

Tender No	Tender No.: GASONET/C&P/GSL/PE PNG/UK/2026-2027/25
Tender Name	Tender: HIRING OF SERVICES FOR MDPE LAYING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS (LMC) FOR UK GA
Subject	Replies to Bidder's Queries
Dated	01.09.2026

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1	GCC - Performance Security	Clause 2.1 / Security Deposit	The contractor shall submit Performance Security / Bank Guarantee of 10% of the total Contract Value within 15 days of issue of LOA.	Query: Requesting to reduce the Performance Guarantee from 10% to 3% or 5% in line with standard government procurement guidelines. Also, kindly extend the submission timeline from 15 days to 30 days post LOA.	Refer Annexure-4, Clause 3, Page 117. CPBG shall be 5% as specified in the RFQ. The CPBG shall be submitted within the timeline specified in the tender documents.
2	GCC - Mobilization Advance	Clause 4.5	No mobilization advance shall be paid to the contractor for execution of the works.	Query: Requesting inclusion of a Mobilization Advance clause up to 10% of Contract Value against a Bank Guarantee to assist initial site setup, procurement, and resource deployment.	Tender conditions shall prevail. No mobilization advance is provided under the tender.
3	GCC - Time Extension & Delay	Clause 6.3 / Delay in Handover	No financial compensation shall be payable to the contractor due to delay in handing over the site or clear fronts by the Owner/Client.	Query: Requesting that if delay in site handover exceeds 30 days due to reasons attributable to the Client, prolonged deployment / overhead costs should be compensated on a mutually agreed basis.	Refer ITB Clause 33, Page 33. Tender conditions shall prevail.
4	GCC - Price Variation	Clause 8.2 / Escalation	The contract prices shall remain firm and fixed throughout the tenure of the contract. No price escalation shall be allowed under any circumstances.	Query: Requesting inclusion of a Price Variation Clause (PVC) for major materials (e.g., steel, cement, fuel/gas) if the contract duration exceeds 12 months or if market fluctuation exceeds.	Refer ITB Clause 12.5, Page 22. Tender conditions shall prevail.
5	GCC - Liquidated Damages (LD)	Clause 11.1 / Compensation for Delay	LD for delay shall be levied at 1% per week of delay subject to a maximum cap of 10% of total contract value.	Query: Requesting reduction of LD rate to 0.5% per week up to a maximum cap of 5% of the delayed portion/work value, rather than the total contract value.	Refer Annexure-4, Clause 2, Page 117. Tender conditions shall prevail.
6	GCC - Payment Terms	Clause 14.2 / Progressive Bills	Running Account (RA) bills shall be processed and paid within 60 days from the date of submission of certified bills.	Query: Requesting reduction of the payment processing period from 60 days to 30 days to maintain healthy cash flow during execution.	Payment against RA Bills shall be made within 30 days, subject to submission of the applicable invoice/bill duly certified by the authorised representative of Gasonet/GA/EIC and compliance with the applicable contractual requirements.
7	GCC - Limitation of Liability	Clause 20.4	The liability of the contractor shall be unlimited for any indirect, special, or consequential damages.	Query: Requesting to cap total liability to 100% of Contract Value and explicitly exclude indirect and consequential losses in line with standard legal framework.	The request for limitation/exclusion of liability is not accepted. Tender conditions shall prevail.

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8	GCC - Force Majeure	Clause 22.1	Force Majeure clause does not explicitly mention pandemics, epidemics, or government-mandated lockdowns.	Query: Requesting explicit inclusion of "epidemics, pandemics, quarantine restrictions, and statutory lockdowns" under the scope of Force Majeure events.	No amendment to the Force Majeure provisions is proposed. Tender conditions shall prevail.
9	ITB	Cl. 38.1 vs Annexure-4 Cl.3	CPBG submission timeline is stated as "within 21 days" of Notification of Award in ITB Clause 38.1, but as "within 30 days" of LOA in Annexure-4 (Terms of Payment).	Kindly confirm the correct/governing timeline (21 days or 30 days) for submission of the Contract Performance Bank Guarantee (CPBG) after issuance of LOA/Notification of Award.	CPBG shall be submitted within 21 days from the date of Notification of Award, as specified in the tender documents.
10	SCC /	Rates Clause	Quoted rates are stated to be inclusive of all overheads, profits, escalations and fluctuations, with "no change in the rates admissible during tenancy of the contract."	As the ARC/empanelment period is 2 years + 1 year, please confirm whether any price variation/escalation clause (e.g., for steel, HDPE resin, diesel, or statutory wage revisions) is applicable during the extended contract tenure, or whether quoted rates remain firm and fixed for the entire 3-year period.	Refer Page 8, Sr. No. 7 of the tender document. The quoted rates shall remain firm and fixed in accordance with the tender conditions. No price escalation/variation shall be admissible except as expressly provided in the tender documents.
11	General / Mobilization		The tender does not mention any provision for a mobilization advance.	Kindly confirm whether any mobilization advance is admissible against Bank Guarantee, given the CPBG and working-capital commitment required per Work Order.	Tender conditions shall prevail. No mobilization advance is provided under the tender.
12	BEC (Technical) - Note III		Jobs executed for Subsidiary/Fellow Subsidiary/Holding company are considered for BEC subject to submission of tax-paid invoices certified by statutory auditor.	Please confirm whether work experience of the consortium's other Group/GA companies (e.g., Gasonet Services (HP) Ltd.) for similar MDPE/LMC works can be considered as "similar work" experience for a bidder that has executed work for such Group entities, and the exact documentation required to establish this.	Refer BEC Technical Note III, Page 10. Experience shall be considered strictly in accordance with the tender requirements and the specified supporting documents.
13	SCC	Insurance Requirements	The scope of work requires the contractor to provide security and insurance cover for free-issue material and works, but the specific insurance type(s) and minimum sum-insured/coverage values are not explicitly stated.	Kindly specify the mandatory insurance policies required to be taken by the Contractor (e.g., Contractor's All Risk (CAR), Workmen's Compensation, Third-Party Liability), along with minimum coverage value and validity period.	Refer GCC. The Contractor shall provide insurance coverage for 100% of the individual Work Order value to cover the cost of free-issue materials/items issued by the Owner and the cost of materials being procured by the Contractor, as applicable under the tender conditions.
14	ITB	Cl. 13 - GST	SOR rates are to be quoted exclusive of GST, but the applicable GST rate/HSN-SAC classification for this scope of work is not specified in the tender.	Kindly confirm the applicable GST rate and HSN/SAC code to be assumed for this scope of work (MDPE laying, GI/LMC installation and associated services), for uniform quoting by all bidders.	The bidder shall quote the applicable HSN/SAC code in the Price Bid. GST shall be applicable as per the prevailing statutory provisions.

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15	SCC	Statutory Compliance	Contractor is required to obtain a Labour License and BOCW registration.	Please confirm whether the Labour License/BOCW registration must be held at the time of bid submission, or may be obtained within a specified period after LOA/before mobilization at site.	Refer SOW, Page 107. Labour Licence and BOCW registration are within the Contractor's scope. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutory requirements. Tender conditions shall prevail.
16	ITB	Cl. 49 - Quantity Variation	The Purchaser reserves the right to vary the quantity of each SOR item at the time of award, or delete any item, without a stated ceiling/percentage limit.	Kindly confirm whether any maximum percentage limit (e.g., +/-25%) applies to quantity variation of individual SOR items at the time of Work Order issuance, to enable bidders to assess resource-planning risk.	Refer ITB Clauses 49.1–49.2, Page 40. Tender conditions shall prevail.
17	ITB	Cl. 38.2 - CPBG Validity	The CPBG is required to remain valid for 3 months beyond the Defect Liability Period (DLP) "specified in the Bid Data Sheet," but the DLP duration itself is not stated in the RFQ document made available to bidders.	Kindly specify the exact Defect Liability Period (DLP) applicable to this contract, as referenced in the Bidding Data Sheet (BDS).	Refer GCC Clause 7.3, Page 4. The Defect Liability Period (DLP) shall be 12 months from handing over of the system
18	ITB	Cl. 55.2	Gasonet reserves the right to split the total scope of work among more than one bidder.	Kindly clarify the basis/criteria (e.g., district-wise, quantity-wise) on which the scope may be split among multiple empanelled bidders, and whether this affects the minimum order-value guarantee (currently stated as Nil).	As already intimated in pre bid meeting, the contract shall be awarded as per following : 1. Initially, Gasonet shall place Work Orders on up to four technically and financially qualified contractors in the ratio of 40:30:20:10, subject to the contractors matching the approved L1 rates. In case fewer than four contractors qualify or agree to match the approved L1 rates, Gasonet reserves the right to place the Work Order(s) with the remaining qualified contractor(s), subject to their technical and financial competency and the applicable approved rates. 2. In case of 04 Contractor then the ratio will be 40:30:20:10; In case of 03 Contractor then the ratio will be 50:30:20; In case of 02 Contractor then the ratio will be 60:40. In case of 01 Contractor then the ratio will be 100. (

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19	SOW	Cl. 4.0	Mobilization period at site is stated as 7 days from LOI/EIC intimation.	Considering site mobilization involves manpower deployment, EF-certified welders, and equipment mobilization to remote Uttarakhand GA districts, please confirm if the 7-day mobilization period is firm or can be reviewed on a case-to-case basis for far-flung locations.	Tender conditions shall prevail. The specified mobilization period shall be complied with.
20	ITB	Cl. 11.1.2	Price Bid PDF is required to be encrypted with a 12-character alphanumeric password.	Kindly confirm whether the password should be shared with GASONET separately/at a later stage (e.g., at the time of price bid opening), and the process for the same.	The bidder shall be required to provide the password for the Price Bid at the time of Price Bid opening, as instructed by Gasonet.
21	Pre-Bid / Technical / Commercial	Pre-Bid Query	MDPE Laying Quantity & PCC Cutting	Bidder stated that total MDPE laying through Open Cut and Moling is approximately 55,000 m, whereas PCC cutting quantity is around 5,000 m; requested review/revision to approximately 50,000 m based on site survey.	The PCC cutting quantity has been considered based on the applicable standard requirements. PCC cutting is primarily envisaged for 20 mm MDPE and partly for 32 mm MDPE, as applicable. Accordingly, no revision is proposed at this stage.
22	Pre-Bid / Technical / Commercial	Pre-Bid Query	Restoration Quantity	Bidder requested that restoration quantity should be approximately equivalent to the Open Cut laying quantity and the BOQ be reviewed accordingly.	Tender conditions shall prevail.
23	Pre-Bid / Technical / Commercial	Pre-Bid Query	PCC Cutting Quantity	Bidder requested that PCC cutting quantity be aligned with Open Cut laying quantity based on actual site conditions and site survey.	Please refer to the response provided at Sr. No. 21 above.
24	Pre-Bid / Technical / Commercial	Pre-Bid Query	Hard Rock Cutting	Bidder stated that hard rock is generally encountered after approximately 1 ft at several locations, whereas tender mentions 2 m cutting depth, and requested review of applicable measurement and payment methodology.	Tender conditions shall prevail.
25	Pre-Bid / Technical / Commercial	Pre-Bid Query	MDPE & HDPE Duct Laying	Bidder requested clarification whether simultaneous installation of MDPE and HDPE duct pipes in the same bore will be permitted wherever technically feasible during Moling/HDD work.	The bidder's understanding is correct, subject to technical feasibility, applicable specifications and site conditions.

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26	Pre-Bid / Technical / Commercial	Pre-Bid Query	Commissioning Payment – 20% Hold	Bidder requested reconsideration of the commissioning-linked 20% payment hold because DCU charging has not yet occurred at relevant locations, and requested release based on actual work completed.	The payment shall remain linked to commissioning as specified in the tender conditions. Any payment shall be processed strictly in accordance with the applicable contractual terms and certification requirements.
28	General Query		GST Related Query	GST registration required by the contractor in the various place of work mentioned as per your scope of work. please clarify.	The Contractor shall maintain valid GST registration(s) in the applicable State(s)/location(s) where required for execution of the work, in accordance with applicable statutory requirements and the tender conditions.
29	General Query		Completion Period and ARC Validity	The completion period for each individual Work Order shall be 01 (one) year, including final bill closure. The ARC shall remain valid for an initial period of 02 (two) years, with a provision for extension by 01 (one) additional year, subject to mutual consent of Gasonet and the Contractor. The Work Orders shall be issued on a year-wise basis. Accordingly, the Work Order for Year-02 shall be issued only upon successful completion of the Year-01 Work Order and subject to the requirements and approval of Gasonet. Continuation/issuance of subsequent Work Orders shall be subject to Gasonet's assessment of site requirements, availability of work and satisfactory performance of the Contractor/Vendor, and shall not constitute any guaranteed commitment for the subsequent period.	The completion period for each individual Work Order shall be 01 (one) year, including final bill closure. The ARC shall remain valid for an initial period of 02 (two) years, with a provision for extension by 01 (one) additional year, subject to mutual consent of Gasonet and the Contractor. Any extension of the ARC shall be on the same rates and applicable terms and conditions, unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing. The issuance of Work Orders during the ARC period shall remain subject to Gasonet's requirements, availability of work and satisfactory performance of the Contractor and shall not constitute any guaranteed commitment for any minimum quantity or value of work.