



OMERA PETROLEUM

Members of the World LPG Association pose during their visit to the Ghorashal plant of Omera Petroleum Ltd on Tuesday as part of the fourth Asia LPG Summit.

# Asian factories pick up steam in shadow of protectionist threat

REUTERS, Hong Kong

Asian factories extended a global manufacturing revival as activity picked up steam in February, though the outlook for many of the region's export-reliant economies remained uncertain in the wake of U.S. President Donald Trump's protectionist stance.

Manufacturing surveys for Asia, including for its two biggest economies China and Japan, showed a broadly positive impulse for exports in a welcome sign for many of the companies tapped into the global supply chain.

"Encouragingly, the data indicated that the current upturn in demand remains broad-based across both domestic and international markets, while a further steep increase in purchasing activity raises the prospect of continued production growth in coming months," said Annabel Fiddes, economist at IHS Markit, referring to Taiwan's strong PMI reading.

Trump, however, remained the great unknown risk factor for Asia and the rest of the world.

In a key speech to Congress, the U.S. president outlined his plan for his first year in office that included healthcare and tax reforms, but he did not announce anything new on trade.

Trump's protectionist stance has rattled global markets, with policymakers and investors remaining on edge until

they see more clarity, and specific details, on U.S. economic policies.

Authorities in China, whom Trump last week labeled the "champions of currency manipulation", can take comfort from a private survey showing factory activity expanded for an eighth consecutive month thanks to a pick up in export orders.

Zhou Hao, an economist at Commerzbank expects "bubble deflating" will remain a key theme at the upcoming National Congress, underscoring challenges for policymakers in China as an explosive rise in debt in recent years has stoked speculative asset bubbles.

That explains why Beijing plans to slightly lower its target for broad money supply growth to 12 percent, as authorities adopts a modest tightening bias in a bid to cool strong credit growth. It raised interest rates on a key funding tool in January.

India also benefited from a rebound in global demand with activity expanding for a second month, not entirely surprising given data a day earlier showed annual growth expanded 7 percent, though the strong number raised scepticism among economists on the quality of the figures.

Of greater concern was the rate of increase in output prices, as a sub-index measuring costs paid by customers grew at its fastest pace in nearly three and a half years in a sign of rising inflationary pressures.

The encouraging factory activity in Asia should also be squared off against rising interest rates in the United States, where any tempering in activity could prove detrimental to some of the region's globe-trotting manufacturers.

A handful of Federal Reserve policymakers on Tuesday jolted markets into higher expectations for a March U.S. interest rate increase, with comments that suggested rate-setters were worried about waiting too long in the face of pending economic stimulus from Washington.

Similar surveys later in the day are expected to show solid growth in manufacturing in Europe and the United States.

China's exports, which have lagged its regional counterparts in recent months, showed signs of a pickup with the Caixin PMI sub-index for new export orders rising to 53.8, the highest rate of growth since September 2014.

That bounce in new orders was echoed in South Korea where exports grew at their fastest pace in five years supported by a pickup in global demand and from China.

The trade ministry said exports to China, South Korea's biggest customer, rose for a fourth straight month while semiconductor exports posted their best monthly performance on record, riding on a months-long rally in electronics.



PICARD BANGLADESH

Md Saiful Islam, managing director of Picard Bangladesh Ltd, receives the CIP (commercially important person) card for export for 2013 from Tofail Ahmed, commerce minister, at a programme organised by the commerce ministry.



AMAN FEED

Aman Feed Chairman Rafiqul Islam receives the CIP (commercially important person) card for 2013 in export category from Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed at a programme organised by the commerce ministry.



PARAMOUNT TEXTILE

Paramount Textile Ltd's Director AHM Abdur Rahman shakes hands with Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed at a programme after receiving the CIP (commercially important person) card for 2013 on behalf of Paramount's Managing Director Shakhawat Hossain for the latter's contribution to the national exports.

## Oil drops for second day

REUTERS, Singapore

Crude oil lost more ground on Wednesday with rising US oil output adding pressure on the market, although OPEC production cuts continued to offer support.

Investors in the oil market are awaiting weekly inventories data from the US Energy Information Administration due at 1530 GMT on Wednesday.

West Texas Intermediate crude futures lost 15 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$53.86 a barrel by 0723 GMT, and Brent crude gave up 13 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$56.38.

"Signs that the US shale industry is recovering weighed on the market," ANZ said in a report.

US crude stockpiles have risen for seven straight weeks. Forecasts for another build last week, this time of 3.1 million barrels, have fueled worries that demand growth may not be sufficient to soak up the global crude oil glut.

US stockpiles rose 2.5 million barrels in the week ended Feb. 24, according to a report from trade group the American Petroleum Institute. Gasoline stockpiles rose unexpectedly and distillate stockpiles fell more than expected, the API said. Crude declined slightly on the report.

The market rose earlier in the session as a speech by US President Donald Trump offered little on plans by his administration to boost US oil production.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Police  
Police Headquarters, Dhaka

Memo No. 44.01.0000.024.01.042.17/535

Date: 27 February 2017

### Corrigendum of International Tender Notice

Invitation for International Tender published in different national dailies as per Memo No. 44.01.0000.024.01.042.16/173 Date: 19 January 2017 is hereby amended only for Purchase of Goods (Vehicles for Bangladesh Police) as follows:

Sl No.	Description	Published	Revised
11	Tender selling last date	08 March 2017	02 April 2017
12	Tender closing date and time	09 March 2017 at 12:00noon	03 April 2017 at 12:00noon
13	Tender opening date and time	09 March 2017 at 12:30pm	03 April 2017 at 12:30pm

Other terms and conditions shall remain as before.

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### Invitation for Tenders

For Procurement of White Printing Paper & Art Card

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB).
3	Procuring entity name	Secretary, National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB).
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of 21,500 (twenty-one thousand five hundred) Metric Tons of White Printing Paper (Size: Sheet 20"x30" GSM 60±2%) in 22 (twenty-two) lots and procurement of 2,200 (two thousand two hundred) Metric Tons of Art Card (Size: 21"x31", GSM 230±2%) in 03 (three) lots as stated below: i) 1,000 (one thousand) Metric Tons of White Printing Paper for each lot # (01 to 21); ii) 500 (five hundred) Metric Tons of White Printing Paper for lot # (22); iii) 750 (seven hundred fifty) Metric Tons of Art Card for each lot # (23 to 24); iv) 700 (seven hundred) Metric Tons of Art Card for lot # (25); ➤ A tenderer may submit tender for 01 (one) lot or more than 01 (one) lot. ➤ A tenderer may submit tender for 01 (one) lot or more than 01 (one) lot tenderer must use separate Tender Submission Letter (Form PG3-1) & Price Schedule for each lot. ➤ Technical Specifications of Paper shall be as per Section 7 of Tender Document. * More details described in the tender schedule.
7	Invitation Ref No.	IFT No: NCTB/Papu/Bha/ka/352/2016/29;
8	Date	27/02/2017

#### KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement method National Open Tendering Method (OTM).

#### FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and source of funds GoB

#### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Tender publication date	28/02/2017
12	Tender last selling date	27/03/2017 within office hours.
13	Tender closing date and time	28/03/2017 at 02.00pm.
14	Tender opening date and time	28/03/2017 at 03.00pm.
15	Name & address of the office(s):	(1) Secretary, National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB), Room No. 508 (4th Floor), 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 (Phone-02-9565644, Fax-02-9565724). (2) Senior Stores Officer, National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB), Room No-310 (2nd Floor), 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 (Phone-02-9561653, Fax-02-9565724). (3) Deputy Secretary (Section-10), Ministry of Education (MOE), Room # 1806, Building # 6, Bangladesh Sachibalaya, Dhaka-1000 (Phone-02-7162484, Fax-02-7167577).
	(a) Selling tender document (principal)	(1) Secretary, National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB), Bangladesh, 4th Floor (Room No-508), 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
	(b) Selling tender document (others)	(3) Deputy Secretary (Section-10), Ministry of Education (MOE), Room # 1806, Building # 6, Bangladesh Sachibalaya, Dhaka-1000 (Phone-02-7162484, Fax-02-7167577).
	No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents	
	(c) Receiving tender document	Secretary, National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB), Bangladesh, 4th Floor (Room No-508), 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
	(d) Opening tender document	National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB), Bangladesh (Conference Room-1st Floor), 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 on 28/03/2017 at 03.00pm.

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

16	Eligibility of tenderer	i) Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract. ii) Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions under the provisions of laws and regulations of the country of its origin. iii) The minimum of years of general experience of the tenderer in the supply of goods and related services as supplier shall be 03 (three) years. iv) The minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of similar goods of at least 02 (two) contract(s) successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, each with a value of at least Tk. 6,00,00,000 (six crore) for each lot # (01 to 21), Tk. 3,00,00,000 (three crore) for lot # (22) and Tk. 8,00,00,000 (eight crore) for each lot # (23 to 25). v) The minimum supply and/or production capacity of goods is/are: 7,000 M. Tons for each lot # (01 to 21), 3,500 M. Tons for lot # (22) and 3,000 M. Tons for each lot # (23 to 25) supply and/or production capacity per year. vi) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk. 6,50,00,000.00 (Taka six crore fifty lac) for each lot # (01 to 21), Tk. 3,25,00,000.00 (three crore twenty-five lac) for lot # (22) and Tk 6,00,00,000.00 (six crore) for each lot # (23 to 25) of the total value of the proposed contract. ➤ All the documents shall be mentioned in an index attached as a top sheet. ➤ More details described in the tender document.
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17	Brief description of goods	As stated at serial number 6 above.
18	Brief description of related services	Insurance, Transportation, Loading, Unloading, Stacking of Goods and Packing Materials from the Warehouses of the Manufacturer/Supplier to NCTB's Warehouses at Tejgaon and/or Tongi.
19	Price of tender document	A complete set of tender documents in English Language may be purchased by interested tenderers on the submission of written application along with a non-refundable Pay Order or Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh for Tk 2,000/- (Taka two thousand) only in favour of Secretary, National Curriculum and Textbook Board, Dhaka. If a tenderer intends to participate in more than one lot it will have to purchase as many number of tender documents for as many lots as it requires to participate.
20	Identification of lot	Tender security Completion time Location
	for each lot # 01 to 21	BDT 20,00,000/- Delivery has to be completed in 02 phases: 1st Phase: At least 40% (forty percent) delivery shall complete within 6 (six) weeks from the date of contract signature. From the supplier's/manufacturer's warehouses to the NCTB's warehouse at Tejgaon and/or Tongi.
	for lot # 22	BDT 10,00,000/- 2nd Phase: Rest quantity shall complete not exceeding 10 (ten) weeks from the date of contract signature.
	for each lot # 23 to 25	BDT 17,00,000/- Delivery has to be completed in 02 phases: 1st Phase: At least 40% (forty percent) delivery shall complete within 10 (ten) weeks from the date of contract signature. 2nd Phase: Rest quantity shall complete not exceeding 13 (thirteen) weeks from the date of contract signature.

#### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

21	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Imrul Hassan.
22	Designation of official inviting tender	Secretary.
23	Address of official inviting tender	Secretary, NCTB, 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
24	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No: 02-9565644, Fax No: 02-9565724
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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Md. Imrul Hasan  
Secretary  
National Curriculum & Textbook Board, Bangladesh