

Steel millers demand safeguard

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Businessmen yesterday demanded that the government hikes import duty on MS (mild steel) rods to 25 percent from 7 percent to safeguard the local industry.

"The local industry is strong enough to meet local demand for MS rods. When rods are imported at less prices, it causes a unhealthy competition with local products," said Dr Bashir Ullah, general secretary of Bangladesh Steel Mills Owners' Association.

The government is currently charging 7 percent import duty on MS rods which has affected the sales of local products, Bashir said at a press conference co-organised by Bangladesh Steel Mills Owners' Association, Bangladesh Re-Rolling Mills Association and Bangladesh Ship Breakers' Association at the National Press Club.

Bashir said India currently charges 15 percent duty on import of MS rods.

Industry leaders claimed they have to sell the items at a rate up to

40 percent below the production and import costs.

"The prices we are selling the products for are lower than the prices of imports. The slump in prices on the international market forced us to sell the products at this rate," said Sheikh Masudul Alam Masud, general secretary of Bangladesh Re-Rolling Mills Association.

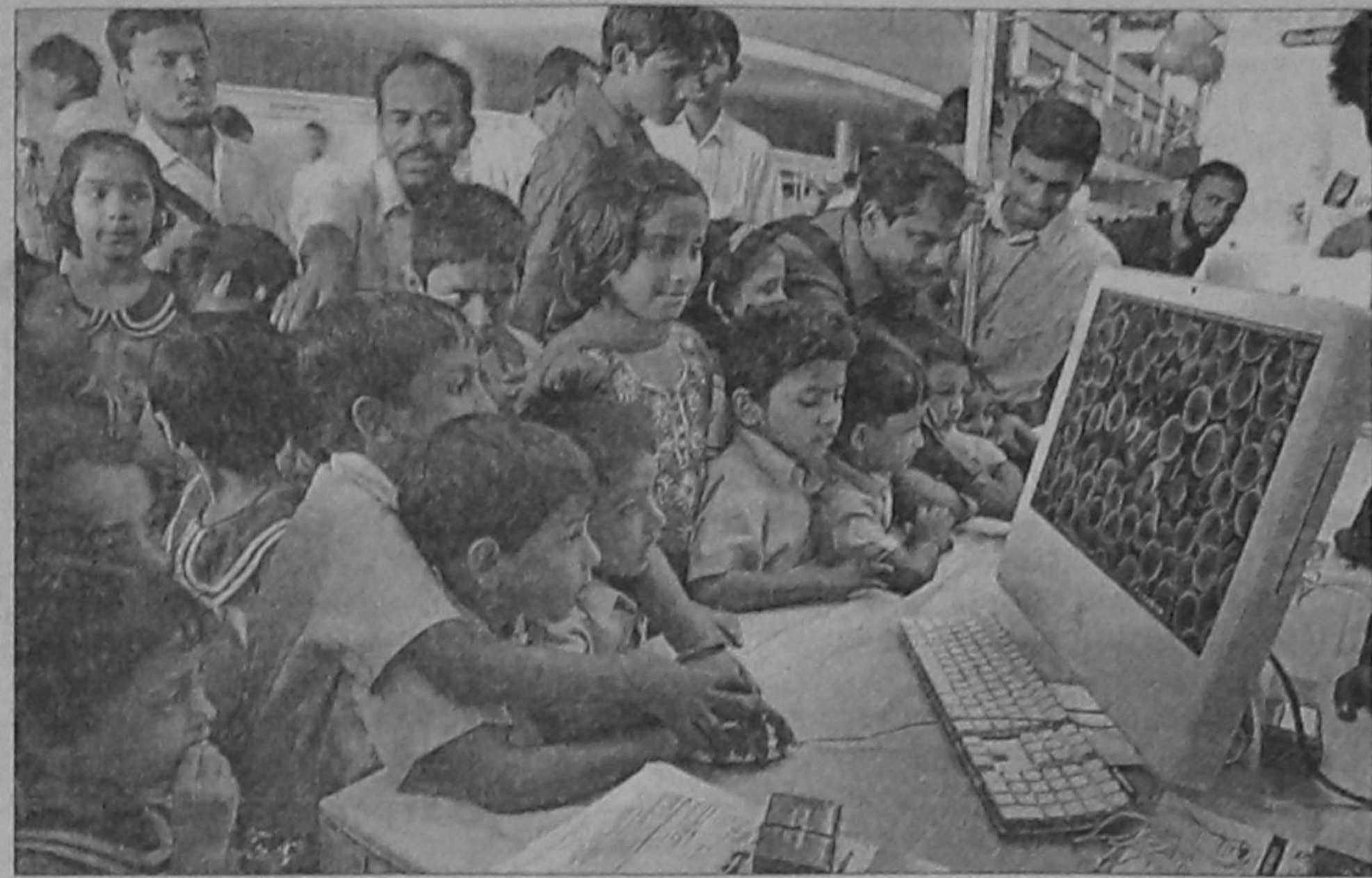
Industry leaders also demanded a cut in import duty on the chemicals, such as Ferro manganese, Ferro silicon and Ferro silicon manganese, which are

used in producing MS rods.

They urged the government not to raise electricity prices in the interest of the development of the sector.

In the local market, a breakable ship is now being traded at \$250 a tonne and scrap at \$350 a tonne, which were \$600 and \$700 two months ago.

The industry leaders said the price of 40-grade MS (mild steel) rods stands at Tk 48,000 a tonne in the local market. Currently, local demand for MS rods is about 20 lakh tonne a year.



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Children set all their eyes on a computer screen at the 'BCS ICT World Fair' that began at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) has organised the show, which will continue until Friday.

\$15m US grant for installing radiation detector at Chittagong Port

UNB, Dhaka

The United States would provide a grant assistance of \$ 15 million to Bangladesh for installing radiation detection equipment and associated infrastructure at Chittagong Seaport.

Additional Secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD) Mohammed Mosharruf Hossain Bhuiyan and US Ambassador to Bangladesh James F Moriarty signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect on behalf of their respective sides at the ERD yesterday.

"I applaud the government of Bangladesh for their commitment to keeping terrorists and their dangerous cargo away from Bangladesh's shore," Moriarty told the signing ceremony.

Bangladesh's Ministry of Shipping and other government agencies partnered with the US National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) through the agreement.

Under the MoU, NNSA would provide training to Bangladeshi officials to use this equipment to detect and interdict nuclear and other radioactive materials at the port, Bangladesh's gateway to the world.

The US envoy said the shipping companies would gravitate to this port, confident in the secure and efficient handling of the cargo. "Therefore, (this initiative) not only mitigate terrorist activity, but also encourage trade further enhancing economic development," he said.

The port is a major cargo container hub in South Asia and a strategic transit point in the international maritime trading system while the United States is the largest destination of exports from Bangladesh.

"Considering Bangladesh's strategic South Asian location, this agreement is a

major step forward in preventing nuclear materials from being smuggled through maritime cargo container traffic," said William Tobey, NNSA deputy administrator for defense nuclear nonproliferation, in a statement issued from Washington.

"NNSA appreciates Bangladesh's willingness to cooperate with us in this critical mission and we look forward to continuing our joint efforts," he added.

The work is part of the Megaports Initiative, a program under the NNSA's second line of defense program, which aims to strengthen the capability of foreign governments to deter, detect, and interdict illicit trafficking in nuclear and other radioactive materials across international borders and through the global maritime shipping system.

The Megaports Initiative provides radiation detection equipment, training, and technical support to key international seaports to scan cargo containers for nuclear and other radioactive materials.

Around the world, the Megaports Initiative is currently operational in 19 ports and work is underway at over 20 additional ports in Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Established by Congress in 2000, NNSA is a separately organized agency within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear science.

NNSA maintains and enhances the safety, security, reliability and performance of the US nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear testing; works to reduce global danger from weapons of mass destruction; provides the US Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion; and responds to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the United States and abroad.

BoI's strategic plan for capacity building

UNB, Dhaka

A three-year 'Strategic Plan' was approved in principle yesterday to make the Board of Investment (BoI) a private sector-friendly world-class organisation.

The plan was approved at the BoI's 23rd meeting with Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, also the BoI chairman, in the chair.

A 230-manpower professional and skilled organisational structure was also approved under the plan.

The plan, formulated on the basis of five strategic pillars, focused on enhancing BoI's organisational capacity and efficiency, investment development, disciplined and easier approval process and post-investment services.

Fakhruddin thanked private sector representa-

tives for their cooperation in formulating such a professional plan and organisational structure.

Describing the initiative as a good example to solve problems with mutual cooperation of public and private sectors, the Chief Adviser hoped such initiatives would continue in future too.

He directed the ministry concerned to extend necessary cooperation in implementing the approved manpower structure soon.

Jute and Textiles Adviser Md Anwarul Iqbal, CA's special assistants Manik Lal Samaddar, Brig Gen (ret'd) MA Malek and Prof M Tamim, CA's Principal Secretary Ali Imam Majumder, Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, CA's Press Secretary Syed Fahim Munaim and secretaries concerned were present at the meeting.



DHAKA BANK

Altat Hossain Sarker, chairman of Dhaka Bank, inaugurates a new branch of the bank in Savar Bazar Bus Stand yesterday. ATM Hayatuzzaman Khan, former chairman of the bank, Mohammed Hanif, vice chairman, Mohammad Abu Musa, managing director (current charge), were also present.

ICC chief hails G20 leaders

STAR BUSINESS DESK

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Chairman Victor K Fung has lauded the G20 leaders for their commitment to conclude WTO's Doha development agenda and rejection of protectionism in the G20 Summit in Washington.

In a statement released yesterday, the ICC chief said the G20 leaders' pledge to reach agreement this year on modalities will lead to a successful conclusion of the Doha trade negotiations.

Fung stressed a rules-based multilateral trading system to free the supply chain of the global production system.

"We also welcome the spirit of international cooperation shown by the G20 leaders to help emerging and developing economies and small and medium enterprises gain access to finance in the current difficult financial conditions, including through liquidity facilities.

"It is important to ensure the immediate availability of trade finance, which is the life-blood of trade. It is difficult to minimize the impact of

the financial crisis on the real economy and to allow trade and investment to continue unhindered," Fung said.

In a statement from Saturday's Summit on financial markets and the world economy, the G20 leaders rejected protectionism and underscored not turning inward in times of financial uncertainty.

Two China airlines to get govt aid

AFP, Beijing

The parent companies of China Eastern Airlines and China Southern Airlines are expected to each get three billion yuan (440 million dollars) to tide them over hard times, state media reported Monday.

The two carriers will likely get the money to offset the adverse impact of weakening demand and high fuel costs, the Shanghai Securities News said, citing unnamed sources, prompting a sharp spike in their share prices.

Barroso backs EU fiscal stimulus plan

AFP, London

Europe needs a continent-wide fiscal stimulus plan, European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso said on Monday adding that "exceptional moments...need exceptional measures."

He was speaking following talks in London with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, after both men attended a G20 summit in Washington which agreed an action plan to boost flagging global growth.

"We certainly need a fiscal stimulus plan for Europe but it cannot be a one-size-fits-all plan," he said at a press conference with Brown after talks in Downing Street.

"But we're living in exceptional moments and in exceptional moments we need exceptional measures. Those exceptional measures should be of course timely, targeted and temporary but we need them."

Barroso added that the measures should be "coordinated" to prevent "spillover" from one country to another.

He added that a "pioneering" EU action plan would be presented on the 26th of this month.

The pair were discussing how in Europe measures agreed at the G20 summit would be taken forward, Brown told reporters.

"We have a long way to go but it's clear we're heading in the right direction," Barroso added, hailing the G20 as "a very important meeting".

"We need a coordinated response -- it's quite obvious now that we either swim together or sink together in Europe and in the rest of the world."

World leaders at the G20 agreed on an action plan to tackle the world economic crisis, pledging to keep working on reforms ahead of another meeting in April, probably in London.

Six areas will be specifically targeted including regulating those parts of the financial markets that have exacerbated the crisis, boosting transparency and reforming "fat cat" compensation practices.

Markets have reacted sceptically to the progress made by the G20, with Hong Kong closing down, Tokyo slightly up and European markets down on opening but later paring their losses.

Brown reiterated his support for a global fiscal stimulus at the press conference amid speculation his government is set to announce tax cuts in next Monday's Pre-Budget Report.

"Britain like many other countries in Europe is prepared to make its contribution for a temporary and affordable fiscal stimulus," he said.

"It is now clear that the need for an urgent fiscal stimulus within a medium-term framework of fiscal sustainability is overwhelmingly accepted across the world."

He added that the pair had instructed negotiators to conclude a deal in world trade talks by the end of the year and again spoke out against protectionism.

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২০০৮-২০০৯ইং অর্থ বছরে কৃত্রিম প্রজনন ও ঘাস উৎপাদন, পতঙ্গস্পন্দ অধিদপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ, ঢাকা-১২১৫ এর কৃত্রিম প্রজনন কাজে ব্যবহৃত মিনি ষ্ট্র সর্বস্বত্বের জন্য পতঙ্গস্পন্দ অধিদপ্তরের তালিকাভুক্ত/তালিকা বহির্ভূত প্রকৃত টিকাদার, সর্বস্বত্বকারী ও আমদানিকারক প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত পুনঃ দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। নিম্নবর্ণিত নির্দেশনা মোতাবেক দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হবে।
১। মন্ত্রণালয় ও এজেন্সি মন্যো ও পতঙ্গস্পন্দ মন্ত্রণালয়, পতঙ্গস্পন্দ অধিদপ্তর।
২। প্রকৃতিবিৎ এ্যানালিস্টের নাম মোঃ হাবিবুর রহমান, উপ-পরিচালক, কৃত্রিম প্রজনন ও ঘাস উৎপাদন, পতঙ্গস্পন্দ অধিদপ্তর, কৃষি খামার সড়ক, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা-১২১৫।
৩। ক্রয় পদ্ধতি উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি, OTM (NCT)।
৪। বাজেট এবং সোর্স অব ফান্ড সরকারি রাজস্ব বাজেট (GOB)।
৫। দরপত্র প্র্যাকসেস নম্বর, দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য (অফেরতমোদ্য) ও দরপত্র জামানত এর পরিমাণ প্র্যাকসেস নং দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য দরপত্র জামানত টাকা ৫৪৩/- টাকা ১,৩০,০০০/- টাকা
৬। দরপত্র দাখিল বিক্রেতার স্থান ১। উপ-পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, কৃত্রিম প্রজনন ও ঘাস উৎপাদন, পতঙ্গস্পন্দ অধিদপ্তর (৩য় তলা), কৃষি খামার সড়ক, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা। ২। উপ-পরিচালক (পত্রাবাহ্য ও প্রশাসন-২), পতঙ্গস্পন্দ অধিদপ্তর (২য় তলা), কৃষি খামার সড়ক, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা।
৭। দরপত্র দাখিল বিক্রি শুরু ও শেষ এর তারিখ বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ২৭/১১/০৮খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
৮। দরপত্র দাখিল দাখিলের স্থান উপ-পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, কৃত্রিম প্রজনন ও ঘাস উৎপাদন, পতঙ্গস্পন্দ অধিদপ্তর (৩য় তলা), কৃষি খামার সড়ক, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা-১২১৫।
৯। দরপত্র দাখিল গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও স্থান ০৩/১১/০৮ইং তারিখ বিকাল ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১০। দরপত্র দাখিল বোদার তারিখ ও স্থান ০৩/১১/০৮ইং তারিখ দুপুর ৩.০০ ঘটিকা উপ-পরিচালক, কৃত্রিম প্রজনন ও ঘাস উৎপাদন, পতঙ্গস্পন্দ অধিদপ্তর (৩য় তলা), কৃষি খামার সড়ক, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা-১২১৫ এর অফিস কাজে দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) বোদা হবে।
১১। দরপত্রে যে সকল কাগজপত্র সংযুক্ত করিতে হবে। দরপত্র দাখিল ক্রয়ের মূল রাশিদসহ দরপত্র দাখিলে চাহিদাকৃত সকল কাগজপত্র।
১২। দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন পদ্ধতি দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি, দরপত্র দাখিলে বর্ণিত দরপত্রের শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলী এবং The Public Procurement Regulations-2003 এর আলোকে দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন করা হবে।
১৩। অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি ১। নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর থেকে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র দাখিল দেয়া যাবে। ২। দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের সময় দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটির চাহিদা মোতাবেক দরপত্রদাতাকে দরপত্র দাখিলের সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল ফটোকপি প্রদান করা হবে। ৩। দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ কার্যদিবস বিঘ্নিত হলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসের উক্ত সময়ে টেন্ডার প্রতীত ও খোলা হবে। এ জন্য পৃথক কোন নোটিশ প্রদান করা হবে না। ৪। দরপত্র তথ্যসমূহের সাথে হালনাগাদ দরদায়নকৃত তালিকাভুক্তি, হালনাগাদ প্রকেষনাল ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, মূল্য সংযোজন কর নিবন্ধনপত্র, আয়কর সার্টিফিকেট, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, লিকুইডিটি এ্যানালিস্ট সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি এবং দরপত্র ক্রয়ের মূল রাশিদ দাখিল করিতে হবে। ৫। কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
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Bangladesh Power Development Board
Invitation for International Tender
1. Ministry/Division Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2. Agency Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).
3. Procuring entity name Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4. Procuring entity code Not used at present.
5. Procuring entity district Dhaka.
6. Invitation for Procurement of Auto Control Spares for 5th & 6th Unit of Ghorasal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
7. Invitation Ref No. Pur-310/2008.
8. Date Date: 10-11-2008.
KEY INFORMATION
9. Procurement method Open tendering method.
FUNDING INFORMATION
10. Budget and source of funds Revenue budget (Cash Foreign Exchange Allocation) of BPDB.
11. Development partners (if applicable) Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION
12. Project/programme code (if applicable) Not applicable.
13. Project/programme name (if applicable) Not applicable.
14. Tender package No. 3 (FY-2008-2009).
15. Tender package name Procurement of Auto Control Spares for 5th & 6th Unit of Ghorasal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
16. Tender publication date Date: 10-11-2008.
17. Tender selling date 10-11-2008 to 22-12-2008 during office hours.
18. Tender closing date and time On 24-12-2008 at 11.00am (BST).
19. Tender opening date and time On 24-12-2008 at 11.30am (BST).
20. Name & address of the office(s) Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
21. Selling tender document (principal) Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
22. Selling tender document (others) Not applicable.
23. Receiving tender document Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
24. Opening tender document Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
25. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting Not applicable.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER
26. Eligibility of tenderer As per tender document.
27. Brief description of goods or works Procurement of Auto Control Spares for 5th & 6th Unit of Ghorasal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.
28. Brief description of related services As per tender document.
29. Price of tender documents (BDT) Non-refundable BD Taka 3,000/- (three thousand) only in the form of Pay-Order in favour of Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
30. Identification of lot Location Tender security amount Delivery period (validity of shipment)
31. Lot-1 Procurement of Auto Control Spares Ghorasal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi USD 13,000.00 or BD Tk. 9,10,000.00 120 days from date of L/C opening
32. Validity of tender and tender security As per tender document.
33. Name of official inviting tender Md Abduhu Ruhullah.
34. Designation of official inviting tender Director.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS
35. Address of official inviting tender Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
36. Contact details of official inviting tender Tel: 7126144, Fax: 7126151.
37. Special instruction Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer.
38. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.
39. This tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Rules-2008."
Biddyt/Jana-381(4)11-11-08 Md Abduhu Ruhullah
Director
Directorate of Purchase
BPDB, Dhaka
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