

## Technical Corrigendum

No. PPM/DC/22-23/135-138

Date: 09.06.2023

Sub- Hiring of Service Provider(s) for collection, preparation and parting of coal samples at loading sites of different collieries of subsidiaries of Coal India Limited, Singareni Collieries Company Limited and other coal producing companies and Unloading sites of Power Utilities and thereafter transportation of prepared sample(s) to CSIR-CIMFR Campus at Digwadih (Dhanbad) & Raniganj and its Research Centres at Nagpur, Bilaspur and Ranchi.

Ref. E-Tender ID: 2023\_CSIR\_155338\_1

In response to various queries received from different prospective bidders, Competent Authority, CSIR- CIMFR has approved to provide following clarifications in respect of the NIT referred above:

Sl. No.	Clause No.	Description as per NIT	Queries made by the prospective bidders	Response from CSIR-CIMFR
1	3.1.4	Self-locking capped metal bottles with RFID tag for referee samples.	Further to technical Corrigendum_1 dd.04/05/2023 As per the decision of Competent Authority, RFID tags need to be fitted with the metallic bottles with self- locking cap for referee samples. Hence, the clause (3.1.4) of NIT will remain as such. We seek clarity on RFID tags. technical terms RFID is tracking system detected by the sensors, Please share the process flow and also confirm whether SP has to Generate the RFID tags or Simple Barcode as to transfer the sample information field into a barcode tag, further availability of portable handheld scanner / reader availability at the sample storage facility & there are no system interface / integration as we understand. Note. There is technicality difference between RFID tag and the bar code and the cost involvement for both the technologies as well.	RFID Tag (Sticker) will be pasted on the Referee sample (Metallic) bottle.  RFID Tag is only required to identify the tampering of the referee sample (Metallic) bottle.  Minimum five working/ functional RFID reader will be required for each zone.
2	2.B.1.1	The samples shall be submitted within 6 (Six) days of sample preparation for the site located within 500 km from research center and 08 (eight) days of sample preparation for the site located beyond 500 km from research center from loading/unloading ends to CSIR-CIMFR Research Centre or its authorized representative. In case of delay beyond six (06) days/ 08 (days), following	Mode of sample submission not restricted to any one mode. Sample shall be submitted either through speed post, courier and personal delivery, Seek conformation and clarity on sample submission mode.	Sample should be submitted in sealed box(es) to CSIR-CIMFR Labs by the authorized representative of service provider physically within the stipulated time mentioned in the NIT.

		penalties shall be imposed as per clause no.3.8 on payable amount of the SP on quantity of coal covered by those gross/final samples at loading/unloading end.		
3	3.3.2	The SP shall make its own arrangement to know well in advance the time of placement of rake(s)/trucks at loading/unloading points for loading/unloading so as to ensure timely sampling of the entire coal in the consignment /lot (rakes/trucks). Sampling may have to be carried out any time during day and night on all days as per wagons/ trucks placement. For this purpose, the SP shall have to keep adequate manpower round the clock for sampling of coal of the rakes/ trucks placed loading/unloading points. In case the AMS is not in operation the samples shall have to be collected manually	Unloading plant NTECL, Vallur, Tamil Nādu, the mode of coal arrival is through vessel discharge however the process of sample collection and relevant sample collection methods are not reflected under the clause, Seek your confirmation on sampling criteria to be applied in such cases.	As per NIT.
4	4.2	(b.) Self Attested And sealed Work orders and certificates of successful completion of the work orders (by the competent authority of the service user) in support of claim of experience of executing the contracts of coal or / and mineral sampling work involving bulk dispatch by Rail/Road/Sea, of a minimum value as mentioned in the Table 2 annually for last three financial years (viz., 2019-20,2020-21 and 2021-22) should be submitted: (i) Copy of Purchase Order/rate contract (ii) Copy of invoices raised against the respective purchase order/rate contract (i) Copy of the work completion / declaration regarding completion of work (iv) Copy of the bank details and payment received from the principal organization.	Retrieving copy of invoice and the payment receipts for the referred amount is huge for three (3) Financial years, doubt to upload such big document size in upload slot. Therefore we seek your clarification whether as an alternative the customer ledger for invoice and the bankers statement for payment received will be justify the case. Please clarify and purpose if there are any alternatives to submit the details.	Please refer Annexure-III in NIT.
5	3.1.5	Signing of indemnity bond for samplers and supervisors will be issued by SP with the coal company and power utility if required.	Request to illustrate sort of indemnity bonds with an example for samplers and supervisors will be issued by the SP with the coal company and power utility if required.	The standard document will be provided to the successful bidder for each zone.

6	3.1.10	Service Provider will support CSIR-CIMFR team in preparation of TM sample and determination of total moisture (TM) at site as per relevant IS procedure.	Request to specify the sort of support from SP in determination of Total Moisture ( TM ) at site as per relevant IS procedure.	The successful bidder has to provide manpower to assist CSIR-CIMFR for determination of Total Moisture (TM).
7	3.1.15	All manpower of SP engaged in this assignment must be on the pay roll/muster roll of SP along with an ID card of the SP.	Supervisor staff shall be under SP payroll whereas samplers category shall be under SP's approved & registered contractor role. Request to clarify	As per NIT.
8	3.2.3	In case the requisite facilities, machineries, laboratories are not available and / or inadequate at the loading/unloading ends, the SP will prepare the samples as per the instructions of CSIR-CIMFR.	Request to specify the protocol with an example in such cases where SP has to prepare the samples is their any additional cost involvement to SP.	As per NIT.
9	2A 6.10	The Service Provider shall not sub-let/sub-contract, transfer or assign the contract or any part thereof.	Samplers category shall be under SP approved & registered contractor. Request to clarify	As per NIT.
10	2A 6.14	SP shall obtain a valid labour license under the Contract Labour (R&A) Act 1970 and other applicable laws. Before commencement of the work,copy of which he shall submit to CSIR-CIMFR. The SP shall continue to have a valid license till the completion of work.	Please clarify whether SP has to obtain Zone wise Labours licenses per the prescribed labours act. Further it contradicts who clause 2A 6.10 which states that SP shall not sub-let / sub contract or any part thereof.	As per Government Rule and NIT.
11	3.4.2.2	Referee Samples shall be kept under the seal of CSIR-CIMFR in the safe custody. The Referee sample will be destroyed after 15 days from the date of submission of analysis results if no complaint is received	As total responsibility of Referee sample custody lies with CSIR-CIMFR so what role does SP have if no complaint received after 15 days.	Service Provider will assist CSIR-CIMFR and will work as per the directives of CSIR-CIMFR team.
12	2A 22.3	Payments shall be made by CSIR-CIMFR on monthly basis after fulfilling all the terms and conditions of the purchase/work order with supporting documents within 45 days, after receipt of bills duly certified by the authorized representatives of CSIR-CIMFR. Bills (in triplicate) shall be prepared by the SP on monthly basis supported by required documents as given in 2. B.4. The payments will be released as per certified quantity of coal sampling by the coal companies and power utilities for loading end and by power utilities for unloading end.	If payment delays beyond 45 days in such case, how SP compensated with the RBI interest rate for the delayed period. In case of payment disputes what is the escalation hierarchy levels. Request to clarify	The project being externally funded (Coal Producer and Power Utility), the fund will be released within 45 days provided all requisite documents are submitted by the service provider after getting authenticated from competent authority of loading and unloading sites and release of funds from the sponsoring agencies.

13	3.1.15	<p>SP shall have to provide sufficient quantity of tools and tackles and consumable items {including transporting printed QR code for all samples on high quality stickers at 4 labs at Digwadih (including Raniganj), Ranchi, Bilaspur and Nagpur and metal bottles for referee sample with hologram and unique ID}, manpower and suitable transport arrangement wherever required etc. with proper supervision arrangements to conduct the job and ensure that personnel employed are competent and have adequate qualifications for the jobs assigned to them. Supervisors so employed by them should be Graduates/Diploma holders. All manpower of SP engaged in this assignment must be on the pay roll/muster roll of SP along with an ID card of the SP. Any other additional item if desired by CSIR- CIMFR, then with mutual consent the same should be provided by the SP.</p>	<p>Out of set of 4 samples - For 3 samples QR code being printed and supplied by CIMFR and for 1 sample RFID Or Barcode to be printed by SP, Request to clarify the significance of QR code and IFID or Barcode tag on referee samples for understand the process behind</p>	<p>As per NIT.  QR Code and hologram for all the four bottles. RFID for only Referee Sample (metallic) bottle has to be provided by service provider</p>
14	-----	-----	<p>Please confirm whether the Bank Guarantees we have already submitted to CIMFR in the last bid Ref.....dated.... still remains valid or not. We would request CIMFR to allow resubmission of the BGs from the last bid as issuance of new BGs are expensive (cost in lakhs).</p> <p>This is with reference to the NIT Ref. No. PPM/DC/22-23/135-138 dated 25.05.2023. We have already submitted original copies of 4 BGs towards the EMD amount to apply our bids in all 4 zones. Attached is the letter confirmation for the submission of 4 BGs at Sales &amp; Purchase office, CSIR-CIMFR Dhanbad as received on 17.05.2023.</p> <p>I request a line of confirmation from your office to accept these already submitted 4 BGs for the NIT Ref. No. PPM/DC/22-23/135-138 dated 25.05.2023. We shall extend the validity of these BGs as per clause 1.16.3 (a) (Bid Security).</p>	<p>Bidders may keep the same EMD (BGs) for the new tender, provided the respective firms extend the BG validity with respect to the reference number of the floated NIT. The firms, if submitting any additional bid other than the zones for which the BG has been submitted, can submit the bids for fresh zones along with requisite BG value.</p>

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