

**ADDENDUM - I AND CLARIFICATIONS TO BIDDERS' QUERIES
STAGE 1 BIDDING DOCUMENTS
PACKAGE: WC III- POWERHOUSE**

The Employer hereby issues the following clarifications in response to the queries received from prospective Bidders in connection with the Stage 1 Bidding Documents for Package WC III.

These clarifications shall be read in conjunction with the relevant provisions of the Bidding Documents. Except as specifically clarified, amended, or supplemented herein, all provisions, terms, conditions, specifications, and requirements of the Bidding Documents shall remain unchanged.

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1	ITB-8		To confirm the date and schedule for the proposed site visit, along with any other relevant details or requirements for participation.	The bidder, in its own interest, should inspect and examine the site and its surroundings and satisfy themselves. No separate schedule for site visit is planned by the Employer.
2	ITB Sub-Clauses 8.2 & 8.3 (Site Information)	We have found that no prospective partner is willing to commit without first visiting the Site, which we understand entirely, since under ITB Sub-Clauses 8.2 and 8.3 the site information is indicative only and the Bidder bears the risk. Arranging entry formalities for foreign personnel and inspecting a project spread from the dam to the tail race would itself take two to three weeks.	In the circumstances, we most humbly and respectfully request the kind consideration of the Management of Wangchhu Hydroelectric Power Limited for an extension of the submission deadline for all three packages by 2 months, from 24 September 2026 to 24 November 2026, together with such consequential extension of the last date for queries, the bid validity and the bid security validity as the Employer may deem fit.	The Bid submission is extended by two weeks. The Bid shall now be submitted on 8 October, 2026 at 1430 hrs (BST). The corresponding dates, including Bid Validity and Bid Security validity, shall be extended accordingly.



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3	ITB Sub-Clause 19.1 (Pre-Bid Meeting); ITB Sub-Clause 11.3 (Extension of Deadline); Bid Security	We note with respect that no pre-bid meeting is being held (ITB Sub-Clause 19.1) and that queries close on 10 September 2026, and we humbly draw comfort from ITB Sub-Clause 11.3, which in the Employer's own wisdom contemplates extension of the deadline where Bidders require reasonable time. We would also mention, with due deference, that the bid securities for the three packages aggregate Nu. 320 million and require formal credit sanction from our bankers. We venture to submit, with humility, that only a handful of Bhutanese national contractors are in a position to bid these packages. A slightly longer window would allow those of us who are able to form a strong and appropriate Joint Venture to come forward, and would, we respectfully believe, serve the Employer well by increasing the number of qualified proposals received.	In the circumstances, we most humbly and respectfully request the kind consideration of the Management of Wangchhu Hydroelectric Power Limited for an extension of the submission deadline for all three packages by 2 months, from 24 September 2026 to 24 November 2026, together with such consequential extension of the last date for queries, the bid validity and the bid security validity as the Employer may deem fit. We wish to assure your good office that our preparation is already well under way, and that this request is made only because the selection of a partner, the site visit and the execution of the Joint Venture instruments rest upon parties and formalities beyond our sole control. We shall, of course, abide by whatever decision the Employer in its wisdom may take.	



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4	Cl No 19 of ITB (Section-II)	No Pre-Bid Meeting shall be conducted for the Stage 1 Bidding Process. However, Bidders may seek clarification on the Bidding Documents in accordance with the provisions of Clause 10 [Clarification of Bidding Documents]. The Employer shall respond to such clarification requests in writing and, where necessary, issue an Addendum to the Bidding Documents.	We request the Employer to kindly arrange a Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit to enable the Bidders to understand the project requirements, site conditions, scope of work, and other relevant aspects for preparation of the construction methodology and technical submissions in accordance with the Tender requirements.	Bid provisions shall prevail.
5	Contract Package: WC I – Dam, Contract Package: WC II – HRT, Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section-2-ITB, Clause 19- Pre-Bid Meeting	No Pre-Bid Meeting shall be conducted for the Stage 1 Bidding Process.	We respectfully request to organize a Pre-Bid Meeting for the Stage 1 Bidding Process. The project involves significant technical, construction, commercial, and contractual aspects that may require clarification before bid submission. This will ensure a common understanding among bidders, minimize ambiguities, and enable submission of more responsive and competitive bids.	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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6	Submission of Pre-bid Queries and Request for Extension of Bid Submission Due Date – Cover Letter dated 10.09.2026 (RFB Nos. WHPL/021/2026, WHPL/022/2026 and WHPL/023/2026)	We are keen to participate in the bidding process for the subject works. Considering the substantial volume and complexity of the project works, we kindly request additional One Week of time to submit the WC-III pre-bid queries and further pre-bid queries for WC-I and WC-II. We also request the Employer to kindly conduct the Pre-Bid Meeting, to enable us to obtain the required clarifications and assess the site conditions appropriately.	In view of the above, we kindly request you to extend the bid submission deadline by at least three (3) weeks from the current date of submission 24-09-2026, to enable us to prepare and submit a bids.	The Bid submission is extended by two weeks. The Bid shall now be submitted on 8 October, 2026 at 1430 hrs (BST). The corresponding dates, including Bid Validity and Bid Security validity, shall be extended accordingly.
7	Invitation for Qualification and Technical Proposals dated 24 August 2026 (WC I – WHPL/021/2026, WC II – WHPL/022/2026, WC III – WHPL/023/2026); Section 4 (Qualification Requirements per Contract Package)	As Clause 4 of the Invitation kindly requires, a Bidder participating in three packages must satisfy the Section 4 requirements separately for each Contract Package. We are therefore preparing three complete and independent proposals, qualification data, key personnel, plant and equipment, methodology and programme, ESHS documentation and all forms and we are anxious to submit each of them to the standard the Employer rightly expects.	In the circumstances, we most humbly and respectfully request the kind consideration of the Management of Wangchhu Hydroelectric Power Limited for an extension of the submission deadline for all three packages by 2 months, from 24 September 2026 to 24 November 2026, together with such consequential extension of the last date for queries, the bid validity and the bid security validity as the Employer may deem fit.	The Bid submission is extended by two weeks. The Bid shall now be submitted on 8 October, 2026 at 1430 hrs (BST). The corresponding dates, including Bid Validity and Bid Security validity, shall be extended accordingly.



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8	Bidding Documents for Stage 1 Qualification and Technical Proposals – Page 07, Section 1, 5	Last date of submission of bids: September 24, 2026 until 14.30 hrs. (BST)	Considering the multifaceted nature and sophistication of these 3 packages, a comprehensive study is needed to prepare the most comprehensive bid(s). Therefore, we humbly request you to extend the deadline for Bid submission (for all the 3 packages) until October 15, 2026; Time: 14.30 hrs.	
9	Submission of Bid	Submission of Bid: 24th September 2026 until 14:30 Hrs. (BST)	We request an extension of the bid submission deadline by a minimum by Four weeks from present date of bid submission to enable us to submit the bid in line with the bidding document requirement.	
10	General	Deadline for submission of Bids	Since the project is very large and includes components with high complexity, the preparation of the bid including interaction with various specialized agencies/ equipment manufacturers and to derive a most competitive technical proposal will require considerable time and we request to extend the due date for bid submission at least by 1 month time from the issue of pre-bid clarifications.	
11	Sec 1, Page 1, Clause 5	End date of receipt of queries: 10 Sep 2026 Last date of submission of bids: 24 Sep 2026	Employer will appreciate that the three bids for Dorjilung HEP is scheduled on 17/09/2026. The capacity is fully utilised in preparation of queries and submission of bids. In view of that, request to grant 2	



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			weeks extension for submission of queries and bids.	
12	Bidding Documents for Stage 1 Qualification and Technical Proposals – Page 12, Clause 2.1 Source of Fund	The Project financing is structured as 70:30 debt equity ratio and being implemented under strategic partnership between Druk Green Power Corporation Limited (DGPC), holding a 51% equity stake, and Adani Power Limited (APL), holding a 49% equity stake. The debt financing is being arranged from financial institutes in India.	1. The statement mentions 'debt protion is proposed to be raised'. Kindly confirm whether Debt portion has already been arranged. 2. If answer to the above is yes, who is the lead financing agency? 3. Kindly clarify the modality of payment to EPC i.e. whether entire payment will be paid by the SPV? 4. Kindly highlight the modality of release of Debt amount to the project. Is it in proportion to the equity infused by developer or will it be released once entire equity is infused by developer.	The debt is being arranged from Financial Institute in India. Bidders must note that this is the Item Rate Contract. Payments shall be made accordance with the provisions of the Contract.
13	Cl No 02 of ITB (Section-II)	The Project financing is structured as 70:30 debt equity ratio and being implemented under strategic partnership between Druk Green Power Corporation Limited (DGPC), holding a 51% equity stake, and Adani Power Limited (APL), holding a 49% equity stake. The debt financing is being arranged from financial institutes in India.	We request the Employer to kindly confirm the Source and availability of funds for the project.	



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14	General Question		If a bidder has the required eligibility criteria for all the 3 packages; has sufficient bid capacity; and is the most responsive bidder in more than 1 package (e.g., if a bidder is lowest i.e., L 1 in all three packages) then, whether all three packages can be awarded to the same bidder?	Refer Section 4 of the Bidding Document.
15	Bidding Documents for Stage 1 Qualification and Technical Proposals – Page 08, ITB 3.2	Bidders should not have been banned/de-listed/black listed/debarred from business by the Employer or any Government institution or public sector enterprise or any government, Central or State or any statutory authority during the last 5 (five) years on grounds of corrupt/fraudulent practices.	1. Kindly confirm whether the employer/Govt. Institutions are the Royal Government of Bhutan or any institutions like world bank/ADB etc. 2. As this is a international tender and in Bhutaan, we request you to limit this clause to Bhutan Govt insititutions	The provision is not limited to Government institutions of Bhutan. It shall include the Employer (Client), Government Institutions, Public Sector Enterprises, Central or State Governments, Statutory Authorities and Multi-Lateral Banks (MDBs).
16	Bidding Documents for Stage 1 Qualification and Technical Proposals – Page 21, Section 4, Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria	3.2 Stage 2 – Financial Evaluation Only Bidders determined to be Qualified under Stage 1 shall be eligible to participate in Stage 2. Stage 2 shall be conducted using one of the following approaches, as determined by the Employer in accordance with the approved Contract Award Strategy. 3.2.1 Competitive Financial Bidding 3.2.2 Direct Commercial Negotiation	The Employer is requested to clearly specify the financial evaluation methodology to be adopted, i.e., whether Competitive Financial Bidding or Direct Commercial Negotiation will be used for Stage 2 evaluation. The evaluation strategy should be defined upfront in the tender document to ensure transparency, predictability, and uniform understanding among all bidders.	The Employer shall decide the selection approach for Stage 2 Bidding prior to issuance of Stage 2 Bidding Documents to the qualified Bidders.



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17	Sec-4, Qualification and Technical Evaluation criteria, Cl. 7.4	Limitation on Award To promote balanced allocation of resources, reduce execution risk, and facilitate timely implementation of the Project, the Employer may limit the award to a maximum of two of the three Main Civil Works Contract Packages to any one contractor. Where the same Bidder is identified as the preferred Bidder for all three Contract Packages under the Competitive Financial Bidding approach, the Employer may award a maximum of two Contract Packages to that Bidder. The remaining Contract Package may be awarded to the next ranked Qualified Bidder, provided the Bidder agrees to execute the Contract at the established Lowest Evaluated Bid Price.	Awarding all three packages to one bidder will bring more competitive pricing and financial advantage to the Employer. Hence the limitation of 2 contracts to one bidder shall be deleted.	
18	Sec. 4 – Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria Cl. 3.2,3.2.1,3.2.2	3.2 Stage 2 – Financial Evaluation Only Bidders determined to be Qualified under Stage 1 shall be eligible to participate in Stage 2. Stage 2 shall be conducted using one of the following approaches, as determined by the Employer in accordance with the approved Contract Award Strategy. 3.2.1 Competitive Financial Bidding Under this approach, Qualified Bidders	We suggest that the stage 2 bidding shall be based on “Competitive Financial Bidding” and the award of the contract shall take place to the lowest bidder which will ensure a transparent and fair bidding process as per the government guidelines and industry practice.	



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		shall be invited to submit Financial Bids based on the final Employer's Requirements, Conditions of Contract, and Bills of Quantities. The Financial Bids shall be evaluated in accordance with the methodology specified in the Stage 2 Bidding Documents to determine the Lowest Evaluated Responsive Bid or the Most Advantageous Bid, as applicable. 3.2.2 Direct Commercial Negotiation Under this approach, the Employer may invite one or more technically qualified Bidders to participate in commercial negotiations using benchmark or reference Bills of Quantities (BOQ) rates established from comparable hydropower projects, prevailing market rates, and other relevant cost information. The objective of the negotiations shall be to achieve a fair, reasonable, and commercially acceptable Contract Price while maintaining transparency, value for money, and timely implementation of the Project.		
19	Sec 4, Page 20, Table 4.2 – Financial Qualification Requirement, SN1 Access to Financial Resources	Access to liquid assets, committed lines of credit or other financial resources excluding advance payment equivalent to not less than BTN 681 million.	We refer to Section 4, Table 4.2 – Financial Qualification Requirements, Sl. No. 1, which requires the Bidder to demonstrate access to liquid assets, committed lines of credit or other financial resources equivalent to not less than BTN 681	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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		million. We also note that Form 5 – Financial Resources under Section 7 permits the Bidder to specify sources of financing including liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit and other financial commitments. In order to align the qualification requirement with the prescribed Form 5, we request the Employer to amend the requirement as follows: "The Bidder must demonstrate access to, or availability of, liquid assets, cash and cash equivalents, unencumbered assets, committed lines of credit and/or other financial resources, excluding contractual advance payments, sufficient to meet the financial resources requirement of BTN 681 million, net of current contractual commitments." It is further requested that such financial resources may be demonstrated through audited financial statements, certificates issued by the Statutory Auditor/Chartered Accountant, bank certificates, committed credit facilities or other equivalent documentary evidence, as applicable. This modification is in line with what is followed in another tender of DGPC i.e (Dorjilung HEP)	



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20	GENERAL (Package WC-III)	Detailed Design & Fabrications Drawings	The detailed design calculation & drawings for Civil and HM Works shall be carried out by the Bidder or Design Consultant (DC) to be appointed by the employer. Kindly confirm / clarify.	The detailed design of the Civil Works shall be undertaken by the Employer through its appointed Design and Engineering Consultant. For the Hydro-Mechanical Works, the Contractor shall be responsible for the detailed design calculations, shop/fabrication drawings and related technical documents, on the basis of principal requirements of the Employer.
21	Cl no 4.3.1 of Section 4 – Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria	General Construction Experience Minimum fifteen (15) years' experience as a Prime Contractor, Joint Venture Member, or Specialist Contractor in major civil engineering works	We request to amend the Minimum Twenty Five (25) years' experience as a Prime Contractor, Joint Venture Member, or Specialist Contractor in major civil engineering works	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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22	Cl no 4.3 & 4.4 of Section 4 – Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria	General Construction and Specific Experience Requirements	General Construction and Specific Experience Requirements We request you to kindly add the following: If Experience certificate is issued in the name of JV, the evaluation shall be done in the following manner: - i) In case the participation / profit sharing percentage of Bidders as per JV agreement is at least 35%, full credit of the work executed by the JV shall be given to such Bidders We kindly request the Employer to accept the above provision and suitably amend the Qualification Criteria accordingly. The same provision is made in the recent bids for the works of DCP-I, DCP-II & DCP-III of 1125 MW Dorjilung HEP, invited by Dorjilung Hydroelectric Power Project, Gyalpoizhing, Mongar, Bhutan.	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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23	Cl no 4.3.1 of Section 4 – Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria	Contract Management Experience Demonstrated experience in administering contracts of comparable value, complexity, and duration.	We request to confirm that the Experience/Performance Certificates issued by Employer for the works executed by the bidder shall be considered as acceptable documentary evidence for fulfilling the Contract Management Experience criteria. If the submission of Experience/Performance Certificates are not acceptable for fulfilling this Criteria, we request you to kindly permit the Bidder to submit an MOU with a suitably qualified/experienced Agency having the requisite Contract Management Experience, in accordance with the Qualification Criteria.	Bid provisions shall prevail.
24	Cl no 4.4 of Section 4 – Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria	Specific Experience Requirements The experience specified in Table 4.4 shall have been obtained within the last twenty (20) years preceding the Bid Submission Deadline.	The experience specified in Table 4.4 shall have been obtained within the last twenty five (25) years preceding the Bid Submission Deadline.	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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25	Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section 4- Qualification and Evaluation requirements and Criteria, Clause 4.4 Specific Powerhouse and Hydropower Experience	4.4.1 Hydro Mechanical Works: Successful completion of Hydro-Mechanical Works for.....undertaken as a Prime Contractor, Joint Venture Member, or approved Specialist Subcontractor.	Hydro-Mechanical Works associated with large Water Resources Projects, such as dams, barrages, spillways, intake structures, and related water conveyance systems, are substantially similar in nature, scope, complexity, design, manufacturing, installation, testing, and commissioning requirements to those executed in hydropower projects. In view of the above, we kindly request the Employer to broaden the qualification criteria by recognizing successful completion of Hydro-Mechanical Works in major Water Resources Projects involving dams and/or barrages. So, we request you to kindly modify as "Successful completion of Hydro-Mechanical Works for at least one Hydropower Project or Water Resources Project (such as dam, barrage, irrigation) of comparable scope and complexity, undertaken as a Prime Contractor, Joint Venture Member, or approved Specialist Subcontractor."	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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26	Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section 4- Qualification and Evaluation requirements and Criteria, Clause 4.4 Specific Powerhouse and Hydropower Experience	Note: 2. Where experience is claimed through participation in a Joint Venture, only the portion of the Works for which the Bidder was contractually responsible shall be considered.	We request to modify the Vertical Shaft Construction qualification criteria to allow the evaluation of experience gained through Joint Venture (JV) projects based on the Bidder's actual role and scope of work performed in the JV. The evaluation of such experience should be based on the Bidder's assigned role and scope of work as defined in the JV Agreement and Contract documents, supported by documentary evidence. In cases where the quantum of work indicated in the experience certificate differs from that defined in the JV Agreement, the experience may be considered based on the experience certificate issued by the Employer/Client, in line with the provisions for evaluation of JV experience. This approach will ensure fair assessment of bidders possessing relevant vertical shaft construction experience acquired through Joint Venture projects. Further, this approach is inline with the general practice followed in hydroelectric project tenders invited by CPSUs in India.	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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27	Contract Package: WC I – Dam, Contract Package: WC II – HRT, Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section 4- Evaluation and Qualification Criteria	Experience is claimed through participation in a Joint Venture.	We understand that, in the case of works executed through a Joint Venture (JV), the JV member holding participation share of more than 35% in the JV can claim 100% of the experience attributable to the works executed by the Joint Venture. Kindly confirm. This is in line with the general practice followed in hydroelectric project tenders issued by various Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) in India, wherein a JV partner with a participation share exceeding 35% is permitted to claim the full experience gained from the execution of the JV project for the purpose of meeting qualification requirements.	Bid provisions shall prevail. Experience claimed through JV shall be limited to the percentage of JV participation.
28	Contract Package: WC I – Dam, Contract Package: WC II – HRT, Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section 2- Instruction to Bidders (ITB), Clause 3.1 Eligible Bidders	This invitation for Stage 1 – Qualification and Technical Proposals..... or any combination of such entities in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) under an existing agreement or with the intent to enter into such an agreement, supported by a Letter of Intent.	Kindly arrange to provide the format of Joint Venture Agreement.	Bidders may submit the Joint Venture Agreement in their own format, provided it complies with all applicable requirements of the Bidding Documents.



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29	Cl no 4.4 of Section 4 – Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria	Successful completion of Hydro-Mechanical Works for at least one hydropower project having an installed capacity of not less than 350 MW, undertaken as a PrimeContractor, Joint Venture Member, or approved Specialist Subcontractor.	Successful completion of Hydro-Mechanical Works for at least one hydropower project or Major Water Resources Projects, undertaken as a PrimeContractor, Joint Venture Member, or approved Specialist Subcontractor. Alternatively, for fulfilling this criterion, we request the Employer to kindly permit the Bidder to submit an MOU with a suitably qualified/experienced Agency having the requisite HM Works Experience, in accordance with the Qualification Criteria.	Bid provisions shall prevail.
30	Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section 4- Qualification and Evaluation requirements and Criteria, Clause 4.4 Specific Powerhouse and Hydropower Experience	4.4.1 Specific Experience Requirements: iii. Deep Open Excavation and Slope Stabilisation: Successful execution of open excavation of at least 70,000 m ³ in soil and rock, including slope stabilisation using anchored retaining structures, shotcrete, rock bolts, or equivalent systems under a single project.	We kindly request consider experience from any completed or substantially completed tunnel/underground infrastructure project of similar nature for meeting the Deep Open Excavation and Slope Stabilisation qualification criteria. Major infrastructure projects typically involve extensive portal and approach excavations in soil and rock, along with complex slope stabilisation measures such as rock bolts, anchors, shotcrete, retaining structures, and other equivalent support systems, requiring expertise comparable to that required for the Works. Accordingly, experience gained from road, railway, metro, hydropower, or other civil tunnel projects involving the specified	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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			quantities of open excavation and slope stabilisation should be accepted for qualification purposes, as the construction methodology, equipment deployment, geotechnical challenges, and safety requirements are substantially similar. So, we request you to kindly modify as "Successful execution of open excavation of at least 70,000 m ³ in soil and rock, including slope stabilisation using anchored retaining structures, shotcrete, rock bolts, or equivalent systems under any infrastructure single project".	
31	Sec. 5 – Employer's Requirements/Project Information Cl. 5.5	Surge Shaft The DPR envisaged excavation by raise-boring followed by slashing, with mucking access through Adit 5 and rock support comprising rock bolts, shotcrete, wire mesh and consolidation grouting where required.	Since the dia of Surge Shaft is 20m and in view of the available time and access, kindly allow the bidder to choose the excavation methodology such as by Full Shaft Sinking/Top-Down Method, Raise Climber followed by Slashing of shaft, etc.	Bidders may propose technically sound, safe, and practical surge shaft excavation methodology in their Stage 1 Construction Methodology.
32	Cl no 4.4 of Section 4 – Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria	Successful excavation of at least one surge shaft or equivalent vertical shaft having a minimum depth of 90 m and a minimum diameter of 12 m under a single project.	Successful excavation of at least one surge shaft or equivalent vertical shaft having a minimum depth of 60 m and a minimum diameter of 10 m under a single project.	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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33	Sec. 8 – Appendices	Appendix 1 Reference Drawings The preliminary drawings included in this Appendix are based on the Detailed Project Report (DPR) 2014. However, the General Layout of the Project has been optimized, and a revised Layout is attached herewith for reference. This updated Layout incorporates the necessary adjustments arising from the optimization studies which may still go under revision with finalization of design parameters. These preliminary drawings shall be used by the prospective bidders for making assessment of the scope, extent and in preparing construction methodology and construction programme necessary for Stage 1 Bidding. The final tender level drawings shall be made available to the qualified bidders for Stage 2 Bidding.	The General Project Layout drawing bearing DRG. No. PL.WP - DPR03/R1 was updated on Aug-2026. In the same, some major changes in comparison to DPR-2014 stage preliminary drawings are as below: Removal of 2 nos Inlet/Feeder Tunnel and thereby reduction of Power Intake to 1 no from 2nos earlier. Adjustment of alignment of HRT, distance between Adits. The Adits for HRT is increased to 5nos from 4nos earlier. Its lengths have been modified. The location & orientation of Butterfly Valve Chamber & Ferrule Erection Chamber have been changed. The 2nos of Adits originating from Adit-5 to HRT/SS is now reduced to 1no. Moreover, the location of project components have been changed in latest layout which in turn will result in inaccurate estimation of quantities. Also, the Steel Liner drawings for Fabrication & Erection works of Penstocks for Pressure Shafts are not available. Hence, we request you to kindly provide the updated civil & HM drawings of project components including Longitudinal Section of Project available as	Refer the updated General Project Layout drawing attached in Appendix 1 which incorporates recent optimization studies, including the addition of Adit 5 and adit length adjustments and governs for Stage 1. Final approved construction drawings, detailed longitudinal sections (L-sections), exact adit junction chainages, portal coordinates, and junction dimensions will be provided in the Stage 2 Bidding.



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			on date, so as to enable the bidders to submit their best technical proposal in line with the topography & geological information available in the bid documents.	
34	Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section 4- Qualification and Evaluation requirements and Criteria, Clause 4.4 Specific Powerhouse and Hydropower Experience	4.4.1 Specific Experience Requirements: i. Similar Powerhouse and Hydro-Mechanical Works: Successful execution of one or more powerhouse and Hydro Mechanical Works contracts of comparable scope and complexity, including surge shafts, bus ducts, pressure shafts, powerhouse caverns, and associated hydraulic structures under a single project.	We kindly request to modify the clause as: "Completed / Substantially Completed one or more powerhouse and Hydro Mechanical Works contracts of comparable scope and complexity, including surge shafts, bus ducts, pressure shafts, powerhouse caverns, and associated hydraulic structures under a single project." Hydro-Mechanical Works associated with large Water Resources Projects, such as dams, barrages, spillways, intake structures, and related water conveyance systems, are substantially similar in nature, scope, complexity, design, manufacturing, installation, testing, and commissioning requirements to those executed in hydropower projects. We request to allow Civil Works and Hydro Mechanical Works experience may be derived from separate projects. Hydro Mechanical Works experience may be demonstrated either by the Bidder or by a specialized subcontractor proposed for the Project.	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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35	Sec-3 Bid Data Sheet, Cl. 18	Bid Security: BTN 68,000,000 (Bhutanese Ngultrum Sixty Eight Million only). Validity of Bid Security: The Bid Security shall remain valid until 22 January 2027. Form of Bid Security The Bid Security shall be in the form of a Cash Warrant or an irrevocable unconditional bank guarantee issued by a bank/financial institution in Bhutan or by a foreign bank, provided that the guarantee issued by a foreign bank is confirmed by, and enforceable through, a bank/financial institution in Bhutan.	The amount of Bid Security is very high and kindly reduce the same and we request to modify the clause for Bid Security as below: Bid security shall be submitted for a single package for an amount of BTN/INR 50 million (Fifty Million) only. The Bid Security shall be in the form of a Cash Warrant or an irrevocable Unconditional Bank Guarantee or Insurance Surety Bond. If the Bidder is participating in more than one package, then, Bid Security shall be required for only one package and Bid Security Declaration shall be allowed for other Packages.	Bid provisions shall prevail.
36	Cl no 4.28 of Section 4 – Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria	All Bank Guarantees either issued by a bank/financial institutions in Bhutan or any acceptable foreign Bank through a corresponding financial institution in Bhutan to make it enforceable.	All Bank Guarantees either issued by a bank / financial institution in Bhutan OR in India. The amount and currency of the Bid Security, all bank guarantees shall be in BTN/INR	



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37	Contract Package: WC I – Dam, Contract Package: WC II – HRT, Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section 6- Abstract of Conditions of Contract Particular Conditions: Part A- Contract Data (Summary)	4.2 Performance Security- 10%	We request to consider reducing the Performance Security requirement from 10% to 5% of the Accepted Contract Amount. A Performance Security of 5% is sufficient to safeguard the Employer's interests while significantly reducing the financial burden on contractors, particularly for large-value infrastructure projects. Reducing the Performance Security to 5% will improve bidder participation, enhance competition, optimize working capital availability for project execution, and align the requirement with prevailing industry practices adopted in many major infrastructure procurements, without compromising performance assurance to the Employer.	Bid provisions shall prevail.
38	Sec 6- PCC, Part A, Contract Data, Cl. 4.2	Performance Security The Performance Security will be in the form of an “unconditional demand bank guarantee” in the amount of 10% of the Accepted Contract Amount.	Kindly reduce the Performance Security to 5% in view of the current industry practice. Kindly allow Insurance Surety Bonds against Performance Security as an additional option for the Bidder.	
39	Cl No 4.2 -Section 06	Performance Security: The Performance Security will be in the form of an “unconditional demand bank guarantee” in the amount of 10% of the Accepted Contract Amount.	We request the Employer to kindly specify the validity period of the Performance Security and the timeline/conditions for its release.	Performance Security is not applicable at Stage 1. The validity period and conditions for release of the Performance Security shall be specified in the Stage 2 Bidding Documents.



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40	General	Retention Money BG	Kindly allow the release of retention money in tranches by submission of an equivalent amount of BG by the Bidder	Agreed
41	Cl No 14.3 -Section 06	Retention Money: 5% of Contract Price	We request the Employer to kindly specify the timeline and conditions for release of the Retention Money.	The timeline and conditions for release of Retention Money shall be specified in the Stage 2 Bidding Documents.
42	Cl No 14.6 -Section 06	Period for the Employer to make interim payments to the Contractor under Sub-Clause 14.6 (interim Payment)-Within 42 days after receiving the certification from the Engineer	We request to ammend as follows Submitted by the Contractor in respect of Interim Payment Certificate, 90 % of the admissible gross value of Interim Payment Certificate on provisional basis within 7 days after Engineer receives the statement and supporting documents and after taking into account all recoveries including retention amount on 100 % of the value of Interim Payment Certificate. All the statutory deductions will be carried out on the amount payable to the Contractor Balance 10% payment on any date between 7th day to 42nd day after the date of receipt of the statement and after taking into account all balance adjustment, statutory deductions & recoveries, if any	Bid provisions shall prevail.
43	Cl No 8.8 -Section 06	Maximum amount of delay damages - 10% of the Contract Price	Kindly Amend and Limited to 5% of the Contract Price	Bid provisions shall prevail.



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44	Contract Package: WC I – Dam, Contract Package: WC II – HRT, Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section 6- Abstract of Conditions of Contract Particular Conditions: Part A- Contract Data (Summary)	1.1.27 Defects Notification Period - 36 months			Bid provisions shall prevail.							
		As per the general practice in hydropower project tenders invited by CPSUs in India, the works are typically executed in accordance with the FIDIC Conditions of Contract (Red Book). Under this framework, construction is carried out based on the design and drawings provided by the Employer, and the Defects Notification Period (DNP) is generally stipulated as 12 months. In view of the above, we kindly request you to review the Defects Notification Period specified in the tender and may please be reduced the same to 12 months. An extract from the tender document of the Kamala Hydroelectric Project is enclosed herewith for your ready reference.										
45	Sec 6- PCC, Part A, Contract Data, Cl. 1.1.27	<table><tr><td>Conditions</td><td>Sub-Clause</td><td>Data</td></tr><tr><td>Defects Notification Period</td><td>1.1.27</td><td>36 months</td></tr></table>			Conditions	Sub-Clause	Data	Defects Notification Period	1.1.27	36 months	Kindly reduce the Defect Notification Period (DNP) to 12 Months.	
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Defects Notification Period	1.1.27	36 months										



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46	Contract Package: WC I – Dam, Contract Package: WC II – HRT, Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section 6- Abstract of Conditions of Contract-Particular Conditions, Part B- Special Provisions, sub clause 14.1	Tax Acts, rules and regulations in force.	Kindly provide a copy of the Tax Guidelines applicable to the Wangchhu Hydroelectric Power Project for our reference.	Refer Section 6 of the Bidding Document
47	General	Royalty rates	We request you to kindly provide the royalty rates applicable to the project.	Applicable royalty rates shall be as per the prevailing laws, rules and regulations of the Royal Government of Bhutan.
48	Sec-6, Part B, Special Provisions, Cl. 7.8	Royalties The Contractor shall pay royalties, rent and other payments or compensations, if any, for getting stone, aggregates, sand, gravel, clay or any other materials required for the Works.	Kindly clarify the prevailing rates of royalties for various materials like earth, Rock, Aggregates etc.	Applicable royalty rates shall be as per the prevailing laws, rules and regulations of the Royal Government of Bhutan.
49	General	Electricity Charges	We request you to kindly provide the electricity charges/tariff applicable for the project.	The applicable electricity tariff and miscellaneous charges shall be as per the prevailing rates notified by Bhutan Power Corporation Limited (BPC).



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50	General	Auto Cad and Google Earth File	Please provide Auto Cad and Google earth KMZ file for the project to plan and indicate project facilities and infrastructure work in the Method statement to be submitted.	All information shall be provided to the qualified Bidders for preparation of their Stage 2 Bids.
51	Contract Package: WC I – Dam, Contract Package: WC II – HRT, Contract Package: WC III – Powerhouse Section-4, Qualification and Technical Evaluation requirements and Criteria, Clause 5.2 Specialist Subcontractors	Where permitted under the Bidding Documents, the Bidder may engage Specialist Subcontractors to undertake specialised portions of the Works.	We request to clarify the specific portions of the Works that are proposed to be eligible for execution through Specialist Subcontractors, including any limitations on scope, value, or critical activities. Such clarification is essential for bidders to appropriately plan their execution strategy, identify qualified specialist agencies, assess risks and responsibilities, and prepare responsive bids in compliance with the Employer's requirements.	Specialised Work(s) may be undertaken through a Specialist Subcontractor, subject to approval by the Employer.



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52	Contract Package: WC I – Dam, WC II – HRT, WC III – Powerhouse Section-4 Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria	Cl 4.5.2 Documentary Evidence iii) completion certificates, taking-over certificates, or equivalent documents issued by the Employer for completed projects; iv) Employer's certificates or performance certificates confirming the satisfactory completion of the Works, where available;	We kindly request you that, considering the pre-qualification stage of the bidding process, submission of academic qualification certificates, professional certificates and experience certificates professional registration, licence certificate for all proposed key personnel may be waived at this stage. Collection and verification of such documents from all personnel is a time-consuming exercise. Accordingly, bidders may be permitted to submit an undertaking confirming that all requisite supporting documents shall be provided by the successful bidder prior to contract award/mobilization.	Bid provisions shall prevail.
53	Sec 6 – PCC Part B, Special Provisions, Cl. 14.2	(b) Advance for Construction Equipment: Up to 90% of the invoiced value of new construction equipment procured specifically for the Project. Payable subject to submission of satisfactory documentary evidence and an equivalent bank guarantee. The aggregate amount of equipment advances shall not exceed 10% of the Accepted Contract Amount.	Kindly allow equipment advance against hypothecation. The referred subclause shall be modified as below: “Up to 90% of the invoiced value of new construction equipment procured specifically for the Project. Payable subject to submission of satisfactory documentary evidence and an equivalent bank guarantee or hypothecation of the Equipment to the Employer in lieu of Bank Guarantee. The aggregate amount of equipment advances shall not exceed 10% of the Accepted Contract Amount.”	



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54	Sec-2 ITB Cl. 18.4	The Bid Security submitted for Stage 1 shall be: a) returned to disqualified Bidders under Stage 1, as promptly as practicable following notification of the outcome of the Stage 1 Bidding Process, subject to completion of any applicable standstill period; and b) retained by the Employer as one of the requirements under Stage 2 Bidding Document for the qualified Bidder in addition to the requirements under Stage 2 Bidding process. The validity of the Bid Security shall be extended by such duration as stipulated under Stage 2 Bidding Document.	Since the Stage 1 Bid Security is already retained by the Employer for qualified bidders, kindly allow the bidders to submit a 'Top-Up' Bank Guarantee for Stage 2 bidding rather than an entirely separate BG/instrument. Alternatively, Stage 1 BG can be replaced/merged into a single comprehensive Stage 2 Bid Security.	Bid provisions shall prevail.
	Sec-2 ITB Cl. 18.4	The Bid Security required for Stage 2 Bidding Process shall be submitted separately by the Bidders invited to participate in the Stage 2 Bidding Process.		
55	General	Bank Details	Please Provide the Bank Details to Take the EMD	Refer ITB clause 18 of the Bidding Documents.
56	General	Status of Clearances	Kindly confirm the status of various clearances of the project like: a) Environmental Clearance b) Forest Clearance c) Financial Approvals d) Land Acquisition	All statutory clearances will be opted by the Employer prior to commencement of the work.



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57	General	Environmental, Forest and Other clearances	We request to the inform the status of the Environmental, Forest and Other clearances	
58	General	Land Availability	We request to the inform the status of the Land Availability	Designated land required for permanent and temporary works is available. Contractors requiring additional land shall make necessary arrangements at its own cost.
59	Sec-3 Bid Data Sheet, Cl. 21	The electronic Bid submission is allowed: The password for opening the electronic Bid shall not be submitted together with the Bid. The Bidder shall communicate the password to the Employer between 15:00 hrs and 15:30 hrs (BST) on 24 September 2026, through the email address specified in the BDS. The password shall not be communicated before 15:00 hrs (BST).	We understand that the Bid Submission is in Electronic Mode through a downloadable link of Bid on Email ID given in Bid Data Sheet. Kindly Confirm.	Confirmed.
	Sec-3 Bid Data Sheet, Cl. 22	Employer's address for the purpose of bid submission: General Manager (CPD), Wangchhu Hydroelectric Power Limited, Post Box No. 202, Dhoewa Lam, Phuentsholing, Bhutan. Email: gm.cpd@whpl.bt		



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60	Sec. 4 – Qualification and Technical Evaluation Requirements and Criteria Cl. 4.6.1	Table 4.6 – Minimum Construction Plant and Equipment Dump Truck - Minimum payload 20 tonnes	We understand that the available standard Dumpers in the market are of 12m ³ (25T Gross) Capacity which pertains to about 18 tonnes of payload capacity. Hence, we request to remove the minimum payload requirement of 20 tonnes or modify it to minimum 18 tonnes.	The minimum payload requirement is 20 tonnes. Contractor may propose dumpers with payload capacity higher than 20 tonnes.
61	Sec. 5 – Employer's Requirements/Project Information Cl. 12	Construction Materials, Muck Management and Potential Sources Potential sources include: i) suitable excavated material generated from the Project Works; ii) rock quarry sources in the vicinity of the Dam; iii) the Tititar quarry area; and iv) river-borne material and shoal deposits downstream of the Wangchhu-Piping confluence. Surplus or unsuitable material shall be disposed of in designated or approved muck disposal areas.	Kindly provide the distance, Capacity, updated Plan including road layout, etc. of the proposed Quarries and Muck Disposal Sites (MDS) from the Project Components for preparation of Preliminary Construction Method & Schedule.	The optimized layout plan along with demarcation of access roads, CCF, MDS, quarries is provided in a KML format for preparation of Preliminary Construction Method & Schedule.



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	Sec-6, Part B, Special Provisions, Cl. 4.26	The Employer shall make available, free from encumbrances, the land required for the Permanent Works and such designated areas as may be identified by the Employer for Muck Disposal Sites (MDS), explosive magazines and Contractor’s construction facilities.										
	Sec. 8 – Appendices	Appendix 1 Reference Drawings Drg No. IF-WP-DPR05/R2 Sep,2014										
62	Sec 6 – PCC Part B, Special Provisions, Cl. 13.7	Adjustments for Changes in Cost The Contract Price shall be subject to adjustment to reflect changes in the cost of cement, steel, fuel, and labour during the execution of the Works. The adjustment mechanism shall be based on designated Base Rates for cement, steel, and fuel, while labour adjustments shall be determined using the Labour Cost Index published by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.			Price adjustment shall be applicable to the Contract Price, including Hydro-Mechanical Works, as applicable. The detailed price adjustment methodology, including applicable base rates, indices and weightages, shall be specified in the Stage 2 Bidding Documents.							
63	Sec 6- PCC, Part A, Contract Data, Cl. 17.2(d)	<table><tr><th>Conditions</th><th>Sub-Clause</th><th>Data</th></tr><tr><td>Forces of nature, the risks of which are allocated to the Employer/Owner and Contractor</td><td>17.2 (d)</td><td>Contractor: Construction All Risks Insurance Policy including Third Party Liability.</td></tr></table>			Conditions	Sub-Clause	Data	Forces of nature, the risks of which are allocated to the Employer/Owner and Contractor	17.2 (d)	Contractor: Construction All Risks Insurance Policy including Third Party Liability.	Being an Item Rate Work, the responsibility to effect Construction All Risks Insurance Policy should lie with the Employer. Hence kindly modify this clause accordingly.	Bid provisions shall prevail.
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Forces of nature, the risks of which are allocated to the Employer/Owner and Contractor	17.2 (d)	Contractor: Construction All Risks Insurance Policy including Third Party Liability.										



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64	Sec. 7 Stage 1 Submission Forms	Form 13: Technical Data Sheet – Hydro-Mechanical Works	Kindly provide the Technical Specifications of HM works, HM Technical Data Sheets & latest available HM Drawings for preparation of Technical Submission for HM works.	Detailed Technical Specifications, HM Technical Data requirements and final tender-level drawings shall be provided to Qualified Bidders at Stage 2 Bidding.
65	General	Quantity	Kindly provide the Bill of Quantities for the respective package (preferably for each component) to formulate the construction planning including equipment requirement and time calculations. Alternatively, quantities of major activities like excavation, concreting, etc for all the project components may be provided.	The tentative quantities for the major components are as below: 1. Dam Construction - Excavation: 1,002,050 m³ Concrete: 1,517,190 m³ 2. HRT Construction - Excavation: 1,676,485 m³ Concrete: 153,260 m³ 3. Powerhouse Construction - Excavation: 570,420 m³ Concrete: 142,640 m³
66	General	Estimated Cost	Kindly provide the estimated price along with the year of price level.	The qualified Bidder shall propose their Financial Bids based on the quantities specified in the BoQ under Stage 2 Bidding.
67	General	Likely date of award	Kindly inform likely date of award of contract to plan for the resources according to the start date.	The Contract Award shall be made upon completion of the Stage 2 Bidding.

