UNB, Dhaka

bidding.

Public Purchase, which is

known as Cabinet Purchase

Committee, yesterday gave the

directive when the Energy

Ministry placed a proposal

with the selected international

vant documents, we've

reached a conclusion that the

Model PSC was earlier

approved by the Cabinet and

there is no cost involvement of

can take decision to sign con-

tract on its own," said Finance

Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam,

who presided over the meeting.

oil companies (IOCs).

Energy ministry asked to

decide on PSC with IOCs

# RMG buyers urge Dhaka to review workers' wage

UNB, Dhaka

MFA Forum, a global collaboration of RMG and textile buyers and stakeholders, has urged the Bangladesh government to urgently convene the Minimum Wage Board for the RMG workers and introduce an annual review of their wage

restrictions on trade union activities invoked by the emergency power ordinance and implementing a framework for mature industrial relations based on tripartite agreements, ILO conventions and national labour laws.

"This will benefit the RMG Federation. industry and enhance its repuletter to Chief Adviser Dr cost of living due to inflation Bangladesh. Fakhruddin Ahmed recently, and increased prices of basic sharing the outcome of the foods. MFA meeting held in Dhaka on June 28-29.

network of buyers, suppliers, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), trade unions, international institutions and multi-stakeholder initiatives that are building collaborations for sustainability in the textile and garments industry worldwide by promoting responsible competitiveness.

Participants of the MFA It also called for lifting meeting in Dhaka were the signatory to the letter. They included Tesco, Oxfam International, Groupe Carrefour, Levi Strauss & Co., H&M, tvmania, Marks & regard. Spencer, Odhikar, SBGSKF, International Textile, Garmet and Leather Workers

Adviser of the areas of concern, The MFA Forum is an open seeking leadership and sup-

port from the government of Bangladesh for the sustainability of the RMG industry. They expected that the Chief Adviser would take their concerns into consideration and address them as soon as possible.

The MFA Forum and its buyers group recognised that they, on the other hand, need to work together to address the issues they reached a consensus at the Dhaka meeting of the Forum and sought active government engagement in this

The Dhaka meeting focused on three key elements -- purchasing practices, labour conditions and the macro-The MFA Forum expressed economic environment facing tion.

The participants reached the consensus for future action They apprised the Chief on skill enhancement of workers, stable and trusting relationships between suppliers Labour Organisation (ILO).

and buyers, trade unions have a positive and responsible role to play and that freedom of association should be resumed and respected.

They also agreed that wages need a review as soon as possible and the buyers should recognize that an increase in minimum wages will have to be incorporated into the prices paid by the buyers.

The other agreed issues included sustaining responsible competitiveness and understanding the government plans by the industry for improving the industrial infrastructure, such as power supplies, transportation, ports and environmental protec-

international buyers require the freedom of association as part of their ethical compliance code as per the core conventions of the International

## Biman gets new MD

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Board of Directors of Biman Bangladesh Airlines yesterday appointed Air Commodore (retd) Zahed Kuddus as its managing director and chief executive officer (CEO).

Board of directors of Biman made the decision at a meeting in Dhaka.

Dr MA Momen, former managing director of Biman, was released from his position on September 9 and transferred to agriculture ministry; since then, the post has been vacant.

Zahed Kuddus did his fellowship in science at Command and Staff College in USA. He is a fellow of the Asia Pacific centre for security studies in Hawaii (USA).

He served as the assistant chief of air staff (administration) of Bangladesh Air Force and as chairman, Civil tation," the Forum said in a concern over the increasing the RMG industry in The MFA forum said the Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.

> Presently, Biman, the national flag carrier of the country, is struggling to maintain flight schedule and faced with a shortage of aircraft.

the objection informally raised by neighboring India and Energy Ministry has been Myanmar about Bangladesh's asked to take decision on signhydrocarbon exploration ing of production sharing conbefore settling the maritime tract (PSC) with the selected boundary issue, he said, "The bidders under the recently issue was not the subject of the invited 3rd round offshore committee. But sensing this issue, we advised Energy Advisers Committee on Ministry, if necessary, they can

the contracts." The government in May last received bids from 7 IOCs for 15 seeking its approval to sign PSC offshore blocks, out of total 28, after invitation of international "After considering all reletender.

take the opinion of any other

ministry like Ministry of

Foreign Affairs before signing

Finally, two IOCs were came out as responsive bidders for a total of 9 blocks.

Of them, US-based ConocoPhilip emerged as the government in this stage of responsive for 8 Blocks - block the contract. So, our opinion is 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17,18, 20, that the concerned ministry while Tullow appeared responsive for block 5.

The caretaker government invited the international bidding for hydrocarbon explora-Replying to a question on tion as the country has been

experiencing huge gas crisis.

The Cabinet Purchase Committee also approved a Tk 6.41 crore tender proposal for earth filling works of the central jail construction project at Keraniganj and another proposal for appointment of a consultancy firm at a cost of Tk 17.99 crore for hospital upgradation project at upazila

Another proposal of the Agriculture Ministry to import 1,00,000 tonnes of MOP fertiliser from Belarus government got approval of the committee.

The committee asked the Ministry of Communication to take the opinion of the Law Ministry about a tender proposal for upgrading the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway from 2 lanes to 4 lanes.

The committee also asked Agriculture Ministry to thoroughly analyse its proposal for appointment of a consultant for the Bangladesh Agribusiness Development \Project and then send it to the cabinet committee.

## World stocks in freefall for second day

AFP, London

second day running on events. Tuesday as anxious investors waited to see if US insurance giant AIG would suffer the than they had been a day earsame fate as bankrupt US lier, when London and Paris investment bank Lehman Brothers.

plunged by nearly 1.5 percent in morning trading after markets had crumbled across Asia and on Wall Street overnight.

level for more than three years exaggerated as the Japanese pressure," said CMC Markets

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market had been closed on dealer Matt Buckland. Monday owing to a public

on Tuesday were far less severe had closed down almost four percent. In late morning trad-London and Frankfurt each ing, London was down 1.44 percent, Frankfurt lost 1.45 percent and Paris slipped 0.71

"The fact Wall Street Tokyo closed at the lowest extended its losses right stricken US investment bank. through the session ... is likely on Tuesday but losses were to leave Europe under further

As nervousness continued Global equities tumbled for a holiday and had to catch up on to grip dealers across the globe, the European Central Bank, Meanwhile losses in Europe Bank of England and Bank of Japan together injected 134 billion dollars into money markets to boost liquidity.

> hope, meanwhile, for thousands of workers set to be officially laid off by Lehman, as British bank Barclays said it was in discussions about possibly buying certain assets of the

The Wall Street Journal had reported that a deal for Lehman's broker-dealer busi-

ness would see at least 10,000 staff at the US group transfer to the third biggest British bank.

The financial market turmoil stemming from the collapse of Wall Street giant Lehman Brothers has meanwhile boosted odds for a cut in There was a glimmer of interest rates by the Federal Reserve on Tuesday, analysts

Global stock markets remained in a freefall on Tuesday amid fears of contagion from Lehman, already believed to be pressuring American International Group, one of the world's biggest insurance firms.

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NORTHERN GEN INS

Dated: 11-9-2008

Northern General Insurance Company Limited Chairman Nasiruddin presides over its 12th annual general meeting (AGM) in Dhaka on Monday. The AGM declared 12.50 percent cash dividend for shareholders for the year 2007.

### BANGLADESH OIL, GAS AND MINERAL CORPORATION (PETROBANGLA) Petrocenter, 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh echnical Assistance for Capacity Building of Energy and Mineral Resources Division (EMRD) of Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources and Petrobangla and its Companies (Capacity Building Project)

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Local Training

1.	Ministry/Division	1	Ministry of Power, Energy	v & Mineral Resources	/EMRD
2.	Agency		Bangladesh Oil, Gas and		
3.	Procuring Entity Name		Project Director, Capacity		
4.	Procuring Entity District		Dhaka Dhaka	y bollaring r Tojecc, r et	lovaligia
5.	EOI for selection of	-	Local Training Institutes/	Consulting Firms	
6.	EOI Ref. No. and Date	-		Contract to the Contract of th	1.0.2000
	INFORMATION	-	Capacity Building/Local 1	raining-01/06 Dated 1	1-9-2008
7.	Procurement Sub-Method	1.	Quality and Cost Board	Caladian (OODO)	
	DING INFORMATION		Quality and Cost Based	Selection (QCBS)	
8.			10		
_	Budget and Source of Funds	1:	Government of Banglade	sh (GOB)	
_	RTICULAR INFORMATION				
9.	Project Name		Capacity Building Project		
10.	the contract to the contract of the contract o	1:	13/10/2008 at 11.30 hrs.	(BST)	
	ORMATION FOR APPLICATION				
11.	Brief Description of Assignment	1:	To provide the following	Training Courses:	
	ne of the Course		TO THE STREET STREET, STREET	Duration (weeks)	No. of Participant
Fou	ndation Training Courses for the n	ewly	Recruited Officials of Oil.		
Gas	and Mineral Resources Sector			4	10
Safety & Security for CNG Filling Stations				1	10
Geology for Non-Geologists				1	10
Car Conversion (EFI/Carburetor Kit)				1	10
_	npany Law & Secretarial Practice			1	
Explosive Handling & Storage				2	15
Budgeting, Auditing and Procurement				1	10
Public Procurement Regulations				1	10
Procurement and Store Management				2	10
Reserve Estimation & Reservoir Management				2	10
Fle	ctrical Motor (Rig) Operator, Maint	2	10		
Ger	perator Maintenance Operation &	1	15		
Generator Maintenance, Operation & Troubleshooting				1	15
Occupational Safety, Health & Environmental Management Taxation & VAT Management				1	15
				2	10
English Language and Communication				2	20
Management of Production Sharing Contract				1	10
Safety & Security for Natural Gas Pipeline				1	10
	nt Operation & Maintenance			1	10
	Fighting First Aid and Rescue			1	10
Har	ndling of Disciplinary Cases and Co	onduc	ting Departmental Inquiry	1	10
Invi	entory Control and Store Managem	nent		1	5
Geographic Information System (GIS)				2	10
Welding, Non-Destructive Testing				1	5
Pipeline Design and Analysis				2	5
Cathodic Protection				1	5
Gas Transmission and Distribution Systems				1	5
Environment and Disaster Management				1	10
Management Information System (MIS)				1	10
Hu	man Resources Management and	1	10		
Se	curity Sabotage and Counter Sabo Petroleum Sector	tage a	and Subversive Measures	1	5
12	Location of the Project		Petrocentre, 3 Kawran B	azar C/A Dhala 1015	
_	Experience, Resources &	COLUMN TOWNS	Choconine, 5 Nawran B	es/consulting firms sho	

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি মন্ত্রণালয়/ডিভিশন ঃ বিদ্যুৎ জালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়/জালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদ বিভাগ। বাংলাদেশ তৈল, গ্যাস ও খনিজ সম্পদ কর্পোরেশন সংস্থা (পেট্রোবাংলা)। প্রকিউরিং এন্টিটির ঃ সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড, ডাকঘর-চিকনাগুল, টেভার নং ও তারিখ টেভার নং-এসজিএফএল/০৮-০৯/সিএভএফ/বিমান তারিখঃ ১৪-০৯-২০০৮। তহবিলের উৎস ঃ নিজম্ব অর্থায়ন। ঢাকা বিমান বন্দরের মাধ্যমে আমদানিতব্য মালামাল কাজের বিবরণ খালাসের জন্য সিএভএফ এজেন্ট এবং খালাসকৃত মালামাল পরিবহনের জনা পরিবহন ঠিকাদার সিএন্ডএফ ও পরিবহন ঠিকাদার হিসেবে দরদাতার যোগ্যতা লাইসেন্সধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান। দরদাতাগণের সিএভএফ এজেন্ট ও পরিবহন ঠিকাদার হিসেবে ন্যুনতম ৫ (পাঁচ) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। ঃ (ক) হিসাব ও অর্থ বিভাগ, প্রধান কার্যালয়, সিলেট বিক্রয়ের স্থান গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড, ডাকঘরঃ চিকনাগুল, (খ) ঢাকা লিয়াজোঁ অফিস, সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস বাড়ি নং ৪/১০, ইকবাল রোড, ব্লক-এ, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭। দরপত্র দলিল গ্রহণ (ক) বৈদেশিক ক্রয় শাখা, প্রধান কার্যালয়, সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড, ডাকঘরঃ চিকনাগুল, ও খোলার স্থান (च) णका निग्राब्हां जियम, निलिए गान किन्छन লিমিটেড, বাড়ি নং ৪/১০, ইকবাল রোড, রক-এ, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭। বিক্রয়ের ২২-০৯-২০০৮ হতে ২০-১০-২০০৮ তারিখ পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সকল কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে। দাখিলের ঃ ২১-১০-২০০৮ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যস্ত। তারিখ ও সময় ২১-১০-২০০৮ বেলা ১২.১৫ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরপত্র থোলার তারিখ ও সময় দরদাতা বা তার প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ and have regular/visiting resource personnel and staff who will be capable of providing services. প্রতি সেট দরপত্র ৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)। 14. Place of Submission Capacity Building Project office, Strategic Planning Division, সিডিউলের মূল্য Petrobangla, Petrocentre (4th Floor), 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-বিড সিকিউরিটির ৫০,০০০,০০ (পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকা। পরিমাণ Requisite Qualification of Local Interested local training institutes/consulting firms are invited to বিশেষ নির্দেশনা ১। দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার দিন কোন কারনবশতঃ Training Institutes/Consulting provide the following information indicating that they are qualified to অফিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী প্রথম কার্যদিবসে একই Firms perform the services সময়ে দরদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ থাকে) (a) Registration of firms (b) Age of firms (c) Their facilities and areas একযোগে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে। of expertise (in brief) (d) Description of similar assignment (e) ২। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হতে দরপত্র বৈধতার Appropriate professional qualification & experience of the resources মেয়াদ ৯০ দিন এবং বিড সিকিউরিটির বৈধতার personnel (regular faculty/visiting faculty) and staff & equipments & facilities and (f) Administrative strength & financial strength. (मग्राम ১২० मिन। This EOI will also be available at Petrobangla website: www.petrobangla.org.bd ৩। দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র This EOI will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Regulations-2008 সিডিউলে বর্ণিত রয়েছে। The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reasons whatsoever. ৪। সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র A.D.M Fariduzzaman গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

Project Director

Capacity Building Project

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### সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation Chinishilpa Bhaban, 3, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 (পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী) Fax: 880-2-9555780, 9550481 Phone: 9551980, E-mail: chinikal@bttb.net.bd Sylhet Gas Fields Limited

Ref. No. BSFIC/PD-2/24/H.O./2008

Invitation for Tender াছ লাগান, গছের পরিচর্যা করুন এবং । গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ। এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন। Procuring entity Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation Project name Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation. তারিখঃ ১৪/০৯/২০০৮ Source of funds BSFIC's own source. Tender package no. 1 (one) Tender Ref. & date Ref. No. BSFIC/PD-2/24/H.O./2008 date 11-9-2008 Tender name Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of-(i) Walk through Arch way metal detector,

		(ii) Electronic Time Attendance System (Finger Print and EM Card Reader) with Computer, UPS, Printer.	
7.	Time for completion of work		
8.	Eligibility of tenderers	Tenderer must have:  (a) Minimum five years experience in relevant field.  (b) Attested copies of successful completion certificate(s) from the employer(s) of at least five nos. of similar work of contact value for each of the work not less than five lac. The experience and completion certificate shall be accompanied by the respective work orders.  (c) Attested copies of the valid trade licence, Income tax clearance certificate with TIN No. & VAT registration certificate.  (d) CE/ISO 9001-2000 certificate of manufacturer for the same.  (e) Attested copies of financial solvency certificate(s) from any schedule bank.  (f) Agency/reseller/dealership certificate of the original company/manufacturers to the intending bidder to be submitted.  (g) Attested copies of all necessary supporting documents shall have to be submitted along with the tender that are to be attested by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent with their latest contact address and telephone number.	
9.	Price of tender document	Tk. 1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred) only per set (non-refundable).	
10.	Amount of tender security	Tk. 15,000.00 (fifteen thousand) only.	
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উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (প্রকিউরমেন্ট)

Md. Saiful Alam Khan Chowdhury

Chief (Purchase)

Name & address of the | Accounts Department, BSFIC, Chinishilpa Bhaban (7th Floor), 3, Dilkusha office(s) selling tender Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000. document Name and address of the Secretariat Section, BSFIC, Chinishilpa Bhaban (5th floor), 3, Dilkusha

office(s) receiving tenders Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000. Secretary, BSFIC, Chinishilpa Bhaban, 3, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Name and address of the office opening tenders Dhaka-1000. Last date and time for Up to 05-10-2008 during office hours on all working days. selling tender document

Last date and time for On 06-10-2008 by 11.00am.

submission of tenders Date and time for On 11.10am on 06-10-2008. opening of tenders

17. | Special instruction a) The corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. b) If there is govt. holiday or unavoidable situation arises on the date fixed for tender dropping and opening, in those cases, the next normal working day will be

considered valid date for tender dropping and opening at the same time. Brief description Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of (i) Walk through Arch way metal detector, (ii) Electronic Time Attendance System (Finger Print and EM goods and services Card Reader) with Computer, UPS, Printer (as per tender schedule). Country of origin To be indicated by the tenderer (with brand, manufacturer).