

Request for Proposal

For

Selection of an Agency for Identification of Technically Suitable Land for a Mineral Processing Plant and Its Related Ancillary Infrastructure for Copper Project at Ambaji, Gujarat

RFP NO.: GMDC/PP&D/009/2025-26

Answer to Pre- Bid Queries and Corrigendum Document - 2

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation

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1	Scope of services - 2.2 Phase 2 – 1, Page 11	<p>Detailed Topographic Survey</p> <p>a) The Agency shall conduct ground- based DGPS or Total Station survey.</p> <p>b) The Agency shall obtain contour plans covering sufficient area to a scale of 1:1000 with a contour interval of 1 m. The Agency shall conduct field survey to verify the contour plans for their use. Basis which it shall establish permanent benchmarks in plant and tailings areas</p>	<p>The Ground base DGPS or Total Station Survey is time taking process (Minimum 1.5 months) and does not align with the project timeline.</p> <p>Requesting to amend the timeline or to achieve the existing timeline, it is suggested to conduct the DGPS referenced Drone Lidar survey which provides the higher resolution details (0.5m resolution) and help in getting the permanent benchmarking done. This is also aligned with the SOP of Indian Bureau of Mines.</p> <p>Requesting clear direction.</p>	<p>The clause stands amended as below:</p> <p>a) The Agency shall conduct ground-based DGPS or Total Station or Drone based Lidar survey, considering quality of the survey remains intact.</p>
2	Scope of services - 2.2 Phase 2: Page 12	<p>Feasibility Level Detailed Site Investigation C Technical Assessment – 2 (b) - Data Collection: Collect samples for laboratory analysis. This includes rock samples, soil samples, and water samples, Baseline soil and Groundwater Quality if applicable.</p>	<p>Would testing of Baseline Soil and Groundwater Quality be part of the Environmental Assessment, if yes then kindly let us know the approximate area of the Site.</p>	<p>The testing of Baseline Soil and groundwater Quality shall be considered to be a part of the Land Suitability for Plant and TSF. The testing shall be undertaken during Phase 2 for the Identified land parcels as an outcome of Phase 1. Maximum of Two or three options to be evaluated for Plant Location and maximum of two options to be evaluated for Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) location.</p>

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3	Scope of services - 2.2 Phase 2 –9, Page 14	<p>9. Environmental and Social Baseline C Analysis (c)</p> <p>The Agency shall identify permit requirements from the perspective of E&S sustainability. However, it may be noted that the current scope does not cover all the study requirements for obtaining such permits. Hence, conducting studies to obtain any E&S permits would not be part of the current RFP scope.</p>	<p>The permit requirements for the proposed project from E&S perspective would be quite a few. The current scope does not cover all the study requirements for obtaining such permits. Hence, conducting studies to obtain any E&S permits would not be part of the current RFP scope. Kindly clarify.</p>	<p>Obtaining E&S Permits or EC is not under the scope of the Agency, however, the Agency may identify and list out the approvals required.</p>
4	5. BID EVALAUTION CRITERIA, Page 26	<p>Taking credit from Associate (i.e., subsidiary/parent/sister concern firm) in any form for meeting the Pre-Qualification Criteria and/or for claim score in Technical Qualification</p>	<p>We understand that using Technical and Financial credentials of parent / sister concern / group company is allowed to meet the eligibility and scoring criteria. Kindly confirm</p>	<p>Yes, kindly refer to Clause 5.3 on page 30 of the RFP document for more details.</p>
5	5.1 Pre-Qualification Criteria, Page 26	<p>(iv) The Bidder should have satisfactorily completed at least one study including Geotechnical investigation/studies, geophysical studies, drafting of topographic and geological map for</p>	<p>We understand that for large infrastructure projects, such as roads / highways, hydropower plant, water supply / sewerage, township development, and power sectors, where geotechnical investigations, topographic surveys, and geophysical studies undertaken as part of the assignment</p>	<p>Yes, your understanding is correct.</p>

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		establishing feasibility of site for setting up large scale infrastructure/plant in last 15 years (between 2010 to 2025).	will be considered as relevant experience for meeting the qualification requirements. Kindly confirm	
6	5.5 Composite Score; Page 31	The technical experience has been assigned 70% of weightage while price quote is assigned 30% weightage.	Request you to consider QCBS with 80% weightage to the Technical Proposal and 20% to the Financial Proposal to ensure better qualified consultants are available.	The RFP conditions remain unchanged.
7	7.2. Liquidated Damages, Page 59	7.2.1. Liquidated Damages for error/variation In case any error or variation is detected in the reports submitted by the Agency and such error or variation is the result of negligence or lack of due diligence on the part of the Agency, in such case the liability of the Agency shall be limited to undertaking rectification of errors / rectification of deficiencies at its own costs. Despite of chance for the rectification, the deficiencies still persists then the damages shall be quantified by GMDC in a reasonable manner and recovered from the Agency	We request the client to reconsider and remove the penalty clause, as the current penalty levies appear to be excessively high and discourage bidders.	Agreed. The clause 7.2.1 stands removed.

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		by way of deemed liquidated damages, subject to a maximum of the 10% of Agreement Value /Contract Price /Agency's Fees for the Project.		
8	7.2. Liquidated Damages, Page 59	7.2.2. Liquidated Damages for delay In case of delay solely attributable to the Agency in completion of milestone as specified in TOR, liquidated damages not exceeding an amount equal to 0.1% (zero point one per cent) of the Milestone Value per day, subject to a maximum of 10% (ten per cent) of the Agreement Value shall be imposed and shall be recovered by appropriation from the Performance Security or otherwise. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the Agency, suitable extension of time shall be granted and no liquidated damages shall be levied.	The penalty levies are excessively high and may discourage bidders. From our past experience, delays often arise due to coordination issues with line departments, collecting secondary data, delays in administrative approvals for surveys, etc. which are beyond the consultant's control. Therefore, we request the removal of the penalty clause.	Please note, the LDs shall not be applicable in case of delays if such delays are due to reasons not attributable to the Agency.

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9	7.2.3. Encashment and appropriation of Performance Security, Page 59	GMDC shall have the right to invoke and appropriate the proceeds of the Performance Security, in whole or in part, without notice to the Agency in the event of breach of this Agreement or for recovery of liquidated damages specified in this Clause 7.2.	We request client remove this clause.	Please note that this clause should be operationalized only in case of repeated breach by the agencies and any breaches not remedied in the remedial period.
10	7.2.5. Penalty for Deficiency in Services, Page 59	In addition to the liquidated damages not amounting to penalty, as specified in Clause 7.2, warning may be issued to the Agency for minor deficiencies on its part. In the case of significant deficiencies in Services causing adverse effect on the Project or on the reputation of GMDC and such deficiencies not cured within the reasonable cure period granted by the Authority then Authority may initiate penal actions as permitted under law.	We request the client to reconsider and remove the penalty clause, as the current penalty levies appear to be excessively high and discourage bidders.	The RFP conditions remain unchanged.
11	1.6 Schedule of Bidding, Sr. No -4, Page 18	Last Date and Time of Submission of Technical Bid, RFP Fees C EMD in Hard Copy.	We kindly request the client to extend the bid submission deadline by at least four weeks from the date of issuance of the pre-bid clarification responses. This	The bid submission deadline stands extended and can be referred to in Annexure – 1 of this document.

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		The submission should be made strictly on or before: 04/05/2026; 15:00Hrs.	will allow sufficient time to incorporate the clarifications and prepare a comprehensive proposal.	
12	Section II		Kindly provide the KMZ file which was showing us during visit or any map showing the site boundary demarcation.	It shall be provided to the Selected Agency
13	Section II		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please share any available topographic maps or previous site data, if available 2. Please provide the geological map of the survey area, if available/ 	Previous topographical maps and geological map of survey areas shall be provided to the selected Agency.
14	Section II		Please share any available utility maps. Please confirm the availability and details of underground utilities.	Surface plan study data (which also provides utility information) is available and shall be shared with the selected Agency.
15	Section II		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kindly share any previously conducted seismic data, if available. 2. Kindly provide any previous hydrological and seismic survey data, if available. 	<p>Seismic data is not currently available.</p> <p>However, Hydrological data and previous Geotech study report shall be shared to the selected Agency.</p>
16	Section II		Please confirm whether a drone LiDAR survey can be conducted and who will obtain the necessary permissions.	Yes, drone LiDAR survey can be undertaken. Please refer to answer to Pre Bid query no 1.
17	Section II		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please advise if forest permission is required; if so, kindly confirm who will be responsible for obtaining the permission. 2. Please specify any other permissions required to carry out the survey work. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forest permission shall be in the scope of GMDC if such permission is required for the survey. 2. Agency may list out any other permission that may be required. Any permissions required from statutory bodies/ internal administrative permissions will be made available by GMDC.

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18	Section II		Kindly confirm whether accommodation and food can be provided at your camp on a chargeable basis.	Accommodation and food may be provided by GMDC on chargeable basis as per the GMDC policy if accommodation is available.
19	2.1 Phase 1: Initial Suitability Screening and Constraint Mapping and 2.2 Phase 2: Feasibility Level Detailed Site Investigation & Technical Assessment	Timelines	We presume suitable time extension will be provided for exigent condition like during monsoon season, delays/hindrances due to local and/or socio-political conditions, local village body elections, etc.	The delays due to reasons not attributable to the Agency/ due to the external factors shall not be considered for imposing the liquidated damages. Further, the timeline equivalent to subsistence of such external factors which caused delay shall be added to the timeline of respective milestone for its completion.
20	2.2 Phase 2: Feasibility Level Detailed Site Investigation & Technical Assessment	4. Site Screening and Geophysical Survey	With reference to Section II-2.2, it is envisaged for inclusion of Electrical Resistivity Test (ERT) as additional part of SoW, Considering the geological setting of the Ambaji region, which is structurally controlled (Aravalli belt influence), dominance of highly fractured rock mass, weathered profiles and hydrogeologically controlled groundwater it is currently understood that subsurface variability may significantly influence both TSF foundation integrity and seepage behavior. In this context, it is	The Electrical Resistivity Test (ERT) Tests stands included in the Phase 2 of Scope of Work. The Bidder shall need to load the costs of ERT tests into its Price Quote.

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			<p>recommended that Electrical Resistivity Test (ERT) be included as part of the investigation program, particularly during Phase 2 (detailed assessment stage) to Identify fracture zones and seepage pathways, assess lateral and vertical heterogeneity of subsurface strata and supporting optimal siting and design validation for TSF/ associated ancillary infrastructure. For meaningful interpretation, ERT surveys may typically be included with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Profile spacing: ~100 m to 200 m (depending on terrain and site extent) •Electrode spacing: ~5 m to 10 m (to achieve investigation depths of ~30 m to 80 m) <p>Grid-based or targeted profiling approach based on shortlisted sites. As it is not explicitly defined within the current scope, it is requested for inclusion of ERT surveys as an additional scope item under Phase 2 and Corresponding commercial provisions (separate line item) may be considered outside the base pricing for standard investigations. This will ensure integration of MASW and ERT without</p>	

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			compromising technical quality and scope clarity.	
21	General		We presume GMDC personnel will accompany the selected agency's representative during site visits. Also, if the successful agency encounters any hindrances or agitations by locals during investigation and survey field works, the same will be dealt with by GMDC.	GMDC shall provide all the support in terms of documentation, approvals and local liaisoning to enable Agency to conduct surveys/ land suitability investigations as per the Scope of Work.
22	General		Please confirm if a pre-tender site visit for all the bidders will be carried out by GMDC.	The site visit for the Bidders seeking such visit was conducted on 01/05/2026. The Notice for the same providing the adequate time was also published on GMDC website.
23	General		We request you to provide the kmz file indicating boundary demarcation for the area under study	It shall be provided to the Selected Agency
24	General		Request you to kindly provide the Mine production capacity and TSF storage capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mine Production capacity: 0.5 million ton per annum. • TSF capacity: cumulative 6 million ton during the life of mine
25	General		Request you to kindly provide the expected Mine life	18 years
26	General		Request you to kindly share the results of the earlier geotechnical and geophysical investigations carried out in the area, if any.	Geotech and Geophysical studies were previously undertaken from the perspective of operationalizing underground Mine. This shall be shared with the Selected Agency.
27	General		We presume any permissions required from statutory bodies including forest department if required will be made available by GMDC. Please confirm.	Yes, your understanding is correct.

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28	Clause 5.1 (iv) & Clause 5.2 (A) - Pre-Qualification & Experience of Bidder	Requires experience in "large scale infrastructure/plant". Defines this as roads, hydropower, water supply, township, and power sectors.	We request GMDC to formally amend the definition of 'large scale infrastructure/plant' to explicitly include: "Mining Projects, Mineral Processing Plants, Beneficiation Plants, and associated Mining Infrastructure."	RFP conditions remain unchanged.
29	Clause 5.2 (D) - Approach and Methodology	15 marks awarded for case studies specifically related to "large scale infrastructure/plant and studies related to Tailing Dam".	We request GMDC to broaden this requirement to include: "Tailing Dams, Mineral Waste Management facilities, Ash Ponds, or Overburden Dump Management."	RFP conditions remain unchanged.
30	Clause 5.2 (C) -Team Composition (Relevant Experience)	Defines relevant experience strictly as "geotechnical investigation / survey / plant site feasibility studies".	We request GMDC to clarify the definition of 'Relevant Project' to explicitly read: "geotechnical investigation / survey / plant site feasibility studies OR Mining, Mineral Processing, and Beneficiation Plant feasibility studies. "	RFP conditions remain unchanged.
31	Clause 5.2 (B) - Availability of Equipment (Geophysical)	5 marks awarded specifically for a "MASW set up with 24 Channel Seismograph (Geode), Geophones of 4.5Hz Frequency".	We request GMDC to broaden this to accept: "MASW setup OR equivalent advanced 2D Seismic / Geophysical Survey equipment capable of determining subsurface stratification."	RFP conditions remain unchanged.
32	Clause 5.2 (B) -	5 marks awarded for having a "Hydraulic drilling rig".	We request GMDC to clarify and confirm that: "Diamond Core Drilling Rigs / Wire-line Exploratory Drilling Rigs (which utilize hydraulic	Yes, your understanding is correct.

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	Availability of Equipment (Drilling)		mechanisms)" are fully acceptable under this category.	

Annexure 1: Corrigendum

Clauses 1.6 of Section III, (i.e.: Schedule of Bidding) Bid submission events stand amended as below.

Event Description	As per Corrigendum 1	Amended Clause
	Date, Time and Address	Date, Time and Address
Last Date and Time of Submission of Technical Bid, RFP Fees & EMD in Hard Copy	<p>Bidders shall be required to submit the Technical Bid, RFP Fees & EMD physically in hard copy in sealed cover duly super scribed as mentioned in the RFP to the GMDC addressed as below through registered post/courier / Speed Post/Hand delivery.</p> <p>Address: Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Khanij Bhavan, 132 ft Ring road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad - 380001 Gujarat, India. Land Lines: 079-27912443</p> <p>The submission should be made strictly on or before: 02/06/2026 16:00Hrs.</p>	<p>Bidders shall be required to submit the Technical Bid, RFP Fees & EMD physically in hard copy in sealed cover duly super scribed as mentioned in the RFP to the GMDC addressed as below through registered post/courier / Speed Post/Hand delivery.</p> <p>Address: Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Khanij Bhavan, 132 ft Ring road, Gujarat University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad - 380001 Gujarat, India. Land Lines: 079-27912443</p> <p>The submission should be made strictly on or before: 23/06/2026 15:00Hrs.</p>
Online Submission of Price Bid	<p>The Price Bid is to be submitted online only at designated place on https://gmdctender.nprocure.com by 02/06/2026 up-to 15:00 hrs. and (i) any submission of offline price bid (i.e., physical submission) or (ii) submission of price bid along with technical bid will lead to disqualification.</p> <p>Technical Bid is not to be submitted online but should be submitted in physical offline mode after the submission of the Price Bid at the designated address by the deadline mentioned.</p>	<p>The Price Bid is to be submitted online only at designated place on https://gmdctender.nprocure.com by 23/06/2026 up-to 14:00 hrs. and (i) any submission of offline price bid (i.e., physical submission) or (ii) submission of price bid along with technical bid will lead to disqualification.</p> <p>Technical Bid is not to be submitted online but should be submitted in physical offline mode after the submission of the Price Bid at the designated address by the deadline mentioned.</p>
Opening of Technical Bid	<p>On 02/06/2026 at 17:00 Hrs at GMDC office situated at Ahmedabad as per the address specified above.</p>	<p>On 23/06/2026 at 17:00 Hrs at GMDC office situated at Ahmedabad as per the address specified above.</p>