

6.5.3 Initial Provisional allocation Process

6.5.3.1 At the time of Technical Bid submission, all Bidders shall quote valid bids against the two parameters: Premium/discount over/to the Crude Oil Reserve Price (Dated Brent) and number of Lots (each Lot contains crude oil quantity of 412500 US barrels) which shall constitute their initial bid for provisional allocation. Premium/discount can be positive, zero or negative. "P" can be made in the increments of 0.05 USD/BBL. Maximum allowed discount will be -1.0 USD/BBL, any discount higher than -1.0 USD/BBL shall not be accepted by the system.

6.5.3.2 The process for provisional allocation will be as under:

6.5.3.2.1 The bidder which has quoted higher premium will be provisionally allocated the Lots as per their quote followed by the next higher premium bidder and so on.

6.5.3.2.2 In case of tie in Premium quoted between multiple Bidders, then Bidder which has quoted the higher number of Lots would be considered for provisional allocation.

6.5.3.2.4 If surplus Lots are left after the provisional allocation as provided above, then the balance Lots available would be provisionally allocated to the Bidder who has quoted next higher number of Lots and this process shall be repeated until all available Lots are exhausted for provisional allocation.

6.5.3.2.5 In case of tie in Premium and Lots quoted between multiple Bidders, then the time of Bid submission will be considered and the Bidder who has submitted bids earlier, will then be given preference for provisional allocation. Hence bidders are well advised to submit the bids as early as possible.

6.5.3.3 The Initial Provisional allocation Lots allocated to the Bidders would be encrypted at this stage and would be decrypted at the final e-auction Process. The e-auction Process would commence with these Initial Provisionally allocated Lots.