

Date: September 25, 2020

AUCTION OF COAL MINES FOR SALE OF COAL

NOTICE FOR OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS

(11th TRANCHE OF AUCTION UNDER THE COAL MINES (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 2015)

(1st TRANCHE OF AUCTION UNDER THE MINES AND MINERAL (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATIONS)

1. The Technical Bids of the Bidders of 11th Tranche of auction of Coal Mines under CM(SP) Act, 2015 and 1st Tranche of auction of Coal Mines under MMDR Act, 1957 will be opened on **Wednesday September 30, 2020 at 1000 hours.**

2. Bidders may participate in the bid opening process through online mode or may attend in-person. Only 1 (one) representative of each Bidder will be permitted to attend and the entry is restricted to Bidders only.

3. Bidders will receive an e-mail by Monday, September 29, 2020, containing the link to join the Technical Bid opening. Bidders can click on the link provided in the e-mail and join the Technical Bid opening on the scheduled date and time.

4. All the Bidders who wish to attend in-person may participate in Technical Bid opening are advised to submit the copy of authority letter from the bidder (for each coal mine applied for, if applicable) and any one government issued identity document at the time of Technical Bid opening.

5. **Description of Technical Bid Opening Process:** The Technical Bid Opening process will be in 2-parts: i) Opening of bids submitted online on MSTC Portal and ii) Opening of bid documents submitted offline at the Office of Nominated Authority:

- Opening of bids submitted online on MSTC Portal will commence at 1000 hours
- Opening of bid documents submitted offline will commence at 1100 hours. 4 desks would be set-up for opening of bid documents submitted offline
- The venue will be intimated on September 29, 2020 and detailed schedule with mine-wise timeslots shall be published on September 29, 2020

Process for opening of bid documents submitted offline at the Office of Nominated Authority:

- Envelopes containing offline bids submitted by the Bidders shall be opened in front of the Bidders in the physical-cum-virtual meeting
- Office of Nominated Authority shall authorise 2 officials for each desk for managing the bid opening process

- Bidders who would attend the meeting in-person would bring a Letter of Authorization and Identity Proof as stated above. The same would be checked by the officials managing the bid opening desk
- A checklist of documents received would be prepared
- Signing on the checklist and bid envelope:
 - a. Bidders who would be present in-person shall sign
 - b. On behalf of the Bidders who would be attending the bid opening virtually, one of the Bidders who are present in-person shall sign
 - c. Authorized officials by Office of Nominated Authority shall sign

6. Guidelines in view of COVID-19 Pandemic: The following guidelines shall be adhered to by the Bidder's representatives who would be attending the bid opening process in-person:

- Only 1 representative for each Bidder will be allowed for the bid opening process
- It is mandatory for Bidders' representatives to wear mask at all times
- The representatives are advised to follow the social distancing norms
- Representatives are advised to avoid touching any surface if it is not required

Hand-sanitizers will be available, and arrangements have been made for ensuring social distancing norms at the venue. Arrangements regarding tea, coffee and refreshments have been made at the venue. It shall be in the interest of everyone's safety that the above guidelines are followed by everyone during the bid opening process.

Office of Nominated Authority