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BIDDER 'A'					
1	Appendix – XI	58 of 70	Price Bid	Kindly clarify whether the cost to be quoted separately for Comprehensive EIA and Rapid EIA. In that case, the price bid has to be separated for Rapid EIA and for Comprehensive EIA and not to be clubbed together.	No. In the case of Rapid EIA study, Sl. No.3 would not be operative and the contract amount will be limited to 80% of the quoted amount. Please see Clause 4.2.2 of Bid Document.
2	Clause 4.2.1 & Table 4.2	19 of 70	Schedule of Payment	We request to kindly keep separate payment terms for Rapid EIA and Comprehensive EIA and the payment terms to be for 100% and not for 115%. We would like to inform you that 60% of the total cost of the project will be spent during the initial period of field investigations in terms of purchase of consumables, chemicals, hiring of boat, man day charges for staff in conducting the sampling etc. Almost 90% of the payment will be spent during the submission of draft EIA report. The CRZ mapping agency Anna University will ask 100% of the cost for conducting CRZ mapping. Considering all these aspects, we request to kindly modify the payment terms as:	Please refer to reply at (1) above. Modification of payment schedule is not agreeable. Tender Condition shall prevail.

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				Sl. No.	Description	% of the Total Consultancy Fees payable for each item in the price bid as mentioned in the Tender document	Indomer proposed payment terms	
				1.	On submission of duly filled Form-1 and its attachments including Pre Feasibility Reports along with draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for EIA study prepared in line with the Standard ToR or as directed and its concurrence by CoPA	10%	20%	
				2.	On submission of Draft EIA Report as per the approved ToR with Rapid EIA study including Risk Assessment (RA) Report, Disaster Management Plan (DMP), Environmental Management Plan (EMP) etc. and Executive Summary and its Presentation and concurrence by CoPA	15%	30%	
				3.	On submission of Draft EIA Report as per the approved	35%	20%	

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					ToR with comprehensive EIA study including Risk Assessment (RA) Report, Disaster Management Plan (DMP), Environmental Management Plan (EM) etc. and Executive Summary and its presentation and concurrence by CoPA.	
				4.	On submission of duly filled Form – I for environmental and CRZ Clearances and Final EIA report including Risk Assessment (RA), Disaster Management Plan (DMP), Environmental Management Plan (EMP) etc. and Executive Summary in English and Malayalam and confirmation of its completeness in all respects and concurrence by CoPA	30% 20%
				5.	On obtaining the Environmental and CRZ clearances for the project from LCZMA/SEIAA	15% 5%
				6.	On obtaining the Environmental and CRZ clearances for the project from MoEF&CC	10% 5%
					Total	115% 100%

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3	Clause 3.2.3	14 of 70	Separate clearances shall be obtained for projects on eastern side, western side and desilting of channel	MoEFCC is insisting upon cumulative impacts of developments in same area. Hence, EAC Infra may not approve TOR of separate project component in Kadmath and Kalpeni islands.	<p>For jetties on either side of Kalpeni and Kadmath islands it is expected that the EC / CRZ clearances will be provided by SEIAA as it is coming under Category-B projects being passenger jetties with very small cargo throughput and for desilting of channel EC / CRZ clearance is expected from MoEFCC only.</p> <p>Hence, Separate clearances shall be obtained for projects on eastern side, western side and desilting of channel as stipulated in the Bid Document. The clearances / studies for jetties on either side shall be taken up on priority and that for desilting of channel on Western side shall be taken up only on written confirmation from CoPA.</p> <p>Please see Addendum/ Corrigendum No.5 also.</p>
4	Clause 3.3.2.(e)	15 of 70	Conducting model study or other studies, if required, as per prescribed ToR.	<p>Modelling studies to be provided by CoPA shall include following, please confirm.</p> <p>(i) Current simulation studies for jetty construction, (ii) Dredged spoil plume dispersion studies, (iii) Identification of dredged spoil dumping location,</p>	<p>Mathematical Modelling Study by CoPA includes</p> <p>(i) Hydrodynamics (ii) Wave tranquillity</p>

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				(iv) Ship tranquility studies, (v) Vessel traffic management studies	(iii) Sedimentation and maintenance dredging requirements (iv) Details of shore line changes along with the shore protection, if any, required. (v) Ship manoeuvrability
5	Clause 3.3.3.4	15 of 70	Marine ecology studies	It has been experienced in recent times that NIO Goa or other Institutes of National Repute are not accepting PO from NABET accredited consultants and insisting project proponent to issue PO directly. In this case CoPA shall directly appoint NIO or other Institute of National Repute for conducting marine ecological studies as per TOR.	All the studies except Bathymetry and Mathematical Model Study are in the scope of the Consultant and the cost towards other studies shall be borne by the Consultant. In case NIO is not accepting PO directly from the Consultant it can be considered through CoPA. Tender Condition shall prevail.
6	Clause 3.3.3.14	16 of 70	Public Hearing	Cost of event management of Environmental Public Hearing including arrangement of pandal, chairs, refreshments, photography, videography shall be borne by UTLA.	Tender Condition shall prevail. All the cost towards Public Hearing related arrangements shall be borne by the Consultant.
7	Table 4.1 Sl. No.3	18 of 70	Submission of Draft EIA Report as per the approved ToR	Time taken by CRZ mapping agencies and NIO Goa or other Institutes of National Repute for conducting marine ecological studies is usually more than six months. Any delay in EIA submission due to late submission of CRZ map or marine ecology report shall be beyond scope of consultant.	Usually we are conducting CRZ mapping through Anna University, Chennai and NCESS, Thiruvanthapuram and we are getting the reports within 2-3 months. Tender Condition shall prevail.

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8	Appendix XI	58 of 70	Price Bid	Separate heads shall be provided for one season baseline data collection (rapid EIA) and three season baseline data collection (comprehensive EIA).	Separate item is provided for one season baseline data collection (rapid EIA) and for three season baseline data collection (comprehensive EIA) in the Payment Schedule at Table 4.2.. Tender Condition shall prevail.
BIDDER 'C'					
9	-	-	Clearances	Other Clearances like forest clearance, wildlife clearance, NOC from Maritime Board/Forest Department are not in consultant scope, if applicable shall be charged extra – Kindly clarify.	These clearances are most likely not required as there are no forests in Lakshadweep islands. However, if any clearance is required, the same shall be in the scope of the Consultant and the cost towards the studies shall be borne by the Consultant.
10	-	-	Cargo capacity handling	Please, provide cargo handling capacity, which will decide whether the project will be cleared from SEIAA or MoEFCC	The cargo traffic projection for the following islands for the year 2044-45 as per the DPR prepared by the Consultants M/s. LNTIEL are as follows: Androth - 11,151 MT Kadmath - 5,614 MT Kalpeni - 5,567 MT

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11	Clause 3.1	13 of 70	<p>The clearances have to be obtained for the projects proposed at three islands in Lakshadweep viz., Androth, Kadmath and Kalpeni as follows:</p> <p>(i) For Androth, comprehensive clearance for all projects is required.</p> <p>(ii) For Kadmath and Kalpeni, separate clearances have to be taken for</p> <p>(a) projects on Eastern side</p> <p>(b) projects on Western side excluding desiltation of channel and turning circle and</p> <p>(c) desiltation of channel and turning circle on Western side.</p>	As per Page No:13, kindly clarify how many EIAs and clearances we need to take – 3 clearances for each island i.e Androth, Kadmath and Kalpeni	<p>At Androth - 1 EIA study and 1 clearance</p> <p>At Kadmath - 3 EIA studies and 3 clearances</p> <p>At Kalpeni - 3 EIA studies and 3 clearances</p>

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12	Clause 3.3.3.14	16 of 70	Public Hearing	Consultant need to arrange for Presentation both in English & Malayalam languages etc – Kindly confirm other arrangements like Pandal, Refreshment, advertisement in local papers, videography and stenography, liasoning with government bodies will be in proponent scope.	Tender condition shall prevail. All the cost shall be borne by the Consultant.
13	Table 4.1 Sl. No.3 & Clause 4.2.2	18 & 19 of 70	Submission of Draft EIA Report as per the approved ToR	As per Ministry OM 3/11/2009, all the islands are covered under high erosion zone and required to carry out comprehensive EIA including three season monitoring, in that case submission of draft EIA report within 5 months is not possible – Kindly amend the clause.	If the ToR approved by LCZMA/ SEIAA/ MoEF&CC stipulates comprehensive EIA study, draft EIA report shall be submitted within 10 (ten) months from the date of commencement of the Assignment. Please refer Clause 4.2.2 of the Bid Document.
14	Clause 6.5	33 of 70	Liquidated Damage	As per clause, clearances need to be obtained within 8 months schedule. If Committee meeting is beyond our control, which will may take longer time hence, penalty on delay in clearance should not be applicable - Kindly clarify	The period of delay towards LCZMA meetings / MoEF&CC meetings / Public hearing (if required) etc. would be excluded from the above time period and will not be considered as delay from Consultants. Please refer the Note below Clause 6.4.2 of the Bid Document.

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15	Clause 2 of Tender Notice	04 of 70	EMD – Rs.3.50 lakh	Bidder requests waiver of submission of EMD for the subject tender for Central Public Sector Undertakings of Government of India.	Not Agreed. Tender Condition shall apply.
16	Clause 4 of Tender Notice	04 & 05 of 70	Clearances	The selected consultant shall provide technical assistance to M/s Cochin Port Authority (Client) in obtaining all mandatory NOCs, clearances etc. from MoEF&CC and LCZMA/SEIAA on behalf of Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA). Client is requested to confirm bidder's understanding.	The selected consultant shall obtain all mandatory NOCs, clearances etc. from MoEF&CC and LCZMA/ SEIAA for Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA). M/s Cochin Port Authority (Client) will act as a PMC Consultant of UTLA for obtaining all clearances.
17	Clause 12 of Tender Notice	05 of 70	Original documents	Bidder requests that submission of original documents as mentioned in clause 12. May please be allowed till 1 week of online bid submission date. This shall enable the bidder to submit a responsive offer within the online bid submission time and date.	Not Agreed. Tender Condition shall apply.
18	Clause 3.1.2	14 of 70	Clearances	Bidder understands that, three separate EIA reports will be prepared for three islands i.e. Androth, Kadmath, Kalpeni. Environmental & CRZ clearances will be taken separately for three islands. Kindly confirm our understanding.	At Androth -1 EIA study and 1 clearance At Kadmath - 3 EIA studies and 3 clearances At Kalpeni - 3 EIA studies and 3 clearances

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19	Clause no. 3.1.2	14 of 70	Disaster Management Plan	Bidder understands that, guidelines to Disaster Management Plan (DMP) shall be provided by the EC consultant. However, detailed DMP will be carried out by Project Proponent during operation phase. Kindly confirm our understanding.	Detailed DMP during operation phase is also in the scope of the Consultant.
20	Clause no. 3.1.2	14 of 70	Data collection	Bidder understands three months non-monsoon baseline data collection (one season) is required for preparation of EIA report. We are approaching monsoon season on end of May 2024, baseline data collection can only be started during the month of October-December 2024. Kindly confirm our understanding.	The one season baseline data collection can be either pre monsoon, monsoon or post monsoon. Hence, the Assignment has to be carried out as per Tender conditions.
21	Clause no. 3.2.1	14 of 70	Clearances	Bidder understands that, Wildlife and Forest Clearances, if applicable are excluded from Consultant's scope. Kindly confirm our understanding.	These clearances are most likely not required as there are no forests in Lakshadweep islands. If any clearance is required, the same shall be in the scope of the Consultant and the cost shall be borne by the Consultant.
22	Clause no. 3.2.1	14 of 70	Clearances	Bidder understands that, clearances for Eco-sensitive areas such as corals, Marine National Park, Marine Sanctuary, if applicable are excluded from Consultant's scope. Kindly confirm our understanding.	These clearances, if required, shall be in the scope of the Consultant and the cost shall be borne by the Consultant.

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23	Clause no. 4.1	18 of 70	Data collection	<p>If baseline data collection will start during October-December 2024, the time schedule for submission of Rapid EIA study reports can be possible on January 2025.</p> <p>Kindly confirm our understanding.</p>	<p>The one season baseline data collection can be either pre monsoon, monsoon or post monsoon. Hence, the Assignment has to be carried out as per Tender conditions.</p>
24	Clause no. 4.2.4	20 of 70	Communication and accessibility	<p>Please inform the communication and accessibility to the three islands i.e. Androth, Kadmath, Kalpeni from the main land Cochin.</p>	<p>One of the most important communication facilities is mobile network coverage. Major telecom operators such as BSNL, Airtel, and Vodafone provide services in the region.</p> <p>For accessibility to the three islands, Please refer second para under Clause 2.1 of the Bid Document.</p> <p>Lakshadweep is connected to Cochin by sea route. Seven passenger ships operate between various islands & Cochin and it takes 14–20 hours for the passage. Agatti of Lakshadweep is also connected to Cochin by regular commercial flights and it takes around 1 hour 20 minutes and daily two flights are available at present.</p> <p>Further, intra island connectivity is carried out by the High Speed Passenger vessels owned and operated by UTLA, which</p>

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					operate only during the fair weather season.
25	Clause 5.30.3 and 5.30.4	29 of 70	Conflict of interest	In accordance with industry best practices, bidder requests following modification in the clause: "The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Agreement and after its termination, the Consultant or any Associate thereof and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works, services, loans or equity for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services and any breach of this obligation shall amount to a Conflict of Interest;" Client is requested to kindly accept.	Not Agreed. Tender Condition shall apply.
26	-	-	-	Bidder understands that Detailed Project Reports with layout plan and all requisite data for jetty projects shall be provided by CoPA for preparing EIA study report. Kindly confirm our understanding.	Available Detailed Project Reports will be provided to the successful Consultant.

Sd/-
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