Pre-bid Clarification No. 1 Dated 15-12-2023 to Pre-bid query on stipulations of Bid Document against NIB No. 437 Dated 30-11-2023 for "Package-I: Civil & Hydro-Mechanical Works of Diversion Tunnels pertaining to Tato-II Hydro Electric Project (700 MW), Arunachal Pradesh"

(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.)

SI.	Ref. Clause No.	Tender Stipulations	Queries	Clarifications
No. 1	Clause 2 (B) Disqualification/Ine ligibility of Bidders, Part-3: Instruction to Bidders of Bid document		Whether the Disqualification/Ineligibility criteria mentioned in Clause 2 (B) (a) of the Instruction to Bidder is limited to any corporate fraud, or offences involving national security or public interests at large, or offence of a serious nature which would cast a reasonable doubt on Bidder's ability to undertake the Project OR it covers any distant investigation involving frivolous allegations or offences involving a petty / minor offence, or allegations of offence which would not have any bearing upon Bidder's ability to undertake the Project in the normal Course.	Disqualification/ Ineligibility criteria for Bidders is clearly mentioned in Clause 2 (B) of Part-3 (Instruction to Bidders) of Bid Document, wherein it is stipulated that bidders shall be disqualified on the basis of charge sheet by any Investigating Agencies of Central/ State Government or if any criminal, fraud, corruption case or charge is proceeding against them in a court of law as on the last date for submission of bids. Accordingly, Bid stipulations shall prevail.
2	Clause 6.2.1 Technical Qualifying Requirement (General Experience)	"Similar works' for Civil works are defined as execution of Civil works involving underground tunneling works in a Hydro Power / Water Resource project. Experience of bidders in tunneling works in other civil / infrastructure Projects such as highway tunnel / road tunnel / railway tunnel / metro tunnel shall also be considered eligible for qualification.	We request the Authority to review the Definition of Similar Work as mentioned herein and for facilitating healthy competition so that more bidder can participate in the bid, please amend the clause as requested below: - "Similar works' for Civil works are defined as execution of Any Civil Infrastructure Projects such as highway / road / railways / metros shall also be considered eligible for qualification. Please do the needful as requested above.	The civil works pertaining to instant tendered work involves mainly tunnelling works and as such the bidder should mandatorily have to have prior experience in underground tunnelling in Hydro Power/Water Resource or in any other civil/ infrastructure projects such as highway/railway/metro etc. As such, the amendment sought by the prospective bidder is not agreeable and accordingly, bid stipulations shall prevail.
3	General	Due Date Extension	We are keenly interested to participate in the above bid, but looking into the clarity required for participation in bid as requested above and looking into the size and complexity of project, we request the Authority to please extend the bid Due date of the Project by 4 weeks from the date of pre bid reply received from your end for submitting a comprehensive bid.	Bid stipulations shall prevail.

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