

REPLY TO PRE BID QUERIES OF

MINYUN KI DHANI (EAST) BLOCK, Tehsil Ramgarh & District Jaisalmer, Rajasthan (RAN26_MLN2915)

Sl. No.	Bidders Queries	Reply
1	Tender Document Clause 12: The following timetable shall apply to the tender process... and timetable has been provided below (a) since Corrigendum no -1 was issued vide letter no DMG/Geol./Bid(M)/7 (04 ML, 03CL) Blocks / NIB 09-09-2026 Rajkaj ref no 24567494 dtd 17-09-2026 extending the last date of sale of tender document from 24-09-2026 to 30-09-2026 but in clause 12 wherein timetable given in tender document it shows timelines as per old dates only. Amended timetable to be issued by the state government through issuance of an addendum to the Tender Doc as per rule o no 12. since last date of purchase of tender document is 30-09-2026 hence bidder should have clear 35 days' time to study the tender doc and site visit as per clause no 6.1 of tender document.	Corrigendum No. 1 dated 17.09.2026 has revised the last date of sale of the Tender Document from 24.09.2026 to 30.09.2026. All remaining dates, timelines, terms and conditions of the NIB and the respective Tender Document remain unchanged. Accordingly, the timetable provided in Clause 12 shall be read in conjunction with the corrigendum issued from time to time.
2	Tender Document Clause 5(i): "The SMS grade limestone extracted from the block shall be supplied exclusively to the steel plants." (a) Please specify the chemical parameters (CaO, SiO₂, MgO etc.) that will define "SMS grade" for the purpose of dispatch. (b) Where SMS grade bands are thin or interbedded with cement grade limestone and cannot be selectively mined, may such material be blended and used as cement grade? (c) Is SMS grade limestone that is not sold to steel plants permitted to be stockpiled? "SMS grade limestone that is technically and economically recoverable by selective mining as per the approved Mining Plan shall be supplied exclusively to steel plants." The block contains 24.5 MT SMS grade within 213.3 MT total resource.	a) The specifications is on Page 31 of the Geological Report (GR) of Minyun Ki Dhani (East) Block annexed with Tender Document. b) The Successful bidder shall undertake composite mining of limestone. The SMS grade limestone extracted from the block shall be supplied exclusively to the steel plants. c) Yes

	Clarity is needed to plan mining and bid appropriately.	
3	Tender Document Clause 9.1: Value of Mineral Dispatched based on grade-wise, State-wise sale price published by IBM. Please confirm which IBM grade-wise price series will apply to (a) cement grade limestone and (b) SMS grade limestone from this block, including where the limestone is dispatched for captive consumption by the lessee's own/affiliate's plant. The IBM price basis directly determines the effective premium payable and is critical for determining the bid.	The Value of Mineral Dispatched shall be determined in accordance with the MMDR Act, 1957, as amended from time to time, the rules framed thereunder and other Applicable Laws. Please refer to rule 13 of Mineral Auction Rule 2015.
4	Tender Document Clause 5(b) and Schedule I(A)(h): Net worth more than INR 200 crore as per audited balance sheet. Please confirm whether (a) standalone or consolidated net worth of the bidding company will be considered, and (b) the audited balance sheet for FY 2025-26 or FY 2024-25 will be accepted, given the NIT was issued on 09.09.2026. To ensure the correct financial statements are submitted.	The requirement relating to net worth shall be governed by Clause 5(b) and Schedule I of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, as amended from time to time. The bidder shall submit the audited financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the said Schedule and the Tender Document.
5	Tender Document Clause 5(g) and Schedule I(A)(i): No dues certificate from the concerned ME/AME, not older than 6 months. Please clarify how the following will be treated: (a) demands which are disputed and under appeal or stayed by a competent authority; (b) a case where the no dues certificate has been applied for but not issued by the ME/AME before the Bid Due Date. Will an undertaking/affidavit with proof of application be accepted in such case? "In case the no dues certificate is applied for but not issued, a copy of the	Sufficient time is available from the date of issuance of the NIT for prospective bidders to obtain the requisite No Dues Certificate from the concerned ME/AME.

	application along with an affidavit shall be accepted, subject to submission of the certificate before declaration of Technically Qualified Bidders." The time between the pre-bid conference and the Bid Due Date is short; issuance is outside the bidder's control.	
6	Schedule V – Summary of Mineral Block, Part A Item 1 (Location) and Item 6 (Accessibility); Tehsil stated as "Ramgarh" on the cover and "Sam" in Part A; corner point coordinates (A to J) are not legible/visible in the Summary. (a) Please confirm the correct Tehsil. (b) Please provide the corner point coordinates of the block (A to J) in soft copy (KML/Excel) along with the Khasra-wise details. (c) Part A states the area is approachable by "metalled roads" (Item 1) and "unmetalled roads" (Item 6); please clarify the current road access to the block. Needed for accurate site assessment and planning of logistics.	Block area lies in village Joga, Tehsil Ramgarh & village Ramgarh, Colonization tehsil Ramgarh. Tar road passes from western side of block area from Joga to Raughuwa / Seuwa road. The Khasra-wise details & demarcation report of the block are provided in the Tender Document
7	Schedule V – Summary of Mineral Block, Part B Part B – Particulars of statutory licences, permits and clearances: status column left blank. Please indicate (a) whether the block or its buffer falls within any defence, border-area, wildlife (e.g. Desert National Park / Great Indian Bustard priority area) or other restricted zone requiring special clearance; (b) whether any part of the area is allotted or reserved for solar/wind projects or falls in the IGNP command area; and (c) any other known clearance required. These factors significantly affect the timelines under Schedule VI and the risk of appropriation of Performance Security.	(a) Defence area is not falling within the block area. (b) Block area falls outside of DNP area and DNP priority area. (c) Area till date govt. khasra was not allotted to any solar power project.
8	Tender Document Clause 15.1: Bid Security in the form of bank guarantee, insurance surety bond or security deposit.	As per clause 15 of Tender Document








	Please confirm (a) the format and the eligible insurers for an insurance surety bond, and (b) the mode and account details for a security deposit, if opted. To enable timely arrangement of the Bid Security	
9	NIB dated 09.09.2026 Re-auction of Minyun Ki Dhani (East) Limestone Block Minyun Ki Dhani (East) Limestone Block of Rajasthan was earlier auctioned pursuant to NIB dated 28.11.2025, wherein Ambuja Cements Limited was declared the Preferred Bidder at 20.75% on 24.02.2026. The same block is now again under the process of auction vide NIB dated 09.09.2026. In this regard, kindly clarify/provide the following: 1. Whether the earlier auction of Minyun Ki Dhani (East) Limestone Block has been cancelled/annulled? 2. If yes, kindly provide the specific grounds/reasons on which the earlier auction was cancelled/annulled. 3. Whether Ambuja Cements Limited has challenged the said cancellation/annulment before any competent authority/court? If yes, kindly provide details of the proceedings, including the case number, date of filing and present status. Kindly provide a copy of the notice/order by which the earlier auction of Minyun Ki Dhani (East) Limestone Block was cancelled/annulled. To ascertain the reasons and legal basis for re-auction of a block after its earlier auction and declaration of Ambuja Cements Limited as Preferred Bidder, and to understand the status of the earlier annulment/cancellation and any related proceedings.	The earlier auction of Minyun Ki Dhani (East) Limestone Block was cancelled by the Government. The bid submitted by M/s Ambuja Cement Limited was rejected and the auction was cancelled, as the bid received was comparatively low in comparison to bids received in other blocks in the area, in accordance with Clause 14.11 of the Tender Document. M/s Ambuja Cement Limited has filed CWP No. 22239/2026 in this regard. At present, stay has been not granted. Further, the matter is listed on 13/10/2026.
10	Block Summary Part-C Total Concession Area 364.3018 hectares Government Land: 364.3018 hectares As per the Block Summary, the total concession area of Minyun Ki Dhani	1. The allotment/transfer of Government land for grant of Mining Lease shall be governed by the applicable rules, circulars and notifications issued by the Revenue Department, Government of Rajasthan, from time to time.

	(East) Limestone Block is 364.3018 hectares, comprising 364.3018 hectares of Government land, with nil forest land. In this regard, kindly provide the following: 1. The detailed procedure and applicable rules/provisions for allotment, acquisition or transfer of Government land in Rajasthan for grant of the Mining Lease, including the authorities involved and the applicable timelines. 2. Kindly provide the indicative/tentative cost on a per-hectare basis, and the basis/methodology for determining such charges, so that the approximate total land-related expenditure for 364.3018 hectares can be assessed. To assess the procedure, timeline and financial implications of obtaining Government land for the mineral concession, including the likely per-hectare land-related cost and total financial liability for the block.	2. Beyond the scope of Tender Document
11	Tender Document Clause 5 (e) The bidder must comply with section 6 of MMDR Act, 1957. The bidder shall not acquire area more than the prescribed area under mining lease in MMDR Act including the area of this block. Section 6 (1) (b) of MMDR Act: No person shall acquire in respect of any mineral in a State one or more mining lease covering a total area of more than ten square kilometers. As per Clause 5(e) of the Tender Document, the bidder is required to comply with Section 6 of the MMDR Act, 1957, which provides that no person shall acquire, in respect of any mineral in a State, one or more mining leases covering a total area of more than 10 sq. km. Kindly clarify whether the 10 sq. km. area ceiling prescribed under Section 6(1)(b) of the MMDR Act, 1957 continues to be applicable to Limestone Mining Leases in Rajasthan, or whether any amendment, notification, exemption or special provision has increased/modified the prescribed area limit for Limestone. To determine the applicable area ceiling for Limestone Mining Leases in Rajasthan.	In case of Rajasthan, the applicable area limit for Limestone Mining Leases is 100.00 Sq. Km. as provided under Clause 10.1 of the Tender Document.








14	Mine Development and Production Agreement 7.2. Other payments The Successful Bidder shall pay royalty, levy for District Mineral Foundation (DMF) and levy for National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMEDT) as per provisions of the MMDR Act and rules framed thereunder. The Successful Bidder shall also be required to make payments as required under Applicable Law, including the Act and the rules framed thereunder. Reference: MMDR Amendment Act, 2026, effective from 22 August 2026 Please clarify as follows: 1. In view of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2026, effective from 22 August 2026, which prohibits the State Government from imposing any tax, cess, surcharge or other levy on minerals or mineral-bearing land, kindly clarify the applicability of the second sentence of Clause 7.2 of the MMDA providing for "other payments as required under Applicable Law." 2. Whether, apart from royalty, DMF and NMEDT prescribed under the MMDR Act, any additional tax, cess, levy or other payment is payable by the Successful Bidder under Clause 7.2? To clarify whether any additional State-level financial liability remains under Clause 7.2 beyond the statutory royalty, DMF and NMEDT payments following the 2026 amendment.	The provisions of Clause 7.2 shall be governed by the MMDR Act, 1957, as amended from time to time, the rules framed thereunder and other Applicable Laws. The Successful Bidder shall be liable to make such payments as may be applicable and payable under the Applicable Laws from time to time.
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