

Time extended for commodity import loan repayment

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Bangladesh Bank (BB) has extended the time limit for repayment of loans financing only the import of wheat, pulses and edible oil, from three months to five months, following a sharp decline in the prices of these items in international market.

The central bank issued a circular in this regard yesterday.

Commodity importers are facing severe problems following a huge decline in the prices of most items including wheat, rice, edible oil, and steel. Some of the importers have been forced to sell commodities at prices lower than their purchase rate, private bank officials said.

The BB has also made the single borrower exposure limit flexible for the banks.

Currently, a bank can finance maximum 35 percent of a single borrower's capital, according to BB regulations. Now the banks can finance more than 35 percent in consultation with the central bank.

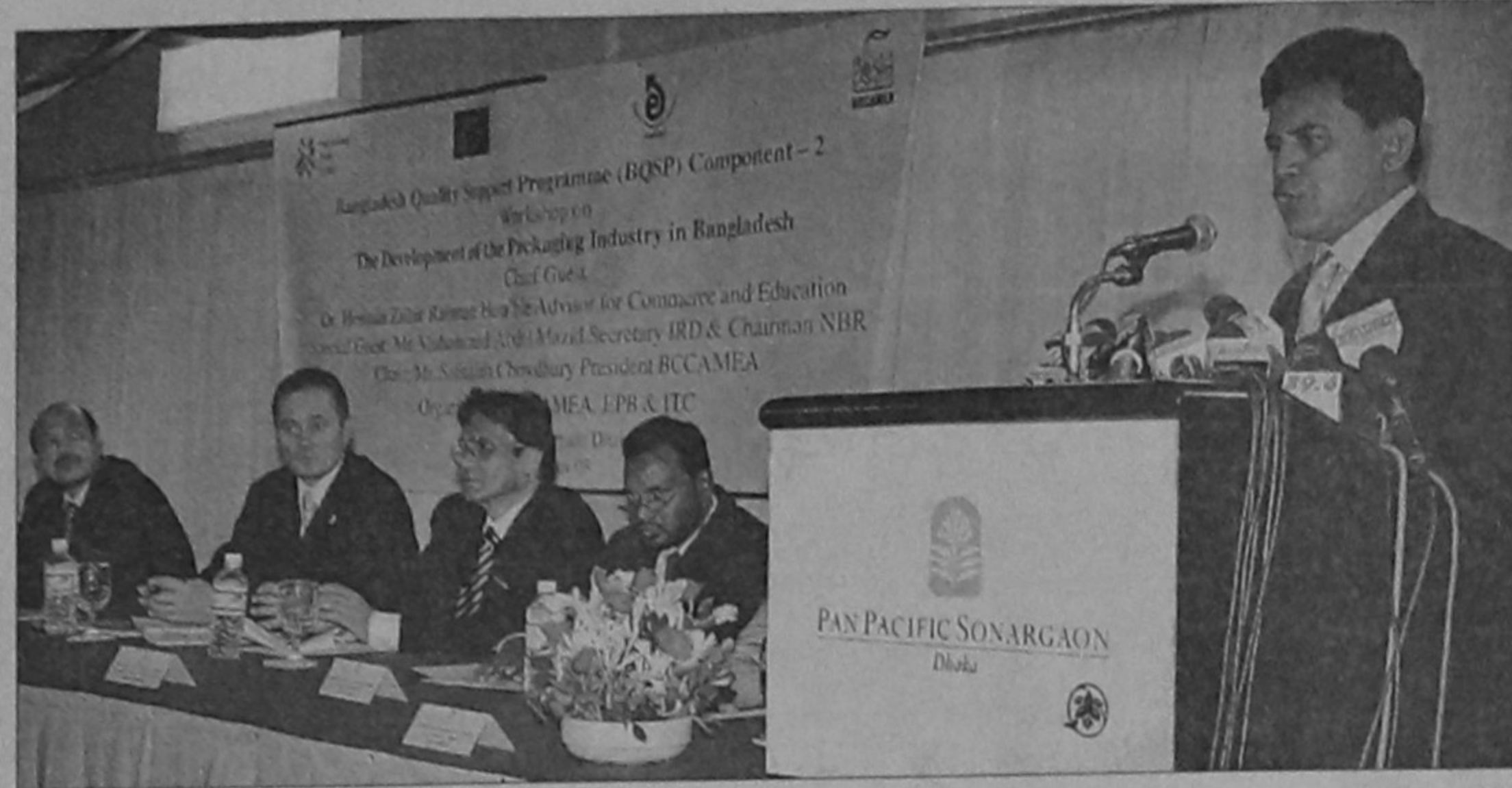
India in strong shape, says business body

AFP, New Delhi

India's top business body insisted Sunday the economy was in strong shape to ride out the global financial storm but conceded corporate confidence was a big problem.

The feeling for companies is "like they have suddenly fallen off a cliff," K.V. Kamath, president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), said at the opening of the annual India World Economic Forum in New Delhi.

Packaging earns \$1b a year



Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman speaks at a workshop on Development of the Packaging Industry in Bangladesh at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. Bangladesh Corrugated Carton and Accessories Manufacturers and Exporters Association, Export Promotion Bureau and International Trade Centre jointly organised the programme.

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Bangladesh earns around \$ 1 billion from export of packaging a year and the volume will be over \$1.5 billion if accessories are counted, Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman said yesterday.

"Packaging and accessories account for 15 percent of the total RMG exports, which will increase further with the improvement of quality," the adviser said at the inaugural ceremony of a two-day workshop on 'The Development of the Packaging Industry of Bangladesh' at Sonargaon Hotel.

Quality of packaging was not that important at the initial stage of the nascent sector. But it has turned out to be a very important issue with the increasing demand for hygienic and quality products across the globe, the adviser said.

"It doesn't matter how good a product is. Products without good packaging and presentation fail to create appeal. I have seen in Japan that people there are very serious about good packaging," said Muhammad Abdul Mazid, chairman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

Safullah Chowdhury, president of Bangladesh Corrugated Carton and Accessories Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BCCAMEA), said Bangladesh's exports suffered from poor packaging at a time when the neighboring countries developed a lot in the industry.

"Packaging is a strong backward linkage industry of RMG sector which helps boost exports and this is why the sector requires to be developed," said Chowdhury.

"Packaging is necessary for marketing of almost every product. It is also said that an

ordinary product having trendy packaging can attract customers more than the good products with poor packaging," he added.

Bangladesh could not export vegetable and fruits in large volume due to poor packaging, Chowdhury said, adding that export diversification is not possible without quality packaging.

The packaging and accessories include cartons, poly bag, plastic items and accessories, said the president of BCCAMEA, which currently has over 800 members across the country.

Libya can use incentives for foreign investors: CA

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed has said Libyan investors can invest in many areas availing the existing investment friendly environment and attractive incentive package for foreign investors offered by Bangladesh.

Fakhruddin made the suggestion when new Libyan ambassador in Dhaka Ahmad Ateya Hamd Al-Imam paid a courtesy call on him at the CA's office yesterday.

He also said Libya can import quality products including pharmaceuticals, RMG, frozen fish, light engineering and jute and ceramics at competitive price from Bangladesh.

Bangladeshi workers in Libya are contributing to the development activities in that country since mid-70s, he pointed out.

The Libyan envoy reassured that Libyan leadership gives great importance to increase Libya's relations with Bangladesh.

Germany to aid automakers

AFP, Berlin

Signs grew Sunday that Berlin may do more to help Germany's entire industry a day ahead of a crisis meeting between Chancellor Angela Merkel and executives from cash-strapped Opel.

Opel, which employs almost 26,000 people in Europe's biggest economy, said on Friday it needed the German state to guarantee loans from banks as its US parent company General Motors (GM) struggles to stave off bankruptcy.

BTRC seeks views on IPTSP licensing

UNB, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has published the draft guidelines for the Internet Protocol Telephony Service Provider (IPTSP) licence seeking views from the industry.

The stakeholders have been requested to send their comments to the BTRC by November 30 on the issues discussed in the draft guidelines.

The telecommunication regulator formulated the draft guidelines to provide an overview of the licensing and regulatory framework for applicants.

This is also part of the government's initiative to facilitate the introduction of Internet Protocol Telephony (IP Telephony) in Bangladesh, providing easy and affordable telecommunication services.

The IPTSP licence will be issued only to the ISP licence holders barring the PSTN/PLMN operators with ISP licence.

The IPTSP licensee will provide international and domestic voice calls over IP-based Internet and/or managed IP-based networks.

The licensee will be responsible for installation, test and commissioning of all the equipment needed to provide the services.

From the issuance of licence, the licensee shall start providing the services to its subscribers within six months and shall inform the BTRC, in writing, at least 15 days ahead of the proposed date of commissioning the services.

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The licensee must submit to the commission a detailed report of performance tests conducted by him at least seven days before commissioning the service.

There will be two types of IPTSP licence -- Nationwide and Zonal. Nationwide IPTSP licensee will provide IP telephony service to the subscribers throughout the country, while the Zonal IPTSP licensee will provide IP telephony service to the subscribers in their respective zone.

Youngone chief honoured



STAR BUSINESS REPORT

South Korea has awarded 'Order of Industrial Merit Gold Tower', the highest honour given by Korean president to an entrepreneur, to Kihak Sung, chairman of Youngone Corporation.

Youngone office in Dhaka said the honour was given at a function in Seoul on Tuesday in recognition of Sung's contribution to Korea's apparel and textile sector. Sung has invested US\$160 million in Bangladesh.

Dhaka stresses LDCs' say at economic summits

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Adviser Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury said yesterday that representative of the 50 least developed countries (LDCs) of the world should also have a seat in future global economic summits.

"There is a huge chunk of people from LDCs, who are being left out. Their impediments to development are structural, and unless these are removed by consultations among top global leadership, millions of the world's poorest will continue to suffer," he said, while talking to the media at the foreign ministry in the afternoon.

But the foreign adviser welcomed the inclusion of developing countries like Brazil, China and India in G-20 that met recently in Washington, DC to address the current global economic crisis.

Iftekhar said: "What you really need to address the issues is ideas, and ideas are not a monopoly of the wealthy nations. In fact, thoughts and concepts like micro-credit and non-formal education emanating from Bangladesh are really changing the world."

He urged the global leaders to take note of this fact.

Referring to the current global economic crisis, the adviser said Bangladesh has largely managed to escape its worst effects so far.

"This is because our banking system is indeed better regulated with adequate capital-asset ratio, and our real economy is engaged in sectors that are so far insulated," he added.

Dhaka Water Supply & Sewerage Authority
Office of the Superintending Engineer
Drainage Circle (R&D) & Project Director
Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City
DWASA, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000
Memo. No.-40/D(R&D)C/D(R&D)D-2 Date: 11/11/2008

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operative.
2	Name of procuring entity	Dhaka WASA.
3	Tender name	Construction of 1524 mm dia storm sewer line from Section-2 (Sony Cinema Hall) to Kalyanpur 'Kha' Khal via Mazar road, Mirpur (Job No. D-03/08-09) (Package=1).
4	Invitation Ref No.	Memo No. 40/D(R&D)C/D(R&D)D-2.
5	Date	11/11/2008
6	Tender package No.	No. 01/D(R&D)C/D(R&D)D-2.
KEY INFORMATION		
7	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
8	Budget & source of funds	The Government of Bangladesh (GOB)-Development.
9	Project/programme code	N/A
10	Project/programme name	Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City Project (RWLP).
11	Tender publication date	
12	Tender last selling date	During office hours from 26/11/2008 to 14/12/2008. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening of tender.
13	Tender closing date and time	On 15/12/2008 up to 12.00 noon.
14	Opening date and time	On 15/12/2008 at 1.00pm.

Name and address of the offices:

15	Selling tender document	1. Janata Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Corporate Branch/Fakirapool Branch/Posta Branch/Mohammadpur Corporate Branch/Mirpur Section-1/Mohakhali Corporate Branch, Dhaka. 2. Agrani Bank Ltd, WASA Branch, Dhaka. 3. Uttara Bank, Kawran Bazar Branch. 4. HSBC Ltd, Gulshan Branch/Motijheel Branch/Dhanmondi Branch, Dhaka. 5. One Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Branch, Dhaka.
16	Address of the office(s) receiving tenders	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director, Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City (RWLP), Dhaka WASA, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
17	Opening tender document	Same as above.
17	Eligibility of tenderers	The tenderer must have experience of minimum 3 (three) number of similar works.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

18	Brief description of work goods and services	Construction of 1524 mm dia storm sewer line including manhole and catch pits			
SI	Name of tender	Location	Tender document price (Tk)	Tender security price (Tk)	Completion time (days)
(A)	Construction of 1524 mm dia storm sewer line from Section-2 (Sony Cinema Hall) to Kalyanpur 'Kha' Khal via Mazar Road, Mirpur (Job No. D-03/08-09) (Package=1).	Mazar Road, Mirpur	1,000/-	2,22,000/-	60 (sixty)

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

19	Name of the official inviting tender	Engr Md Waliullah Sikder.
20	Designation of the official inviting tender	Superintending Engineer, Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director, Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City (RWLP).
21	Address of the official inviting tender	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Drainage (R&D) Circle & Project Director, Removal of Water Logging in Dhaka City (RWLP), DWASA, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	9559142
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject or accept all tenders.	

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Engr. Md Waliullah Sikder
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Drainage (R&D) Circle
& Project Director
RWLP, Dhaka WASA

Local firm to make deep sea fishing trawler

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Narayanganj Engineering and Services Ltd (NESL) is building a deep sea fishing trawler of 'purse seining type', designed and built in Bangladesh for the first time, said a press release.

NESL will make the ship, which will be capable of both bottom and surface water fishing, for Fish Mark Impex of Chittagong at a cost of approximately \$ 1 million.

Major Gen (Retd) Syed Mohammad Ibrahim, managing partner of Fish Mark Impex, inaugurates the keel laying ceremony at the NESL shipyard yesterday.

Senior officials of AB Bank and Prime Bank Ltd, some government officials and some businessmen attended the ceremony.

All the fishing trawlers engaged in deep-sea fishing in the coastal waters of Bangladesh are imported.



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Singer Plus launches Eid campaigns

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Singer Plus launched two special campaigns yesterday on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, says a press release.

Under the campaigns titled 'Full Free Eid Offer' and 'Buy Samsung with Easy Instalment', the customers can enjoy benefits by purchasing Singer, Samsung, Whirlpool and Haier refrigerators, televisions, microwave ovens and water heaters.

The customers will also enjoy a guaranteed cash discount of Tk 500. They can also avail 100 percent discount via scratch cards on Singer, Haier and Whirlpool refrigerators. The discount is applicable for both cash and hire purchase.

Customers will also get the opportunity to pay within 90 days without any interest on refrigerators, freezers and television of all brands.

Under the Eid offer, the buyers will get guaranteed discounts of up to Tk 1,000 by purchasing Singer and Whirlpool Microwave Ovens and Tropic Water Heater, through scratch card.

For Samsung purchases, customers will get a free Samsung DVD Player with every purchase of a Samsung LCD and plasma television.

Customers will also enjoy six years warranty for every purchase of Singer, Haier and Whirlpool refrigerators during the campaign.

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Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited
(An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

Office of the Deputy General Manager (Technical) Systems Protection and Services SCADA Bhaban (2nd Floor), 3, Sonargaon road, Kataban, Dhaka. Ph- 9677631

Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource / Power Division.
2	Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd. (DPDC).
3	Procuring Entity Name	DPDC.
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
5	Invitation for	Yearly basis Repair and Maintenance of 33KV & 11KV U/G cables of different SS under DGM (Tech) NOCS circle (a) Tejgaon (b) Motijheel (c) Shampur (d) Narayanganj (e) Ramna (f) Azimpur (g) Salmajid (h) Banglabazar under DPDC.
6	Date	13/11/2008
KEY INFORMATION		
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method
FUNDING INFORMATION		
8	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
9	Tender No.	DPDC/DGM(Tech)/SPSF-2/04/2008/69. Dated: 13.11.2008
10	Tender last Selling Date, Closing Date & Time	Last Selling Date & Time: 14.12.2008, upto 5.00PM Closing & Opening Date: 15.12.2008 Closing Time: 1:30 Noon Opening Time: 2:00 P.M.
INFORMATION FOR TENDER		
11	Name & Address of the office for selling Tender Document, receiving & opening tender.	Selling & Receiving Office of the Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban, 2nd floor, 3, Sonargaon road, Kataban, Dhaka. Opening Office of the DGM (Technical), SPS, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban (2nd floor), 3, Sonargaon road, Kataban, Dhaka.
12	Eligibility of Tenderer	The Tenderer shall have Experience for 33KV and 11KV U/G cable fault repair work including jointing for over last 5 (five) years at Power Sector in a single contract which will not be less than Taka 5.00 (five) Lacs.
13	Price of the tender Document	Tk.1000.00 (One Thousand) only non-refundable through Pay Order/Demand Draft issued by any schedule Bank in favour of Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban (2nd floor), 3, Sonargaon road, Kataban, Dhaka.
14	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Amount of Tk. 15,000.00 for a, b, c, d and Tk. 15,000.00 for e, f, g, h. from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh shall accompany with Tender Document in the form of Pay order / DD / Bank guarantee in favour of Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC, SCADA Bhaban (2nd floor), 3, Sonargaon road, Kataban, Dhaka.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
15	Completion time of work	Within 30 June 2009.
16	Name of the Official Inviting Tender	Md. Jahangir Hossain.
17	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Technical), System Protection & Services, DPDC.
18	Address of Official Inviting Tender	SCADA Bhaban (2nd floor), 3, Sonargaon road, Kataban, Dhaka.
19	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No. 9677631 Fax No. e-mail: dgmtps@dpdc.org
20	Special Instructions	01. The Tenderer shall have to show valid Trade License, Income Tax certificate & VAT Registration certificate while purchasing the tender document from the concerned office. 02. The Tenderer shall have to submit the attested copies of above mentioned document with the tender document. 03. The Tenderer shall have to submit the Experience Certificate (from not less than Manager or equivalent officer) for locating of cable fault and repair the same including jointing in Power Sector in a single contract which will not be less than Taka 5.00 (five) Lacs. 04. The tenderer shall have to submit Bio-data of 3 (three) cable jointers with working experience in the field of cable fault repairing including jointing in Power Sector. 05. The tenderer shall have a transport (pick-up) for carrying equipments for cable fault repairing work within DPDC area. 06. Procuring agency reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders in any stage without assigning any reason therefor. 07. If it is not possible to re-open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received / opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue. 08. The Tenderer shall have to satisfy the other criteria laid down in the Tender Document. 09. The tenderer shall participate in single tender or all tenders (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h).

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