

WTO MINI-MINISTERIAL MEET

# Provide greater market access for Bangladeshi products

Says commerce adviser

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Raising the issue of abnormal price hike, Commerce Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman urged for greater market access for Bangladeshi products to the developed countries.

Zillur Rahman made the call at the WTO mini-ministerial meeting of trade ministers of 35 key nations in Geneva, Switzerland on conclusion of the Doha Round, according to a message received here yesterday.

"Like many other fuel and food importing countries, the abnormal price hike has adversely affected the economy of Bangladesh as import costs sharply rose," Zillur Rahman said.

To indicate the magnitude of increase in the cost of import, Zillur said only a year ago, Bangladesh needed to export two and half dozen of shirts to import a barrel of oil. "But now we have to export four and half

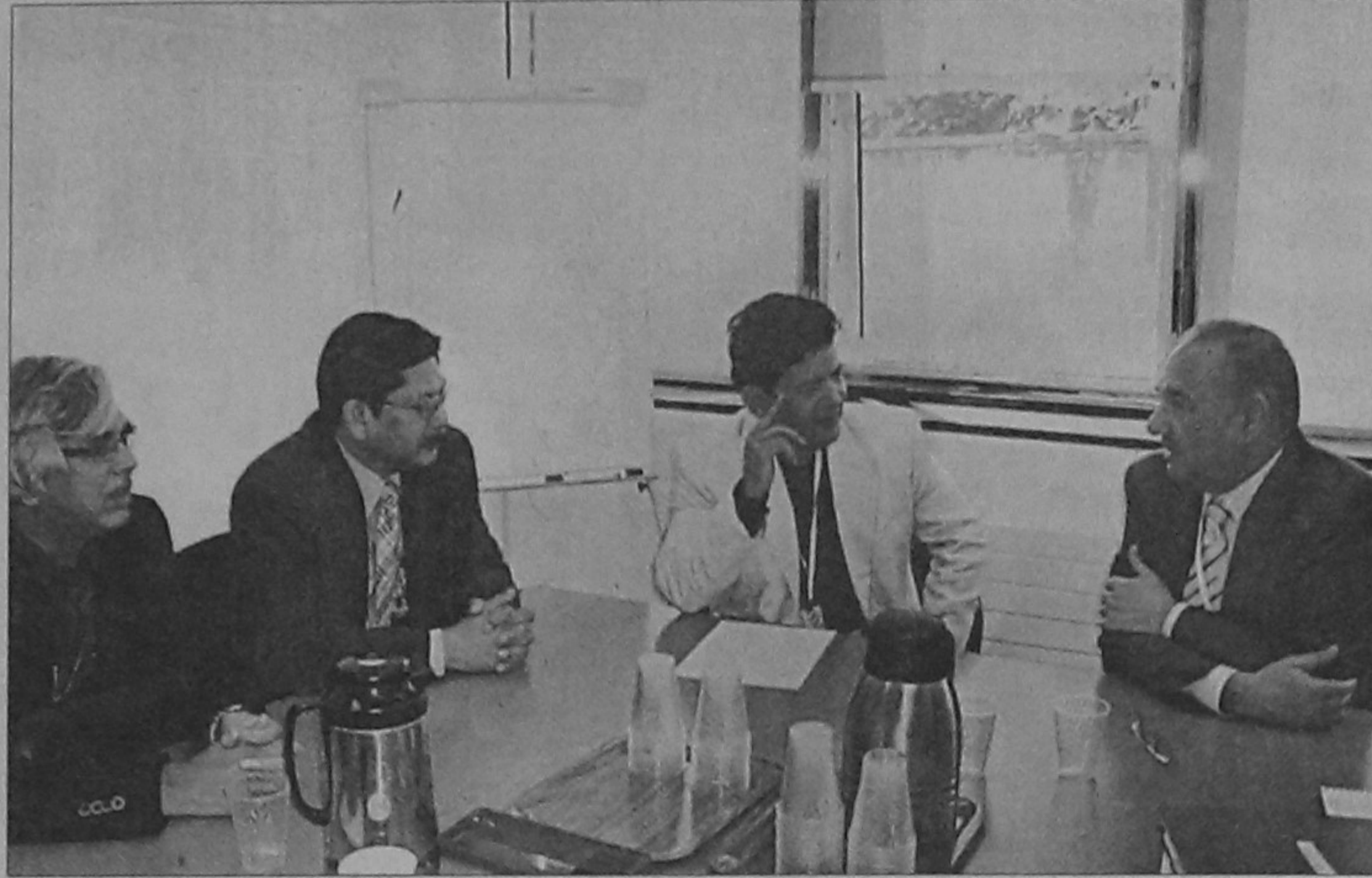
dozen to import the same quantity of oil," he added.

He said to maintain even the current level of activities the country needs greater market access to the world market.

"We must recognise that LDCs such as Bangladesh, which have been able to carve out some market shares in some particular developed country markets, were able to do so in spite of formidable adverse factors. Our competitiveness is built on very fragile constellation of factors," he said.

He also said Bangladesh is constructively engaged in services negotiations. He said the country realises the opportunities that services trade can open up for the impoverished population.

"We urge the members to liberalise their service markets in areas and in modes of supply of export interest to LDCs as promised by members as part of LDC modalities," he said.



Commerce Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman holds a meeting with Pakistan Commerce Minister Chowdhury Ahmed Moktar on Tuesday in Geneva on the sidelines of the WTO mini-ministerial meeting of trade ministers of 35 key nations.

# \$24 m loan for setting up 3 small power plants

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Bangladesh Bank (BB) yesterday signed an agreement with NCC Bank to lend \$24 million from its Investment Promotion and Financing Facility (IPFF) project for financing three small power plants (SPPs) to be set up by Doreen Power Generations and Systems Ltd.

The three SPPs are expected to add 66MW power to the national grid between October and December this year, according to a press statement.

Md. Abul Quasem, IPFF

Project Director and Executive Director of BB and Md. Nurul Amin, Managing Director of NCC Bank, signed the agreement.

The IPFF project under Bangladesh Bank extends finance to bank and financial institutions to support the private sector entrepreneurs taking infrastructure projects like power.

The IPFF has so far received funding applications for six small power plants.

The World Bank had earlier approved the US\$ 50.0 million IPFF Project to introduce a long

term financing for the private sector led infrastructure initiatives.

"Due to the ongoing preference for short term financing and with limited capacity, the local financial institutions are not yet keen to finance infrastructure projects for a longer term like 10-15 years," said Xian Zhu, the World Bank country director in Dhaka.

"The IPFF would enhance the capacity of the local financial sector for financing the much needed PPP ventures in the infrastructure sector," he said.

# Business journalism cell opens at DRU

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) yesterday launched a business journalism cell to promote the country's small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

The cell will arrange interactions with the SMEs and business reporters on a regular basis to identify the missing links in reporting.

Mahbubul Alam, editor of The Independent and former adviser to the caretaker government, attended the function as chief guest.

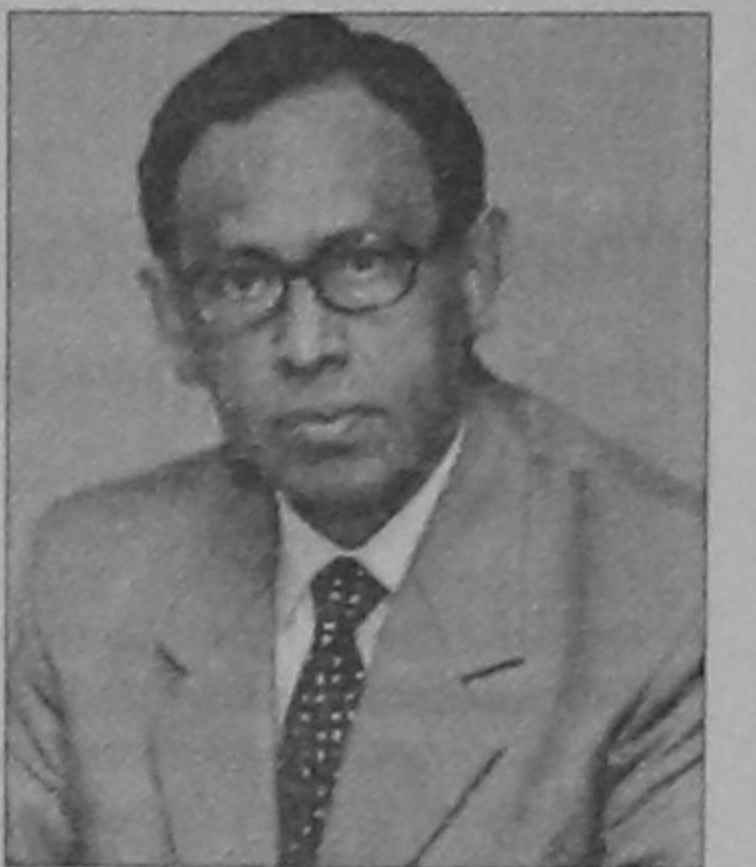
Mahbubul Alam said Bangladesh's economy is driven by the SME sector, but the media do not cover such areas adequately.

He asked the DRU to undertake training schemes for the reporters on a regular basis so that they can submit reports on financial corruption and investigative journalism.

DRU President Alamgir Hossain said the newly formed DRU cell would play an important role in promoting business journalism.

Katalyst and Mass-line Media Centre (MMC) supported the DRU to set up the cell.

# New MD of UCBL



M Shahjahan Bhuiyan has been made managing director of United Commercial Bank Ltd (UCBL) with effect from July 7, says a press release.

Prior to his new assignment, Bhuiyan was the managing director of Prime Bank Ltd.

# Protect patent rights jointly

Speakers tell seminar

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday urged the countries in the sub-continent to jointly protect their patent rights.

They said rich countries are strengthening their patent rights in a monopolistic way and making the third world countries their markets.

"There are many plants and animals, which can be found in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. The countries should work together to secure patent rights of these plants and animals," Prof

Tapas Kumar Bose of Burdwan University of West Bengal said at the discussion organised by Dhaka University.

He said, "When USA patented basmati, India and Pakistan protested together." Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan need to work together to save many of their precious flora, fauna, and heritages, he said.

Department of Banking of Dhaka University organised the seminar styled 'The Chanting Scenario of Intellectual Property Rights and the Global IPR Regime' in Dhaka.

"The Royal Bengal Tiger can survive in the flora and fauna of Sundarbans of Bangladesh and India. So both the countries should devise plan to

stop any country in its attempt to make a clone of it," Prof Bose said.

Mesbah Uddin, registrar of the department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, under the Ministry of Industries, Prof AR Khan, founder chairman of the Department of Banking and Dr Sirajul Islam, dean of Business Faculty addressed the seminar.

"Japan, the USA and China have become rich by copying others, but now they are arbitrarily imposing copyrights laws on poor countries," said Mesbah Uddin.

Prof AR Khan suggested that a course on patent and copyright issues should be introduced to create skilled man-power on the subject.

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**DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS SHARES FOR 2007**

This is for kind information of the valued Shareholders of Phoenix Insurance Company Limited that the 20% Bonus Shares for the year 2007 have already been credited on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 to the respective BO Account number of the Shareholders whose names were recorded in the Register of Members of the Company on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

Those Shareholders have not yet provided their BO Account numbers are requested to provide the same to enable us to credit their Bonus Shares through Central Depository System (CDS).

The fractional stock dividend warrant will be distributed upon encashment of the proportionate fractional share.

Sd/-  
**Md. Rafiqur Rahman**  
Company Secretary

Dated, Dhaka  
24<sup>th</sup> July 2008

**Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL)**  
(A Company of Petrobangla)  
Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-5)  
71-72 Old Elephant Road, Eskaton  
Dhaka-1000

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন

"শিল্পে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস গৃহস্থালীতে বিকল্প জ্বালানী"

**Invitation for Re-Tenders**

Ref. GTCL/OP/Ashu/2007-2008/ Date: 21-07-2008

Sealed tender are hereby invited for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources Corporation (Petrobangla).
3	Procuring entity name	Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL).
4	Invitation for	The Engineering Modification works at KTL-II for interconnecting BB-KTL pipeline to JGTDSL pipeline inside KTL-II Scraper Trap Station, Golapganj, Sylhet.
5	Invitation Ref No.	GTCL/OP/Ashu/2007-2008
6	Date	

**KEY INFORMATION**

7	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

8	Budget and source of funds	Own fund of the company.
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**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

9	Tender publication date	24-07-2008
10	Tender last selling date	06-08-2008
11	Tender closing date and time	07-08-2008 12:00
12	Tender opening date and time	07-08-2008 12:15
13	Name & address of the official(s)	Address
	-Selling tender documents (principal)	Accounts Department, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-4), 71-72 Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.
	-Receiving tender document	Committee Room, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-6), 71-72 Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.
	-Opening tender document	Committee Room, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-6), 71-72 Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

14 Eligibility of tenderer

(a) This invitation for tenders is open to eligible tenderers who have/satisfactorily completed the similar type (1000 psig pipe line) construction work valued not less than 08 (eight) lakh during the last 05 (five) years in a single tender under the category-1.4 in Petrobangla or its companies. The tenderers shall have to furnish certificate in this respect from officers not below the rank of Deputy General Manager or equivalent under whom the certified work has been done which duly verified by the authority.

(b) Tenderer must have up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate from NBR.

(c) Tenderer must have valid VAT clearance certificate from the NBR.

(d) Tenderer must have up-to-date trade license.

(e) Average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 06 (six) lakh over the last 5 (five) years.

(f) Amount of free fund (liquid assets) and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments of the successful tenderer shall be 03 (three) lakh for three months cash flow.

(g) Attested copy of document mentioned a, b, c, d, e, f to be submitted along with the tender and also original money receipt.

15	Brief description of related services	Engineering Modification from BB-KTL pipeline to JGTDSL pipeline.
16	Price of tender document	Tk. 200.00 (two hundred) only.
17	Tender security amount	Tk. 7,000.00 (seven thousand) only.
18	Completion time in days	14 (fourteen) days.

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

19	Name of official inviting tender	Operation Division.
20	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Operation).
21	Address of official inviting tender	Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-5), 71-72 Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No. 9362500 Fax No. 8311277 Operation.gtcl@yahoo.com
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

GTPR/04/08-09  
GD-3366



Lt Gen Dr Mohd Aminul Karim, commandant of National Defence College, and Trust Bank's Managing Director Iqbal U Ahmed, among others, are seen at the inauguration of the 28th branch of Trust Bank at Mirpur 11 on Sunday.

# Pakistan may allow Indian investment

PTI, Islamabad

The Pakistan government has signalled its readiness to "embrace Indian investment in other sectors", the official said.

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# Citi wins awards from Euromoney

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Euromoney, a monthly financial publication, has named Citi Best Global Cash Management Bank, Best Global Investor Services Bank and Best Global Emerging Market Debt House among its 2008 Awards for Excellence, according to a press release.

This year marks the first time Citi has won the prestigious global award for Investor Services, the third time for Cash Management and the second for Emerging Market Debt House.

In addition to winning the three global awards, Citi won eight regional-level awards as Best Cash Management, Best Debt House, Best Investment Bank, Best M&A House and Best Risk Management including eleven country-level awards.

**RECKITT BENCKISER**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

This is to inform all concerned that the unaudited half-yearly results of the Company as on 30 June 2008, have been dispatched to the valued shareholders, the Securities and Exchange Commission and both the Stock Exchanges.

Company Secretary  
**Reckitt Benckiser (Bangladesh) Limited**  
Dhaka, 23 July 2008

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**

কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তর  
প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন উইং  
খামারবাড়ি, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা

**দরপত্র আস্থানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

১	মন্ত্রণালয়/অধিদপ্তর	কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তর
২	প্রকল্পের নাম	কুমিল্লা জেলার হোমনাতে কৃষি প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট স্থাপন প্রকল্প।
৩	বাস্তবায়নকারী সংস্থা	প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন উইং, কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তর, খামারবাড়ি (মধ্য ভবন, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা
৪	প্রকিউরমেন্ট মেথড	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
৫	ফ্রান্ডের উৎস	বাংলাদেশ সরকার (জিওবি)।
৬	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ও তারিখ	কৃসপ/প্রবাস/ইউ/হোমনা/এটিআই/নির্মাণ-১/২০০৮/১২৭ তাং ২২/০৭/২০০৮ইং
৭	টেন্ডার সিদ্ধিবিধি	দরপত্র দলিলের সাথে যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক থেকে টেন্ডার সিদ্ধিবিধি হিসেবে ১৫ নং তফসিলি বর্ণিত পরিমাণের পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টি নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন উইং, কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তর, খামারবাড়ি, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে দাখিল করতে হবে।
৮	দরপত্রাদাতার যোগ্যতা	(ক) আলোচ্য প্রতিটি কাজের ক্ষেত্রে ত্রিভাঙ্গনপত্র গত পাঁচ বৎসরের মধ্যে একক মুক্তিমূল্যে ৩.০০ লক্ষ টাকা সম্পন্ন করার অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র এবং ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষের নিকট থেকে ৬.০০ লক্ষ টাকা লিকুইড এসেট/ক্রেডিট ফ্যাসিলিটিজ সনদপত্র দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। গ) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, অ্যাকর পরিশোধ, জাট ইত্যাদির হালনাগাদ সনদপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। ঘ) দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী পালন করতে হবে।
৯	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের অফিসসমূহের নাম ও ঠিকানা	প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন উইং, কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তর, খামারবাড়ি, মধ্য ভবন (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ঢাকা এবং বিজ্ঞাপিত কমিশনার, কমিশনার অফিস, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।
১০	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন উইং, কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তর, খামারবাড়ি, ঢাকা।
১১	দরপত্র খোলার অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	ই-৩
১২	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	১৯/০৮/২০০৮ইং পর্যন্ত (সরকারি সকল কার্যদিবস)।
১৩	দরপত্র জমাধানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২০/০৮/২০০৮ইং তারিখে বিকাল ১:০০মিঃ পর্যন্ত।
১৪	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২০/০৮/২০০৮ইং তারিখে বিকাল ২:০০মিঃ।
১৫	কাজের সর্বাঙ্গিক বিবরণ	

প্যাকেজ নং	কাজের নাম	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য (অফারসমূহসহ)	টেন্ডার সিদ্ধিবিধি	কার্য সম্পাদনের সময় (দিন)
হোমনা-১৪	আভাস্তরীণ জলাধার	৭৫০/-	২৫,০০০/-	৯০ দিন
হোমনা-১৫	আভাস্তরীণ বাস্তা	৭৫০/-	৩০,০০০/-	৯০ দিন

১৬ বিশেষ নির্দেশনাবলী

ক) প্রত্যেক প্যাকেজের জন্য দরপত্র আলাদা হবে এবং দরপত্রের শর্ত মোতাবেক আলাদা বামে দাখিল করতে হবে।  
খ) সরকারি স্বার্থে কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার এবং কোন অসংগতি উপেক্ষা করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী  
প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন উইং

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