

CLARIFICATION ON PUBLICATION ABOUT LRPP IN NEWS PAPER

The news published in The Assam tribune on 3rd June 2015 headlined as “Gas engine procurement bid by APGCL, ADB refuses permission” has drawn attention of APGCL. APGCL issues the following clarification for all concerned on the above news item.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) advised APGCL to go for re-bidding for selection of EPC contractor of Lakwa Replacement Power Project (LRPP) and it was decided to invite Expression of Interest (EOI) to facilitate broader participation of bidders in the re-bidding.

In the EOI meeting detail discussion was held among APGCL and prospective bidders in presence of one ADB consultant on qualification requirements and other key relevant issues. APGCL and the ADB’s consultant heard the views of participating parties in the EOI meeting. No commitment was given to the parties or any common agreement was arrived at regarding the qualifying requirements. Taking the views of the parties; and after consultation with ADB’s consultant, the qualifying requirements were modified to APGCL’s acceptable limit and ADB’s requirement criteria as much as possible so as not to compromise the quality of goods and services to be procured under the bid specifications.

The allegation that APGCL arbitrarily changed the qualifying requirement facilitating Wartsila is wholly untrue. The qualification requirements were relaxed in terms of running hour requirement, Engine capacity range and Turnkey Management & Execution Contractor experience. The IFB & Revised bid specification were published after getting approval from ADB.

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