

AUCTION OF COAL MINES FOR SALE OF COAL

(18TH TRANCHE OF AUCTION UNDER THE COAL MINES (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 2015)

(8th TRANCHE OF AUCTION UNDER THE MINES AND MINERAL (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATIONS) ACT,
1957)

Queries & Responses

Pursuant to Standard Tender Document dated November 15, 2023

January 03, 2024

Nominated Authority

Ministry of Coal, Government of India

A. Queries and Responses to Standard Tender Document dated November 15, 2023

The following clarifications are applicable to the Standard Tender Document dated November 15, 2023 as well as to mine-specific Tender Documents dated November 15, 2023 pursuant to auction under 18th Tranche of auction under the CMSP Act 2015 & auction under 8th Tranche of auction under the MMDR Act 1957.

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1.	<p>Clause 3.3.2 – Description of Tender Process To allocate a coal block, how many minimum bidders are required for each block?</p>	<p>As per Clause 3.3.2(b)(II) of the Tender Document, for the coal blocks offered under 18th Tranche of auction under CMSP act and 8th tranche of auction under MMDR Act, in the event that there are less than 2 Technically Qualified Bidders, then no Technically Qualified Bidder shall be considered to be a Qualified Bidder, and the tender process for the Coal Mine shall stand annulled.</p>
2.	<p>Clause 3.8 – Schedule of the Tender Process a. Most of the blocks are partially explored under the 8th tranche, and needs more for assessing the reserves. Hence, The timelines for the 8th tranche and second attempt of 7th tranche may be extended for one more month. b. We have already purchased tender documents in respect of two coal blocks under the 18th trench. As per revised schedule, the last date of receiving written queries is 20.12.2023 and last date of written request for site visit is 10.1.2024. We request you to kindly to extend the date of submission of queries for at least 15 days i.e. upto 4.1.2024 and site visit upto 20.1.2024. We shall be thankful for kind consideration of our request.</p>	<p>The schedule of the auction process has already been uploaded on the MSTC Platform. In case of any revision in the schedule of the tender process, the updated schedule will be uploaded on the MSTC website. Bidders are requested to regularly visit MSTC for updates. However, in case at any point in time you are having any query, the same may kindly be sent to the office of Nominated Authority at nomauthority.moc@nic.in for seeking the response.</p>
3.	<p>Clause 3.10 – Periodic Payments by the Successful Bidder a. 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</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 shall be payable in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.</p>

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	<p>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>b. Please clarify the applicable law by which the statutory dues like royalty, contribution to NMET and DMF should be paid.</p> <p>c. In addition to the payments specified in Clause 3.3.2(h), the Successful Bidder will be required to pay revenue on monthly basis to the State Government. Please clarify through illustration whether we have to consider the latest NCI price if the Latest NCI price is higher than the notional price.</p>	<p>b. The Royalty and Taxes shall be paid as per applicable laws.</p> <p>c. As per Clause 3.10 of the Tender Document, the Successful Bidder will be required to pay revenue on monthly basis to the State Government (the “Monthly Payment”) which shall be determined as product of</p> <p>a) Final Offer;</p> <p>b) Total quantity of coal on which the statutory royalty is payable during the month; and</p> <p>c) Notional Price or Actual Price, whichever is higher. Notional Price shall mean the price arrived at after adjusting the Representative Price with sub-index of National Coal Index or National Lignite Index, as applicable, of the relevant basket of coal grade(s) on the date on which royalty becomes payable.</p> <p>Illustration for calculation of the Revenue Share payable has already been provided in the tender document.</p>
4.	<p>Clause 4.1 – Eligibility Conditions</p> <p>a. OCL was previously owned by the Dham group and had a long lease (for 30 years from the Ministry of Coal from 2016) of coal mine popularly as the “Ardhagram Coal Mine”. OCL had become bankrupt and as per MoC and had certain defaults under the coal lease agreement. Termination notice was provided by nominated authority. In the meantime OCL had undergone corporate insolvency resolution process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 under which process pursuant to a successful resolution plan implementation, OCL’s control is now</p>	<p>1a. The stated query is company specific and is being examined. The response to the query shall be provided separately.</p>

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	<p>vested with a financially sound new management. OCL had challenged the termination of the lease and a stay has been granted by the relevant court on the termination order and the matter is subjudice.</p> <p>The Supreme Court has upheld the principle of extinguishment of past liability by interpreting Section 31 of IBC to mean that once the resolution plan had been approved by NCLT it would be binding on all stakeholders as it is and no past liabilities or claims could surface subsequently, OCL can start from a clean slate. Our query is whether under the aforesaid circumstances will affect OCL's eligibility to bid for the coal mines under auction/tender process or will it be held ineligible for any of the aforesaid facts to bid for the coal blocks?</p> <p>b. Kindly clarify if a JV company was registered with MSTC before September 2018 and the same JV Company is going to participate in this coal block auction process, there is any requirement of a fresh registration while participating the same company as Joint Venture.</p>	<p>1b. If the composition of the JV partner companies remains unchanged i.e. if they are the same legal entity, no fresh registration is required.</p>
5.	<p>Clause 5.2 - Change in control and transfer</p> <p>a. 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>a. 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>
6.	<p>Clause 9.1 - Mandatory Work Program for Partially Explored Mines -</p> <p>a. 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</p>	<p>The Mandatory Work Program shall be as per Clause 9.1 of the Standard Tender Document</p>

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	<p>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>	
7.	<p>Clause 9.3 – Revision in Mining Plan upon allocation a. Mine Plan with PRC lower than that mentioned in the mine summary (tentative PRC) shall be acceptable for approval.</p>	<p>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, 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</p>
8.	<p>Clause 9.4 - Flexibility in Production a. 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>
9.	<p>Clause 9.5 - Relinquishment of Partially Explored Mine a. 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>5a. 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</p>

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	<p>b. 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>may relinquish any part of the Coal Mine having non-coal bearing area or coal bearing area which is technically non-viable 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> <p>5b. 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 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>
10.	<p>CMDPA Clause 5.2 – Payment of the Upfront Amount New CMDPA Clause 5.2.1 – a. 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>	<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 the provisions of the Tender Document.</p>

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	<p>New Clause Clause 5.2.1 (a) in CMDPA</p> <p>In case of Partially Explored Mines, if actual grade of Geological Reserves in the approved Geological Report (upon completion of Exploration) is found to be different than the Coal Grade at the time of auction, the value of Upfront Amount and Performance Security shall be adjusted considering the Grade of Geological Reserves as per approved Geological Report.</p>	
11.	<p>CMDPA Clause 11.2 – Authorisations</p> <p>a. 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>	<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.</p>
12.	<p>CMDPA Clause 12.1 – Contractors and Sub-Contractors</p> <p>a. 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>	<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.</p>
13.	<p>CMDPA Clause 22 – Insurance</p> <p>a. Please list out all types of Insurance which MoC has contemplated from the Successful Bidder to maintain during Development and Operation stage.</p>	<p>As per good industry practices and Applicable Law.</p>

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	Also kindly clarify what does it mean by "(including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto)"	
14.	CMDPA Clause 23 – Accounts and Audit To delete 23.2 - Appointment of Auditor.	The provision of Clause 23 of Agreement shall be applicable.
15.	CMDPA Clause 25 – Event of Force Majeure a. Delay in granting regulatory approvals should be considered Force Majeure	Events of Force Majeure shall be as per Clause 25 of Agreement.
16.	CMDPA Clause 26.3 – Termination a. 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.	The Termination clause shall be as per Clause 26.3 of the Agreement
17.	Exploration Status: a. 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. b. Such block where additional unexplored area is added to an explore block shall be considered as a "Partially Explored" block. c. 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.	Such block where unexplored area is annexed with explored area, the revised exploration status of the block in general will be Partially Explored. a&b. This would be as per the prevailing provisions of the MoC Guidelines of Preparation of Mining Plan. c. 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.
18.	Land: In case of Orissa blocks, the land required for mining will be provided by IDCO/IPICOL or the successful bidder has to buy directly from the land owners?	Land acquisition by the successful bidder will have to be done as per the prevailing laws/ guidelines of the concerned state Government.

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19.	<p>Mine Dossier:</p> <p>a. In case of any change or update in information or data present in the mine summary/mine dossier for any block, it shall be notified by some means either through notices on web site or through e-mail to bidders or by any other appropriate manner.</p> <p>b. Exhaustive details of coal blocks should be made available to bidder, there are some instances where complete Geological Report data was not made available.</p>	<p>Any change or update in the mine dossiers for any coal mine is already being notified through MSTC portal. Further, Mine Dossiers for all the coal mines have been uploaded on the MSTC portal. It may be noted that the Mine Dossier of the Coal Mine is being provided only as a preliminary reference document to the prospective Bidders, who are expected to carry out their own surveys, investigations and other detailed examination of the Coal Mine before submitting their Bids. Nothing contained in the Mine Dossier shall be binding on the Nominated Authority nor confer any right on the Bidders, and the Nominated Authority shall have no liability whatsoever in relation to or arising out of any or all contents of the Mine Dossier</p>
20.	<p>Payments:</p> <p>a. 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>

B. Mine Specific Queries and Responses

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1.	Brahmani	<p>1. Mine Dossier: 1a. The paid documents cannot be downloaded, it is appearing "FILE DOES NOT EXISTS"</p>	<p>Paid Mine dossiers have been uploaded on the MSTC website. In case of facing any difficulty in downloading the mine dossiers, then MSTC can be contacted on coalblock@mstcindia.co.in.</p>
2.	Kardabahal-Brahmanbil (Revised)	<p>1. Mine Dossier: 1a. The paid documents cannot be downloaded, it is appearing "FILE DOES NOT EXISTS"</p>	<p>Paid Mine dossiers have been uploaded on the MSTC website. In case of facing any difficulty in downloading the mine dossiers, then MSTC can be contacted on coalblock@mstcindia.co.in.</p>
3.	Radhikapur (East)	<p>1. Mine Dossier: 1a. The paid documents cannot be downloaded, it is appearing "FILE DOES NOT EXISTS"</p> <p>2. Fixed Amount: a. Value of Radhikapur-East land was also mentioned as INR 3.87 Cr in the relevant notification of 27th Aug 2020 (during Round-1 auctions). However, the amount claimed by the previous allottee was mentioned as INR 170.146 Cr (paid by them to OI IDC for land acquisition). The previous allottee had further claimed interest @12% pa on the amount paid to OI IDC which was INR 94.05 Cr (up to 25th Oct 2014). There is further a strong possibility that they may claim additional interest accumulated till Oct-2023 which will be a very huge amount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Whether the issue of the land cost and the interest thereon was settled subsequent to Round-1. · Whether the interest on the initial amount deposited with OI IDC by the previous allottee should become the liability of the successful bidder in this round since the matter lies with OI IDC and the previous allottee. 	<p>1a. Paid Mine dossiers have been uploaded on the MSTC website. In case of facing any difficulty in downloading the mine dossiers, then MSTC can be contacted on coalblock@mstcindia.co.in.</p> <p>2a,b & c. The revised Fixed Amount for Radhikapur East coal mine has already been uploaded on MSTC portal. The break-up of the same is as below: Cost of GR – Rs. 4,69,49,188/- Cost of Consents – NIL Mine Infrastructure Cost – Rs. 3,98,13,012/- Cost of Land – Freehold Land – Rs. 97,21,250/- Leasehold Land (IDCO) – Rs. 3,44,89,00,836/-</p> <p>Notes: 1. For Leasehold Land of Rs. 3,44,89,00,836/-, Rs. 1,99,73,83,902/- is towards 758.588 Acres of which deeds have been executed in the name of Prior Allottee/ IDCO.</p>

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		<p>· Whether any physical possession of land was handed over to the previous allottee and the same would be transferred to the new successful bidder without any encumbrances.</p> <p>b. From clarifications and tender documents, it was understood during Round-1 auctions that INR 170.13 Cr had been paid as advance to OIIDC by the prior allottee for land acquisition. Clarification may kindly be provided whether compensation had been paid by OIIDC to the PAFs and physical possession of whole or part of the land was taken and handed over to the previous allottee and the land registered. Whether such land for which physical possession was obtained by the previous allottee would be transferred to the successful bidder without any encumbrance.</p> <p>c. Value of Radhikapur-East infrastructure was also mentioned as INR 4.14 Cr in the relevant notification of 27th Aug 2020 (during Round-1 auctions). However, the amount claimed by the previous allottee was also mentioned as INR 45.23 Cr. Clarification is therefore required on the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Whether any claim beyond the notified amount of INR 4.14 Cr will become tenable and come as encumbrance to the successful bidder. · Whether any claim of interest on this amount of INR 45.23 Cr by the prior allottee will be tenable on the successful bidder. <p>3. Prior Allottee:</p> <p>a. Radhikapur-East is mentioned at #4 in the list under Tranche-18 of CMSPA where, Tata Sponge Iron Ltd, Scaw Industries Ltd and SPS Sponge Iron Ltd are mentioned as the prior allottees. However, it is</p>	<p>2. For 61.295 Acres of Leasehold Land, land acquisition proceedings have been completed and the estimated cost of such land is Rs. 32,87,23,622/-.</p> <p>3. For 556.915 Acres of Leasehold Land, partial payments has been made of amount Rs. 1,08,44,72,946.</p> <p>4. For 367.868 Acres of Leasehold Land, Establishment cost has been paid to collector amounting to Rs. 3,83,20,366.</p> <p>The Fixed Amount payable is based on the available information provided by IDCO or claim submitted by prior allottee and the assessment made by the competent authority. It may be noted that in accordance with Clause 3.3.2(h) of the Tender Document, any upward revision in the Fixed Amount on a subsequent date by the Government or the Nominated Authority consequent to any process or on the orders of any competent court of law, shall also be payable by the Successful Bidder. Additionally, in case of any downward revision in the Fixed Amount on a subsequent date by the Government or the Nominated Authority, the same would be refunded by the Nominated Authority to the Successful Bidder</p> <p>3a. For the Radhikapur East coal mine, EMIL will also be the prior allottee. Further, all the information available</p>

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		<p>already known that this block had been won by Essel Mining & Industries Ltd in the Round-1 of the auctions held in Nov-2020. Clarification is therefore required on –</p> <p>Pertaining to any reimbursements of costs of land or infrastructure, whether the same will have to be made to the prior allottees mentioned in the mine summary or EMIL will also have a <i>locus standi</i>. Will any mining plan, SIA, EIA or other documents prepared, if any by the preferred bidder from Round-1 for Radhikapur-East would also be available to the bidders in this round along with the tender documents.</p> <p>Whether any land/ deeds in respect of the block were subsequently transferred to EMIL by either the prior allottee as mentioned in the summary of the preferred bidder of Round-1, viz EMIL.</p> <p>4. PRC:</p> <p>a. PRC as per the available mining plan is mentioned as 5.0 Mtpa. This may kindly be clarified whether there can be a downsizing of PRC permissible subject to market, quality requirements and other tech parameters while preparing/ revising the mining plan afresh.</p>	<p>in respect of the coal mine has already been placed in the mine dossier for the coal mine.</p> <p>No land/ deeds were transferred to EMIL.</p> <p>4a. Downward revision in the PRC is not allowed. 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, 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</p>
4.	West Kiloni	<p>1. PRC:</p> <p>a. Tentative PRC for the block is mentioned as 0.25 Mtpa. Footnote-1 to the summary mentions that the data is compiled from the</p>	<p>1a. West of Kiloni coal block has not been allotted earlier to any allocatee and no mining plan exists for this coal block. The given PRC for this coal block has been</p>

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		<p>Geological Report, Mining Plan and the data furnished by the prior allottee. Clarification may kindly be provided on the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The tentative PRC as mentioned – whether based on any mine design/ mining plan. · Whether the block had been allocated to any other allottee in the past under any provisions other than CMSP Act. · Whether Mining Plan (approved or otherwise) is available for the block. · Whether any mine design document is available for the block. · If any of such documents were available, would they be available to bidders along with tender documents. <p>2. Block Details:</p> <p>a. Overlying villages are mentioned as Kesurli and Bhadrawati. Demography data regarding population census, number of households/ houses may kindly be provided.</p> <p>b. Non-forest area against the total block area of 5.35 sqkm is mentioned as 97%. Break-up of the non-forest area may kindly be provided in terms of Govt land, private tenancy land, gochar etc.</p>	<p>tentatively estimated as per preliminary assessment of the mining potentiality.</p> <p>2a. Number of households within the block has been tentatively estimated as per the Census 2011 and has been provided in the mine summary. For additional information in this regard, the Census-2011 data, available at Government portal, may be referred.</p> <p>2b. The given information with respect to green cover of the block is based on the FSI map. 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.</p>
5.	Binodpur Bhabaniganj	<p>1. Borehole Density:</p> <p>a. BH density 5.47/sq.km which is much lesser for G1. G1 required 10-15 BH/sq.km. So the block should be in partially explored category.</p> <p>b. The borehole density for the coal block is 5 BH/sqkm only. At the same time, about 20% of the reserve is shown in Indicated category.</p>	<p>1a-c. The exploration status of this coal block has been re-examined and the same may be considered as “Partially Explored” instead of “Explored”. Additional boreholes required are now being proposed considering UG mining and accordingly, the Revised Mine Summary has been uploaded on MSTC portal.</p>

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		<p>The block status should be modified from "Explored" to "Partially Explored" status.</p> <p>c. Whether Ministry of coal will allow the Successful bidder to go ahead with mining plan with the current bore hole density?</p> <p>2. Mine Dossier:</p> <p>a. Land Schedule and Mouza map are not given. Land schedule and Mouza map with boundary demarcation on Mouza map along with land type highlighted (Hatching) are required for 13.89 Sq.Km area. Please provide the same</p> <p>b. Details of PDF/PAF is not given</p> <p>c. Has any subsidence study under taken for Binodpur Bhabaniganj Block? In case of Subsidence will mining be allowed?</p> <p>d. It is mentioned in Geological report that Topographical survey has not been completed till date and field verification has not been completed. Kindly provide completed topographical survey map with auto cad file.</p> <p>e. The Information related to important surface features like existing rail lines, High Tension Power transmission lines, gas pipe line, any proposed rail corridor are missing in the purchased documents.</p> <p>f. Groundwater modeling map required. Please share the same.</p>	<p>2a & b. Available information in respect of the block has already been provided in the mine dossier.</p> <p>2c. No subsidence study has been conducted for this block.</p> <p>2d. Topographical plan is provided in the geological report (Plate-II).</p> <p>2e. Available information in respect of major surface features has already been provided in the mine summary.</p> <p>2f & g. Available information in respect of the block has already been provided in the mine dossier.</p>

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		<p>g. Please provide the data on Villages and PAF residing within coal block.</p> <p>3. PRC:</p> <p>a. Annexure –I: Mandatory Work Program and Production Schedule PRC given as 1MTPA . However at the same time it is mentioned that Mine Plan not available. It is not clear as to on what basis PRC has been determined.</p> <p>b. Mine Plan with PRC lower than that mentioned in Tender Document shall be acceptable for approval.</p> <p>4. Fixed Amount:</p> <p>a. As per fixed amount of the block which is nearly 50.5 Crore which include deliverables like DGPS survey, drone pictography, financial valuation etc. Kindly share DGPS survey report, surface topographical map and drone pictography financial valuation.</p> <p>Why 50.5 Crore fixed cost in case exploration not completed?</p>	<p>3a. PRC for this coal block has been tentatively estimated as per preliminary study of the mining potentiality.</p> <p>3b. Downward revision in the PRC is not allowed. 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, 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.</p> <p>4a. The break-up of the mentioned fixed cost is already available at the MSTC portal. DGPS survey shall be conducted only after successful auction of the block.</p>

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		<p>5. Mining Plan and Mining Lease:</p> <p>a. Forest area covered within the block boundary. Can we apply mining lease excluding forest area.</p> <p>b. Ajay River is flowing in the southern boundary. What is minimum distance need to be taken while making mining plan for underground project?</p>	<p>5a. Mining lease is granted as per the approved Mining Plan for the block.</p> <p>5b. For underground projects, distance is required to be left from river as per prevailing Regulations and DGMS guidelines.</p>
6.	Marki Zari Jamani Adkoli	<p>1. Mine Dossier:</p> <p>a. Land Schedule is not given. Land schedule is required for 3.53 Sq.Km area.</p> <p>b. Details of PDF/PAF is not given. Please provide PDF/PAFs details of each of the villages.</p> <p>c. Graphical lithology not given. Please provide graphical litholog.</p> <p>d. The Information related to important surface features like existing rail lines, High Tension Power transmission lines, gas pipe line, any proposed rail corridor are missing in the purchased documents. Please provide the details.</p> <p>e. Please provide the Topographical Survey plan and seam folio plan .</p> <p>f. Please provide Pit configuration for open cast quality which is not given in the approved mining plan.</p> <p>g. Coal Seam quality analysis result (Band by Band analysis) are required, please provide the same.</p> <p>h. Please provide the Coal seam correlation map.</p>	<p>1a-j. Available information as submitted by the prior allottee has already been provided in the mine dossier.</p>

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		<p>i. Please provide the Geophysical data of Surface and boreholes of the block.</p> <p>j. Please provide the Hydrogeological study report.</p> <p>2. Fixed Amount: a. As per fixed amount of the block which is nearly 8.38 Crore which include deliverables like DGPS survey, drone pictography, financial valuation etc. Kindly share DGPS survey report, surface topographical map and drone pictography financial valuation.</p> <p>3. Mining Plan and Mining Lease: a. Forest area covered within the block boundary. Can we apply mining lease excluding forest area</p> <p>4. Clearances: a. Paunar Reserve forest in the eastern part of the block, Can we get the Forest clearance in the reserve forest area? If, MOC can allow mining activity excluding the forest area? b. Part-A, Clause no-10, Decision support system (DSS) analysis. Wildlife info: The polygon touches wildlife Habitat(s) -Great Indian Bustard. Is it required for wild life clearances? c. If, there is any wildlife conservation plan and wild life management plan are available? Please share.</p>	<p>2a. The break-up of the mentioned fixed cost is already available at the MSTC portal. DGPS survey shall be conducted only after successful auction of the block.</p> <p>3. Mining lease is granted as per the approved Mining Plan for the block.</p> <p>4a & b. Forest and wild life clearances, etc. are granted as per prevailing procedure, norms and guidelines by MoEF&CC.</p> <p>4c. Available information as submitted by the prior allottee has already been provided in the mine dossier.</p>
7.	Jaganathpur A	<p>1. Mine Dossier: a. The borehole density for the coal block is 5 BH/sqkm only. At the same time, about 20% of the reserve is shown in Indicated category.</p>	<p>1a. The exploration status of this coal block has been re-examined and the same may be considered as “Partially Explored” instead of “Explored”. Additional boreholes required are now being proposed considering UG mining</p>

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		<p>The block status should be modified from "Explored" to "Partially Explored" status.</p> <p>b. It is stated that Mining plan for the coal block is available but it was not approved. Please provide all available reports (including the said Mining Plan) along with bid document.</p> <p>c. Please provide the data on Villages and PAF residing within coal block.</p>	<p>and accordingly, the Revised Mine Summary has been uploaded on MSTC portal.</p> <p>1b & c. Available documents as submitted by the prior allottee has been provided with the mine dossier.</p>
8.	Salbhadra Gomarpahari	<p>1. Mine Dossier:</p> <p>a. The borehole density for the coal block is less than 6 BH/sqkm only. The block status should be modified from "Explored" to "Partially Explored" status.</p> <p>b. Please provide the data on Villages and PAF residing within coal block.</p> <p>2. Block Details:</p> <p>a. There are several operating stone quarries in the working area. As the mining method will be Opencast Mining - How the area will be handed from Stone quarry owner to successful bidders?</p>	<p>1a. The block is already categorised as “Partially Explored” and accordingly MWP for the same is also given.</p> <p>1b. Number of households within the block has been tentatively estimated as per the Census 2011 and has been provided in the mine summary. For additional information in this regard, the Census-2011 data, available at Government portal, may be referred along with data/information from other resources.</p> <p>2a. Noted. The response shall be provided separately.</p>