

Small, medium-sized British firms face £35.6b Brexit hit



A sign for pro-Brexit group Leave.eu is seen in their office in London, Britain.

REUTERS, London
Uncertainty surrounding Britain's vote on whether to stay in or leave the European Union has left small and medium-sized British companies facing a 35.6 billion pound currency risk, a report said on Wednesday.

The study of 730 British SMEs by international payments firm World First and pollsters YouGov showed that despite a 75 percent rise in sterling volatility during the first quarter SMEs only extended the length of their FX protection by 35 percent.

British SMEs often protect themselves against exchange-rate volatility by locking into longer-term forward contracts. The study shows a bucking of this trend due to fears of what may happen in the referendum.

"The uncertainty around the outcome of the EU referendum has hin-

dered SMEs' ability to plan ahead and this is typified by indecision amongst SMEs when it comes to managing their currency strategies," said Jeremy Cook, chief economist at World First.

"The fear is that by failing to hedge themselves much beyond June 23, many UK SMEs are putting themselves at the mercy of large currency swings which could be detrimental to their business and the wider economy."

The report also showed that 31 percent of firms were worried about the impact uncertainty could have on their business, 55 percent thought that sterling will remain be volatile in Q2 and 13 percent predicted it will be very volatile.

The euro zone is Britain's biggest trading partner and the euro was the most traded foreign currency amongst British SMEs, accounting for nearly half (49 percent) of all foreign currency trades.

Sterling volatility has soared as the vote draws closer, reflecting far greater anxiety in financial markets than that seen around the Scottish referendum in 2014.

The three-month implied volatility in sterling/dollar - used by investors and many companies to hedge currency exposure, and a gauge of how sharply the currency is expected to move - rose to 16 percent earlier this month, its highest since the May 2010 general election.



Ali Reza Iftakhar, managing director of Eastern Bank Ltd (EBL); Kamal S Quadir, CEO of bKash, and Selim RF Hussain, managing director of Brac Bank, attend the signing of a deal at a programme. The deal will help the corporate clients of EBL to disburse funds to the customers' beneficiaries and to collect payments through mobile financial services offered by bKash.

Germany confirms growth forecast

REUTERS, Berlin

The German government on Wednesday stuck to its economic growth forecast of 1.7 percent for this year, despite a slowdown in emerging markets, as strong domestic demand replaces exports as the main pillar of Europe's largest economy.

"Germany's economic upswing will continue this year and next," Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel said. "Our growth model has become more domestically driven."



Mahmoud Ezzat, Egyptian ambassador, shakes hands with Md Zahirul Alam Bhuiyan, CEO of Discovery Tours and Logistic, at an event to promote Egyptian tourism in Bangladesh.



From right, Shoeb Ahmed, chief operating officer of Rancon Motors Ltd, authorised general distributor of Mercedes-Benz in Bangladesh; Safayet Chowdhury, head of sales, and Khaan M Sakib Us Salehin, head of marketing, pose at the launch of the New GLC, an SUV, at an Experience Centre of Rancon Motors, in Dhaka on Tuesday.

RANCON MOTORS

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Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project-DoE Component
Department of Environment
E-16, Paribesh Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

Invitation for Tender (IFT)-Goods (Single Lot)

Memo No.:	Paribesh/Case/Furniture/G-7B/2016/176	Date:	18 April-2016
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment and Forests.	
2	Agency	Department of Environment (DoE).	
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project-DoE Component.	
4	Procuring entity code	45-4541-5030	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka	
6	Invitation for	Goods (Single Lot): Supply of Office Furniture with all Accessories for Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project.	
7	Invitation Ref No.	IFT Memo No.:	Paribesh/Case/Furniture/G-7B/2016/176
8	Date	18/04/2016	

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget & source of funds	Development Budget (IDA Credit No. 4581-BD).
11	Development partners (if applicable)	International Development Association (IDA).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	5030
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project.
14	Tender package No.	DoE-G-7B
15	Tender package name	Supply of Office Furniture with all Accessories for Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project.
16	Tender publication date	On or before 20-April-2016.
17	Tender last selling date	10-May-2016 during office hours.
18	Tender submission date and time	On or before 11-May-2016 at 3.00pm.
19	Tender opening date and time	11-May-2016 at 3.30pm. Tenderers and their representatives are allowed to attend.
20	Name & address of the offices:	
	(i) Name & address of the office selling tender document	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project, E/16, Paribesh Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207.
	(ii) Name & address of the office receiving tender document	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project, E/16, Paribesh Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	(iii) Name & address of the office opening tender document	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project, E/16, Paribesh Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Place: Office of the Project Director, CASE Project, E/16, Paribesh Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Date: 02-May-2016; Time: 11.00am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	As mentioned in the data sheet of tender document.			
23	Brief description of goods	Supply of Office Furniture with all Accessories for Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project.			
24	Brief description of related services	(i) Fitting-fixing of furnitures with all accessories as per direction of officer in-charge and (ii) After sales services facility including accessories for 1 (one) year.			
25	Price of tender document	BDT 1000.00 (Taka one thousand) only; in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay Order of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project.			
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
1	(Single Lot)	Supply of Office Furniture with all Accessories	Dhaka	BDT 25,000.00 (Bangladesh Taka twenty five thousand only)	4 weeks from the date of contract signing
27	Form of tender security	In the form of a Bank Draft/Pay Order/irrevocable Bank Guarantee of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project.			

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

28	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. S.M. Munjurul Hannan Khan.
29	Designation of the official inviting tender	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project-DoE Component.
30	Address of the official inviting tender	E/16, Paribesh Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
31	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: (880-02) 8181781; E-mail: munjurulhannan@gmail.com
32	The special instruction	i) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders. ii) The provisions laid down in the PPA-2006 & PPR 2008 shall be in strict compliance.

EU charges Google with abusing Android market dominance

REUTERS, Brussels

The European Union charged Google on Wednesday with abusing the dominant position of its Android mobile operating system, opening a second front against the US technology giant that could lead to large fines.

European Union antitrust regulators said that by requiring mobile phone manufacturers to pre-install Google Search and the Google Chrome browser, the US company was denying consumers a wider choice of mobile apps and stifling innovation.

Google is already facing EU charges over the promotion of its shopping service in Internet searches at the expense of rival services, in a case that has dragged on since late 2010 despite three attempts to resolve the issues.

The stakes are higher for Google in the Android case as it made about \$11 billion last year from advertising sales on Android phones through its apps such as Maps, Search and Gmail, according to estimates by financial analyst Richard Windsor.

"A competitive mobile Internet sector is increasingly important for consumers and businesses in Europe," European Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager said in a statement.

"We believe that Google's behaviour denies consumers a wider choice of mobile apps and services and stands in the way of innovation by other players," she said.

Internet Explorer-browser maker Microsoft Corp declined to comment.

Suppliers of browsers including Mozilla, which is behind Firefox, as well as Apple, with its Safari browser, and Norway's Opera Software were not immediately available to comment.

The European Commission said about 80 percent of smart mobile devices in Europe and the world run on Android, the operating system developed by Google.

Google, which has 12 weeks to respond to the charges, said in a statement that Android was a remarkable system based on open-source software and open innovation.

"We look forward to working with the European Commission to demonstrate that Android is good for competition and good for consumers," Google's general counsel Kent Walker said.

নোটিশ

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[আন্তর্জাতিক অপরাধ ট্রাইব্যুনাল-১) কার্যপ্রণালী বিধিমালা- ২০১০ এর ৩১ বিধি অনুসারে অভিযুক্ত ব্যক্তির ট্রাইব্যুনালে উপস্থিতির নির্দেশ সম্বলিত নোটিশ]

যেহেতু, অভিযুক্ত (১) আবু সালেহ মোহাম্মদ আব্দুল আজিজ মিয়া @ যোড়ামারা আজিজ (৬৫), পিতা-মৃত বানুজ আলী, মাতা- মৃত বিবিজান, সাং- চাচিয়া মিরগঞ্জ, থানা- সুন্দরগঞ্জ, বর্তমান- ডেভিড কোম্পানিপাড়া, থানা ও জেলা- গাইবান্ধা (২) মোঃ রুহুল আমিন @ মঞ্জু (৬১), পিতা- মৃত এসএমএ জব্বার, মাতা- মৃত মোসাঃ জামিলা খাতুন, সাং- ধর্মপুর, মাদারহাট, থানা- সুন্দরগঞ্জ, বর্তমান- মাস্টারপাড়া, পিড়িবি মোড়, থানা ও জেলা- গাইবান্ধা (৩) মোঃ আব্দুল লতিফ (৬১), পিতা- মৃত ফইম উদ্দিন বেপারী, মাতা- মৃত ময়জান @ মোমেনা বেগম, সাং- পাঁচগাছি শান্তিরাম, ওয়ার্ড-০৩, শান্তিরাম ইউ.পি, থানা- সুন্দরগঞ্জ, জেলা- গাইবান্ধা (৪) আবু মুসলিম মোহাম্মদ আলি (৫৯), পিতা-মৃত দাসিম উদ্দিন @ ছলিম উদ্দিন, মাতা- মাইজান বেগম, সাং- শান্তিরাম, বর্তমান- পূর্ব যিনিয়া, থানা- সুন্দরগঞ্জ, জেলা- গাইবান্ধা (৫) মোঃ নাজমুল হুদা (৬০), পিতা- মৃত রইস উদ্দিন সরকার, মাতা- মৃত জবেদা খাতুন, সাং- শান্তিরাম, থানা- সুন্দরগঞ্জ, জেলা- গাইবান্ধা, বর্তমান ঠিকানা- ৪৬, কাজীপাড়া রোড, ওয়ার্ড নং- ২, সাতাইশ, টঙ্গি, জেলা- গাজীপুর এবং (৬) মোঃ আব্দুর রহিম মিয়া (৬২), পিতা-মৃত সিদ্দিকুর রহমান, মাতা- মৃত আমেনা খাতুন @ সালেহা, সাং-পশ্চিম বেলকা (ধুমাইতরি মাদ্রাসার পূর্ব পাশে), ওয়ার্ড-৯, ইউ.পি- বেলকা, থানা- সুন্দরগঞ্জ, জেলা- গাইবান্ধা, বর্তমান ঠিকানা- হাউজ নং- ১০৬, বালুয়াডাঙ্গা, রোড নং- ২, থানা- কোতোয়ালী, জেলা- দিনাজপুর এর বিরুদ্ধে ট্রাইব্যুনালের চীফ প্রেসিডেন্ট কর্তৃক International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973 -এর 9(1) ধারায় দাখিলকৃত 'ফরমাল চার্জ' বিবেচনায় এই ট্রাইব্যুনাল উক্ত অভিযুক্ত ব্যক্তিগণের বিরুদ্ধে International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973 -এর 3(2) ধারায় বর্ণিত অপরাধসমূহ আমলে গ্রহণ করিয়াছেন এবং যেহেতু, এই ট্রাইব্যুনালের ইহা বিশ্বাস করিবার যুক্তিসঙ্গত কারণ রহিয়াছে যে, এই ট্রাইব্যুনাল কর্তৃক ট্রাইব্যুনালের কার্যপ্রণালী বিধিমালা ২২ বিধি অনুসারে উক্ত অভিযুক্ত ব্যক্তিগণের বিরুদ্ধে শ্রেফতারী পরওয়ানা জারী সত্ত্বেও পলাতক রহিয়াছেন বা শ্রেফতার এড়াইবার জন্য আত্মগোপন করিয়াছেন,

সেহেতু, এক্ষেপে, আন্তর্জাতিক অপরাধ ট্রাইব্যুনাল-১) কার্যপ্রণালী বিধিমালা ২০১০ -এর ৩১ বিধি অনুসারে অত্র নোটিশ প্রকাশের ০১ (এক) সপ্তাহের মধ্যে উল্লিখিত ব্যক্তিদেরকে এই ট্রাইব্যুনালে আত্মসমর্পন করিবার নির্দেশ দেওয়া গেল। অন্যথায় International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973 -এর 10A ধারা অনুসারে তাহার অনুপস্থিতিতে বিচার কার্য সম্পন্ন হইবে।

মাননীয় ট্রাইব্যুনাল-১ -এর নির্দেশ মোতাবেক অত্র ২০ এপ্রিল, ২০১৬ খ্রিঃ তারিখে আমার স্বাক্ষর ও সীলমোহর দেওয়া হইল।

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