

Pre-bid Clarifications No. 6 Dated 01-07-2020 to Pre-bid queries on stipulations of Bid Document against NIB No. 353 Dated 23-04-2020

**Name of work: Design, Fabrication, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Penstock and Steel In-Liners in Umrong System of Kopili Hydro Electric Project (275 MW), Assam.
(This Pre-bid Clarifications shall form part of the Bid Document and shall supersede the corresponding stipulations of the Bid Document, wherever these are at variance.)**

Sl. No.	Pre-Bid queries	NEEPCO's clarifications
1	<p>As per clause 6.1 of Pg 4 of Part 5 — Technical Specifications (General requirement) it is mentioned: 'It is envisaged that the roll bonded clad steel plates conforming to SA 264/ ASTM 264 will be used in penstock'</p> <p>Similarly, para 8.3 of Pg 6 Part 5 — Technical Specifications states that: "Clad plates intended for use in Penstock and steel in-liners work shall be roll bonded".</p> <p>Sir, these both the clauses are contradictory to each other which needs a very clear-cut clarification from your end. Also referring to para 6 Pg 6 of 61 Part 3-ITB states that 80% of the material should be indigenous. Also, the same has been confirmed by you in PTC. In this context we wish to inform you that as more than 80% of the components in the said works pertains to steel plates for penstock and the fact that the roll bonded steel is not produced in India as envisaged by you or being contemplated by you. Whereas, on the other hand referring to para 8.3 Pg 6 of Part 5 states that SS plates of grade 304 is being used for cladding material then the question of rolled bonded steel doesn't come into picture.</p> <p>We presume that cladding of stainless steel over MS plate by the best and fastest technology has been considered (owing to the timeline of the project). Hence please clarify very specifically what is to be done.</p> <p>As per your PTC clarification, it is clear you want indigenous material however, owing to the fact that roll bonded plates are not manufactured in India it is contradictory that what is to be actually done. Hence kindly clarify the same very specifically.</p>	<p>1. The following Technical Specification are reiterated in regards to material specifications :</p> <p>The Clad Plates intended for use in Penstock & Steel In-Liner works shall be roll bonded and meet the requirement of ASTM SA 264. The material shall be roll bonded clad steel conforming to SA 264/ ASTM 264 with following description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Base Metal : ASTM 537 Class-II ii. Cladding Metal : ASTM 240 Gr. 304 iii. Thickness of Cladding: 3 mm <p>2. Regarding bidder's query on stipulation of minimum local content of 80% at Clause 3(vi), Part-3 (ITB) of Bid document, following is clarified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) All bidders fulfilling the qualifying requirements may participate in the tender, irrespective of local content. However, purchase preference shall apply only to those bidders, who fulfill the minimum local content of 80% of the total value of the tendered work in terms of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 vide notification No. P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II) dated 29.05.2019 (latest version) of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India. (ii) However, any bidder, if debarred by any procuring entity for violation of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 shall not be eligible for purchase preference under Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 for the duration of the debarment in terms of Clause 3(vi) (II) (d), Part-3 of Bid document.