

AUCTION OF COAL MINES FOR SALE OF COAL

(Second Attempt - 17TH TRANCHE OF AUCTION UNDER THE COAL MINES (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 2015)

(Second Attempt - 7th TRANCHE OF AUCTION UNDER THE MINES AND MINERAL (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATIONS) ACT, 1957)

Queries & Responses

Pursuant to Standard Tender Document dated November 15, 2023

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Nominated Authority

Ministry of Coal, Government of India

A. Mine Specific Queries and Responses

Sl. No.	Name of Mine	Query	Response
1.	Badibahal	<p>1. Auction Process: a. There was only one bidder for the mines of Badibahal in last auction and hence it has come up for re-auction. Suppose in this current auction as well, there is only one bidder, will the Badibahal mines be allocated to such one bidder or cancelled?</p> <p>2. PRC: a. The block in Orissa is partially explored blocks where peak-rated capacity is not given. Kindly advise as to what could the peak-rated capacity/ EC capacity to enable us to calculate the upfront amount and performance guarantee amount. It is pertinent to mention here the geological reserves declared is 780 Million MT, respectively, however the mine will go for under mining where yearly production will be a limit. Presently no mines in India are giving more than 1 Million MT of production per annum.</p>	<p>1a. For the coal mines put up for auction under the 2nd attempt of 7th round, in case there is a single bidder in the second attempt, then as per Clause 3.3.2(c) of the Tender Document, "In the event there is only one Qualified Bidder pursuant to Clause 3.3.2(b) above, then the Initial Offer submitted by the Qualified Bidder shall be considered as the Final Offer submitted by the Qualified Bidder and the matter will be referred to Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECoS) for appropriate decision with respect to allocation of the Coal Mine. In the event the ECoS decides that the Coal Mine shall be allocated to the Qualified Bidder, the Qualified Bidder shall be declared as the Preferred Bidder. However, in the event the ECoS decides that the Coal Mine shall not be allocated to the Qualified Bidder, the tender process for the Coal Mine shall stand annulled."</p> <p>2a. As Badibahal coal block is Partially explored, detailed exploration of the block is required. After completing exploration, the PRC may be determined by detailed planning during preparation of the mining plan.</p>
2.	Machhakata (Revised)	<p>1. Coal Evacuation:</p>	<p>1a-c. Details of the proposed rail corridor is under preparation by East Coast Railway.</p>

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		<p>a. For evacuation of coal from Machhakata (Revised) block and other new block, When will be the proposed rail corridor (MCRL) at Talcher Coal Fields, Angul district is commissioned?</p> <p>b. What is the capacity of the proposed rail corridor (MCRL) at Talcher Coal Fields, Angul district?</p> <p>c. The capacity of new blocks like Machhakata (revised) 30MTPA and others, allotted blocks like Baitarni west 15MTPA, ChendipadaII 40MTPA, Naini block 10MTPA, Utkal D&E 4 MTPA. From the above blocks, the daily production will be more than 3 lakh tonnes of coal (more than 75 rakes per day) are to be dispatched. Whether the proposed rail corridor (MCRL) can handle the 3LT of daily coal (more than 75 rakes per day) dispatched?</p> <p>2. PRC:</p> <p>a. Production of the Machhakata (Revised) block will be affected due to the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As per the Geological report, it is observed that the thick of the seams are varying from 3.77 to 7.27 m, upto the depth of 167m and beyond 167 m the maximum thickness of 13.92m is available upto the depth of 271.80m. In view of the minimum thickness of the seams in the block, it is not possible to produce PRC 30MTPA. Hence, the PRC of Machhakata(Revised) coal block may be reduced to PRC 15MTPA. 2. There are 4500 PDFs in the block area. Which will be rehabilitated and it will take more time. 	<p>2a. Interpretation of seam thickness with respect to depth may not be appropriate as cumulative thicknesses of different seams upto 167m will be much greater than the mentioned thickness.</p>

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		<p>3. There are 20 villages/hamlets scattered over the block. Rehabilitation to be done throughout the mine life. This will delay in achieving the PRC 30 MPTA.</p> <p>4. The evacuation of PRC 30 MPTA, for that 25 rakes are required for dispatch of coal and short supply of rakes from the railways may delay in production. In view of above constraints, the PRC of the Machhakata (Revised) block may be reduced to 15 MTPA.</p>	