforeseen additional allocation of quantities to the existing Rate Contract holders at short notice, adversely affecting their delivery commitments and exposing them to recovery or penalties for any unavoidable shortfall in supplies. In view of the above, we kindly request you to review the eligibility criteria and ensure that only vendors possessing valid final DGMS approval for their PED products are considered eligible to participate in this tender. Alternatively, if participation is

permitted prior to obtaining the final DGMS approval, we request that the tender should clearly specify that the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of any bidder who fails to obtain the final DGMS approval within the prescribed period shall be forfeited, as per the applicable tender conditions. We request your kind consideration of the above submission and solicit your favourable action.

Bidder D:

With reference to the above-mentioned tender, we respectfully request that the eligibility to offer condition provided in the previous PED tender may kindly be continued in the present tender without any amendment.

We have established the complete infrastructure and manufacturing facilities for the production of Permitted Electronic Detonators (PED). Upon successful completion of the DGMS field trials, we will be fully prepared to commence regular commercial supplies.

We would also like to bring to your kind notice that during the critical shortage period, we extended our full support to Coal India Limited by supplying Permitted Electric Delay Detonators continuously from April 2025 to December 2025, despite having converted our Electric Detonator manufacturing facilities for the production of Electronic Detonators, "Due to competition, the prices are likely to come down, which will be financially beneficial to Coal India Ltd."

			Considering our proven commitment, existing manufacturing capabilities, and continued support to Coal India Limited, we sincerely request you not to amend the above-mentioned eligibility clause and continue as it is.	
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