



A Rouf Chowdhury, chairman of Bank Asia Securities, signs 2020's audited financial statement prior to its 10th annual general meeting at Bank Asia Tower in Dhaka. Directors Romana Rouf Chowdhury, Md Abul Quasem, Md Arfan Ali, M Shahjahan Mina and Mohammad Ibrahim Khalil, CEO Sumon Das, Company Secretary Md Anisul Alam Sarker and Head of Finance Nahid Raza were present.



Standard Bank Managing Director Khondoker Rashed Maqsood and NDE Group Chairman Imran Mustafiz exchange documents after signing a deal on Sunday facilitating an investment of Tk 530 crore.

Eastern Refinery Limited
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
North Patenga, P.O. Box No. 35
Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh

Invitation for Enlistment of Pharmaceuticals Company for Medicine Supply

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
3. Procuring entity name	Eastern Refinery Limited.
4. Procuring entity district	Chattogram.
5. Invitation for	Enlistment.
6. Invitation Ref No.	ER/PUR/IFE-02/2021
7. Date	21 March, 2021

KEY INFORMATION

8. Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9. Application closing date and time	12 April 2021, 14:30 Hrs.
10. Application opening date and time	12 April 2021, 15:00 Hrs.
11. Application document selling address	1) Accounts Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram. 2) Dhaka Liaison Office, Eastern Refinery Limited, YMCA Building, 1/1, Pioneer Road, Kakrai, Dhaka.
12. Application receiving address	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram.
13. Application opening address	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

14. Eligibility of applicant	As per tender document.
15. Price of application form (Tk)	500.00
16. Enlistment fee (Tk)	5000.00

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

17. Name of official inviting application	Md. Tariq Hossain.
18. Designation of official inviting application	Manager (Purchase).
19. Address of official inviting application	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.
20. Contact details of official inviting application	Mobile: 01321149079 Email: managerlp2018@gmail.com; managerlp@erl.com.bd
21. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all applications.	

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US economists see Fed hiking lending rate sooner than expected

AFP, Washington

The Federal Reserve has vowed it won't raise its benchmark lending rate anytime soon, but US economists in a survey released Monday believe the central bank could be forced to enact a hike as soon as next year.

The National Association for Business Economics (NABE) reported 46 percent of participants surveyed see the central

bank's policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) raising its lending rate in 2022, while 28 per cent think they'll up it in 2023.

Only 12 per cent think the rate will be changed after that year, despite most officials at the conclusion of the FOMC's two-day meeting last week saying that they don't expect to raise it though at least 2023.

The NABE survey is the latest sign of rising

expectations for inflation, after Congress rolled out massive stimulus measures over the past year to keep the world's largest economy afloat as Covid-19 disrupted business.

President Joe Biden earlier this month signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, which was the third major relief measure passed during the pandemic and drew protests from some economists who said it could overstimulate the economy and drive up prices.

Beacon may ship \$5m pharma products to Syria

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The other major export destinations are Myanmar (\$1.3 million), Nepal (\$0.8 million), Afghanistan (\$0.7 million), and the US (\$0.6 million), data from the Export Promotion Bureau shows.

The local pharmaceuticals sector earned \$135.79 million from exports during the last fiscal year, when shipments witnessed a 4.49 per cent year-on-year growth.

Earlier, a technical team of the government of Syria inspected Beacon Pharmaceutical's plant on March 8. They expressed all-round satisfaction on the company's overall operations in manufacturing drugs by maintaining the GMP.

With a market size of around \$90 million Syria has become a market of choice for Bangladeshi pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Monjurul Alam, Beacon's director for global business, said the visiting team was highly satisfied after inspecting the company's manufacturing facilities.

He also disclosed the Syrian government's eagerness to import medicine for treating Covid-19 patients and cancer survivors.

"We have the potential to increase exports to \$10 million within one year by grabbing around 12 per cent of the pharmaceuticals market in Syria," Alam said.

Local players dominate Bangladesh's pharmaceutical industry. Square Pharmaceuticals leads the pack with an 18.8 per cent share followed by Incepta at 10.2 per cent, Beximco 8.5 per cent, Opsonin 5.6 per cent, Renata 5.1 per cent and Eskayef 4.5 per cent, according to the Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI).

Beacon will sign a deal with Syrian suppliers who will supply products to the country's hospitals by next June.

Alam said they will make an announcement to the capital market in this regard after completing all official formalities.

BAPI Secretary General SM Shafuazzaman, also managing director of Hudson Pharmaceuticals, said this development is good news for the local pharmaceuticals sector.

He also said it was a thing of pride for the country that Beacon will soon make the single highest export of pharmaceutical products.

"This order proves that Bangladeshi pharmaceuticals has achieved quality and is winning over the global market," Shafuazzaman said.

According to him, the local pharmaceutical sector is capable of manufacturing any kind of high-end drug.

An official of the Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) said they are aware of Beacon's export to Syria and the company is capable of providing quality products.

Aside from Beacon, a number local drug makers have adopted modern technology and infrastructure with skilled manpower.

"The DGDA is ready to help the pharmaceutical companies secure export permission certificates within 25 hours of application," he added.

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রাঙ্গামাটি বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
অস্থায়ী প্রধান কার্যালয়, ভেদভেদি, রাঙ্গামাটি পার্বত্য জেলা
স্মারক নং: রাবিপ্র/পওউ/রাজস্ব/কম্পিউটার/০৩/১০১ তারিখ: ২৩/০৩/২০২১খ্রিঃ

Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

Rangamati Science and Technology University

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2. Agency	University Grants Commission of Bangladesh/Rangamati Science and Technology University.
3. Procuring entity name	Professor Dr. Pradanendu Bikash Chakma, Vice Chancellor, Rangamati Science and Technology University.
4. Procuring entity district	Rangamati.
5. Invitation for	Supply of Desktop Computer.

KEY INFORMATION

6. Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).
7. Budget and source of fund	GoB.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

8. Project/programme name	Not applicable.
9. Quotation/tender package No.	--
10. Quotation tender publication date	23/03/2021
11. Quotation/tender last collection date	05/04/2021 (office hours).
12. Quotation/tender closing date and time	06/04/2021; 12:00pm.
13. Quotation/tender opening date and time	06/04/2021; 12:30pm.

14. Name & address of the offices

-Collection of quotation/tender document	Planning & Development Department, 2nd Floor, Admin Building, Rangamati Science and Technology University, Rangamati-4500.
-Receiving quotation/tender document	Planning & Development Department, 2nd Floor, Admin Building, Rangamati Science and Technology University, Rangamati-4500.

15. Place of opening quotation/tender document
Conference Room (2nd Floor), Admin Building, Rangamati Science and Technology University, Rangamati-4500.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

16. Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	a) Updated trade licence, b) TIN certificate, c) VAT registration certificate (d) Bank solvency certificate and e) Experience in relevant work and other qualifications (as mentioned in tender documents/schedule).
17. Brief description of works	As per schedule.
18. Price of tender document	Non-refundable of Taka 1,000/- (Taka one thousand) only.
19. Tender security	Taka 35,000/- (Taka thirty-five thousand only) payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favor of "Vice Chancellor, Rangamati Science and Technology University."

PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS

20. Name of official inviting tender	Abdul Gafur.
21. Designation of official inviting quotation/tender	Assistant Director (P&D).
22. Address of official inviting quotation/tender	Rangamati Science and Technology University, Vedvedi, Rangamati-4500.
23. Contact details of official inviting quotation/tender	Mobile: 01830 161369.
24. Special instructions	a) Any tender received after deadline for submission of tender, shall be declared late, will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer. b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process or to reject any or all tenders at any time prior to award of contract.
25. The tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Rules."	

//Signed//
Abdul Gafur
Assistant Director (P&D)
Rangamati Science and Technology University

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Stocks make a comeback

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As most stock prices had been downed for that fear, investors now are buying stocks, the broker added.

In the bourse, 188 stocks rose, 56 declined and 108 remained unchanged.

NRB Commercial Bank topped the gainers' list, rising 32 per cent, followed by First Finance, Intech, Premier Bank and Asia Pacific General Insurance Company.

Beximco topped the turnover list with trade worth Tk 76 crore followed by Premier Bank, NRB Commercial Bank, Robi Axiata and Beximco Pharmaceuticals.

GBB Power shed the most, dropping 4.31 per cent, followed by Jute Spinners, ICB AMCL First Agrani Bank Mutual Fund, Libra Infusions and Shyampur Sugar Mills.

The port city bourse also rose yesterday.

The CASPI, the general index of the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), gained 191 points, or 1.23 per cent, to reach 15,677.

Among 217 stocks to witness trade, 122 rose, 49 dropped and 46 remained the same.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Agriculture
Office of the Project Director
Development of Cotton Research and Technology Transfer Project
Cotton Development Board, Dhaka
Memo No. 12.07.3026.922.11(1).024.21.71 Date: 22.03.2021

Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Selection of a Firm/Company for Supplying Manpower for the Development of Cotton Research and Technology Transfer Project, Cotton Development Board (National)

GENERAL INFORMATION	
1. Ministry/ Division	Ministry of Agriculture.
2. Agency	Cotton Development Board.
3. Name of procuring entity	Project Director, Development of Cotton Research and Technology Transfer Project.
4. Procuring entity code	1430701-224322800
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6. Expression of Interest for	Supplying Manpower for the Development of Cotton Research and Technology Transfer Project, Cotton Development Board.
7. EOI Ref No. and date	12.07.3026.922.11(1).024.21.71, Date: 22.3.2021

KEY INFORMATION	
8. Procurement method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
FUNDING INFORMATION	
9. Budget and source of funds	GoB (Development Budget).
10. Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
11. Project/ programme name	Development of Cotton Research and Technology Transfer Project.
12. EOI closing date and time	07/04/21, 3.00pm.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS	
13. Brief description of the manpower	পদের নাম উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী ১ হিসাবরক্ষক ১ অফিস সহকারী-কাম-কম্পিউটার অপারেটর ২ পাতিচালক ৩ ম্যাবরেট্টারী এটেনডেন্ট ৫ নিরাপত্তা প্রহরী ৩ মোট ১৫ জন

14. Experience, resource & delivery capacity required (criteria for shortlisting)	1. The firm/company should fulfill the following requirements: A. Proven experience of undertaking similar assignment. B. Company has sufficient experienced core professionals specialized HRM. C. Required documents: The company must furnish the following updated documents: a. Company registration, b. VAT and income tax certificate, c. Financial statement (last year), d. Audit reports (Last 2 years), e. Bank solvency certificate, f. Project completion certificates from clients for similar projects, g. Annual turn-over for the last 3 (three) years, h. Resource personnel qualification for the project. D. Logistics support details including computer hardware, software licenses and other testing tools, training facilities, transport and office space. 2. Other relevant legal and commercial documents must be enclosed with EOI in support of qualification and experience. 3. All documents must be attested by the government class one gazetted officer.
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15. Other details	1. Place of assignment: May be inside or outside Dhaka at the CDB revenue and project office. 2. The expected date of commencement is May 01, 2021 and completion up to the project period . 3. The consulting firm shall submit 2 (two) copies of Expression of Interest (EOI) (one original and one copy) and one soft copy (in MS Word) in sealed envelope; clearly marked "EOI for recruiting outsourcing manpower for the Development of Cotton Research and Technology Transfer Project, Cotton Development Board" to the Project Director, Development of Cotton Research and Technology Transfer Project, Cotton Development Board, Khamarbari, Dhaka-1215 on or before 07/04/2021 up to 3.00pm . 4. Copy of the indicative TOR may be collected from the Office of the Project Director, Room No. 523, 4th Floor, 3rd Building, Cotton Development Board, Khamarbari, Dhaka.
16. Association with foreign firms or Joint Venture (JV)	NA.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
17. Name of the official inviting EOI	Dr. Sima Kundu.
18. Designation of the official inviting EOI	Project Director.
19. Address of the official inviting EOI	Development of Cotton Research and Technology Transfer Project, Cotton Development Board, Khamarbari, Dhaka-1215.
20. Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Tel. No. 55028271 E-mail: dcrtt.cdb@gmail.com
21. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all EOIs without showing any reason.	

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