



Graham Allan, chairman of Bata Group, opens Bata's sneaker store, B-Sneakers, on Gulshan Avenue in Dhaka last week. Rajeev Gopalakrishnan, president of Bata Asia Pacific, and Chitpan Kanhasiri, managing director of Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Ltd, were present.



Md Mahub ul Alam, CEO of Islami Bank Bangladesh, speaks at the Australia Bangladesh Trade Conference on "Trade Facilitation and Procedures" organised by the Australia-Bangladesh Business Council in Sydney recently.



Talukder Abdul Khaleque, mayor of the Khulna City Corporation, and Mohammed Haider Ali Miah, CEO of Exim Bank, open the bank's 126th branch at Mongla in Bagerhat yesterday.

Aramco declares \$1.71tr valuation in blockbuster IPO

AFP, Riyadh

Saudi Arabia on Sunday put a value of up to \$1.71 trillion on energy giant Aramco in what could be the world's biggest IPO, but missed Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's initial target of \$2 trillion.

Aramco said it would sell 1.5 percent of the company in a blockbuster initial public offering worth \$24-25.6 billion, scaling down Saudi Arabia's initial plan to sell up to five percent of the firm.

"The base offer size will be 1.5 percent of the company's outstanding shares," the state-owned energy giant said as it began taking bids from investors in a price range of 30-32 Saudi riyals per share (\$8-8.5).

The much-delayed offering, a cornerstone of Prince Mohammed's ambitious plan to diversify the oil-reliant economy, rivals the world's biggest listing -- the \$25 billion float of Chinese retail giant Alibaba in 2014.

Aramco had initially been expected to list on two exchanges, with a first flotation of two percent on the kingdom's Tadawul bourse, followed by a further three percent on an overseas exchange.

But the firm has said there are no current plans for an international stock sale, indicating that the long-discussed goal has been shelved for the time being.

The IPO has been dogged by delays since the idea was first announced

in 2016, with Prince Mohammed's desired valuation of \$2 trillion meeting with scepticism from investors and analysts.

"(The) first impression is that (the) price is a sensible compromise and that it will sell," Tarek Fadlallah, chief executive officer of the Middle East unit of Nomura Asset Management, said on Twitter.

If priced at the top end of the range, it could eclipse Alibaba to become the world's biggest IPO, Fadlallah added.

Saudi Arabia is pulling out all the stops to ensure the success of the IPO, a crucial part of de facto ruler Prince Mohammed's plan to wean the economy away from oil by pumping funds into megaprojects and non-energy industries.

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
for

Operation and Management (O&M) of existing modern real time web based on-line centralized toll collection and weigh scales system with web based monitoring and related services of Meghna and Meghna-Gomti Bridges at 42nd and 43rd Km of Dhaka-Chattagram National Highway (N-1) under Road Division, Narayangonj for 03(Three) Years.

Ministry Division	: Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, Road Transport & Highway Division
Agency	: Roads and Highways Department
Procuring Entity	: Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Dhaka Zone, Allenbari, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
Procuring Entity District	: Dhaka
EOI for Selection of Operation & Management (O&M) Operator	: Time Based Contract
Title and scope of Services	: Title : Operation and Management (O&M) of existing modern real time web based on-line centralized toll collection and weigh scales system with web based monitoring and related services of Meghna and Meghna-Gomti Bridges at 42nd and 43rd Km of Dhaka-Chattagram National Highway (N-1) under Road Division, Narayangonj for 03(Three) Years. Major Scope of Services: a. Operation and Management (O&M) of Real - Time On-Line (web-based) Centralized Toll Management System, multi-station toll monitoring system using Oracle 11g/12c database connected with BRTA vehicle database for automated vehicle classification which can be monitored (all transaction including transaction amount and vehicle footage) Real-Time from Toll Plaza; b. RFID based pre-paid toll smart cards and wind shield tags to enable "Touch-and-Go" and "Fast Track" Toll Collection System at Two Toll Plaza of Meghna Bridge and Meghna-Gomti Bridge. c. Beautification and maintenance of both Toll Plazas including Toll Operators and Administrative Staffs Accommodation, Security Staffs Accommodation, barracks, VIP guest rooms, cleanliness, lightings and other related tasks as and when required.
EOI Ref No.	: DZ-02/EOI/Toll (Meghna and Meghna-Gomti Bridges)/2019-2020
Date	: 17-11-2019
Procurement Method	: Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
Source of Fund	: GoB
EOI Closing / Submission Date & Time	: With all supporting documents, the EOI must be delivered at or before 3.00 PM on 17-12-2019 in sealed envelopes.
EOI Submission Place	: Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Dhaka Zone, Allenbari, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
Brief Description of Assignment and Project	: Scope of service includes but not limited to the following: 1. Operation & Maintenance of existing modern real time web based on-line centralized toll collection and weigh scales system using Oracle 11g/12c database connected with BRTA vehicle database for automatic vehicle classification which can be monitored (all transaction including transaction amount and vehicle footage) Real-Time simultaneously from Toll Plaza, RHD Head Office and Road Transport and Highways Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges for next 3 (Three) years and any subsequent renewal period thereof in accordance to the allowed provisions under PPR 2008 and PPA 2006; 2. The above system should be fully operational and functional for all the time (24/7) within the contract period; 3. RFID based pre-paid toll smart cards and wind shield tags to enable "Touch-and-Go" and "Fast Track" Toll Collection System at Two Toll Plaza of Meghna Bridge and Meghna-Gomti Bridge; 4. This system should facilitate for the RHD to monitor collection and deposition of daily collected amount at RHD head quarter and Site Offices simultaneously; 5. An effective and efficient gate-way shall be developed by the service provider so that all information remains available both at service provider's site and RHD's site;

Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required

- RHD shall provide Toll Booth and space for Bank Booth/Bank Authorized Agent Booth to deposit the Toll;
- Ensure total backup support and supply of necessary equipment from ready stock for smooth operation of toll management and collection system for 24/7 basis;
- Service Provider shall provide daily account statement of Toll Collected accompanied by a summary statement and compiled statements of Collected Toll on monthly basis to respective RHD site Office and Head Office;
- Beautification and maintenance of both Toll Plazas including Toll Operators and Administrative Staffs Accommodation, Security Staffs Accommodation, barracks, VIP guest rooms, cleanliness, lightings and other related tasks as and when required;
- Technology Transfer.

- Background of the firm(s) with general experience and overall experience including company's brochure;
- Experience of the Firm's in similar assignment as follows: Completed during the last 10 (ten) years Project.
 - Experience in Operation & Management of real time web based on-line centralized toll collection system of highway / expressway / bridge / flyover / railway completed over a period of last 10 (ten) years Project.
 - Experience in Operation & Management of real time web based on-line centralized toll collection of weigh station system over a period of last 10 (ten) years Project.
- Availability of the appropriate skilled staff (list of relevant professional staff including their qualification & experience in similar nature of works) and availability of the resources & demonstration capacity to carry out such assignment;
- Financial capability & administrative/Managerial strength:
 - Average annual turnover shall be greater than BDT 10 crore of the best 03 (three) years in the last 5 (five) years including audit report;
 - The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities shall BDT 5.00 crore;
 - Company's incorporation certificate, Trade license, VAT registration certificate, IT certificate and administrative / managerial structure with company's organogram with list of staff, Membership Certificate from Bangladesh Association of Software and Information System (BASIS) or ISO certification in software development and maintenance or at least CMMi Level 3 certification in software development and maintenance or incorporate equivalent membership of similar certificate in that line.

N.B- All Certificate shall be issued by concerned authority.
Submission of EOI shall be in closed format mentioning the name and address of the applicant, EOI no. & date and be addressed to the EOI issuing Authority in 2(Two) copies: 01(One) marked as "ORIGINAL" and other as "COPY" in separate envelope in the form of book binding. Both the "ORIGINAL" and "COPY" shall have to cover within a single envelope. The applicant shall mention the page no. serially in every page of submitted EOI document.

Association with other local/foreign firm

- Interested firms may associate with other firms (Local or Foreign) to enhance their qualifications but should mention whether the association in the form of "Joint Venture" or "Sub-Consultancy". In case of association all member of such "association" should have real and well defined input of assignment.
- In case of Joint Venture; lead Partner must have the experience in Operation & Management of real time web based on-line centralized toll collection system of highway / expressway / bridge / flyover / railway completed over a period of last 10 (ten) years.
- In addition to the above the JV shall have to comply with the experience mentioned in "Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity required" collectively.

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Designation of Official Inviting EOI	: Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Dhaka Zone, Allenbari, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
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The client shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the firm(s) in connection with the preparation of delivery of the EOI.

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI's without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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