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Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board

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1st Floor, World Trade Centre, Babar Road, New Delhi – 110001

No.: Infra/PL/Bid/PPL/KCSPL/2013/01 18.10.2013

To

All Prospective Bidders

Sub: Pre-bid meeting and Clarifications related to Kochi - Coimbatore - Erode - Salem LPG Pipeline (Bid No.: BID/PPL/05/2013/1/KCSPL)

Sir,

Pursuant to the issues raised during the pre-bid meeting held in the office of PNGRB on 08.10.2013 related to the bids invited for development of Kochi - Coimbatore - Erode - Salem LPG Pipeline, following clarifications are being issued:

S/N	Query Raised	Clarification
Query raised by M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)		
(1)	As per the preliminary reconnaissance survey for the proposed pipeline route, jointly carried out by BPCL and IOCL, there is an increase in the length of pipeline from original 410 KM to approximately 480 KM. This increase in the pipeline length is after considering the prevailing ground realities in States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu which includes adopting longer route to avoid water bodies, alternate routes in	Considering the information provided by BPCL and IOCL, it has been decided to amend the tentative length of the proposed Kochi - Coimbatore - Erode - Salem LPG pipeline from original 410 KM to 480 KM. Accordingly, the Minimum Combined Net Worth required shall be Rs. 288 crores instead of Rs. 246 crores. Information provided by BPCL vide letter dated 11.10.2013 is at Annex-1.

	Tamil Nadu for faster progress and easy ROU acquisition, so as to complete the pipeline project in synchronization with Kochi Refinery expansion. This increase in length may not get accommodated in the permissible variation of +/- 5% at the time of bid submission and +/- 10% variation after award of authorization. Hence, PNGRB is requested to amend the length of the proposed pipeline from original 410 KM to 480 KM.	
(2)	PNGRB is requested to keep the bid submission date unaltered for the faster implementation of the project from the point of view of evacuation of LPG from expanded capacity of Kochi refinery, which is progressing fast as well as immediate use of investment in Import terminal at Kochi.	At present, no extension of bid closing date is being proposed.

The above clarifications shall constitute a part of the Application-Cum-Bid Document and shall be duly signed and submitted along with the bid document by the authorized signatory of the bidder.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: Annex-1

(K. Rajeswara Rao)
OSD (R)

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BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD.
Mumbai - Manmad - Bijwasan Pipeline
AN ISO 9001:2000 & 14001:2004 CERTIFIED REFINERY

PNGRB / KCPL

11.10.2013

To,
OSD (R)
Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board,
1st Floor, World Trade Centre,
Babar Road,
New Delhi – 110 001

Dear Sir,

Subject: Laying of Proposed LPG pipeline from upcoming IOC import terminal at Kochi Puthuvypeen to our Kochi Refinery and connecting to Coimbatore, Erode and Salem.

At the outset, we thank PNGRB for hosting the pre-bid conference, which was held at your office on 08.10.2013. It was attended jointly by a team of BPC and IOC.

During the discussion, we made it clear that BPC & IOC are participating jointly for this bid and BPC being the lead company will submit bid along with all necessary documents including written understanding between two companies as may be required as per bid documents.

We had also drawn your kind attention that we have carried out preliminary reconnaissance survey for the proposed pipeline route survey soon after the receipt of bid document, considering the prevailing ground realities in States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. In the interest of this prestigious project which is also linked to Kochi Refinery expansion capacity and very tight schedule thereof, for completion, we may have to adopt longer route to avoid water bodies, portion of land where ROU would be extremely difficult and not feasible due to safety angle, alternate routes in State of Tamil Nadu for faster progress etc. All these factors may result in increasing length of pipeline from original 410 Kms to approximately 480 Kms.

As per the bid documents the variation in length of pipeline could be +/- 5% as the time of submission of bid and further it could vary +/- 10% during actual laying of proposed LPG pipeline. At this stage, we are not sure of the exact pipeline length due to various alternate routes available but we would progress on the route where completion of project is faster and would avoid hindrance. We find it appropriate to bring it to your kind attention on the requirement of increased length due to factors as stated above and if there is variation in final route this are in line with the bid document conditions.

Further, timely completion of this project is most important from point of view of evacuation of LPG from expanded capacity of Kochi Refinery, which is progressing fast as well as immediate use of investment in import terminal at Kochi. Therefore, we also requested that change in length should not make any change in timeline for bid submission. You were kind enough to appreciate our view point and confirmed that the change of length would not alter the original bid closing date i.e. 23.12.2013.

I would be extremely grateful to you for considering our request for increased pipeline length to 480Kms from 410Kms (Annexure-I) and keeping the bid submission date unaltered (as per original bid document) for the faster completion of this project as explained above.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,
For Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.,

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ANURAG DEEPAK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PIPELINES)

cc. GM (PJ- Systems)
Pipeline Division
IOC, NOIDA.

ANNEXURE-I

Sr.No.	Pipeline Route	Length Given to PNGRB in KM	Revised Length in KM
1	IOCL Kochi LPG Import Terminal to BPC Kochi Refinery	20 KM	39 KM
2	BPC Kochi Refinery to IOCL Kochi LPG Plant	Nil	11 KM
3	BPC Kochi Refinery to BPC Coimbatore LPG Plant	221 KM	229 KM
4	BPC Coimbatore LPG Plant to IOCL Coimbatore LPG Plant	Nil	5 KM
5	IOCL Coimabtore LPG Plant to IOCL Erode LPG Plant	100 KM	90 KM
6	IOCL Erode LPG Plant to IOCL Salem LPG Plant	69 KM	100 KM
	TOTAL LENGTH	**410 KM**	**474 KM**
		SAY	**480 KM**