



REPLY TO BIDDER'S PRE-BID QUERIES
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1	SOR	D.16 to D.16.5	SOR Item No. D.16 to D.16.5 / Casing pipe	Casing single pipe has mentioned as 18", but the carrier pipe size is 18". In this case casing pipe should be 24" or above kindly clarify	SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1.
2	SOR	D.1	SOR Item No. D.1 / ROU	1) Providing of Compensation for the cut/ uprooted trees of the concern authorities. please clarify generally M/s. GAIL shall pay compensation for cutting of trees, but it has been mentioned as contractor -pl clarify 2) In the discussion of prebid meeting the PMC & GAIL said, available ROU width is 4 Mtrs only, borrowing the excess ROU is to be considered as a separate item.	1. Compensation as per P&MP Act shall be in Owner's account. SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1. 2. As mentioned in the route survey report total width of existing ROU of GAIL is 30 meters. The new Pipeline is to be laid in existing ROU of GAIL, where 2 nos. of 18" gas pipelines of GAIL (HBJ Branch Line and VKPL-I Pipeline) are already present for entire length of 30 kms. A third Pipeline i.e. Boreri to NTPC Anta is also present in the same ROU of GAIL for initial approx. 10 kms length from Boreri. The approx. width of ROU available to lay the new 18" pipeline is as under, - For initial approx. 10 kms from Boreri (Chainage 0 km to 10 km) : approx. 10 meters - For balance approx. 20 kms (Chainage 10 km to 30 km): approx... 15 meters The above mentioned available width of ROU is approximation and based upon the route survey report, the actual available width may vary in positive or negative side. Contractors is requested to quote the price considering the variations in ROU width and any extra amount will not be paid by GAIL on this account. Contractor's scope also includes to arrange the working ROU (for movement of equipments, vehicles etc.) to lay the new 18" diameter pipeline in the existing ROU of GAIL, price incurred in the same shall be included in the quoted rate for Pipe laying work and no extra amount will be paid to the contractor on this account. Tender Conditions prevail.
3	SOR	D.5.7 To D.5.8	SOR Item No:D.5.7 & D.5.8 /Electronic Marker	Electronic Marker Refer Note Given at end of Schedule B1 ,this is not Available -PI Clarify	SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1.
4	SOR		No item for Rock Breaking & Padding Materials	For Rock breaking and soft padding no item is available in SOR, it is to be considered as a separate item - PI Clarify	SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1.
5	Technical Tender General -P.011947 G96 0002	CL. 4.0 (Route & Crosing Details)	Canal Crossing	The field canal crossing is said to be done by cased crossing method .But as the canal depth is 3 Mtr, the casing pipe cover is to be 2.5 Mtrs and casing dia is 600 mm, so the total depth is 6.5 mtrs depth, considering practical difficulties in positioning the JACK boring machine if rock area occurs at 6.5 mtr depth, it is suggested to consider doing crossing by HDD or open cut - PI clarify	During Construction stage, contractor to propose the methodology for crossing, GAIL/PMC will accord the approval of crossing methodology based on the authority permission and site situation. SOR rate will be applicable for actual crossing methodology based on GAIL/PMC approval. Tender Conditions prevail.
6	Technical Tender General -P.011947 G96 0002	CL. 4.0 (Route & Crosing Details)	Kalisindhu River Crossing	In the discussion of prebid meeting, the PMC said Kalisindhu river crossing is by open cut method. But there is no separate item for pipe laying in Kalisindhu. The portion of open cut method (3 Km) area is fully covered with hard rocks, it is to be considered as a separate item.	SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1.
7	Technical Tender Pipeline - P.011947 D 11097 001	Part -6 Welding Cl. 6.0	Welding Electrode Confirmation	Electrode for Mainline and station piping or not specified in Tender including Pre Heating - PI clarify	Bidder to refer Cl. 6.2 of PTS Construction (Doc.no P.011947 D 11097 001) and GTS Part 6 Welding (Doc. No-70000 740 GTS/502)_Welding Procedure Qualifications (WPQ) for Mainline and Station Piping Electrode selection and preheating.
8	SOR	C.6.1 , C.7.1 / RCC M30 & PCC	SOR ITEM Code C.6.1 & C.7.1 / RCC M30 & PCC	This much Huge Quantity of RCC & PCC is mentioned in SOR. But after site survey observed this much qty is not there- kindly clarify this much qty executed or not.	Quantity mentioned in the SOR is applicable for Boundary wall sub-structure, Control room building sub-structure (new as well as modification in the existing building), Guard Room sub-structure, Pipe supports, process area, equipment foundations etc. SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1.



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9	COMMERCIAL VOL-I Special condition of contract		Annexure IXA : Major Equipment required to be owned by the bidder. A. Dozer - D7/D6 equivalent : 01 No. B. Excavator – Ex-200 : 02 Nos. C. Pipe layer / Side Boom : 01 No. D. Diesel Welding M/c : 06 Nos	From Alignment sheet followed by site visit, we understood that from i. Ch: 0.00 Km to Ch:10.00 Km : 03 numbers pipelines are already laid in proposed ROU i.e. 18" VKPL-II, 18" HVJPL & 18" VKPL-I and therefore available ROU for proposed 18" Pipeline is only 05 Mtr. ii. Ch: 10.00 Km to Ch:30.00 Km : Further, 02 number pipelines are already continuing in proposed ROU i.e. 18" VKPL-II & 18" HVJPL and therefore available ROU in this chainage for proposed 18" pipeline will be slightly more than 05 Mtr. From above it may be understood that bidder has to restrict their equipment movement in 05 Mtr of ROU in chainage 0-10 Mtr and slightly more than 05 Mtr in chainage 10-30 Km. Therefore, the movement of chain mounted heavy equipment like Dozer & Pipe layer / Side boom will be difficult and Unsafe. Further, as we know that the terrain is flat and free from heavy bushes and trees, JCB is capable and more effective to fo the clearing and grading of ROU. For other construction activities, excavator and Tyre mounted Hydraulic Cranes / Hydra of capacity 14 Tonne shall be suitable and more effective execution of work In view of above, we propose M/s TE / GAIL to modify the Annexure-IX "Major equipment required to be owned by bidder by replacing Chain mounted equipment pipe layer & Dozer by hydraulic mounted Cranes / Hydra & JCB.	Tender condition prevails.
10	Technical Tender General -P.011947 G96 0002	CL. 4.0 (Route & Crossing Details)	Methodology of Crossing of lined Canal / Nalas, Railway lines and Highways from Cased Crossing to HDD.	From alignment sheet and tender documents, it is known that the major crossings considered are of cased type. Further, based on site visit it is understood that the entire terrain in either hard rock or loose boulders. Normally the depth of canal / nala is 2.5 Mtr and pipeline to be laid at a depth of 1.5 Mtr to 2.0 Mtr below. Therefore, the boring machine to be placed below 04-4.5 Mtr and this will be difficult in this terrain, due to existing pipeline at a distance of 05 Mtr. Therefore, we propose M/s TE / GAIL to change crossing of lined canal / nalas, railways and highways from cased crossing to HDD.	During Construction stage, Contractor to propose the methodology for crossing, GAIL/PMC will accord the approval of crossing methodology based on the authority permission and site situation. SOR rate will be applicable for actual crossing methodology based on GAIL/PMC approval. Tendor condition prevails.
11	SOR	D.1	Crossing of Kali Sind river	Based on the site visit, it is understood that crossing of Kali Sind river, is not spelled out in any of the crossing and therefore presently, it is covered only in SOR- pipeline laying by open cut. In this regard, it may be noted that the width of this river is of 750 Mtr and terrain is of hard rock. In view of this the crossing of this river, should be a separate item, either as open cut or HDD in Hard rock.	SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1.
12	SOR	D.1	Excavation in hard rock	Based on the site visit, it is understood that he entire terrain is either of hard rock or weathered boulders. The SOR given in tender does not include excavation in hard rock, therefore a separate item i.e. Excavation in hard rock to be incorporated.	SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1.



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13	Technical Tender Instrumentation Design basis for Instrument & Control- P.011947 I 11017 001	CL. 18.1 to 18.4	Corrosion Monitoring System: Item Sr. No. I.1.10 (Instrumentation) Supply of Corrosion Monitoring system with corrosion coupon, Corrosion probe, transmitter and digital indicator (mounted in LCP) as per Data sheet Item Sr. No.D.30 (Piping) Design, Engineering, Supply of all materials, preservation at site, fabrication,assembly,erection/installation, testing, commissioning, guaranteeing, trial run, training the client's personnel, preparation of operating manual, preparation of technical data sheets & engineering drawings and obtaining approval from GAIL / PMC, for CORROSION MONITORING SYSTEM as per system description, scope of work, drawing, specification, standards etc. enclosed with the tender document and as per direction of Owner / Owner's representative.	We understand that Corrosion Coupon, Corrosion probe, transmitter and digital indicator are the part of Corrosion Monitoring System. But in SOR two separate items are mentioned i.e. in Instrumentation & piping work. We are unable to distinguish between them. Please clarify. Further, no technical specification for corrosion monitoring system is available in the tender document. M/s TE / GAIL are requested to please provide the technical specification and BOQ for Corrosion monitoring system.	SOR item no. D.30 (Piping) stands deleted. For Specification and BOQ, please refer Technical Tender- Instrumentation. SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1.
14	Technical Tender Instrumentation Design basis for Instrument & Control- P.011947 I 11017 001	CL. 18.1 to 18.4	Instrumentation Work Supply Item no. I.1.21 & I.1.22 i.e. supply of Canopies, MS Plates and Cable trays. Erection item no. I.2.1 to I.2.14.	In SOR "Unit of measurement" for these items are mentioned as Lumpsum. Without GAD, it is very difficult to estimate the quantities required. M/s TE/ GAIL is requested to please review the same and revise the "Unit of measurement" by Nos. or Mtr for these items.	Contractor to estimate the Quantity based on drawings/information provided in the tender documents . Tender conditions Prevail.
15	Technical Tender Piping & Technical Tender Process		Piping & Process	TECHNICAL_TENDER_PIPING: In this volume data in following pages are not visible. Page no: 3 to 15, 117 to 141, 176 to 216 and 268 to 273. TECHNICAL_TENDER_PROCESS: In this volume data is not visible. M/s TE/ GAIL, is requested to please upload the document.	Legible copy of TECHNICAL TENDER PIPING and PROCESS are attached with Corrigendum. Refer Corrigendum # 1
16	Technical Tender Pipeline - P.011947 D 11097 001	Part -6 Welding Cl. 6.0	Welding Electrode	In the tender document, name of welding electrode is not mentioned. Considering X-70 grade pipe, we proposed M/s TE / GAIL to use E-6010 for Root & E8010 for Hot pass ,Filler and Capping. Please confirm.	1. Vendor list is provided in tender document. Bidder to refer Cl. 6.2.3 of PTS Construction (Doc.no P.011947 D 11097 001) 2. Bidder to refer Cl. 6.2 of PTS Construction (Doc.no P.011947 D 11097 001) and GTS Part 6 Welding (Doc. No-70000 740 GTS/502)_Welding Procedure Qualifications (WPQ) for Mainline and Station Piping Electrode selection. Tender Conditions prevail.
17	SOR	D.24, D.25 & D.26	D.24: Transportation of Coated Line pipes From Gail Dump yard To Contractor Storage Yard. D.25: Transportation of Bare Line pipes From Gail Dump yard To Work Site(S): D.26: Transportation of Pipeline Items/ Piping Items From Gail Storage Yard To Worksite(S):	M/s TE / GAIL is requested to please provide the location of GAIL's Dump yard, to estimate our offer against these items.	Location of GAIL's dumpyard is anywhere in India. Contractor to Quoto on the basis of Per Ton/Km as per SOR Tender condition Prevails.



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18	Technical tender General - P.011947 G96 -0002		Vendor List, Technical Specification and Datasheet	<p>Please provide the vendor list for all bought out items involved in Piping, Electrical & instrumentation work. Also please provide technical specification & datasheets for the following items.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conventional Type Microprocessor based fire detection system along with smoke detector, heat detector, cabinet, manual call point, Independent 24 Hrs battery backup with 15 min in alarm state, repeater panel and Electrical Operated Siren, exit sign. 2. Addressable type ex proof point gas detectors along with junction box and cables. 3. Addressable type gas detection system along with controller, ex proof point gas detectors, beacon hooter, flasher, , cabinet, portable gas detector, calibration kit, alignment kit 4. Universal type Hand Held Configurators for transmitters with carrying case, rechargeable batteries (one working and one standby), and battery charger 5. Remote Terminal unit along with controller, input output card, communication cards, cabinet 6. Telecommunication system, SDH equipment STM-4 along with cabinet. 7. CCTV-IP based one number Fixed colour camera and one number PTZ clolur camera along with power cable, communication cable 8. Analog phones- one number phone in control room and one number weather proof phone in guard room 9. Supply, laying and termination of five pair armoured telephone cable 0.5 mm 10. One number STM-4 Optical ports and one number STM-1 Optical Ports 11. Differential pressure switch along with 5 valve manifolds 12. Non-intrusive type magnetically operated pig indicator. 13. Fire safe Pressure safety valve 	<p>Please see the vendor list provided with the technical tender (General) and refer notes-1,2 & 3 mentioned at the bottom of the Vendor list .</p> <p>Tender Conditions prevail.</p>
19			Change in BEC	<p>This refers to the BEC for the tender which states as under:- "The Bidder should have successfully executed / completed in last 7 years to be reckoned from the bid due date, at least one single contract involving laying / installation and testing of buried cross country hydrocarbon steel pipeline of diameter 12" OD or higher and length 15 km or higher in a single stretch." We have experience certificate from M/s. Essar Projects, as attached, for execution 19 km of 12" pipeline. As mentioned in the Certificate attached, the work was executed for M/s. Essar Oil Ltd. The project is in commercial use. Since Essar Group (and Essar Oil) are undergoing changes, the experience certificate from Essar Oil may not be possible. Please let us know if the certificate attached would be acceptable for the tender qualification..??</p>	Tender conditions prevail.
20	Technical Tender General -P.011947 G96 0002	CL. 4.0 (Route & Crosing Details)	Dabour Canal & other lined canals	<p>Due to existing live pipelines in same ROU, additional depth, sepage of water from canal to boring pits & other technical issues as discussed we suggest canal crossings to be executed as HDD rather than boring.</p>	<p>During Construction stage, Contractor to propose the methodology for crossing, GAIL/PMC will accord the approval of crossing methodology based on the authority permission and site situation. SOR rate will be applicable for actual crossing methodology based on GAIL/PMC approval.</p> <p>Tender Conditions prevail.</p>
21	SOR		Kali Sindh River	<p>Kali Sindh River crossing at ch 25 is fully hard surface rock through out the entire bed including both end shoulders. It is requested to make separate item in SOR for river crossing considering hard rock/depth and concrete coated pipe being used through the section. Payment term for progress payment for this item of SOR should also be specifically provided. In addition for a competitive bid we would request to kindly provide soil data for kalisindh river along with nature and hardness of rock.</p>	<p>Separate SOR item is provided in the revised SOR. Payment terms will be as per clause no. 6.1 of Payment Terms (Annexure -V to Special Conditions of Contract). Notes mentioned in clause no. 6.1 of Payment Terms (Annexure -V to Special Conditions of Contract) are not applicable for this SOR line item. Available survey data is already provided in the tender document, collection of any additional data included in the scope of Contractor.</p> <p>Refer Corrigendum # 1</p>
22	Technical Tender General		Reserve Forest	<p>Positive side of Kali Sindh at ch 23 about 400 to 500 m observed as a reserve forest during joint site visit on 05.03.2018. However same not in tender document. Kindly clarify.</p>	<p>As per the survey report, there is no indication of reserve forest. Bidder to refer ITB clause no. 6.0</p> <p>Tender Conditions prevail.</p>
23	Technical Tender General -P.011947 G96 0002	CL. 4.0 (Route & Crosing Details)	Anta Crossing	<p>Anta road crossing at ch 17 near railway crossing about 80-100 mtrs ROW occupied by local resident in exisiting ROW of VKPL -II. Necessary advance action required to clear ROU.</p>	Action as per P&MP Act shall be taken.



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24	Technical Tender Civil		Concrete coating	Quantity of concrete coating needs to be reassessed.	Quantity of Concrete Coating is revised in SOR. Refer Corrigendum # 1.
25	SOR		Civil, Structural & Architectural - Item no. C.7.1-RCC	Kindly review the quantity of M-30 in SOR	Quantity mentioned in the SOR is applicable for Boundary wall sub-structure, Control room building sub-structure (new as well as modification in the existing building), Guard Room sub-structure, Pipe supports, process area, equipment foundations etc. Considering the same the revised quantity is mentioned in the revised SOR. Refer Corrigendum # 1
26	SOR		Civil, Structural & Architectural - Item no. C.6.1-PCC	Kindly review the quantity of M-30 in SOR	Quantity mentioned in the SOR is applicable for Boundary wall sub-structure, Control room building sub-structure (new as well as modification in the existing building), Guard Room sub-structure, Pipe supports, process area, equipment foundations etc. Considering the same the revised quantity is mentioned in the revised SOR. Refer Corrigendum # 1
27	Technical Tender Pipeline - P.011947 D 11097 001	Part -6 Welding Cl. 6.0	Welding	Kindly confirm welding procedure and electrode specifications	Bidder to refer Cl. 6.2 of PTS Construction (Doc.no P.011947 D 11097 001) and GTS Part 6 Welding (Doc. No-70000 740 GTS/502)_Welding Procedure Qualifications (WPQ) for Mainline and Station Piping Electrode selection. Tender Conditions prevail.
28	Technical Tender General		ROU	The ROU width from Ch 0 to Ch 10 is restricted and will leave no place for construction equipment movement. It is suggested to reduce distance from existing line to new pipeline to 3 mtrs.	Tender Conditions prevail.
29	SOR		Rock excavation	There is no separate rate for rock excavation. Kindly provide separate item in SOR for rock excavation as & when required as per daily progress report of trenching.	SOR revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1.
30			Soil report	The Soil strata columns of alignment sheet is blank. Soil strata is very important in this job due to the high possibilities of rock. In fact even the hardness of rock is relevant. Kindly provide the alignment sheet with the details of Soil strata duly filled in and/or share any other Soil information available. Soil strata of Kali Sindh River to be clarified to develop the methodology of construction and deployment of equipment.	Available survey data is already provided in the tender document, collection of any additional data included in the scope of Contractor. Tender Conditions prevail.
31	SOR		Acquisition of temporary ROU for construction	From ch 0 to 10 the available ROU is 10 mtrs of which it is suggested to lay the pipeline at 5m centerline , leaving only less than 5m for construction. This would essentially require additional temporary ROU for movement of construction equipment. Hence , GAIL may kindly make arrangements for temporary ROU for construction else , it is suggested to make separate item in SOR to cover the additional cost in only a portion of the pipeline and also create a provision in payment terms for the same as this additional cost incurred at the initial stage itself needs to be paid for to ensure cash flows.	Tender conditions prevail.



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32	SOR		Payment Terms	<p>Payment terms need to be revised : Rock excavation needs to be paid for separately and hence trenching also needs to be separated in the payment terms. The percentage withheld for hydro testing, dewatering, magnetic pigging etc. are too high in proportion to the cost incurred. This leaves payment terms highly end loaded which will result in cash flow issues. Magnetic pigging, pre-drying and commissioning related activities are a separate item of SOR and hence can not be a part of the payment terms for pipeline laying. Hence this percentage may be allotted to trenching. Terms a & b of 6.1 of payment terms should also be not applicable in this case due to several number of crossings and short length of pipeline. Our suggested payment terms: 10% on carrying out Route Survey, cleaning & grading. 15% on Trenching. 25% on Stringing, mainline welding & NDT. 20% on joint coating lowering. 10% on completion of tie-ins & backfilling. 05% on restoration. 05% on completion of all works & completion certificate.</p>	Payment terms revised. Refer Corrigendum # 1
33	SOR		Transportation	<p>Since items for transport are yet unknown and the rates are based on per ton km , there should be a provision for payment of min 9 ton load in case of truck transport and min payment of 18-20 tons in case of trailer transport as provided in other tenders. This would allow for more competitive pricing. item description to read : Transportation by Trailer - (for part utilization of trailer, full load trailer quantity i.e. 18MT shall be considered for payment). Transportation by Truck - (for part utilization of truck, full load truck quantity i.e. 9MT shall be considered for payment).</p>	Tender conditions prevail.
34	SOR		Casing Pipe Details	<p>We would like to draw your kind attention that SOR item no. D.16 (Supply and Installation of casing pipe and CS conduit)- item no. D.16.1 to D.16.5 has not given casing pipe details. You are requested to kindly review the SOR and correct the same.</p>	Casing pipe details corrected in revised SOR. Refer Corrigendum # 1.
35	COMMERCIAL VOL-I Special condition of contract	62 of 73	List of Hired /Leased Equipment along with MOU from the owner to be submitted by the Bidder-Annexure-IXB to special condition.(Page 62 of 73)	<p>In reference to the above , under list of Hired / Leased Equipment along with MOU from the owner to be submitted by the bidder, as per the category 1 the quantity of pipe layer /ide boom demanded is 4 nos. of 60 to above capacity. As you are aware that the proposed 18' Dia pipeline from Boreri - CFCL Gadepan Gas pipeline is running parallel to the existing HBJ & VKPL Pipelines n the same right of way. In such a condition ifb 60 ton and above pipe layer/ side boom is deployed , during the pipeline laying operations due to the movement of the heavy weight side booms the existing pipelines may be damaged and will be a serious concern. In view of the above it is requested to consider pipe layer/ side boom of 40 ton capacity -6 nos. in place of pipe layer/ side boom 60 ton & above 4 nos. as per te specioal condition of contract of tender document . Pls. confirm??</p>	Tender condition prevails.
36	Commercial Vol _I_A_26	12 of 335	1.1 of Bid evaluation Criteria / Relaxation of Bid criteria	<p>As per technical criteria , Bidder should have completed one similar worl laying / Installation and testing of buried cross country hydrocarbon steel pipeline of diameter 12" or higher and length 15.0 km or higher in a single strech. We request you to kindly consider the similar work completed by bidder of pipe daimeter 12" or higher and lenght 12.00 km or higher.</p>	Tendor condition prevails