

**AUCTION OF COAL MINES FOR SALE OF COAL**

(20<sup>TH</sup> TRANCHE OF AUCTION UNDER THE COAL MINES (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 2015)

(10<sup>TH</sup> TRANCHE OF AUCTION UNDER THE MINES AND MINERAL (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATIONS) ACT,  
1957)

**Queries & Responses**

**Pursuant to Standard Tender Document dated June 21, 2024**

**August 05, 2024**

**Nominated Authority**

**Ministry of Coal, Government of India**

**A. Queries and Responses to Standard Tender Document dated June 21, 2024**

The following clarifications are applicable to the Standard Tender Document dated June 21, 2024 as well as to mine-specific Tender Documents dated June 21, 2024 pursuant to auction under 20<sup>th</sup> Tranche of auction under the CMSP Act 2015 & auction under 10<sup>th</sup> Tranche of auction under the MMDR Act 1957.

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| 1.      | <p><b>Clause 3.2 – Tender Document</b></p> <p>Tender fee charges should not be levied for the coal blocks which prospective bidders have already purchased at the time of auction process under rolling auction or under second attempt of coal blocks auction process</p>   | <p>A non-refundable fee of Rs. 5 Lakh has been kept for participation in the tender process so as to ensure only serious bidders participate in the tender process and submit their bids. Further, it is hereby mentioned that the new tender document is prepared along with the revised information (if any) for each tranche of auction and the revised mine dossier is uploaded on the MSTC portal for every tranche. Therefore, the same may be retained.</p>  |
| 2.      | <p><b>Clause 3.3.2 (b) – Ranking and Qualification</b></p> <p>a. In case of single bids, the auction process should be concluded in the 1st attempt itself at the revenue share of Initial Offer + 0.5%</p> <p>b. Coal blocks which receive single bid should be allotted in 1st round only &amp; process of 2nd round of auction should be abolished (as there is no Qualification Criteria for bidding i.e., prior experience in mining or any financial credentials)</p> <p>c. The provision should be deleted and all the parties should be allowed to participate in electronic auction</p> | <p>a &amp; b. As per the approved methodology for auction of coal mines, in case of less than 2 Technically Qualified Bidders, the auction process for the coal mines shall be annulled and the second attempt of auction of coal mines will be launched with the same set of terms and conditions.</p> <p>c. The ranking and elimination process for bidders in the auction process has been kept so as to ensure competition and that the bidders submit the high Initial Offers and mine can fetch fair % of revenue share in the auctions. Hence, the same may be retained.</p> |
| 3.      | <p><b>Clause 3.8 – Schedule of the Tender Process</b></p> <p>Site visit can be done only after purchasing of Tender document. The schedule for site visit request is earlier than sale schedule of tender document.</p>  | <p>The prospective bidders are advised to purchase the tender document for the coal mines in which they are interested well in advance for performing the due diligence. The schedule of the auction process shall be as per Clause 3.8 of the Standard Tender Document and has already been uploaded on the MSTC Platform. In case of any revision in the schedule of the tender process, the updated schedule</p>   |

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|         |  | will be provided on MSTC Platform. Bidders are requested to regularly visit MSTC for updates  |
| 4.      | <p><b>Clause 3.9 – Value of Estimated Geological Reserves and Upfront Amount</b></p> <p>Upfront Amount INR 75 Crore for the reserve &lt; 200 MT and INR 500 crore for the reserve &gt; 200 MT. Is it fixed in addition with the variable component.</p>  | <p>The Upfront Amount is calculated @ 0.20% (zero point twenty percent) of the Value of Estimated Geological Reserves of the Coal Mine. The Upfront Amount is not fixed at Rs. 75 crore for reserves less than 200 MT and Rs. 500 crore for reserves more than or equal to 200 MT and is rather capped at these amounts i.e. the Upfront Amount cannot be more than Rs. 75 crore for reserves less than 200 MT and Rs. 500 crore for reserves more than or equal to 200 MT.</p> |
| 5.      | <p><b>Clause 3.10 – Periodic Payments by the Successful Bidder</b></p> <p>We understand that computation of Monthly Payments is based on the actual grade of coal sold to the consumers based on Quality Report for each shipment or transaction and not the average grade of the coal block declared by CCO. Kindly also clarify when the obligation of payment of Monthly Payment cease to exist.</p>  | <p>For the purpose of Monthly Payments, the relevant grade of coal shall be the grade of coal for which the statutory royalty is payable during the month. Monthly Payments on account of revenue share shall be payable in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.</p>   |
| 6.      | <p><b>Clause 5.2 – Change in Control and Transfer</b></p> <p>For fully explored mines, the lock-in period shall be till 1 year from the date of issuance of Vesting Order / Allocation Order. There shall not be any restrictions for Change in Control for fully explored mines and hence the Lock-In period for fully explored mines shall also be till 1 year from date of issuance of Vesting Order / Allocation Order. Any Change in Control will still prevail to be in accordance with Applicable Laws.</p> | <p>As per Clause 5.2.1 of the Standard Tender Document, the lock-in period for fully explored coal mine shall be till the execution of Mining Lease or order by the Central Government under Section 11 (1) of the CBA Act, 1957, as the case may be.</p>   |
| 7.      | <p><b>Clause 7 – Performance Security</b></p> <p>a. Performance Security (PS) should be capped similar to Upfront Amount. For Fully Explored Mine, the Performance Security shall be an amount which is 65% of aggregate of: (a) one year royalty computed on the basis of peak rated capacity of</p>  | <p>a. Performance Security shall be as per clause 7 of the Standard Tender Document.</p>  |

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|         | <p>the Coal Mine as per the approved Mining Plan and (b) one year revenue (in accordance with Clause 9.1.1) subject to a maximum capping of INR 250 Crore, ..</p> <p>b. MoC has provided relaxation in submission of performance guarantee for coal block allottees of 5th/6th round of commercial coal block auctions and upcoming coal block auctions. This provision of submission of revised Performance Security should be provided to all commercial coal block allottees of previous tranches also.</p>   | <p>b. The revision in Performance Security will not be retrospective.</p>  |
| 8.      | <p><b>Clause 9.1 - Mandatory Work Program for Partially Explored Mines</b></p> <p>Mandatory Work Programme (MWP) for partially explored blocks shall be in terms of scope of work only i.e. in "meterage of exploration" along with other works mentioned in the MWP. It shall not be based on the concept that actual expenses incurred shall be higher than the "estimated exploration expenses" given in the tender document. Successful Bidders may get the exploration and other works mentioned in the MWP undertaken at rates lower than those considered by MoC to compute the "estimated exploration expenses". Hence, the MWP shall be "scope of work" based and not "cost" based.</p>   | <p>The Mandatory Work Program shall be as per Clause 9.1 of the Standard Tender Document</p>   |
| 9.      | <p><b>Clause 9.4 – Flexibility in Production</b></p> <p>Since the coal block is offered for commercial sale, Bidder can produce and sale based on the market condition. Hence minimum production requirement should be reasonable. If there is market, it would be in interest of Bidder to produce. In a financial year, the Successful Bidder shall produce coal not below 50% of scheduled production for that financial year as per the Mining Plan subject to the condition that in any 3 financial year block the Successful Bidder shall not produce coal less than 65% of scheduled production for the 3 financial year block as per the Mining Plan. Further, the three year average would calculated based on the current year and previous 2 year with respect to any year.</p> | <p>The flexibility in production shall be as per Clause 9.4 of the Standard Tender Document.</p>   |
| 10.     | <p><b>Clause 9.5 – Relinquishment of Partially Explored Mine</b></p>   | <p>a. As per Clause 9.5.1 (i) of the Tender Document, after completing the prospecting operations as per the Mandatory Work Program and preparing the Geological Report, acceptable to the Central Government, the Successful Bidder</p> |

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|         | <p>a. Bidder should be allowed to relinquish mine even if it doesn't complete Mandatory Work Program if it is established based on the part exploration that property is not technically feasible to exploit.</p> <p>b. Purpose of auctioning Partially Explored Block is to establish reserve and then undertake mining. In exploration, some areas may not have sufficient economic potential and hence relinquishment of Part area shall be allowed.</p> | <p>may relinquish the Coal Mine (subject to the approval of Central Government) after submitting all reports, studies and other documentation related to the geological prospecting/ exploration of the area to the Nominated Authority and the State Government. In such an event, no penalty shall be levied and the Performance Security of the Successful Bidder shall be returned in accordance with the Agreement.</p> <p>b. As per Clause 9.5.1(ii) of the Tender Document, after completing the prospecting operations as per the Mandatory Work Program and preparing the Geological Report, acceptable to the Central Government, the Successful Bidder may relinquish any part of the Coal Mine having non-coal bearing area or coal bearing area which is technically nonviable to explore (subject to approval of MoC) after submitting all reports, studies and other documentation related to the geological prospecting/ exploration. Such partial relinquishment shall be subject to Central Government's approval of the detailed report submitted by the bidder. However, there will be no change in the upfront amount, Performance Security and PRC of the coal mine as determined at the time of auction.</p> |
| 11.     | <p><b>Annexure I: Mandatory Work Program and Production Schedule</b></p> <p>“Preparation of Geological Report for the Coal Mine as per Rules 21A, 21B and 21C under Chapter- IIIA of Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2020 (as may be amended) and submission of approved Geological Report to the Nominated Authority.”</p> <p>Milestone-1 is preparation of GR or Approval of GR – May be clarified along with the timeline.</p>                     | <p>As per the Efficiency Parameters provided in the Standard CMDPA, the Milestone – I is preparation of Geological Report.</p>  |

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|         | As per the schedule-E of North Dhadu (Eastern Part) – Milestone-1 is preparation of GR.   |   |
| 12.     | <p><b>Annexure IX – Coal Mine Development and Production Agreement/ Coal Block Development and Production Agreement</b></p> <p>CMDPA is not available in the Mine Dossier.</p>  | The Standard CMDPA has been uploaded on the MSTC portal. However, the mine-specific CMDPA will be prepared only for the coal mines getting auctioned and where the Preferred Bidder has been identified pursuant to the e-auction of the coal mines.        |
| 13.     | <p><b>CMDPA Clause 5.2 – Payment of Upfront Amount</b><br/><b>New CMDPA Clause 5.2.1 –</b></p> <p>In case of partially Mines, the tender document and CMDPA are silent on the adjustment to Upfront Amount and Performance Security if actual grade of Mineable coal is found to be lower than MoC declared grade upon completion of exploration and preparation of Geological Report.</p>  | Once the block gets explored and mining plan gets approved, the Upfront Amount and Performance Security shall be calculated same as fully explored mines as per Clause 3.9.1 and Clause 7.1 respectively, of the Tender Document.                           |
| 14.     | <p><b>CMDPA Clause 11.2 – Authorisations</b></p> <p>The Successful Bidder has to obtain and maintain all Governmental Approvals required for conducting the mining operations at the Coal Mine and performing its obligations under this Agreement.</p> <p>Certain mines are located in areas with forest cover and geological difficulties which may attract imposition of additional conditions/obligations in various clearances, the cost of which may not be factored during the bidding stage.</p> <p>However, there is no provision in the CMDPA to cater the cost of imposition of additional conditions/obligations in any Governmental Approvals, if any, required by the authorities or change in law (For eg. – mining restrictions).</p> | It is responsibility of the Successful Bidder to conduct due diligence. The Successful Bidder shall be responsible for obtaining clearance/ approvals etc. in accordance with Applicable Law, at its own costs.   |
| 15.     | <p><b>CMDPA Clause 12.1 – Contractors and Sub-Contractors</b></p> <p>The contractual arrangement is business confidential information between Owner and Contractor and thus should not be asked. MoC may take relevant declaration to comply with law.</p>  | As per Clause 12.1 of Agreement, Successful Bidder shall provide a duly certified copy of any agreement with any contractor in relation to the mining operations at the Coal Mine to the Nominated Authority within fifteen Business Days of its execution. |

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| 16.     | <p><b>CMDPA Clause 22 – Insurance</b></p> <p>Please list out all types of Insurance which MoC has contemplated from the Successful Bidder to maintain during Development and Operation stage. Also kindly clarify what does it mean by "(including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto)"</p>  | As per good industry practices and Applicable Law.   |
| 17.     | <p><b>CMDPA Clause 23 – Accounts and Audit</b></p> <p>To delete 23.2 - Appointment of Auditor.</p>   | The provision of Clause 23 of Agreement shall be applicable.   |
| 18.     | <p><b>CMDPA Clause 25 – Event of Force Majeure</b></p> <p>Delay in granting regulatory approvals should be considered Force Majeure</p>  | Events of Force Majeure shall be as per Clause 25 of Agreement.  |
| 19.     | <p><b>CMDPA Clause 26.3 – Termination</b></p> <p>Forfeiture of Performance Security and other payments should not be applicable to Successful Bidder who surrender the mine in case of unviability due to economic, technical or any other reason, or due to presence of poorer grade and lesser reserves than as notified by MoC or for any reasons beyond control of Successful Bidder.</p>  | The Termination clause shall be as per Clause 26.3 of the Agreement  |
| 20.     | <p><b>Auction Process:</b></p> <p>a. The bidders should be allowed to do Proxy bidding, in which automatic bidding for the online auction process can be done where bidder could set the maximum bid for himself and allowing himself to further increase/give up once that % is reached. Provision for Proxy bidding will help bidders in mitigating issues like hanging of server / system, error in number / password entering etc.</p> <p>b. In the auction process instead of entering the revenue share %, a drop-down menu of % increment on the current bid can be provided. This will help to minimize the chance of error inputs as bid %.</p> | <p>a. For the ongoing 10<sup>th</sup> round of commercial auction of coal mines, the bidding will be conducted as per the existing system.</p> <p>b. Noted. However, there will be no change in the ongoing 10<sup>th</sup> round of commercial auction of coal mines.</p> |
| 21.     | <p><b>Coal Evacuation:</b></p> <p>The names of the nearest Railway Stations mentioned for Teram, Nawagaon East, and Nawagaon West is Raigarh Railway Station. It has been seen that new railway</p>  | Nearest railway stations for the coal blocks are given based on information in available dossier documents. Additional information in this regard may be obtained by the interested bidders.   |

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|         | <p>stations like Gharghoda, Bhalumuda &amp; Dharamjaygarh have come up which are much nearer than Raigarh.</p> <p>It is requested to indicate any existing/proposed/ under construction Railway line/ siding in the mine summary for all the coal mines and provide the revised mine summaries.</p>  |  |
| 22.     | <p><b>Exploration Status:</b></p> <p>a. In case a coal block is not having too many bore holes, it should be termed as Unexplored as the bidder will have to again retake exploration work. Please see that coal blocks are classified accordingly.</p> <p>b. Such coal block has a Peak Rated Capacity and mine plan is also prepared based on earlier block boundary. Considering the new block boundary and exploration required to be done in additional block area, whether Mine Plan with reduced Peak Rated Capacity can be prepared and submitted for approval. Kindly confirm.</p> <p>c. Such block where additional unexplored area is added to an explore block shall be considered as a "Partially Explored" block.</p> <p>d. Such Partially Explored block shall have to comply with the relevant tender provisions including Mandatory Work Programme, Lock-In Period, relinquishment of part area or whole coal mine. Please confirm.</p> | <p>a. As per the Standard Tender Document, coal blocks are offered under only two categories namely, Fully Explored and Partially Explored.</p> <p>b. The Mining Plan Preparation and submission will be as per the prevailing provisions of the MoC Guidelines of Preparation of Mining Plan.</p> <p>c &amp; d. Mine-specific information in respect of the exploration status of the coal mines being offered under 10<sup>th</sup> round of commercial auction of coal mines has already been provided as part of the mine dossiers. Compliance will have to be as per the terms and conditions of the tender document. Revised Mining Plan will have to be prepared according to the MoC guidelines.</p> |
| 23.     | <p><b>GST Cess:</b></p> <p>a. GST Compensation Cess of Rs 400/T applicable on coal sale shall be waived for the coal quantity used for coal gasification or coal liquefaction</p>  | Noted.   |
| 24.     | <p><b>GST Cess:</b></p> <p>a. It is understood that Rs. 400 GST Cess shall not be applicable if the End Use plant is set up in same state as that of the coal block. Please confirm the same.</p>  | a & b. The GST Cess shall not be applicable if the coal block and the End Use Plant are in the same state having the same GST Registration Number. Further, it may be noted that the   |



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|         | <p>b. As per the extant Rules and Regulations, if we apply for coal block bidding in company "A" and the End use Plant owned by "B" located in the same state where coal block is located and "B" 100% shareholding is owned by "A", then Rs. 400 / MT environment cess is not levied on coal supplied to plant "B".</p> <p>Therefore,<br/> A = Coal block bidding company and<br/> B - End Use plant within same state where coal block is situated.</p> <p>Our queries are as given below-</p> <p>1) If "A" does not own "B" on the date of bidding but acquire 100% shares of "B" after winning the coal block bid, will the Environment cess of Rs. 400/MT will be levied on coal supplied to "B" by "A"?</p> <p>2) If "A" does not own "B" on the date of bidding but acquire at least 51% shares of "B" after winning the coal block bid, will the Environment cess of Rs. 400/MT will be levied on coal supplied to "B" by "A"?</p> <p>3) If "B" does not own "A" on the date of bidding but acquire 100% shares of "A" after winning the coal block bid, will the Environment cess of Rs. 400/MT will be levied on coal supplied to "B" by "A"?</p> <p>4) If "B" does not own "A" on the date of bidding but acquire at least 51% shares of "A" after winning the coal block bid, will the Environment cess of Rs. 400/MT will be levied on coal supplied to "B" by "A"?</p> | <p>relevant provisions of GST rules shall be applicable and must be complied with.</p>   |
| 25.     | <p><b>Land:</b><br/> In case the coal block land is having both Forest and Non Forest land. Since Forest land availability may take time, it is understood that the winning bidder can continue working in Non-Forest land and can work in Forest land as and when it is available. Please confirm that this understanding is correct.</p>   | <p>Mining Operations for the coal mine may be commenced after obtaining the necessary clearances and approvals as per applicable laws.</p>                           |
| 26.     | <p><b>National Coal Index:</b><br/> Representative Price of G-16 is Rs. 4,591/tonne. The price seems to be too high. This may kindly be reviewed.</p>  | <p>The Representative Price for G16 grade of coal for the month of June is Rs. 750. The prices of all the grades of coal shall be as per the National Coal Index</p> |

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| 27.     | <p><b>Payments:</b><br/>We understand that payment of these costs are inclusive of GST, any other taxes, duties, levies etc. Please clarify the same.</p>   | <p>Upfront Amount is calculated as per the methodology specified in the Tender Document and is exclusive of any taxes. The Fixed Amount components have been provided to the prospective Bidders, where it has been mentioned whether they are inclusive or exclusive of taxes. Estimated exploration expense has been provided in mine specific Tender Document of Partially Explored Coal Mines without any applicable taxes. Taxes and duties, if any, shall be payable by the Successful Bidder as per Applicable Law.</p> |
| 28.     | <p><b>PM Gati Shakti Portal:</b><br/>The link given on the Website of the Ministry of Coal (coal.nic.in)(Home&gt; Nominated Authority&gt; Coal Block Information) for Details of coal blocks at PM Gati Shakti is not working.</p>  | <p>Noted. The issue will be resolved shortly.</p>  |
| 29.     | <p><b>Single Window Clearance:</b><br/>Please give contact details for a Single point of Contact / Single Window clearance coordinator who can help in getting clearances from Central &amp; State Govt. agencies. This will help in avoiding revenue loss to the Govt. and also help in early production of coal from the coal blocks.</p>   | <p>The clearances shall be accorded through respective Government websites. However, Ministry of Coal has launched the Single Window System to facilitate in obtaining clearances and approvals required for smooth operationalisation of coal mines in India as well as augmentation of coal production in the country through a single gateway. The Point of Contact for Single Window Clearance shall be Under Secretary (NA) and can be reached on 011-23384106.</p>   |
| 30.     | <p><b>Stamp Duty:</b><br/>Government should take initiative for Rationalization of Stamp Duty which ultimately will benefit various stakeholders. Further in case current allocattee exit the coal blocks by transferring to new allocattee after signing of mining lease, new allocattee should not be levied with stamp duty of mining lease once again as already stamp duty on mining lease has been paid. Or simply mine lease should be transferred without paying the stamp duty again in case lease period has not ended.</p> | <p>Prevailing norms of State Government shall be applicable. However, Ministry of Coal may explore the possibilities in consultation with the states.</p>  |

**B. Mine Specific Queries and Responses**

The following clarifications are applicable to the Mine-Specific Tender Document dated June 21, 2024 pursuant to auction under 20<sup>th</sup> Tranche of auction under the CMSP Act 2015 & auction under 10<sup>th</sup> Tranche of auction under the MMDR Act 1957.

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| 1.      | Senduri            | <p><b>1. Block Area:</b><br/>a. As per mine summary the block area is 22.39 sq km. As per GR the block area is 22.77 sq km and as per geological plan (AutoCAD file) the block area is 22.75 sq km. Kindly clarify.</p> <p><b>2. Surface Constraints:</b><br/>a. It is observed that the railway line is passing within the northern boundary of the block. It is requested that the northern boundary shall be realigned by excluding the railway line.</p> <p><b>3. Mine Summary:</b><br/>a. For Senduri Coal Block, it is mentioned that it is in Shahdol district as per Mine Summary. It may please be clarified if some part/whole part of the block is also in Umaria District for Senduri Coal Block.</p> <p><b>4. Exploration:</b><br/>a. As per Mine Summary, the Senduri Coal Block is having Borehole Density of 3.91 BH/Sq.Km. Clarity is required to understand whether any Seismic Survey has been done for the block. If so the type of survey &amp; its details may also please be furnished.</p> | <p><b>1. Block Area:</b><br/>a. The northern block boundary has been aligned with the existing railway line. Hence, the block area is changed from that given in the GR. The revised area for the block offered for auction is 22.39 sq.km.</p> <p><b>2. Surface Constraints:</b><br/>a. The boundary is revised and is along with the existing railway line in the north. The northern boundary may be finalised, if required, at the time of DGPS survey to be undertaken before issuing Vesting Order to the successful bidder.</p> <p><b>3. Mine Summary:</b><br/>a. The block falls in Shahdol &amp; Umaria districts. Revised mine summary will be uploaded on MSTC portal.</p> <p><b>4. Exploration:</b><br/>a. 2D seismic survey has been conducted in the block. Integrated Geological Report is provided in the mine dossier.</p> |
| 2.      | Kerendari-BC North | <p><b>1. Block Area:</b><br/>a. As per mine summary the block area is 12.99 sq km. As per the AutoCAD file National Grid the block area is 13.053 sq km and as per AutoCAD file of UTM the block area is 13.067 sq km. Kindly clarify.</p>   | <p><b>1. Block Area:</b><br/>a. The area of the block in UTM should be 13.067 sq.km. Revised mine summary with updated area will be uploaded on MSTC portal.</p>  |

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|         |              | <p><b>2. Mine Boundary:</b></p> <p>a. The boundary on the south is Zigzag, this may result in loss of Coal reserve and technical difficulty in operation and formation of benches etc. May kindly consider for straightening of the southern boundary.</p> <p><b>3. Mine Summary:</b></p> <p>a. In PMGS Snapshot of Kerendari BC North Coal Block, it is observed that there is a dot line mark and pink area. What is the representation for that mark?</p> <p>b. For Kerendari BC North Coal Block, it is observed that Southern part of the block boundary is demarcated in Zig Zag pattern. The reason for demarking as Zig Zag boundary on the southern part may please be clarified.<br/>It is difficult in preparation of Mining plan with Zig Zag boundary. If the boundary is of clear polygon nature, Mining losses may be minimised. Zig Zag Boundary leads to more Mining losses.</p> <p>c. For Kerendari BC North Coal Block, it is observed that Borehole Density of 12.3 BHs/Sq.Km which seems to be quite high. Hence, the figure may be clarified whether the total Boreholes of 160 numbers are for both Kerendari-BC North and Kerendari-BC South Coal Block.</p> <p><b>4. Exploration Status:</b></p> <p>a. Total Number of Boreholes: 160 Boreholes<br/>Avg. Borehole Density: 12.30 boreholes/ sqkm<br/>Please clarify why the block is categorized as "Partly Explored" despite having a very good borehole density of 12.3 BH/ sqkm.</p> | <p><b>2. Mine Boundary:</b></p> <p>a. The southern boundary is zigzag due to existing Active CBM block boundary.</p> <p><b>3. Mine Summary:</b></p> <p>a. The dotted line is the block boundary as per GR. However, some area has been annexed in the northern part due to incrop area of Karharbari seams falling outside the existing GR area. The area annexed with the Kerendari-BC North block in the northern part is shown in light pink area.</p> <p>b. The boundary is zigzag due to presence of existing Active CBM block (NK-CBM-2001/1).</p> <p>c. The existing drilled boreholes in Kerendari-BC north block are 160. However, some area in the north is annexed to the block. This annexed partly explored area has incrops of good quality Karharbari seams. Therefore, Kerendari-BC North block offered for auction is considered as Partly Explored.</p> <p><b>4. Exploration Status:</b></p> <p>a. The BH density is 12.3 BH/sq.km. However, some area in the north is annexed to the block. This annexed partly explored area has incrops of good quality Karharbari</p> |

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|         |              | <p><b>5. Geological Report:</b><br/>                     a. Geological Block Area: 25.70 sqkm<br/>                     Offered Block Area: 12.99 sqkm<br/>                     Please confirm if the GR needs to be freshly prepared for revised block area or Original GR remains good enough for Mining Plan preparation.</p> <p><b>6. Mine Dossier:</b><br/>                     a. Please provide the details of existing villages and PDF/ PAF residing within the offered block area.</p> <p>b. Provided MINEX Model data is incomplete, Quality data is not available, Multiple Fault lines against single fault. Thus, unable to run the MINEX Model during due-diligence. Attached MINEX Model review report for ready references. Kindly provide the complete MINEX Model with all supporting files.</p>    | <p>seams. Therefore, the Kerendari-BC North block offered for auction is considered as Partly Explored.</p> <p><b>5. Geological Report:</b><br/>                     a. Original GR is available for undivided Kerendari-BC Block. Since, Kerendari-BC North block is considered as partly explored, additional boreholes are required to be drilled and GR is to be prepared.</p> <p><b>6. Mine Dossier:</b><br/>                     a. Tentative number of households has been provided in the mine summary is as per census 2011. Additional information in this regard may be collected by the interested bidder.</p> <p>b. Minex data as available is already provided in the mine dossier.</p> |
| 3.      | Mandakini-B  | <p><b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br/>                     a. <b>Minex</b> - The Geological Report folder only contains the MINEX but the following data are missing in the given minex model of Mandakini B Coal Mine.<br/>                     i. Borehole Database (.bhdb)<br/>                     ii. Geometry data (.GM3)<br/>                     iii. Fault XML (.xml)<br/>                     iv. Structural Grids for all Faulted Blocks and Quality Grids<br/>                     Therefore, it is requested to provide the same. It is required for correct evaluation of the coal mine.</p> <p><b>b. Geological Report</b> – The Geological Report i.e. Text, Annexures and Plates are not provided in the downloaded paid document of Mandakini B Coal Mine. Hence, it is requested to provide the same.</p> | <p><b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br/>                     a. Minex-<br/>                     i. – iv. All the data is provided in the mine dossier as standard minex extension files.</p> <p>b. Geological Report is being uploaded in the mine dossier.</p>  |

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|         |  | <p><b>2. Reserves:</b><br/> a. In Mine Summary, S.no 06, it is mentioned “Reserve blocked under proposed external dump”. Whether these reserves are mineable or not? For calculation of upfront amount, the blocked reserves need to be considered with the geological reserves or not.</p>  | <p><b>2. Reserves:</b><br/> a. Please refer note no. 4 of mine summary, as quoted below:<br/> <br/> “The area in the northern part of the block will be utilized for external OB dumping as per approved mining plan. (Final Stage Dump Plan as per approved mining plan is attached). Also, it has been decided by Ministry of Coal that while calculating reserves, reserves lying under the area utilized for the external OB dumping shall not be considered for the purpose of making payments by Successful Allocatee.”</p> |
| 4.      | <b>Kardabahal – Brahmanbil (Revised)</b> | <p><b>1. Reserves:</b><br/> a. In Mine Summary, S.no 06, it is mentioned “Reserve blocked under proposed external dump”. Whether these reserves are mineable or not? For calculation of upfront amount, the blocked reserves need to be considered with the geological reserves or not.</p>  | <p><b>1. Reserves:</b><br/> a. Please refer note no. 4 of mine summary, as quoted below:<br/> <br/> “It has been decided by Ministry of Coal that the external OB dumping shall be done within the block and while calculating reserves, reserves lying under the area utilized for the external OB dumping shall not be considered for the purpose of making payments by Successful Allocatee.”</p>  |
| 5.      | <b>Ulia Gamhardih</b>                    | <p><b>1. Mine Summary:</b><br/> a. For Ulia Gamhardi Coal Block, it is mentioned that it is in Balrampur district as per Mine Summary. It may please be clarified if some part/whole part of the block is also in Surguja District.<br/> <br/> b. Please confirm that the polygon touching wildlife habitat Sloth Bear, Dhole won't be an issue in getting statutory clearances.<br/> <br/> c. Green Cover: - About 81% (as per FSI Map). Please confirm that the extent of forest cover within the block area should not an issue in getting Forest Clearances.</p> | <p><b>1. Mine Summary:</b><br/> a. The block is falling in Balrampur District.<br/> <br/> b. &amp; c.: Statutory clearances are granted as per the prevailing provisions under the applicable statutes.</p>   |

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|         |                            | <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b></p> <p>a. Please provide the details of existing villages and PDF/ PAF residing within the offered block area.</p> <p>b. Is there any planned interstate Tiger / Wildlife corridor within the 10 km radius from the Coal Block boundary ?</p> <p>c. Please provide the details of compartment wise forest density falling within the block boundary.</p> <p>d. Recent exploration conducted by CMPDI in 2023 and <b>MINEX Geological Model</b> prepared for the block. However, <b>MINEX Model Raw Files</b> are not available in Mine Dossier data; moreover Floor Contour, Folio Plan, Seam Structure, OB Plan etc are also not available. MINEX Model Raw Files and other AutoCAD Plans are required for proper due diligence of the block.</p> | <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b></p> <p>a. – Tentative number of households has been provided in the mine summary is as per census 2011. Additional information in this regard may be collected by the interested bidder.</p> <p>b. &amp; c.: Available information has been provided in the mine dossier documents. Additional information may be obtained by the interested bidder.</p> <p>d. The GR is of G3 level of exploration with very low BH density of 0.3 BH/sq.km only. Minex model is being provided in the mine dossier. Other plans requested are not prepared at this level of exploration.</p> |
| 6.      | <b>New Patrapara North</b> | <p><b>1. Land Details:</b></p> <p>a. Land cost has been estimated for the coal mine. But details of the land like area of land, type of land, land possession status, location of land and period from which interest need to be paid etc. are required.</p> <p>b. Information about forest land should be provided</p>   | <p><b>1. Land Details:</b></p> <p>a.&amp; b: Available information as received from the prior allottees has already been provided in the mine dossier.</p>  |
| 7.      | <b>New Patrapara South</b> | <p><b>1. Land Details:</b></p> <p>a. Land cost has been estimated for the coal mine. But details of the land like area of land, type of land, land possession status, location of land and period from which interest need to be paid etc. are required.</p> <p>b. Information about forest land should be provided</p>   | <p><b>1. Land Details:</b></p> <p>a.&amp; b: Available information as received from the prior allottees has already been provided in the mine dossier.</p>  |
| 8.      | <b>Bundu</b>               | <p><b>1. Mine Dossier:</b></p> <p>a. Kindly provide the below mentioned documents:</p>  | <p><b>1. Mine Dossier:</b></p> <p>a. Missing Annexures are being uploaded in the mine dossier.</p>  |

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|         |              | <p>i. Annexure-I: Co-ordinates and Reduced Levels of boreholes drilled in Bundu Block.</p> <p>ii. Annexure-II: Consolidated Descriptive Lithologs of boreholes drilled in Bundu Block.</p> <p>iii. Annexure- IV: Details of Band By Band Analysis of Coal Seams of boreholes drilled in Bundu Block.</p> <p>iv. Annexure- VI: Proximate Analysis (60 % RH and 40 Deg.C) of Coal Seams of boreholes drilled in Bundu Block.</p> <p>v. Annexure- VII: Ultimate Analysis (On Unit Coal Basis) on prepared overall seam samples from boreholes drilled in Bundu Block.</p> <p>vi. Annexure- VIII: Ash Fusion Range &amp; HGI as determined on overall Seam Sample from boreholes drilled in Bundu Block.</p> <p>vii. Annexure- IX: Ash Analysis as determined on overall Seam. Sample prepared from boreholes drilled in Bundu Block.</p> <p>b. Green Cover: - About 75% (as per FSI Map) Please confirm that the extent of forest cover within the block area should not an issue in getting Forest Clearances.</p> <p>c. Please provide the details of existing villages and PDF/ PAF residing within the offered block area.</p> <p>d. Please provide the type and category of the green cover (Forest)</p> <p>e. In the Block summary of Bundu Coal block Area of the block offered is mentioned 541 Ha but In the approved mining plan mentioned block area is 568 Ha.<br/>There is a difference in area of the block in approved Mining Plan in the Tender document and Block Summary.<br/>Please clarify</p> | <p>b. Statutory clearances are granted as per the prevailing provisions under the applicable statutes.</p> <p>c. Available information as received from the prior allottee has been provided in the mine dossier. Additional information may be obtained by the interested bidder.</p> <p>d. Available information as received from the prior allottee has been provided in the mine dossier.</p> <p>e. As per the shapefile of block boundary georeferenced on 4 DGPS surveyed borehole points, the area of the block is 5.41 sq.km.</p> |



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|         |              | <p><b>2. Reserves and PRC:</b><br/> a. Geological Reserve: 102.27 MT<br/> Extractable Reserve for 25 Years: 103.50 MT<br/> PRC: 5 MTPA<br/> Which seems that Extractable Reserve is greater than Geological Reserve.<br/> As per Approved Mine Plan, Nov 2006 in favour of Rungta Mines Limited, PDF Page No 55:<br/> PRC: 1 MTPA<br/> Extractable Reserve for 34 Years: 32.167 MT</p> <p>Extractable Reserve more than Geological Reserve is not possible. Moreover, PRC with 5 MTPA with Extractable Reserve 32.167 MT is also absurd as in this case mine life will be restricted within 10 years.</p> <p>Thus, PRC and Extractable Reserve should be reviewed and corrected. Accordingly, all the Financial Calculations need to be corrected (where applicable).</p> <p>b. In the Block summary of Bundu Coal block, PRC in mentioned 5 MTPA but as per the approved Mining Plan in the Tender Document mentioned PRC is 1 MTPA.<br/> There is a difference in PRC in approved Mining Plan in the Tender document and Block Summary.<br/> Please clarify</p> <p><b>3. Mine Plan:</b><br/> a. Mine Plan was approved in Nov, 2006 favour of Rungta Mines Limited, more than 18 years already crossed and some amendment/ changes introduced within this period in respect of Mine Plan Approval Process and Clauses.</p> | <p>2a &amp; b. The PRC for Bundu coal mine is 1 MTPA. The corrigendum to the tender document has been uploaded in the mine dossier.</p> <p>3. The approved Mining Plan will be vested with the successful bidder, but if Mine Closure Plan is not approved, then the revised Mining Plan &amp; Mine Closure Plan as per the prevailing guidelines may have to be prepared.</p> |

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|         |              | <p>Whether Mine Plan needs to be revised for Successful Bidder after issuing vesting order. Seeking clarification in this issue.</p> <p>If new Mine Plan needs to be prepared/revised then all the series activities need to be revised and timeline will be changed accordingly.</p> <p><b>4. Geological Report:</b><br/> a. Geological Block Area: 5.60 sqkm<br/> Offered Block Area: 5.41 sqkm.<br/> As the coal block is fully explored, please confirm if Geological Report needs to be updated for revised block area before submitting Mining Plan?</p>   | <p><b>4. Geological Report:</b><br/> a. As per the shapefile of block boundary georeferenced on 4 DGPS surveyed borehole points, the area of the block is 5.41 sq.km.</p>  |
| 9.      | Teram        | <p><b>1. Surface Constraints:</b><br/> a. As per the Mine Summary, it has been shown that one of the Major Highway (Ambikapur Marg) passes along the Western Boundary of the Block. But, in reality the block boundary crosses at two points for a short distance which shall create delays during the Mine Development. It is requested to review the block boundary so as to keep it along the inner edge of the road and redefine by omitting the area enveloped by Highway.<br/> It will require diverting the existing road if the developer wants to mine the entire given area. It will help the coal block developer to avoid delays in starting the mining operation.</p> <p>b. As per the PMGS Snapshot and Surface Constraint given in the Mine Summary, only 1 HT line is mentioned but actually, two HT lines are passing through the Block. It is requested to review the same and update the relevant document.</p> <p><b>2. PRC:</b><br/> a. 8 MTPA PRC can be reduce by successful bid as per their assessment and requirement.</p> | <p><b>1. Surface Constraints:</b><br/> a. The western boundary may be finalised, if required, at the time of DGPS survey to be undertaken before issuing the Vesting Order to the successful bidder.</p> <p>b. Information in this regard has been given based on the information available at PMGS portal.</p> <p>2a. Downward revision in the PRC is not allowed as of now. As per Clause 9.3 of the Tender Document, upon allocation of the Coal Mine, the Mining Plan may be revised by the Successful Bidder, in accordance with the Guidelines for Preparation, Formulation, Submission,</p> |

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|         |                         |  | Processing, Scrutiny, Approval and Revision of Mining plan for the coal and lignite blocks issued vide Office Memorandum F. No. 34011/28/2019-CPAM dated May 29, 2020, as may be amended. However, as per Clause 9.2 of the Tender Document, the Successful Bidder shall ensure that the scheduled coal production as per the approved Mining Plan is equal to or more than the Production Schedule.   |
| 10.     | Gare Palma IV/5         | <p><b>1. Borehole Data:</b><br/>a. As per the Mine Summary, the borehole density is 4.5 BH/ Sq. Km. however, it was learned during the site visit that few more boreholes were drilled within the block area. It is requested to furnish entire borehole data, its location, logging details etc. and update the relevant document. As this is an underground mine, it is highly important to have full geological details.</p> <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b><br/>a. Depth range of each seam to be provided<br/>b. Updated UG plan of the Mine should also be provided.<br/>c. Updated reserve status to be provided based on depletion of reserve.<br/>d. GR plates and text should be provided for evaluation of the Block<br/>e. Information about forest land should be provided</p> | <p><b>1. Borehole Data:</b><br/>a. Geological information as received from prior allottees is updated in Mine Summary and revised mine summary is now available at MSTC portal.</p> <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b><br/>a. Provided in mine summary.<br/>b. Information as submitted by prior allottees has been provided in the mine dossier.<br/>c. Provided in mine summary and mine dossier.<br/>d. Provided in mine dossier.<br/>e. Information as submitted by prior allottees has been provided in the mine dossier.</p> |
| 11.     | West of Baisi (Revised) | <p><b>1. Geological Report:</b><br/>a. Since coal block is fully explored, GR need to be revised based on revised boundary by successful bidder. No Further exploration will be required.</p> <p><b>2. Clearances:</b><br/>a. It is mentioned that Northern boundary of the block is approx. 0.8 km from the boundary of Lemru Elephant Reserve". Please confirm that</p>  | <p><b>1. Geological report:</b><br/>a. Only GR is to be prepared by successful bidder for revised area.</p> <p><b>2. Clearances:</b><br/>a. Statutory clearances are granted as per the prevailing provisions under the applicable statutes.</p>   |

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|         |                    | obtaining statutory clearance should not be issue because of Lemru Elephant corridor.<br><br><b>3. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Please provide the data on Villages and PAF residing within coal block.  | <b>3. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Tentative number of households has been provided in the mine summary is as per census 2011. Additional information in this regard may be collected by the interested bidder.  |
| 12.     | Sarai East (South) | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Fault details of Sarai East Southern part to be provided<br><br>b. Seam wise resource summary should be given<br><br>c. Information about forest land should be provided  | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Given in the GR available with mine dossier.<br><br>b. Block is split from the original Sarai East block. Seam-wise resources for the original block are available in the mine dossier.<br><br>c. Available information has been provided in the mine dossier. Additional information may be obtained by the interested bidder. |
| 13.     | Chainpa (Revised)  | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Please provide the details of existing villages and PDF/ PAF residing within the offered block area.  | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Tentative number of households has been provided in the mine summary is as per census 2011. Additional information in this regard may be collected by the interested bidder.  |
| 14.     | Nawagaon East      | <b>1. Mine Summary:</b><br>a. Please confirm that the polygon touching wildlife habitat Sloth Bear/ Elephant won't be an issue in getting statutory clearances.<br><br><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Please provide the details of existing villages and PDF/ PAF residing within the offered block area. | <b>1. Mine Summary:</b><br>a. Statutory clearances are granted as per the prevailing provisions under the applicable statutes.<br><br><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Tentative number of households has been provided in the mine summary is as per census 2011. Additional information in this regard may be collected by the interested bidder.              |

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| 15.     | Nawagaon West          | <p><b>1. Mine Summary:</b><br/> a. Decision Support System (DSS) Analysis:<br/> Wildlife Info: The polygon touches wildlife habitat (s)-Sloth Bear, Elephant<br/> VDF Info: The polygon is having VDF&gt;1sqkm.<br/> Please confirm that the polygon touching wildlife habitat Sloth Bear/ Elephant won't be an issue in getting statutory clearances.</p> <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b><br/> a. Please provide the details of existing villages and PDF/ PAF residing within the offered block area.</p> | <p><b>1. Mine Summary:</b><br/> a. Statutory clearances are granted as per the prevailing provisions under the applicable statutes.</p> <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b><br/> a. Tentative number of households has been provided in the mine summary is as per census 2011. Additional information in this regard may be collected by the interested bidder.</p> |
| 16.     | Dhulia North (Revised) | <p><b>1. Geological Report:</b><br/> a. Geological Block Area: 18.08 sqkm<br/> Offered Block Area: 10.70 sqkm<br/> Please confirm if the GR needs to be freshly prepared for revised block area or Original GR remains good enough for Mining Plan preparation.</p> <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b><br/> a. Please provide the details of existing villages and PDF/ PAF residing within the offered block area.</p>  | <p><b>1. Geological Report:</b><br/> a. GR needs to be prepared for the revised area.</p> <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b><br/> a. Tentative number of households has been provided in the mine summary is as per census 2011. Additional information in this regard may be collected by the interested bidder.</p>   |
| 17.     | Nabasan                | <p><b>1. Block Area:</b><br/> a. Area of the Block: 5.09 sqkm<br/> Area to be checked as per the drawing the area is 6.37 sqkm</p> <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b><br/> a. Information about forest land should be provided</p>   | <p><b>1. Block Area:</b><br/> a. Some area of the original block in the north-eastern corner and in the southern part has been removed. The block area offered for auction is 5.00 sq.km.</p> <p><b>2. Mine Dossier:</b></p>  |

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|         |                     |  | a. Available information has been provided in the mine dossier. Additional information may be obtained by the interested bidder.  |
| 18.     | Badibahal           | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Seam wise resource summary should be given   | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Seam-wise resource is given in the regional GR for Badibahal. However, some area has been annexed in the eastern part. Therefore, seam-wise resources are not given in the mine summary.  |
| 19.     | Kabitirtha          | <b>1. Land Details:</b><br>a. Information about forest land should be provided<br><br><b>2. Mine Summary:</b><br>a. In the block summary of Kabitirtha mentioned bore hole density is 7.5 Bh/Sq.km, which is less than 10 Bh/Sq.km. Can MOC approve the Mine Plan based on this 7.5 Bh/Sq.km density? please clarify | <b>1. Land Details:</b><br>a. Available information has been provided in the mine dossier. Additional information may be obtained by the interested bidder.<br><br><b>2. Mine Summary:</b><br>a. This block is fully explored block, however, MoC approves mining plan as per the prevailing guidelines for the same. |
| 20.     | Kahua Khireti North | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Seam wise resource summary should be given   | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Seam-wise resources will be available after detailed GR is prepared.  |
| 21.     | Kahua Khireti South | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Seam wise resource summary should be given   | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Seam-wise resources will be available after detailed GR is prepared.  |
| 22.     | Lakshmipur North    | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Seam wise resource summary should be given   | <b>1. Mine Dossier:</b><br>a. Seam-wise resources will be available after detailed GR is prepared.  |
| 23.     | South of Hingla     | <b>1. Mine Summary:</b><br>a. In the block summary of South of Hingla mentioned bore hole density is 6.74 Bh/Sq.km, which is less than 10 Bh/Sq.km. Can MOC approve the Mine Plan based on this 6.74 Bh/Sq.km density? please clarify  | <b>1. Mine Summary:</b><br>a. This block is fully explored block, however, MoC approves mining plan as per the prevailing guidelines for the same.  |