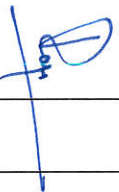


Pre-bid query reply

Name of Work:

Construction of Major Bridge over Middle Strait Creek between Km. 106.590 to Km. 107.762 of NH-223 (New No.- NH-4) connecting South Andaman & Baratang Islands in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands on EPC Basis– **Reply to Pre-Bid queries -Reg.**

Sl. No.	Clause No. as per RFP	Firm raising query	Query	Reply
1.	2.6.1 of Schedule B of DCA & Drawings (No. P-70/PPR/MS CB/GAD-100 Sheet 1 of 2)	M/s RDS Projects Ltd.	<p>Clause 2.6.1 of schedule B of Draft EPC Agreement of RFP, provides that lateral clearances at bridge portion shall be 60 m between piers.</p> <p>As per clause 2.12 of schedule B of Draft EPC Agreement of RFP, the length of bridge is 960 m (16 spans of 60 m = 960 m) which is also given at clause 1.1.1 of section 1 on page 9 of RFP and clause 7.1.2, 7.3.2, 7.7 of Annexure –I of Schedule B which implies that c/c of pier is 60 m.</p> <p>It was confirmed vide reply to queries of RDS at Sl. No.10 that GAD No.P-70/PPR/HSCB/GAD-100 R1 shall be followed wherein, also, 16 spans of 60 m c/c of piers are provided in the bridge portion showing total length of bridge as 960 m.</p> <p>There is a note on the GAD which states that the GAD is approved by MORT&H vide letter No.RW-NH-4060/2/A&N/2013-S&R(B) dt. 14-08-2013 and the minimum vertical clearance and horizontal clearance has been considered as per direction of Directorate of Shipping Services, A&N Administration vide their letter No. M/AFL(OPN)/2-6/2007/990 dated 14/08/2013.</p> <p>However, the lateral clearance can also mean the distance between faces of two adjacent piers. In such a case, c/c of piers shall be minimum 63 m (assuming pier width of 3 m) and the length of the bridge shall become 16x63= 1008 M.(Approx.) in place of 960 m.</p> <p>Clarification may please be issued that the lateral clearance of 60 M of bridge portion as mentioned at clause 2.6.1 above is the center to Centre distance between the piers and length of bridge shall be 960 m (16x60)</p>	<p>Lateral clearance of 60m is between center to center of Expansion gaps in superstructure (or c/c of pier if the pier is symmetrical) making total length of bridge as 960m.</p>


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<p>2. 2.6.1 of Schedule B of DCA & Drawings (No. P-70/DPR/MS CB/GAD-100 Sheet 1 of 2)</p>	<p>M/s RDS Projects Ltd.</p>	<p>Clause 2.6.1 of schedule B of Draft EPC Agreement of RFP, provides that vertical clearances shall be 27.935 m above HTL. In reply of 1st Pre-bid queries, it was stated that vertical clearance shall be 22.5 m. As per direction of Directorate of Shipping Services, A&N Administration vide their letter No. M/AFL(OPN)/2-6/2007/990 dated 14/08/2013(mentioned in the note given on GAD), the minimum vertical clearance shall be 22 m (Approx.) above HTL and horizontal clearance shall 32 m (Approx.).</p>	<p>Vertical clearance shall be as per the reply of 1st Pre-bid queries.</p>
<p>3. Tender Drawings No. P-0/DPR/MSCB/GAD -100 Sheet 1 of 2</p>	<p>M/s RDS Projects Ltd.</p>	<p>Since depth of water at P2 and P8 is less, hence span P2-P3 and P7-P8 cannot be navigational. Navigational Spans shall be from P4 to P6 or from P3 to P7. Please confirm which spans shall be navigational.</p>	<p>Navigational span is between P4 to P6.</p>
<p>4. 19.1.2 of DCA</p>	<p>M/s RDS Projects Ltd.</p>	<p>“19.1.2 The Contract Price includes all duties, taxes, royalty, and fees that may be levied in accordance with the laws and regulations in force as on the Base Date on the Contractor's equipment, Plant, Materials and supplies acquired for the purpose of this Agreement and on the services performed under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve the Contractor from its responsibility to pay any tax including any tax that may be levied in India on profits made by it in respect of this Agreement.”</p> <p>The “Base Date” is defined as under “Base Date” means the last date of that calendar month, which date precedes the Bid Due Date by at least 28 (twenty-eight) days;</p> <p>Query:</p> <p>1. The last date of submission of bids is 29th May 2017 by which date GST is not applicable. As per our understanding, the Base Date as per EPC Agreement would fall on 31st May 2017 i.e. last date of calendar month of May 2017 as the 28 days preceding</p>	<p>As per RFP provision</p>



			<p>the last day of bid submission shall be 01st May 2017. Please clarify</p> <p>2. The GST till date is going to be applicable on or after 01st July 2017 i.e. after the Base Date and as such it shall not be in force by the Base date as per our understanding. As per our understanding, since GST is not in force by the Base Date, the GST will not be applicable at the time of submission of bids and would fall under "Change in Law" as per Clause No. 19.17 and accordingly the same should not be included in the contract price. Please clarify</p>	
6.	Clause 10.3.1 of DCA	Afcons Infrastructure Limited	<p>The contractor shall construct the project Highway as specified in Schedule – B and Schedule - C, and in conformity with the specifications and standards set forth in schedule – D. The contractor shall be responsible for the correct positioning of all part of the works, and shall rectify any error in the positions, levels, dimensions or alignment of the works, The [650th (six hundred and fiftieth) day] for the Appointed Date shall be the scheduled completion date (the "Schedule Completion Date") and the contractor agree and undertakes that the construction shall be completed on or before the schedule completion Date, including any extension thereof.</p>	Please refer to Corrigendum No. XXII
7.	Article 28 of DCA (Definitions)	Afcons Infrastructure Limited	<p>"Project Highways" means the site comprising "Four laning of Dolabari to Jamuguri section from km 17.300 of NH-37A to km 182.000 of NH-52 in the State of Assam under SARDP- NE, Phase A on EPC mode" and all project Assets, and its subsequent development and augmentation in accordance with its Agreement;</p>	Please refer to Corrigendum No. XXII
8.	RFP General	RDS Projects Ltd.	<p>Whether the reply of 1st pre-bid queries are going to be part of recently modified tender document or not</p>	Yes


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