

Indian court overturns Nestle noodle ban, orders new tests



A vendor works at a roadside Maggi noodles eatery in Ahmedabad, India.

AFP, Mumbai
An Indian court on Thursday overturned a government ban on Nestle's hugely popular Maggi noodles brand, but ordered further tests before the product can go back on sale.
The court backed Nestle's challenge against the nationwide ban ordered by India's food safety watchdog in June, calling it "arbitrary" and saying it violated the "principles of national justice".
Tests by some Indian states had found lead levels in the product exceeded statutory limits, but the Swiss food giant has always maintained it is safe to eat, and has continued to sell it in other countries.

"We have examined the evidence in great detail," Justice Vidyasagar Kanade told the high court in the western city of Mumbai.
"Since the petitioner Nestle has already agreed not to make and sell Maggi until the food authorities are satisfied, we see no reason to allow any relief to food authorities."
The court ordered Nestle to send samples for testing to three laboratories and said it would only be allowed to restart making and selling Maggi noodles in India if the results were satisfactory.
Nestle said it would comply with the order, and wanted to "get Maggi noodles back on the shelves as soon as possible".

Shares in Nestle India rose around six percent after the ruling, which came a day after India said it was seeking damages of nearly \$100 million from the company for "unfair trade practices".
The government filed a complaint with the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission seeking 6,400 million rupees in damages.
In response, Nestle said its noodles went through stringent testing at laboratories both in India and abroad.
"Each one of these tests have shown lead to be far below the permissible limits," it said.
The company also said it does not add monosodium glutamate (MSG) to its products, and

that the substance occurs naturally in many ingredients.

The government's food safety watchdog had said traces of MSG were detected in Maggi noodles and criticised the company for failing to include the substance in the list of ingredients.

Nestle has sold its Maggi noodles for over three decades in India, and had 80 percent of the country's instant noodle market before the ban.

It emerged as one of India's five most trusted brands in a consumer survey conducted last year and has been endorsed by celebrities including Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan.

According to Brand Finance, a consultancy firm, Maggi is set to lose over \$200 million (180 million euros) in brand value following the setback in India.

Maggi was previously valued at \$2.4 billion, Brand Finance said, adding that it had ranked the noodle manufacturer as the 23rd most valuable food brand in the world.

Nestle chief executive Paul Bulcke told AFP in June the brand was 100 percent safe, and he was working to get it back on Indian shelves "as soon as possible".

"One can have facts on one's side but it's the perception that counts," Bulcke said, explaining the company's decision to withdraw and destroy the product in India.



Marico Bangladesh Chairman Saugata Gupta presides over the company's 15th annual general meeting at Radisson Blu hotel in Dhaka yesterday. A final cash dividend of 50 percent was approved, preceded by an interim cash dividend of 375 percent for the year to March 31, 2015. Managing Director Aditya Shome and Independent Directors Rokia Afzal Rahman and Masud Khan were also present.

Eurozone given bridge loan option for Greece

AFP, Brussels

Eurozone finance ministers meeting Friday to approve a third Greek bailout will also have on the table a bridging loan option to allow Athens to meet a debt repayment if there is no accord, the European Commission said.

Greece must pay the European Central Bank some 3.4 billion euros on August 20 and is hoping the agreement on a new bailout will provide the funds.

Commission spokeswoman Annika Breidhardt said the third programme -- worth 85 billion euros over three years in return for sweeping austerity and reform measures -- had been presented to the Eurogroup for Friday's meeting.

The Economic and Financial Committee which groups all 28 EU members to help coordinate economic policy, had agreed to submit a document on a bridge loan as a contingency plan, Breidhardt told reporters.



Md Khalilur Rahman, managing director of National Housing Finance and Investments, and Shah Kamaluddin, a director at Concord Real Estate, attend the signing ceremony of a deal in Dhaka recently. Clients of the realtor will enjoy special customer service while taking home loans from the financier.



Salahuddin Abdullah, managing director of Remfry and Son, congratulates Sanaul Huq, chief executive of Mobil Jamuna Lubricants Bangladesh, with a Jamdani Uttorio as the latter became the new president of the Intellectual Property Association of Bangladesh, at an event at Radisson Blu hotel in Dhaka yesterday.



Shakib Al Hasan, national cricketer and brand ambassador of Runner Automobiles, opens an outlet of Runner Automobiles at Chandana Chowrasta in Gazipur recently. Hafizur Rahman Khan, chairman of Runner Group, and Shafiquzzaman, managing director, were also present.

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(স্থগিতকৃত লিখিত পরীক্ষার নতুন সময়সূচী)

আসগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিঃ (এপিএসসিএল)-এ শিক্ষানবিশ (কারিগরী) পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে ইতোপূর্বে নিধারিত পরীক্ষার তারিখ ৩১/০৭/২০১৫ এর পরিবর্তে নিম্নবর্ণিত তারিখ, সময় ও স্থানে লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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০১	শিক্ষানবিশ (কারিগরী)	২১/০৮/২০১৫ইং, শুক্রবার, সকাল: ১০:০০টা	বাণিজ্য অনুঘদ ভবন, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

লিখিত পরীক্ষার জন্য উপরোল্লিখিত সময়সূচী অনুযায়ী প্রার্থীদের বর্তমান ঠিকানায় প্রবেশপত্র প্রেরণ করা হয়েছে। তবে ১৬/০৮/২০১৫ তারিখের মধ্যে কেউ প্রবেশপত্র না পেলে ডুপ্লিকেট প্রবেশপত্র ১৭/০৮/২০১৫ তারিখ থেকে ১৯/০৮/২০১৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত (সকাল ০৯:০০টা থেকে বিকাল ০৪:০০টার মধ্যে) প্রশাসনিক ভবন, আসগঞ্জ পাওয়ার স্টেশন কোম্পানী লিঃ (এপিএসসিএল), আসগঞ্জ, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া থেকে অথবা ২০/০৮/২০১৫ তারিখে সকাল ০৯:০০টা থেকে বিকাল ০৪:০০টার মধ্যে নাজনা রহিম আরডেন্ট (লেভেল-০৮), ১৮৫, শহীদ নজরুল ইসলাম স্মরণী (পুরাতন ৩৯ কাকরাইল, বিজয়নগর), পল্টন, ঢাকা থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। পরীক্ষার্থীদের তালিকা এপিএসসিএল-এর ওয়েবসাইটে (www.apsc.com) দেখা যাবে।

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Sylhet Gas Fields Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)

INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

Tender no. SGFL/BGF/15-16/FP-2 Date:10-08-2015

1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources division.
2. Agency	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A company of Petrobangla).
3. Procuring entity name	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, (SGFL).
4. Procuring entity district	: Sylhet.
5. Invitation ref. no.	: SGFL/BGF/15-16/FP-2 dated 10-08-2015
6. Invitation for	: Tender for turn-key supply (including Customs clearing & Local transportation of materials from Chittagong port to job site) of one (1) Gas Engine Driven Generator set (Capacity: 280-300 KW) and its accessories including installation, tie-in, testing & commissioning at Beanibazar Gas Field, Beanibazar, Sylhet, Bangladesh.

KEY INFORMATION

7. Procurement method	: Open tender method (International Competitive Bidding), Single stage two envelope system. Tenderer are to submit simultaneously two (2) sealed envelope, one (1) containing the Technical Tender and the other one (1) containing the Financial Tender. The Technical Tender will be opened as per Sl. no. 14 & 15 of this tender notice and the Financial Tender of the technically responsive Tenderer will be opened later on.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8. Budget and source of funds	: Own source of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9. Project name	: N/A
10. Tender Publication date	: N/A
11. Tender last Selling date	: 05-10-2015
12. Place of Tender Selling	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, House-4/10, Iqbal Road, Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207.
13. Date & time of selling of tender document.	: The tender document will be available for sale from 18-08-2015 to 05-10-2015 during office hours on all working days.
14. Tender Closing date & time	: 06-10-2015 and 12-00 hrs (BST)
15. Tender Opening date & time	: 06-10-2015 and 12-15 hrs (BST)
16. Place of Tender receiving & opening	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, House-4/10, Iqbal Road, Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207.

If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and place.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17. Eligibility of Tenderer	: Reputed manufacturers/suppliers or their authorized agents from all countries except Israel with international experience in supplying similar materials as mentioned in the tender document are eligible to participate in the Tendering.
18. Brief description of Goods	: Gas Driven Generator Set (280-300 KW) and its accessories.
19. Price of Tender document	: Taka. 5,000.00 or US\$. 60.00 (non refundable)
20. Address of the official inviting tender	: Managing Director Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152, Bangladesh. Attention: Deputy General Manager (Procurement), Mobile: 01730006940, E-mail: dgmp@sgfl.org.bd
21. Special Instruction	: a) Tender must remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening of the tender. b) Tenderer shall furnish with the Tender (Technical tender) an acceptable tender security in the form of Bank Draft/ Pay Order or Bank Guarantee issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh or from any reputed foreign bank duly endorsed by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh with full obligation and liabilities amounting to Taka. 6,00,000.00 or USD 7,600.00 or EURO 6,700.00 or GBP 4,800.00. c) The tender security must remain valid for one hundred and eighteen (118) days from the date of opening of the tender. d) The scope of supply, terms of supply and information require to be furnished by the tenderers, etc. are included in the tender document. e) Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tender will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer. f) The Tender must not be submitted by Fax or E-mail. g) This tender notice will also be available at Petrobangla Website: www.petrobangla.org.bd and SGFL Website: www.sgfl.org.bd and CPTU Website: www.cptu.gov.bd
22. Sylhet Gas Fields Limited reserves the right to accept any, reject any or all tenders or annul the tendering process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the Tenderer(s).	