



## **GUJARAT MINERAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GMDC)**

***Request for Proposal (RFP) for providing Technical Services for obtaining Environment Clearance for production capacity expansion (1.25 to 2.50 Lakh TPA), compliance of Wildlife Clearance and Approval of Wildlife Conservation Plan for Mevasa-I Bauxite Mining Project of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited at District: Devbhumi Dwarka, Gujarat***

Tender No. GMDC/ENV/02/2024-25

***Response to Pre-bid Queries***

**Issuing Authority: Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC)**

This document is the response to queries received for the captioned RFP which was issued by Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) in September 2024. This response to pre-bid queries shall constitute an integral part of the above RFP document. GMDC has endeavoured to respond to all queries it had received during pre-bid. For any unanswered queries, the provisions of the RFP remain unchanged.

Sr. No	Clause	Provision in the RFP	Queries/Clarification/suggestions submitted by the prospective bidder	Response
1.	Under Section II, Clause no. 3	Support from GMDC: Approved Mining Plan	Is there a valid IBM-approved Mining Plan in place for the proposed production capacity of 2.5 Lakh TPA?	Mining plan is under approval and will be approved within approx. 1.5 Months.
2.			Data Consistency: Are there any deviations in the data or facts between the current Approved Mining Plan (for 2.5 Lakh TPA) and the details mentioned in the Environment Clearance granted on 29.10.2010?	Mining Plan is under Process. No change in Mining lease area. As per mining plan, Method of mining will be changed fully mechanised opencast mining with Screening & Crushing.
3.	Under Section IV, Clause 2.1 (C) payment terms for Milestone based Payment	Timeline for Certified Compliance Report from IRO of MoEFCC-Gandhinagar & Certified Compliance Report of Wildlife Clearance from DFO/PCCF (Wildlife)	IRO Visit: When was the last visit by the IRO to the site, and were there	Year 2020-2021 Last IRO visit done 05-06-2021 No major non-compliances in the Report
4.			Compliance Report Timeline: Could you provide clarity on the expected timelines for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Certified Compliance Report from the IRO of MOE&amp;FCC – Gandhinagar.</li> <li>b. The Certified Compliance Report of Wildlife Clearance from the DFO/PCCF (Wildlife)?</li> </ul> <p>Please note that the timeline of 5 months from the commencement of work may require additional time in the event of any partial or non-compliance identified in the IRO report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. As per mentioned in Tender document.</li> <li>b. In the event of any partial/non-compliance not pertaining to the successful bidder, then the time may be increased.</li> </ul>

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5.			<p>Please clarify the status of timely submissions of EC and Wildlife Conservation plan compliances.</p> <p>Please confirm that there is no violation involved from GMDC related to EC and Wildlife Conservation Plan Compliances.</p>	<p>No violation of EC is involved. Half yearly EC compliance report is regularly being submitted to MoEF&amp;CC.</p> <p>Compliance of wildlife conservation plan has not been submitted to the Authority.</p>
6.	General	---	Forest Land Diversion: Does the project involve the diversion of forest land? If so, is the Forest Clearance (FC Stage-II) and/or No Objection Certificate (NoC) from the Forest Department available?	No forest land is involved in the project.
7.	General	---	CRZ/ICRZ Location: Is the project or any related activity situated within a Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) or an Intertidal Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ)?	CRZ is not applicable.
8.	General	---	Ministry of Defence NoC: Is a No Objection Certificate from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) required, particularly if the mining activity is located within 20 km of the Gulf of Kutch (Seaboard frontier)?	The mining lease is less than 5 km from Sea. Bidder may verify requirement of MoD -NOC. If it is applicable, the successful bidder will abide to co-operate GMDC to obtain the permission.
9.	Under Section II, Scope of Work, Clause No 1.1, Part B, Last point	All incidental expenses for obtaining the environmental clearances (except public hearing) shall be borne by the consultant.	What will be covered in incidental expenses for EC and Wildlife Conservation plan (Kindly Clarify)	Incidental Expenses include Expenses regarding any additional study/report suggested by committee/Authority and Visits to project, authorities, other places for the study/work.

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10.	General	---	Details of permissions required to be obtained.	Any Statutory permissions/certificates/NOC etc. required as mentioned in Tender document and required by Committee/Authorities.
11.	Under Section III, Clause no. 5, evaluation criteria	Understanding and experience of preparation of Wildlife Conservation Plan & approval	We have NABET QCI accredited Ecology and Biodiversity expert who has conducted and obtained Wildlife conservation plan for various projects. Can the same expert be considered under Forestry and Wildlife expert qualification and experience.	Whatever qualification experience is asked by the forest and wildlife department for preparation of wildlife conservation plan, the same will also be considered by GMDC.

