



Islami Bank Bangladesh Chairman Prof Md Nazmul Hassan presided over a virtual meeting of the Board of Directors recently. Vice chairmen Yousif Abdullah Al-Rajhi and Md Shahabuddin, Managing Director and CEO Mohammed Monirul Molla, and Deputy Managing Director JQM Habibullah attended the meeting.



ACI Motors Managing Director FH Ansarey and Executive Director Subrata Ranjan Das launched ENI Lubricants for automotive and manufacturing sectors in Bangladesh at ACI Centre recently. Kushal Desai, chairman and managing director of lubricant manufacturer Apar Industries, and Paolo Puglisi, area manager (Asia Pacific), ENI, attended virtually.

## Standard Chartered 'Best International Bank'

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Standard Chartered Bank Bangladesh said to have been recently recognised as "Best International Bank" at FinanceAsia Awards 2021. This is the 11th time the bank has been recognised since 2009 while the fifth major international award in the first quarter of 2021, says a press release.

"As the longest-serving financial institution of Bangladesh, we have a unique perspective on the amazing growth story of Bangladesh," said Naser Ezzaz Bijoy, chief executive officer, Standard Chartered Bangladesh.

## Maddhapara Granite posts record sales

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"Such technical problems exist all over and are common," he added. A former official of Petrobangla who served at a top position at Maddhapara Granite Mining Company said the performance of the GTC in the last two years was good.

Under the contract, the company extracted 1.1 million tonnes of rock and developed two stopes, which are a step like excavation underground. The one-year contract of the GTC would come to an end on September 2 this year. "We are likely to produce more rock against the given target during this one-year agreement," said Siddiqui, adding that if such a trend continued, the mine would turn profitable.

## Pran widening global footprint

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The company currently exports around 500 types of products, including juice and drinks, spices, biscuits and other confectionery items that account for nearly 70 per cent of its export basket.


Pran's brands even occupy the shelves in some chain stores such as Carrefour in Saudi Arabia and Oman, Poundland and 99p stores in the UK, and Reliance Fresh and City Mark in India. "We are doing well in the frozen food market," said Chowdhury, adding that they plan to do better in spices as well. But among all of its international destinations, India remains the biggest market for Pran, which began its journey in 1981 under the stewardship of Amjad Khan Chowdhury. Today, PRAN-RFL Group has an annual turnover of around \$2 billion. Pran's first shipment to Tripura, which consisted of a traditional snack called chanachur, went out in 1997. But now, the company exports its products all over the neighbouring nation. "Business is going very well in India, where

we have a presence in 25 states," he said. The agro-processor's export basket consists of more than 150 products, including fruit drinks, chips, biscuits, candy, ketchup, noodles, jelly, and spices while its shipments to India have been increasing by around 10 per cent each year. India accounts for nearly 35 per cent of the company's total exports. Pran said it exports its products through 20 importers in India who handle the marketing through 2,000 sales agents throughout the country. Among the Indian importers, one established factories in the country to locally produce Pran's food products. So, Pran exports semi-processed raw materials to this importer and through this arrangement, the company's products are manufactured and marketed in India, according to PRAN-RFL Group. The country's biggest agro-processor has a similar arrangement with an importer in Nepal to produce its products in the Himalayan country. "The facility in Nepal is under development

and so, we will soon also work for the farmers in the country," said Chowdhury, who took the helm of PRAN-RFL Group after the demise of his father, the group's founder, in July 2015. The group also has a strong presence in the plastic industry. Today, it employs about 110,000 people directly. "You can even get our yogurt drink at 7-Elevens in the Philippines," he added. Pran recently entered the South American countries of Bolivia and Fiji. "In today's world, the main barrier to export is not the market anymore. Exports depend on how much you produce," Chowdhury said. He went on to say that when Pran first began exporting, it was heavily dependent on Bangladeshis living abroad. Over the years though, it could reduce this dependence as it focused more on winning the hearts of locals. "We will do better the more we do business in the non-ethnic market," Chowdhury added. (Pallab Bhattacharya, our correspondent in New Delhi, contributed to the report)




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### Invitation for International Bids

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Power Division
2. Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC)
3. Procurement Entity Name	Project Director "Construction and Augmentation of Substation, Installation of Capacitor Bank and Introduction of Smart Grid in Power System under DPDC Area (CSCSG Project)."
4. Invitation for Bids for (Package-1: Lot-1)	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 02(Two) New 132/33 kV, 80/120 MVA and 33/11 kV, 28/35 MVA GIS Substation at Mohammadi Steel and Shyampur including civil works with source cable on Turnkey basis
5. Invitation for Bids (IFB) No	87.139.103.00.00.2021.38 Date: 06.06.2021
6. Loan Agreement No	CBD 1023 01 T
7. Reference Identification No & Date	87.402.105.00.00.182.2017.920 (139) Date: 06/06/2021
8. Procurement Method	Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under AFD Loans, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the Loan Agreement. International Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with AFDs Single-Stage Two Envelope Method.
9. Budget and Source of Funds	AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT (AFD) and Government of Bangladesh (GoB)
10. Deadline for submission of Bid, Time and Place	<b>Date: September 06, 2021, Time: 11 : 00 AM (Bangladesh Standard Time)</b> Address: Biddut Bhaban (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), Office of the Superintending Engineer (Contract & Procurement Circle, DPDC), 1-Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh Email: cscsg@dpdc.org.bd; Mobile: +8801730335207; +8801730335268
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12. Project Background	The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT (AFD) towards the cost of "Construction and Augmentation of Substation, Installation of Capacitor Bank and Introduction of Smart Grid in Power System under DPDC Area (CSCSG Project)." It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the Contract for the project named "Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 02(Two) New 132/33 kV, 80/120 MVA and 33/11 kV, 28/35 MVA GIS Substation at Mohammadi Steel and Shyampur including civil works with source cable on Turnkey basis" with the objective of improving electric supply reliability and electric power supply and demand balance by constructing two 132/33 kV & 33/11 kV substation in the location of Mohammadi Steel and Shyampur under DPDC area. This project consists of the following main components: • Construction of two new 132/33 kV & 33/11 kV substation building and related civil works; • Installation of electrical equipment for those two Substation; • 132 kV Bay extension on source substation for the Shyampur (pagla)-2 Substation, if applicable; • Construction of 132 kV Underground Transmission Line • Construction of 33 kV & 11 kV Distribution Line facilities in the Substation sites up to the feeder starting pole through the underground cable tunnel/Jacking pipe/Cable shaft;
13. Other Details:	
14. i)	A complete set of the Bidding Documents can be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the following address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Bangladeshi Taka 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand) in the form of Pay Order issued by the scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favor of Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited: Address: Biddut Bhaban (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), Office of the Superintending Engineer (Contract & Procurement Circle), 1-Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh; Email: cscsg@dpdc.org.bd; Mobile: +8801730335207; +8801730335268;
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v)	Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information at the above mentioned address during the office hours (9:00 to 17:00 hours BST).
vi)	DPDC reserves the right to accept/reject one or all Bids or stop the process of approval at any stage, at its sole discretion without assigning any reasons and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such a decision.
15. Name of Official Inviting the Bids:	Md. Asaduzzaman
16. Designation of Official Inviting the Bids:	Company Secretary, DPDC
17. Address of Official Inviting the Bids:	Office of the Company Secretary, DPDC, Biddut Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) 1 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Email: cscsg@dpdc.org.bd; Mobile: +8801730335207; +8801730335268

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9. Budget and Source of Funds	AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT (AFD) and Government of Bangladesh (GoB)
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