Capped Gulf of Mexico oil well 'withstands pressure'

BBC ONLINE

Tests on BP's newly capped Gulf of Mexico oil well show pressure has been building up slightly as hoped with no signs of leakage, BP says.

BP vice-president Kent Wells said rising pressure "is giving us more and more confidence". Tests, however, could be extended beyond yesterday.

The new cap has managed to stop the flow of oil for the first time since a 20 April explosion killed 11 people.

The spill has been described as the worst environmental disaster in the US.

It has affected hundreds of miles of Gulf coastline since April, with serious economic damage to the region as tourists have avoided Gulf Coast beaches and fishing grounds have remained closed.

BP has put the costs of dealing with the disaster at over \$3.5bn.

It has already paid out more than \$200m (£130m) to 32,000 claimants. The company is evaluating a further 17,000 for payment and is seeking more information on 61,000 other claims.

The flow of oil was shut off at 1425 local time (1925 GMT) on Thursday, as part of a test of well's integrity.

If the pressure within the new cap on the well stays high, it could mean there are no other leaks or ruptures within the well bore. If it drops, that could suggest problems.

On Saturday, as the initial testing was coming to an end, Mr Wells said, "We're feeling more confident that we have integrity."

Hillary heads to Kabul as US war fears grow

AP, Washington

As concerns grow about the war in Afghanistan, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is heading to South Asia on a mission aimed at refining the goals of the nearly 9-year-old conflict.

US lawmakers are increasingly questioning the course of the war. The number of soldiers from the US and other countries in the international coalition in Afghanistan is on the rise. Corruption is a deep problem in Afghanistan, and members of Congress wonder about the utility of massive aid to both year. Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Clinton will attend an international conference in Kabul on Tuesday where the Afghan government is expected to outline plans to improve security, reintegrate militants into society and crack down on corruption. She also plans to stop in Pakistan to push greater cooperation between Islamabad and Kabul.

Clinton, who was to leave yesterday, will meet up later in the week with Defense Secretary Robert Gates in South Korea, where tensions with the communist North have risen after the sinking of a South Korean warship that was blamed on the North.

She will finish her trip in Vietnam for discussions with regional leaders. Among the topics will be the upcoming elections in Myanmar.

At the Kabul conference, she will renew Washington's commitment to support Afghan President Hamid Karzai's government, but press him to



follow through on reform pledges he made earlier this

Richard Holbrooke, President Barack Obama's special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, has said the conference "will be a very important international demonstration of support" for Karzai and his administration.

But Holbrooke acknowledges concerns that the war and the reconstruction effort are not going as hoped or planned. He told Congress this past

week that "there are significant elements of movement forward in many areas, but I do not yet see a definitive turning point in either direction." Last month was the deadliest of the war for international

forces: 103 coalition troops were killed, despite the infusion of tens of thousands of new US At the same time, international troops working with

Afghan forces say they have killed or captured dozens of senior insurgent figures since April as they aggressively step up operations against the

Taliban leadership. But those successes haven't slowed the pace of militant attacks, which continue daily, killing dozens of

people each month. The administration has said it will review its Afghan strategy at year's end. The slow progress against the Taliban and the disruptive effects of the firing of the outspoken American commander there last month, have led to a growing unease among many in Congress, including leading members of Obama's own party.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said it's not clear that the administration has a solid strategy for prevailing. The committee's top Republican, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, decried "a lack of clarity" about US war

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich, who leads the Senate Armed Services Committee, has said that while there remains "solid support" for the war among Democrats, "there's also the beginnings of fraying of that

Kashmir under curfew after days of unrest

AFP, Srinagar

Schools, shops and offices reopened in Muslim-majority Indian Kashmir yesterday after being shut by weeks of anti-India protests but more closures loomed in the restive region.

The re-opening came after calls by separatists to resume "normal" life for a day that sent shoppers flooding into the streets to stockpile supplies ahead of a general strike set for Sunday and more protests in coming days.

The rush of shoppers created traffic jams in downtown Srinagar, an urban hub that has seen a two-decade insurgency against Indian

"Thanks be to Allah -- my two daughters went to school today," said bank employee Shaheen Ameen who appealed to separatists to exclude educational institutions from strike calls.

The scenic Himalayan region has been wracked by demonstrations since June 11 when security forces were accused of killing a 17-yearold teenage boy.

Since then, another 14 protesters and bystanders -many of them youngsters have been killed.

As violence spread authorities slapped strict curfews on most of the region, arrested activists and ordered the army into the streets to stage show-ofstrength flag marches in Srinagar, summer capital of Indian Kashmir.

Pak urges world to help war-ravaged economy



Security officials search the site of a blast at an Internet cafe in the Garhi Shahu area of Lahore yesterday. Two low-intensity blasts wounded four people in the eastern city of Lahore, the capital of Punjab province, police said.

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan yesterday urged the global community and donor agencies to help and support its poverty-stricken economy that has been ravaged by war and the cost of terrorism.

At a ministerial meeting Saturday which included US special envoy Richard Holbrooke, foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said "Pakistan has lost 43 billion dollars in the last nine years and our exports and foreign investments have been badly hurt," according to state run news agency APP.

Holbrooke is in Pakistan

The Sudanese army said 75 of its troops and

more than 300 fighters of the rebel Justice and

International Criminal Court charged

Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir with geno-

AFP, Khartoum

State Hillary Clinton's visit ment. for high-level security talks in Pakistan and to attend a July 20 Afghanistan donors

He met with President Asif Ali Zardari late Friday after his arrival, the presidency said in a statement.

conference.

Representatives from the members of the Friends of Democratic Pakistan (FODP), World Bank and other international financial organizations also attended the meeting Saturday.

Qureshi said the complexities of extremism and terrorism cannot be defeated in a

Sudan says 75 troops, 300

rebels die in Darfur strife

ahead of US Secretary of pressing economic environ-

"We need more jobs and ever more economic opportunities to prevent impressionable young minds from falling prey to misguided and pernicious ideologies which are antithesis of peaceful Islam," he said.

Bombs and attacks blamed on Taliban and Al-Qaeda-linked militants have killed more than 3,560 people across nuclear-armed Pakistan since government troops besieged a radical mosque in Islamabad in July

Gas Transmission Company Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla) Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-3 to 6) 71-72, Old Elephant Road (Eskaton), Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত পালন করুন

শিল্পে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস शृञ्चानीटा विकन्न ज्ञानानि

জ্বালানি নিরাপত্তা সর্বোচ্চ অগ্রাধিকার

Invitation for Bids

Date: 20 July 2010

Loan No. and Title: Loan No. 2188-BAN, Part-A: Gas Transmission & Development Project. Contract No. and Title: IFB No.: GTCL (Project)/M-J/EPC/MMS/001, Design, Build and Turnkey

Supply, Installation, Construction, Testing, Commissioning of Metering and Manifold Station Located at Dhanua, Gazipur.

Deadline for Submission of Bids: 23 September 2010 at 11:30 hrs BST

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Gas Transmission and Development Project and it is intended that a part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to eligible bidder(s) from eligible source countries of ADB.

Gas Transmission Company Limited ("the Employer"), a company of Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla), invites sealed bids from eligible bidders of the ADB member countries for Design Build and Turnkey Supply, Installation, Construction, Testing, Commissioning of 1 (one) Metering and Manifold Station at Dhanua, Gazipur (capacity: 1x200 MMSCFD and Provision for 1x350 MMSCFD Meter Run) including tie-in works with existing facilities; related civil works with necessary equipments/tools, supply of mandatory spare parts and training to the Employer's engineers & technicians/operators ("the Facilities").

International competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's "Single-Stage, Two-Envelope" Bidding Procedure.

To be eligible for bidding against this IFB:

Technical: Bidder (or any partner-in-charge in case of JV) must have successfully completed at least 1 (one) comparable natural gas RMS/CGS/MMS station contract having capacity of 200 MMSCFD or above on design, engineering, procurement of materials, fabrication/construction installation and testing & commissioning (EPC/Turnkey) basis outside the bidder's own country within the last 10 (ten) years on the date of bid opening with a value of at least US\$ 1.0 million.

Financial:

4.2

Bidder (or any partner-in-charge in case of JV) having experience of successfully completing at least 1 (one) comparable natural gas RMS/CGS/MMS outside the bidder's own country within last 10 (ten) years on the date of bid opening with a value of USD 1.0 (one) million may participate in the bidding.

Details and specifications are provided in the bidding document. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding document, bidders should contact:

Project Director Monohordi-Dhanua-Elenga-East Bank of Jamuna Bridge Gas Transmission Pipeline and

Installation of Compressor at Ashuganj and Elenga Project Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL) Red Crescent Borak Tower, Level-3 71-72, Old Elephant Road (Eskaton), Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Tel: 880-2-9355391; Fax: 880-2-9358100 e-mail: gtclmjp@gmail.com

To purchase the bidding document in English language, eligible and interested bidders: 7.1 may directly purchase the bidding document from the Accounts Department of GTCL from 20 July 2010 during working hours on all working days by payment a nonrefundable fee of BD taka 10,000.00 (Bangladesh taka ten thousand) or US\$ 150.00 (US dollar one hundred fifty) in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft/Cashier's Check in favour of Gas Transmission Company Limited. No bidding document will be sold on the date of bid opening

7.2 may request for delivery by courier by sending a written application to The Project Director at the address mentioned above together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft/Cashier's Check over BD Tk 10,000.00 plus BD Tk 500.00 [Total BD Tk 10,500.00 (Bangladesh taka ten thousand five hundred)] for local delivery or US\$ 150.00 plus US\$ 60.00 [Total US\$ 210.00 (US dollar two hundred ten)] for overseas delivery upon receipt of which the document will be sent by courier without any liability for loss or late delivery.

To the address below:

Committee Room

Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL) Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-3) 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.

On or before 23 September 2010 at 11:30 hrs (BST). Late bids will be rejected.

Together with bid, a bid security amounting Bangladesh taka 3,300,000.00 (Bangladesh taka three million three hundred thousand) or US\$ 47,000.00 (US dollar forty-seven thousand) issued by a reputed bank from an eligible country duly confirmed by a schedule bank of Bangladesh.

Bids will be opened at 12:00 hrs BST on 23 September 2010 in presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend. If the bids cannot be received and opened due to any unavoidable circumstances or holiday on scheduled date, bids shall be received and opened at the same venue and time on the subsequent working day.

GTPR-02/10-11 GD-3136

বাংলাদেশ বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তৃপক্ষ প্রধান প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর সদর দপ্তর, কুর্মিটোলা, ঢাকা-১২২৯

> www.caab.gov.bd দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

3 I	কাজের নাম		Construction of New Residential Quarter at Kurmitola Residential area (D-type, E-type, F-type, G-type and H-type(SH: Construction of 10 units, 5-storied "G"-type quarter No 16 at Kurmitola) at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	
२।	তহবিলের উৎস		সিএএবি'র নিজস্ব তহবিল।	
91	টেভার প্যাকেজ নং		সিডি-২-৫৪(২২)/২০০৯-২০১০।	
8 1	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি আহবানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	*	সিএএবি/ডব্লিউ-১২৯/অংশ-৯৩/৫৫৮৬, তারিখ-৩১-০৫-২০১০খৃঃ।	
¢Ι	প্রাক্কলিত মূল্য	:	 ১,৭৫,৯৩,৯৯৪/- (এক কোটি পঁচান্তর লক্ষ তিরানকাই হাজার নয়শত চুরানকাই) 	

		J	ঢাকা।
৬।	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	1	৬১৫০০/≡ (এক হাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
91	বায়নার টাকার পরিমাণ	3	৪,৫০,০০০/- (চার লক্ষ পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র বায়না টাকা হিসাবে বাংলাদেশ তফসীলভুক্ত যে কোন ব্যাংক হইতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সিভিল সার্কেল, সিএএবি, কুর্মিটোলা, ঢাকার অনুকৃলে অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
ъı	ঠিকাদারের		সিএএবি তালিকাভুক্ত "এ" শ্রেণী ও তদৃধর্ব

১২ (বার) মাস।

ক)- সহকারী হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তা, সিভিল

প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, সিএএবি সদর দপ্তর,

ডিভিশন-২, সিএএবি, কুর্মিটোলা, ঢাকা।

	াবক্রয় করা হহবে	খ)- সদস্য (পার:/পার:) মহোদয়ের ব্যক্তিগত সহকারী, সদর দপ্তর, ঢাকা। গ)- প্রধান প্রকৌশলী মহোদয়ের ব্যক্তিগত সহকারী, সদর দপ্তর, ঢাকা। ঘ)- তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সিভিল সার্কেল এর ব্যক্তিগত সহকারী, ঢাকা। ঙ)- ক্যাশ শাখা, সিএএবি সদর দপ্তর, কুর্মিটোলা, ঢাকা। আগ্রহী দরদাতাগণ সিভিল ডিভিশন-২, সিএএবি, কুর্মিটোলা, ঢাকায় অফিস
11		চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত

কাজ সমাপ্তির সময়

যে সমস্ত অফিস

যে সব অফিসে

হইবে

বিশেষ শর্তাবলী

তারিখ: ১১-৭-২০১০খ:

জিডি-৩০৯৯

771

দরপত্র

হইতে

কাগজপত্রাদি দেখিতে পারিবেন। সনদপত্র যোগ্য কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক ইস্যুক্ত লাইসেন্স এর মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করিতে হইবে এবং দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় উহার ফটোকপি সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে।

কুৰ্মিটোলা, ঢাকা দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, সিএএবি সদর দপ্তর, 121 যে অফিসে দরপত্র কুৰ্মিটোলা, ঢাকা খোলা হইবে বিক্র-য়ের ১০/০৮/২০১০খ: বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা শেষ তারিখ ও সময়

দরপত্র দাখিলের ১২/০৮/২০১০খ: বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা শেষ সময় 1 36 দরপত্র খোলার ১২/০৮/২০১০খ: ৪-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত (দরপত্রদাতাগণ অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধি সময় ও তারিখ যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)। ক)- ইস্যুকৃত তালিকাভুক্তির নবায়ন রশিদ যে সকল কারণে এবং হালনাগাদ বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স

> এর সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত না থাকিলে খ)- যোগ্য কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত মূল্য সংযোজন কর রেজিষ্ট্রেশন হালনাগাদ আয়কর সার্টিফিকেট এর

সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দরপত্রের সাথে গ)- দরপত্র ক্রয়ের মূল রশিদ দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত না থাকিলে

ঘ)– দরপত্রের সাথে চাহিদা অনুযায়ী বায়নার টাকা না থাকিলে। ৬)- দরপত্রের সাথে চাহিদা মোতাবেক

চ)- ঠিকাদারদের উদ্ধৃত দর প্রাক্কলিত

মূল্যের ৫% এর অধিক কম/উর্দ্ধে হইলে দরপত্রটি সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। ক)- একাধিক ঠিকাদার সর্বনিমু দরদাতা হইলে লটারীর মাধ্যমে সফল দরদাতা

খ)- দরপত্র ক্রয়ের সময় অত্র কর্তৃপক্ষের অথবা অন্যান্য প্রতিষ্ঠানের দেয় সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি/নবায়ন রশিদ আবেদনপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করতে হবে। এখানে উল্লেখ্য যে, প্রতিনিধির স্বাক্ষরসমূহ উক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত হতে

গ)- দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার তারিখ

বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তপক্ষ

নির্বাচন করা হইবে।

যোগাযোগ ও যাতায়াত ব্যবস্থা বিঘ্লিত হইলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হইবে। দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে। ঘ)- কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো

ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন। সিএএবি/পিআর-৮৮/২০১০/৯৩৬ হারুনুর রশিদ ভূঁইয়া প্রধান প্রকৌশলী

Equality Movement have been killed in clashes accord it signed with the government ran into in Darfur over the past week. problems earlier this year. General Al-Tayeb Musbah Osman, the Another large rebel group, the Sudan army's commander for the war-torn western Liberation Army (SLA) faction of Abdelwahid Nur, is also boycotting talks. region, said the army had also captured 86 JEM Southern former rebels of the Sudan fighters, in a statement carried by the official SUNA news agency late on Friday. People's Liberation Movement offered on It is unusual for the army to acknowledge such large losses in its own ranks.

Wednesday to mediate between the Khartoum government and the two rebel groups in a bid to The JEM said on Tuesday that it was locked break the deadlock. in fresh fighting with the army, a day after the US special envoy Scott Gration was in

ity in connection with the conflict.

The most heavily armed of the Darfur rebel

factions, the JEM has refused to join peace talks

in the Qatari capital Doha after a framework

Khartoum on Saturday for talks with UN and African Union officials and other diplomats on how cide over his government's conduct of the tomovethemoribundpeaceprocessforward. Darfur, an arid region the size of France, has

In March 2009, the ICC already issued a been gripped by civil war since ethnic minority warrant for Beshir's arrest on war crimes rebels rose up against the Arab-dominated charges and charges of crimes against human- government in 2003.



conflict in Darfur.

Bangladesh Film Development Corporation

Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208

Tender No.-FDC/PD-Import/2009-2010/1/Re/74/Re/79

Dt. 14/07/2010

International Re-Tender for Import of 35mm Sound Negative Film

01	Ministry	//Division	Ministry of Inf	formation, Government of Ba	ingladesh.		
02	Agency		Bangladesh Film Development Corporation, Dhaka.				
03		ng entity name	Managing Director, BFDC.				
04	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T	ng entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.				
05	Invitatio			Import of 35mm Sound Negative Film.			
06		n for Ref. No.		ort/2009-2010/1/Re/74/Re/79			
07	Dated		14/07/2010.				
08	Procure	ement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).				
09	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE	and source of fund	Revenue.				
10		package No.	1 No.				
11		package name	Import of 35mm Sound Negative Film.				
12		publication date	16/07/2010.		N.C.		
13		last selling date & time	12/08/2010 at 3.30pm.				
14		closing date & time	16/08/2010 at 12.00 noon.				
15		opening date & time	16/08/2010 at 12.30pm.				
16		& address of office(s)					
	i) Selling of tender documents		 Cash Counter of Accounts Section, BFDC, Tejgaon, Dhaka 1208. 				
	ii) Rece	iving of tender document	ii) Deputy Dire	ector (Procurement), BFDC,	Teigaon, Dhaka-1208		
	iii) Opening of tender document		iii) Deputy Director (Procurement), Bangladesh Film Development Corporation.				
17	Eligibility of tenderer		The tenderer/local agent should have: (a) Professional capability, technical qualification & personne reputation, experience, equipment, financial resources. (b) Agency certificate from the manufacturer to participate in the bid (original). (c) Registration from CCI & E and Bangladesh Bank. (d) Up-to-date trade license issued by municipal corporation/authentic authority of Bangladesh. (e) Up-to-date Income Tax GIR/TIN certificate & VAT registration (attested).				
18	Brief de	scription of goods					
19		f tender document (Tk.)	Tk. 1,500/- (one thousand five hundred) only.				
10	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months		
20	1 No.	Import of 35mm Sound Negative Film	BFDC, Tejgaon,	Tk. 1,60,000/- (one lac sixty thousand) only by	As per schedule		

Dhaka-1208 Bank Guarantee (BG)/Bank Draft from any schedule bank (except Uttara Bank). Name of official inviting tender S M Kaiser Hossain Mallick Designation of official inviting tender Deputy Director (Procurement). Address of official inviting tender Bangladesh Film Development Corporation, Tejgaon, Dhaka-

Tel: 8120204, Fax: 88029137280.

S M Kaiser Hossain Mallick Deputy Director (Procurement) On behalf of Managing Director of BFDC

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

Contact details of official inviting

GD-3137