



COCA-COLA ZERO

Shamima Akter, director for public affairs and communication at International Beverages Private Ltd, and Moasser Ahmed, country marketing manager for Coca-Cola Bangladesh Ltd, attend a press conference at Golden Tulip-The Grandmark Dhaka on Tuesday, to announce the start of "Coca-Cola Zero Presents Foodiez Dhaka Restaurant Week 2017" from today at 30 restaurants in Dhaka.

EU hammers Amazon, Apple over taxes

AFP, Brussels

The EU turned the screw on US tech giants Wednesday, ordering Amazon to repay Luxembourg 250 million euros in back taxes and taking Ireland to court for failing to collect billions from Apple.

Europe's competition chief Margrethe Vestager accused tiny Luxembourg of an illegal deal with internet shopping giant Amazon to pay less tax than other businesses.

The two cases are part of a wider offensive by the EU on Silicon Valley behemoths as Europe seeks ways to regulate them more tightly on issues ranging from privacy to taxation.

"Luxembourg gave illegal tax benefits to Amazon. As a result, almost three quarters of Amazon's profits were not taxed," Vestager said in a statement.

The tax demand comes a year after the hard-charging Vestager ordered tech icon Apple to repay 13 billion euros (\$14.5 billion) in back-taxes to Ireland in a decision that shocked the world.

In a sign that it was not letting up, the EU on Wednesday referred Ireland to the EU's highest court for failing to collect the bill. "The European Commission has decided to refer Ireland to the European Court of Justice for failing to recover from Apple illegal state aid," the EU's anti-trust regulator said in a statement.

Vestager's announcement comes days after the EU said at a special digital summit that it was drawing up a special tax targeting Google and Facebook, a policy championed by French President Emmanuel Macron.

Vestager denied that the cases singled out tech giants from the US.

"It's not about the nationality of the companies. I take it very seriously. No bias, no matter your flag," she said. Ireland said the referral to the EU court was "extremely disappointing", calling the decision "wholly unnecessary". For its part, Amazon sharply rejected the allegations, arguing that it employs 1,500 people in Luxembourg and that its business

remains unprofitable in Europe.

"We believe that Amazon did not receive any special treatment from Luxembourg and that we paid tax in full accordance with both Luxembourg and international tax law," it said in a statement, adding that it would study its legal options.

Launched in 2014, the European Commission's probe into Amazon's deals with Luxembourg was part of several investigations into sweetheart tax arrangements between major companies and several EU countries.

The Amazon case hinges on the belief that a tax deal between Luxembourg and Amazon in 2003 constituted illegal "state aid", giving the company an unfair advantage over competitors.

The arrangement, which has since been discontinued, "enabled Amazon to shift the vast majority of its profits from an Amazon group company that is subject to tax in Luxembourg to a company which is not subject to tax."

Oppo cleared to open own stores in India

REUTERS, Mumbai

India has approved smartphones maker Oppo's request to open single-brand retail stores in the country, paving the way for the Chinese firm to sell directly to consumers and add to its existing wholesale business.

The move would help Oppo expand its reach in the world's third-largest smartphones market, where global giants such as Apple Inc have been trying to gain a foothold.

The Foreign Investment Promotion Board approved Oppo Mobiles India Pvt Ltd's request on Tuesday, according to a notice on the department's website.

The government also approved luxury goods retailer Louis Vuitton's application to open its own stores in India.

India allows foreign firms to sell directly to consumers through the so-called 'single-brand retail' route, but companies need to source 30 percent of the products locally. India moved to partially relax those conditions in 2016, exempting foreign retailers for three years from the 30 percent local sourcing rule in a bid to attract more investment.

Japan's economy sees output exceed capacity the most in 9yrs

REUTERS, Tokyo

Japan's economy saw output exceed full capacity by the most in nine years in the April-June quarter, a Bank of Japan estimate showed, a positive sign for the central bank as it seeks to accelerate inflation to its elusive 2 percent target.

The output gap, which measures the difference between an economy's actual and potential output, stood at plus 1.22 percent in April-June, staying in positive territory for the third straight quarter, the BOJ estimate showed on Wednesday.

The positive output gap exceeded 1 percent for the first time since January-March 2008 - months before the collapse of Lehman Brothers triggered a global

financial crisis. The outcome backs up the BOJ's view that Japan's economy is gathering enough momentum for inflation to accelerate toward its 2 percent target, and justifies it from keeping policy steady.

But some studies show there can be a lag between achieving a sustained positive output gap and an actual business response, such as a boost in investment and a pick-up in inflation. "We've seen a dramatic improvement in Japan's economy," BOJ Deputy Governor Hiroshi Nakaso told Asahi newspaper in an interview.

"Corporate profits are at record-high levels, the job market is near full employment and wages are rising, albeit moderately. Monetary policy has made huge contributions," he said.



SCAN CEMENT

Syed Abu Abed Safer, director for marketing and sales at Heidelberg Cement Bangladesh Ltd, attends a programme, "Scan Cement Bajimat 2017", organised by the dealers of Scan Cement, a brand of Heidelberg Cement Bangladesh, with its retail partners at International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka. More than 2,100 dealers and retailers of Scan Cement were present at the event.

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Office of the Principal
Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology (BIMT)
Narayanganj-1410

Invitation for Tenders

IFT Ref. No: BIMT/STEP-SHORT/GD-06.07 & 10/2017

Date: 03.10.2017

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	Directorate of Technical Education (DTE).
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology (BIMT), Narayanganj.
4	Procuring entity district	Narayanganj.
5	Invitation for	Tender, Goods.
6	Invitation Ref No.	BIMT/STEP-SHORT/GD-06,07&10/2017
7	Date	03.10.2017

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)/National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and source of funds	International Development Association (IDA).
10	Development partners	IDA (World Bank).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Project/program code	5-2551-5030
12	Project/program name	Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP).
13	Tender package No.	GD-06, GD-07 & GD-10
14	Tender package name	GD-06: Supply of Safety & Fire Fighting Equipment GD-07: Supply and Installation of Hydraulic pipe bending machine & Automatic pipe threading machine GD-10: Supply and Installation of Monitoring and Backup Power system
15	Tender last selling date	18.10.2017 up to 4:00pm
16	Tender closing date and time	19.10.2017; 12:00 noon
17	Tender opening date and time	19.10.2017; 12:30pm
18	Name & address of the office(s)	
18.1	Selling tender document	1. Office of the Principal, Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology (BIMT), Narayanganj. 2. Director (Training Operation), 6 th Floor, BMET, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.
18.2	Receiving & opening tender document	Conference Room, 1 st floor, Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET), 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.
19	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Conference Room, Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology, Bondar, Narayanganj. 12/10/2017, 11.00am.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

20	Qualification criteria	(a) The tenderers should be the manufacturer/distributor/sole agent of the equipment and machineries. In case of distributors/sole agent manufacturers authorization letter should be submitted. (b) The tenderers shall have minimum of 5 years of overall experience in the supply of equipment and machineries and related services. (c) The tenderers shall have experience of satisfactory completion of supply of equipments and machineries of minimum for GD-6: BDT 7.00 lac, for GD-7: BDT 14.00 lac & for GD-10: BDT 25.00 lac under 01 contract in the last 5 years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. (d) The tenderers should have liquid asset for GD-6: BDT 8.00 lac, For GD-7: BDT 16.00 lac & for GD-10: BDT 30.00 lac. (e) Others (as mentioned in the Tender Document).
21	Brief description of goods	GD-06: Supply of Safety & Fire Fighting Equipment GD-07: Supply and Installation of Hydraulic pipe bending machine & Automatic pipe threading machine GD-10: Supply and Installation of Monitoring and Backup Power system.
22	Brief description of related services	As mentioned in tender document.
23	Price of tender document	BDT 1,000.00 (for each package).

Package No.	Package name	Location	Tender security amount (BDT)	Completion time (from the date of contract signing)
GD-06	Supply of Safety & Fire Fighting Equipments	BIMT, Narayanganj	25,000/-	06 (six)
GD-07	Supply and Installation of Hydraulic pipe bending machine & Automatic pipe threading machine	BIMT, Narayanganj	50,000/-	08 (eight)
GD-10	Supply and Installation of Monitoring and Backup Power system	BIMT, Narayanganj	1,00,000/-	08 (eight)

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

25-28	Name, designation, address and contact details of official inviting tender	Mst. Sharifa Sultana, Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology (BIMT), Narayanganj. Telephone: 88-02-7661119; E-mail: principalbimstep@gmail.com
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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Invitation for Tenders

IFT Ref. No: BIMT/STEP-LONG/GD-18/2017

Date: 03/10/2017

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	Directorate of Technical Education (DTE).
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology (BIMT), Narayanganj.
4	Procuring entity district	Narayanganj.
5	Invitation for	Tender, Goods (Single Lot).
6	Invitation Ref No.	BIMT/STEP-LONG/GD-18/2017
7	Date	03/10/2017

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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Project/program code	5-2551-5030
12	Project / program name	Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP).
13	Tender package No.	BIMT/STEP-LONG/GD-18
14	Tender package name	Supply and Installation of Diesel Engine & Propeller for Marine Lab & Workshop.
15	Tender last selling date	18/10/2017 up to 4:00pm.
16	Tender closing date and time	19/10/2017; 12:00 noon.
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20	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) The tenderers should be the manufacturers/distributors/sole agent of equipment and machineries. In case of distributors/sole agent manufacturers authorization letter should be submitted. (b) Shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of equipments and machineries and related services. (c) Shall have experience of satisfactory completion of supply of equipments and machineries of minimum BDT 50.00 lac (fifty lac) only under 01 contract in the last 5 years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. (d) Shall have the minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility of BDT 55.00 lac (fifty five lac) only (e) Others (as mentioned in the Tender Document).
21	Brief description of goods	Supply and Installation of Diesel Engine & Propeller for Marine Lab & Workshop.
22	Brief description of related services	After sale services including spare parts.
23	Price of tender document	BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand) only.

Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (BDT)	Completion time from the date of contract signing (weeks)
GD-18	Supply and Installation of Diesel Engine & Propeller for Marine Lab & Workshop	BIMT, Narayanganj	1,70,000/-	08 (eight)

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