

CNG refuelling stations to face shutdown in case of cheating

Tamim warns at int'l CNG show inaugural

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

A government functionary has warned stringent punitive measures against the unscrupulous compressed natural gas (CNG) refuelling stations cheating consumers by giving less quantum of gas and charging extra.

"Reports have it that some of the station owners are cheating consumers. They are giving less gas and charging more. If you keep it doing, we have no other options than shutting down these businesses," said Professor M Tamim, chief adviser's special assistant for power, energy and mineral resources.

Tamim was inaugurating the first International CNG Exhibition 2008 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre. Global Event Management Services organised the show.

Referring to businessmen's intention for deregulation, Tamim said they must have their self-regulation if they don't want regulation.

"What you promise, you must keep and maintain standard," the special assistant urged the businessmen.

The four-day exposition



A participant briefs visitors on a CNG-run vehicle engine at the four-day first International CNG Exhibition 2008 that began at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

has brought together over 30 local and foreign companies engaged in manufacturing and trading of various CNG products such as cylinder, kits, accessories, compressors and dispersers.

Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd, Petrobangla and Asia-Pacific Natural Gas Vehicles Association have extended support to the fair, while The Daily Star,

Channel i and Radio Foorti act as the media partners.

Organisers said companies and stakeholders from about 16 countries are taking part in the fair, which focuses on the safety issues as some recent explosions of cylinders in CNG-run vehicles created concerns among commuters.

At present, 296 refuelling stations are providing ser-

vices to about 1,50,000 CNG-run vehicles in the country. The number of CNG conversion workshops stands at 130, according to the Rupantarita Prakritik Gas.

The increase in CNG-driven vehicles also fuelled a rise in natural gas consumption, which rose 78 percent to 11.99 billion cubic feet in the fiscal year 2006-07 from 6.71 billion cubic feet the

previous year.

The demand for CNG has been estimated at 20.4 billion cubic feet for the fiscal year 2007-08, official data shows.

Tamim cited a faster growth of CNG sector in the seven years and advised the existing and prospective investors to calculate risks before getting into the business.

"That is, the future risk you have to take and you have to do the calculations before you get into the business... if you don't do that and if you fail in your business, don't expect that the government is going to bail you out," he said.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Mohammad Mohsin said the number of CNG stations and CNG-run vehicles will increase in line with the expansion of gas network.

"But safe use of CNG gas has to be ensured," he said.

Petrobangla Chairman Jalal Ahmed, Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Managing Director Shahidul Abedin and Bangladesh CNG Filling Station & Conversion Workshop Owners Association President Shafiqul Islam Kamal also spoke on the occasion.



Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury and UAE Ambassador Khalfan Battal Al Mansoori inaugurate the Emirates Friendship Hospital Ship, a charity venture, in Dhaka yesterday. Mohammed Al Khaja, vice chairman of the Emirates Airline Foundation, was also present.

Oil plunges, gold shines

AFP, London

Oil prices collapsed this week below \$50, their lowest levels in almost four years, as the market focussed on the threat of a global recession and tumbling energy demand.

Base metals aluminium and copper also hit their worst levels for more than three years as traders fretted about weaker demand from struggling automakers in the United States.

"The deterioration in the global economic outlook had led to a significant decline in commodity prices and most notably, energy and industrial metal prices," said Deutsche Bank analyst Michael Lewis.

"It has also led to a significant increase in inventories, for example across the industrial metals complex."

OIL: The price of crude oil plunged depths below the key psychological level of 50 dollars.

London's Brent North Sea oil on Friday dropped to 47.40 dollars a barrel -- the lowest point since February 2005.

New York's light sweet crude fell to 48.25 dollars -- a level last seen in May 2005.

PRECIOUS METALS: Gold prices edged higher while silver, platinum and palladium fell.

"Gold ... benefited from the return of safe-haven investment demand" as investors sought respite from tumbling stock markets, said James Moore, an analyst.

On the London Bullion Market, gold rose to 774.50 dollars an ounce at Friday's late fixing from 747.50 dollars a week earlier.

Silver fell to 9.17 dollars an ounce from 9.33 dollars.

On the London Platinum and Palladium Market, platinum slipped to 812 dollars an ounce at the late fixing on Friday from 845 dollars a week earlier.

Palladium slumped to 183 dollars an ounce from 216 dollars.

SUGAR: Sugar prices drifted lower in subdued trade.

By Friday on LIFFE, the price of a tonne of white sugar for delivery in March slid to 320.50 pounds from 321.40 pounds the previous week.

On NYBOT, the price of unrefined sugar for March decreased to 11.36 US cents

per pound from 11.51 cents. GRAINS AND SOYA: Grains and soya prices weakened.

"At the moment all consideration continues to be focused on the worldwide financial crisis," said analyst Bill Nelson at Doane Advisory Services.

Companies and banks were selling their commodities in order to raise capital, thereby dampening the market further, he added.

By Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade, maize for delivery in March fell to 3.71 dollars a bushel from 3.97 dollars the previous week.

January-dated soybean meal -- used in animal feed -- dropped to 8.56 dollars from 8.96 dollars.

Wheat for March dipped to 5.33 dollars a bushel from 5.74 dollars.

Lanka's Jan-Sept trade gap narrows

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's trade deficit narrowed during the nine months to September, as a slowdown in the global economy hurt export sales, official data showed Saturday.

The nation's trade deficit from January to September widened 88.1 percent to 4.61 billion dollars from 2.45 billion dollars reported in the same period 2007, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka said.

The trade deficit in September widened 103.0 percent to 582.5 million dollars from 287.0 million dollars a year earlier, the bank said.

The better performance was driven by tea and rubber exports, despite a drop in recent global demand for commodities, it said.



Anisur Rahman Sinha, chairman of Bank Asia, addresses the bank's 5th extraordinary general meeting at City Grand Hall in Dhaka yesterday. Anwarul Amin, vice chairman, and Syed Anisul Huq, managing director of the bank, were also present.

24 CCCI directors elected unopposed

BSS, Chittagong

Twenty-four directors of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) were primarily elected unopposed yesterday for a two-year term (2009-2010).

CCCI sources said the election commission of the trade body declared the names of the 24 directors from four categories elected, as an equal number of nomination papers were found valid on the final day of withdrawing the

nomination papers.

The elected directors will chose a three-member presidium on December 15 and president and two vice presidents of the CCCI for 2009 and 2010.

Twelve elected directors from Ordinary Group are MA Latif, Abdul Malek, Fahim Ahmed, Shahin Alam, AKM Akter Hossain, SM Abu Tayeb, Mainuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Nurul Amin, Washiur Rahman Chowdhury, Mohammad Shohab Riyad, ASM Kaiser Ali and Alamgir Pervez.

The directors elected from Associate Group are Mohammad Amirul Haq, Shahabuddin Ahmed, Syed Sagor Ahmed, SM Shafiqul Haq, SM Mahbubur Islam and Nur Mohammad.

Those elected from Town Association Group are MA Salam, Nasiruddin Ahmed Chowdhury and Ferdous Khan Alamgir, while the rest three directors from Trade Group are Syed Ahsanul Haq, Mohammad Emdadul Haq Chowdhury and Benazir Chowdhury, the sources added.



Bangladesh Power Development Board

Invitation for International Re-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 Polyacrylamide for Ghorasal Thermal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.		
7	Invitation Ref No.	Pur-331/2007.		
8	Date	17-11-2008.		
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.	4 (FY 2008-2009).		
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Polyacrylamide for Ghorasal Thermal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.		
16	Tender publication date	17-11-2008.		
17	Tender last selling date	29-12-2008 during office hours.		
18	Tender closing date and time	On 30-12-2008 at 11.00am (BST).		
19	Tender opening date and time	On 30-12-2008 at 11.30am (BST).		
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document (principal)	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document (others)	Not applicable.		
	Receiving tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Opening tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender document.		
23	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Polyacrylamide for Ghorasal Thermal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.		
24	Brief description of related services	As per tender document.		
25	Price of tender documents (BDT)	Non-refundable BDT Taka 500/- (five hundred) only in the form of Pay-Order in favour of Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.		
26	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount	Delivery period (validity of shipment)
Lot-1	Procurement of Polyacrylamide	Ghorasal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi	USD 315.00 or BDTk 22,000.00	120 days from date of L/C opening
27	Validity of tender and tender security	As per tender document.		
28	Name of official inviting tender	Md Abduhu Ruhullah.		
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Director.		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
30	Address of official inviting tender		Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.	
31	Contact details of official inviting tender		Tel: 7126144, Fax: 7126151	
32	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. 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.	
33	This tender will be performed according to 'The Public Procurement Rules-2008.'			
Md Abduhu Ruhullah Director Directorate of Purchase BPDB, Dhaka				
Biddyt/Jana-412(4)/18-11-08 GD-5436				

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(A Company of Petrobangla)
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Invitation for International Tenders for Procurement of Gas Pipe Line Materials
Date of Issuance of IFT: 18-11-2008

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1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.				
2.	Agency	Petrobangla.				
3.	Procuring entity	Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd.				
4.	Invitation for	Gas Pressure Regulators, Fittings, Separators, Knock-Out Drum, Water Bath Heater & Service Tee.				
5.	Invitation Ref No. & date	1. PD 2312/388-MECD/REG/RE, Dated 18-11-2008. 2. PD 2312/388-MECD/FITTINGS/RE, Dated 18-11-2008. 3. PD 2312/387-MECD/TBS/DRS/RE(1), Dated 18-11-2008. 4. PD 2312/387-MECD/SERVICE TEE/RE, Dated 18-11-2008.				
6.	Procurement method	Open international tendering method: A single stage two envelope tendering procedure will be followed for the IFT under which the tenderer shall submit at a time two separate sealed envelopes, one for the technical proposal and other for the financial proposal all together in a single sealed envelope.				
7.	Source of fund	Under cash foreign exchange (company's own cash fund).				
8.	Tender last selling date	Document will be sold up to 01.00pm on every working day. No document will be sold on 17-12-2008.				
9.	Tender closing date & time	At 11.30am on 22-12-2008.				
10.	Tender opening date & time	At 12.00 noon on 22-12-2008.				
11.	Name & address of the office(s) for:					
a)	Selling of tender document	Tender document will be available from 23-11-2008 on payment of price (non-refundable) as per list below from following offices: i) Accounts Department, Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. ii) Accounts Department, Petrobangla, Petro Center, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. iii) Accounts Department, BAPEX, 80/A-8, Shahjalal Tower (8th Floor), Shiddeswan Circular Road, Malibagh, Dhaka.				
b)	Receiving of tender	i) Purchase Department (12th Floor), Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. ii) Purchase Department, Petrobangla, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. iii) Office of Company Secretary (5th Floor), BAPEX, 80/A-8, Shahjalal Tower (8th Floor), Shiddeswan Circular Road, Malibagh, Dhaka.				
12.	Eligibility of tenderer	All bonafide manufacturers/suppliers or their authorized agents.				
13.						
Sl No.	IFT No.	Short description of materials	Tender security amount (BDT or equivalent foreign currency)	Delivery time	Price of tender document	Tender closing opening date
1.	PD 2312/388-MECD/REG/RE	Gas Pressure Regulators & Accessories	Tk 4,68,000.00	120 days	US\$72.00 or Tk. 5,000.00	22-12-2008
2.	PD 2312/388-MECD/FITTINGS/RE	Gr-A: Weld-Neck Flanges, Gr-B: Butt Welding Fittings and Stud Bolts & Nuts.	Gr-A: Tk. 3,00,000.00 Gr-B: Tk. 2,40,000.00	90 days	US\$72.00 or Tk. 5,000.00	22-12-2008
3.	PD 2312/387-MECD/TBS/DRS/RE(1)	Gr-A: Separators, Gr-B: Knock-Out Drum, Gr-C: Water Bath Heater.	Gr-A: Tk. 2,10,000.00 Gr-B: Tk. 1,12,000.00 Gr-C: Tk. 1,80,000.00	90 days	US\$72.00 or Tk. 5,000.00	22-12-2008
4.	PD 2312/387-MECD/SERVICE TEE/RE	Service Tee (1"x1")	Tk. 80,000.00	90 days	US\$30.00 or Tk. 2,000.00	22-12-2008

a) Should the submission date of tenders happen to fall on holiday, tenders shall be received and opened at the same time & place on the first subsequent working day.
b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any and reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Deputy General Manager (Purchase)
Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd.
GD-5413

Microcredit Regulatory Authority
62/3, Purana Paltan,
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Ref:- MRA/Admn-23/2008-6767 Date:- 20/11/2008

Invitation for Re-Tender

1	Organization	Microcredit Regulatory Authority
2	Procuring entity	Microcredit Regulatory Authority
3	Procuring Entity/Project name	PROSPER (Promoting Financial services through Poverty reduction Project)
4	Invitation for	Services of temporary personnel
5	Invitation Reference No	05/2008
6	Date	20/11/2008
KEY INFORMATION		
7	Procurement method	Open tendering method
FUNDING INFORMATION		
8	Budget and source of Funds	DFID & MRA
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
9	Last Tender selling date	11 December 2008
10	Date & time of Tender closing	11 December 2008, 12.00 pm
11	Date and time of Tender opening	11 December 2008, 3.00 pm
12	Necessary documents for purchasing tender schedule	✓ Application in Letterhead ✓ Experience certificate of similar nature of work
13	Name & Address of the office for selling, receiving tender, and opening of Tender document	Microcredit Regulatory Authority RA, NSC Tower, 11 th Floor, Paltan, Dhaka-1000
INFORMATION OF THE TENDERER		
14	Eligibility of the Tenderer	Firms/Agencies having prior experience of providing suitable support staff to reputed organizations (Include brochure or leaflet if any).
15	Brief description of services (Firms can submit for any or all categories of staff)	Services of 18 staff of following categories: a) Driver-4 (Four) b) Peon-9 (Nine) c) Cleaner-3 (Three) d) Guard-2 (Two)
16	Price of Tender documents	Tk 500/- only (Non refundable)
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
17	Name & Designation of the official Inviting Tenders	Khandakar Muzhanul Haque Executive Vice-Chairman
18	Address of the official inviting tender	Microcredit Regulatory Authority, National Sports Council (NSC) Tower, 11 th Floor, 62/3 Purana Paltan, Dhaka - 1000
19	Contact details of official inviting tender	Cell: 01556486576, Phone: 9559616 Fax: 8802 9559756

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