

BHARAT COKING COAL LIMITED

RESPONSES TO THE PRE-BID QUERIES FOR MONETIZATION OF 1.6 MTPA SUDAMDIH COAL WASHERY

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1.	Annexure VII	Details of Coal Sources (Mines) being offered over the WDO Agreement	Yield from coal sources being offered is only to the tune of 30%. Since the primary objective is to use maximum domestic coal in steel making, it is requested to consider revising the coal sources to provide higher yield.	As per RFP
2.	NA	NA	Tie up with Washery company for Coal washing shall be allowed after winning the Bid in line with NRS Tranche VII Auctions. The same may also be considered for tie-up with Power Company in view of tight timelines for bidding. It will also provide flexibility to bidders.	As per RFP
3.	3.5.1 & 6.3.5(b)	3.5.1: The washery can receive water from nearby Sudamdih Mine Shaft. In case water cannot be sourced from Sudamdih mine shaft then water from Damodar River can be used. The feasibility of sourcing the water from the	The Two Clauses seem to be contradictory where in 3.5.1 mentions regarding option of using water from Sudamdih Mine shaft whereas 6.3.5(b) mentions the removal of Water from Sudamdih Mine shaft as obligation.	Clause 6.3.5(b) mandates that the WDO will make arrangements to collect water for its requirements from Sudamdih Mine Shaft. However, in case Sudamdih Mine Shaft is “closed” the WDO will make arrangement for collection of Water for its requirement from nearby Damodar River.

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		<p>above source shall be assessed by the successful bidder during the site visit.</p> <p>The WDO shall be responsible for maintaining: The arrangement of underground water from Sudamdih Shaft mine.</p>		
4.	3.5.2	<p>BCCL would periodically recover the water charges paid by it to the state for the drawl of ground water by the WDO for operation of the Sudamdih washery from WDO.</p> <p>Secondly, BCCL would also periodically recover the charges paid by it to the state for discharge of surplus water, if any, from the WDO</p>	May please provide the amount of charges to be paid in both cases.	The charges to be recovered from WDO would depend upon the quantum of water drawn by it and the water charges prevailing at that time as per State Pollution Control Board/DVC or the relevant authority.
5.	3.7	<p>3.7 Railway Siding</p> <p>3.7.1 The Sudamdih Washery has a Private Siding called Sudamdih Coal Washery (code SWSS) and is served by Sudamdih Railway Station (code SDMD) which is located at a distance of about 2</p>	a) What is the Material Handling – (Coal/Washed Products/Middlings) Capacity of the Existing Sidings mentioned in the RFP i.e. Sudamdih Coal Washery (code SWSS) and Sudamdih	<p>a) Bidder has to draw its own conclusions based on site visit and Indian Railways Standards</p> <p>b) Siding 2 will be used exclusively by the WDO till such time that Sudamdih Mine is not revived.</p> <p>c) Maintenance of entire siding (SWSS) will be in the scope of</p>

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		<p>(two) km. This siding has provision for Silo loading and also loading of up to 8 Wagons through wharf-wall. The siding (SWSS) has been, internally, divided into 2 parts viz- Siding 2 with track 1 to 3 and Siding 5 with track 4 & 5. The part Siding 5 is being utilized by EJ Area for dispatch of coal.</p> <p>3.7.2 Siding 2 shall be utilized by WDO for receiving and dispatch of coal. Siding 2 has arrangements for overhead loading and wharf-wall loading of 8 (eight) wagons. As and when Sudamdih coal mine becomes operational, the WDO will facilitate dispatch of coal produced by Sudamdih coal mine.</p> <p>3.7.3 The WDO would have the right to utilise Railway siding marked on the plan as Siding No. 2 and the WDO would be allowed</p>	<p>Railway Station (code SDMD)?</p> <p>b) To what extent (%) BCCL shall use the capacity of these sidings?</p> <p>c) Kindly Clarify what shall be the cost that is being incurred for Annual Maintenance of Siding? Does Railway charge anything on this account which has to be borne by WDO?</p> <p>d) Will Railways accept the Annual Maintenance being done by Third Party/Private Party?</p> <p>e) To What Extent BCCL Shall Utilize the two branches mentioned in the clause?</p> <p>f) Whether renovation would be allowed upto the rail loading system which is the part of washery?</p>	<p>WDO. Standard of maintenance should be in consonance with IR standards. Bidder are requested to make their own estimates for likely cost to be incurred.</p> <p>d) Yes, if the maintenance is up to the standards laid down by IR and is verified during their site inspections.</p> <p>e) BCCL will utilize siding 5 on exclusive basis while WDO would utilize siding 2 on exclusive basis, till Sudamdih Mine is revived.</p> <p>f) WDO can carry out renovation /additions to Siding 2 after following due process with BCCL and Indian Railways at its own cost.</p> <p>g) It may be noted that, it would be obligatory on WDO to follow all the guidelines, instruction, issued by Indian Railways and shall be binding on the WDO.</p>

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		<p>to extend or modify or make interconnections with other railway tracks lying at the Siding No. 5 after taking necessary approvals from BCCL and the railways. The cost incurred for such acts will be borne by the WDO, however BCCL would extend its best help to WDO in such matters.</p> <p>3.7.4 Maintenance of the Siding (SWSS): It is expressly clarified that the WDO would be responsible for annual maintenance and upkeep of the entire siding (SWSS) to standards required by the Indian Railways, including the Electronic Weighbridge for the Contract Period, without any recourse to the Authority. However, day-to-day cleaning and maintenance of the two branches being utilized by EJ Area of BCCL will be the responsibility of BCCL.</p>		

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6.	4.1.5	The WDO would be free to design the Washery as it deems fit. However, the WDO would be obligated to utilize end-products only for captive consumption for its Specified End-Use Plant(s) as extant coal distribution policy does not allow grant of coal linkages for Non-Regulated Sector for merchant sale. Sale of Coal Washery Rejects shall be as per the Washery Rejects Policy.	Sale of By-products may kindly be considered to be allowed to simplify participation by steel companies. f. Whether renovation would be allowed up to the rail loading system which is the part of washery?	As per RFP
7.	7.1.1	The Bidder shall be a Company, incorporated in India, that owns one or more Specified End-Use Plant(s). The blast furnace unit(s) with respect to such Specified End Use Plant(s) should have already been commissioned or should be commissioned within 42 months from the date of execution of the Transaction Agreements.	The maximum timeline for lifting of Coal Linkage allotted may kindly be extended to 5 years in line with NRS Linkage Tranche VII instead of 42 months as provided in RFP since setting up a new washery will need fresh approvals including EC, CTE, CTO etc.	As per RFP
8.	12.3.3(d)	All royalties, taxes, duties, cess, and such statutory levies payable to the State Government, Central Government and/or to any other statutory authority on the supply, dispatch and delivery of	Kindly Clarify about the Royalty payment adjustment in case of changes in washery grade post lifting of coal.	Royalty and other taxes and duties shall be applicable as per extant rule.

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		Contracted Grade of Coal under the FSA shall be borne by the Successful Bidder.		
9.	NA	NA	In view of time required for technical evaluation and compliance to Governance processes, timeline may kindly be extended by at least 2 weeks.	As per RFP
10.	1.1.18	“Build/Renovation Period” shall mean the period of 42 (forty-two) months commencing from the date of execution of the WDO Agreement.	<p>1. Does the stipulated time period of 42 months for Build/Ramp up of Washery also includes the time period for obtaining the fresh clearances and approvals (EC, CTO etc)? If yes, then in view of possible delays in getting clearances, the timeline should be increased.</p> <p>It needs to be ensured that the EC/ CTO is not affected and WDO is not penalized by Authorities for any type of past non-compliances while operating this washery.</p>	As per RFP
11.	2.2.1	Non uniformity in bid timelines as provided in RFP and separately uploaded exclusive document on bid timeline	The detailed engineering study, capex estimation etc. takes significant time. That's why it is requested to extend the technical bid submission due date to 60 days.	As per RFP

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12.	3.4.1	The Successful Bidder shall utilize the land towards development of Washery and related infrastructure only and shall be prohibited from utilizing any part of the Project Land other than as expressly contemplated in the WDO Agreement and shall without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, not use any part of the Project for commercial real estate development or any other commercial activities not incidental to Washery operations as expressly contemplated in the WDO Agreement.	Can the Bidder enter the WDO agreement and get the washery and related infrastructure developed through an EPA arrangement agreement with a third-party partner who can incur the capex and develop the washery?	Sub-contracting is permissible; however, the sub-contractor must adhere to the terms of the RFP.
13.	3.5	The washery can receive water from nearby Sudamdih Mine Shaft. In case water cannot be sourced from Sudamdih mine shaft then water from Damodar River can be used. The feasibility of sourcing the water from the above source shall be assessed by the successful bidder during the site visit.	<p>1. What are the applicable tariff rates for water? Any detail of historical costs?</p> <p>Can water tapping from existing Intake in Damodar River located near the washery be used to receive water for the washery.</p>	The rates shall be as per the industrial water costs charged by DVC. For historical tariff data bidder may contact DVC. For water tapping bidder may need to obtain permission/clearance in their name from the DVC or the relevant authority for the same. However, BCCL shall provide NoC wherever required for obtaining any and all the permissions/clearances.

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		<p>BCCL would periodically recover the water charges paid by it to the state for the drawl of ground water by the WDO for operation of the Sudamdih washery from WDO.</p> <p>Secondly, BCCL would also periodically recover the charges paid by it to the state for discharge of surplus water, if any, from the WDO.</p>		
14.	4.1.5	<p>The WDO would be free to design the Washery as it deems fit. However, the WDO would be obligated to utilize end- products only for captive consumption for its Specified End-Use Plant(s) as extant coal distribution policy does not allow grant of coal linkages for Non-Regulated Sector for merchant sale. Sale of Coal Washery Rejects shall be as per the Washery Rejects Policy.</p>	<p>The economic viability of the entire project depends on whether by-products generated can be sold in open market or not. As the coking coal offered would yield only 30-35% clean coal, utilization of the rest 70% of by-products is a challenge. Such a huge quantity of by-products is difficult to be consumed in house by Steel Sector. Steel plants generate power by using by-products gasses and recovering waste heat, therefore, generating power using by products is not needed. Therefore, disposal through merchant sale of by-products</p>	As per RFP

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			(middling/ tailings) generated should be allowed.	
15.	4.1.9	The WDO is free to augment the Washery's rated capacity at its own costs and risk beyond the existing installed capacity of the Washery. It is clarified that the obligation of BCCL to supply coal shall be governed by Transaction Agreements and shall be limited to capacity of 1.6 MTPA.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In case of washery capacity over and above 1.6 MTPA, will the WDO get priority in other linkage/ auctions by CIL for additional quantity. 2. If BCCL is unable to supply 1.6 MTPA, can the WDO utilize the surplus capacity by taking coal from some other sources. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no provision for granting any such preference. 2. Yes, BCCL shall ensure supply of coal upto the linked quantity i.e. 1.6 MTPA under the FSA. WDO is free to utilize idle facility for washing coal sourced/produced from other means.
16.	8.1.1	Bidders already registered for the coal linkage auctions of either CIL and/ or SCCL must necessarily use the same registration for the same Specified End Use Plant and should not register again. In the event that the Specified End Use Plant registered on the Electronic Platform by the Bidder combines one or more blast furnace units, the Bidder will not be able to split such units subsequently and submit different Bids in respect thereof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tata Steel already have one id for NRS auctions, please suggest weather fresh registration would be required for "Steel Coking WDO". In case of fresh registration for WDO, will owning two different ids (under the name of two different individuals) for one organization be allowed? <p>The registration portal asks for the details of only one EUP (End Use Plant). We have a number of steel plants located across different sites,</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The bidder needs to register fresh for Steel Coking through WDO route. Yes, two different ids under the name of two different individuals for one organization is allowed. 2. At the time of registration bidder needs to submit only on EUP. However, bidder may refer to schedule-1 (Page-72 of RFP), wherein bidder can register for multiple plants located at geographically different locations. The details of plants furnished during RFP will be considered for

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			so which plant we should mention while registering and when will mention our remaining plants. This is important as coal from Sudamdih will go to multiple plants, and it also affects the normative requirements of coal.	assessment of the Normative Coal Requirement.
17.	8.7.6	Where a coal mine has been allocated for multiple plants, then the Normative Coal Requirement of the Specified End Use Plant(s) "Blast Furnace Units" of the Bidder shall be calculated after proportionately factoring the Scheduled Production of coking coal from the said mine.	If in future the WDO gets allocated a mine of 3-4 MTPA capacity due to which the normative requirement of coal reduces significantly, will BCCL still be obliged to supply the 1.6 MTPA quantity as per the current FSA?	The same shall be as per FSA.
18.	10.2.5	Process Fee shall be submitted along with the Technical Bid in the bank account of BCCL as per details placed at Annexure XV Electronic Platform Guidelines or Clause 2.3.	Annexure XV is blank, and no details provided. Please provide the details.	Upon filing of the RFP, the bank account of M junction/BCCL will automatically pop-up wherein, bidder needs to submit the process fee. For any clarification or support with regard to filing of RFP or submission of RFP bidder may contact M junction. The service provider shall provide all the necessary assistance to the bidders.
19.	12.1.1(a)	INR 9,86,00,000 (Indian Rupees Nine Crores and Eighty-Six Lakhs),	Asset/inventory details are not present with the tender document. Please share the asset/inventory list.	Bidders may conduct the site visit to access the relevant information.

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		being fair value of existing assets, plant and machinery, spares		
20.	12.3.3(b)	CIL/BCCL reserves the right to change/amend/modify the above-mentioned indexation methodology/parameters and the same shall be binding on Seller and Purchaser for all commercial and operational provisions under the FSA.	WPI or any other index which is agreed upon by both the parties for calculation of modulated price before signing of the contract is fine but changing the methodology during the contract period may leave no other option for the purchaser.	As per RFP
21.	Annexure XX	Schedule of encumbrances shall be shared separately	Please provide the list of encumbrances	There are no encumbrances at the site.
22.	Annexure XXI	The format asks for the date of obtaining mine opening permission from CCO	Tata Steel mines are operating since pre-nationalization time. However, we have opening permissions for different seams. Please guide us as to what will be applicable in our case.	Seam Opening Permission is acceptable
23.	Annexure XVII	**includes buffer quantity, actual quantity supplied shall be limited to one point six (1.6) MTPA	How much is the buffer quantity and from what sources?	Annexure XVII is self-explanatory
24.	General	Change in modulated price will require submitting fresh Performance Security every time.	Changing and replenishing BG/PS so frequently may cause inconvenience. Rather there should be a range according to the percentage change in modulated price which should require	As per RFP

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			submitting fresh Bank Guarantee/ Performance security.	
25.	General	NA	<p>Following documents related to land are required for better planning and detailed engineering studies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ownership document. 2. Plan showing infrastructure over land. 3. Land acquisition documents – Notification, award, valuation, khatian and all other related documents. 4. Land schedule as per LA with complete details – mouza, khata, plot, nature, area. 5. Cadastral map (Village-wise) of proposed washery area. 6. Mutation copy, proposed washery area. 7. Register II of proposed washery area. 8. Rent Receipts. 9. GM land – transfer order and Land Schedule. 10. Copy of khatian. 	The land of the Sudamdih Washery is acquired under CBA Act. All the information/documents available with BCCL with to regard to same can be collected by bidders during the site visit.

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			11. KML file/coordinates from BCCL team. Coloured map showing proposed washery area, plot-wise, over mouza map.	
26.	General	NA	Following data is required for assessment of quantum of civil/mechanical/electrical jobs for new construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Availability of Soil investigation report 2. Topographical survey of the Project land. 3. Layout of the Sudamdih washery indicating major infrastructure and facilities. Top size of Raw Coal to be received from BCCL.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Soil Investigation and topographical survey needs to be carried out by bidders during site visit or after award of contract as the same is not available with BCCL. 2. Layout of the Sudamdih Washery can be collected by bidders during the site visit. 3. Feed Size of Coal shall be -100mm
27.	General	NA	We noted that as per Annex II, the net worth is required for FY21–FY23 while as per clause 7.2, net worth is required for FY22–FY24. Please clarify which one is correct.	Clause to be read as FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, and FY 2023-24.
28.			Since the ownership lies with BCCL but the lease agreement will be executed between BCCL and the	BCCL shall provide NoC for transfer the available clearances in the name of WDO, however obtaining any fresh or applicable

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			bidder, will the statutory clearances remain in the name of BCCL, or will they need to be transferred to the name of the bidder?	clearances shall be the sole responsibility of the WDO.
29.			Can companies using dry coal beneficiation (waterless techniques) participate in the auction, or is it restricted only to water-based, cyclone-based DMS methods?	The technology to be adopted by the WDO has not been specified. Therefore, the bidder is free to use suitable technology provided Tender conditions are being abided by the bidder/WDO
30.			Is it possible to divert the coal received through the linkage to a separate washery, while using the same end-use plant, at least until the Sudamdih washery is constructed and becomes operational?	As per FSA, diversion of coal is not permitted.