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Minutes of Pre-bid meeting on International e-tender no. 14/2024-2025 for Supply of origination Works of 100, 50, 20 & 10 taka note

A pre-bid meeting on the captioned tender was held on 06 January, 2025 at the Board Room of the SPCBL. The Managing Director of SPCBL presided over the meeting. The other representatives of the SPCBL who attended the meeting were as follows:

01.	Mr. Md. Mofizur Rahman Khan Chowdhury	General Manager (Finance and Accounts), SPCBL.
02.	Mr. Shafayet Arefin	General Manager (Foreign Purchase), SPCBL.
03.	Mr. Md. Muksuduzzaman	General Manager (Bank Note), SPCBL.
04.	Mr. K.M. Ibrahim	Director (DCM), Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka.
05.	Mr. Kh. Habibur Rahman	Deputy General Manager (Foreign Purchase), SPCBL.
06.	Mr. Nazim Uddin	Deputy General Manager (PCPDE), SPCBL.
07.	Mr. A.K.M. Rezaul Karim	Deputy General Manager (Bank Note), SPCBL.
08.	Mr. A.A.M. Amanur Islam	Joint Director (DCM), Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka.
09.	Mr. Tofazzal Hossain	Manager (Origination), SPCBL
10.	Mr. S M Mustafizur Rahman	Manager (Foreign Purchase), SPCBL.
11.	Shraboni Kundu	Manager (Foreign Purchase), SPCBL.
12.	Mr. Md. Joynal Abeden	Assistant Manager (Foreign Purchase), SPCBL.
13.	Mr. Md. Hasib-Ul-Bashar	Assistant Manager (Foreign Purchase), SPCBL.
14.	Mr. Joyanta Halder	Assistant Manager (Foreign Purchase), SPCBL.

On the other hand the following local and foreign representatives of the intending tenderers were present at the meeting:

01.	Mr. Mark Filler	M/s. De La Rue International, UK (Joined Virtually)	
02.	A Team of KBA, Switzerland	Joined Virtually	
03.	Mr. Mahfuzul Aziz	M/s. Nascom (Pvt) Ltd., Dhaka	
04.	Mr. Monir Ahmed	M/s. Reliance International, Dhaka (L/A of M/s. De La Rue International,	
		UK) (Joined Virtually)	
05.	Mr. Sheikh Rahmat Elahi	M/s. Reliance International, Dhaka (L/A of M/s. KBA, Switzerland).	
06.	Mr. Shafiqur Rahaman	M/s. Reliance International, Dhaka (L/A of M/s. KBA, Switzerland).	
07.	Mr. Dr. M. Jalal Uddin	M/s. Excellent Corporation, Dhaka (L/A of M/s. JURA JSP, AUSTRIA).	
08.	Mr. Sayed Alvee	M/s. Excellent Corporation, Dhaka.	
09.	Mr. Abdus Sattar	M/s. Excellent Corporation, Dhaka.	
10.	Mrs. Nusrat Leena	M/s. Excellent Corporation, Dhaka.	
11.	Mr. Taslem Mollah	M/s. Nexus Engineering, Dhaka	

In addition SPCBL received documents/queries from three individual companies namely Perum Peruri, Indonesia, China Bank note designing and engraving Co. LTD, China and KBA, Switzerland. The Chairperson inaugurated the meeting by welcoming all and inviting the representatives of the intending Bidders to discuss issues, if any, regarding the Technical Specifications as well as the terms and conditions set forth in the tender schedule. Mr. Mark Filler, M/s. De La Rue International, UK took the floor virtually and pointed out some issues. Then the representatives from other organizations also participated in the discussions one by one and pointed out their issues. The issues that were raised and discussed are as follows:



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SI. No.	Questions raised by intending bidders on different clauses	Clarifications given from SPCBL side
1.	General query	Days mean calender days.
2.	E)1) of page 7 Eligibility	Two users' certificates refer to origination works for bank and currency notes.
3.	Regarding printing flow steps	For intaglio printing: With screen print: Front side (FS)/Back Side (BS) offset printing simultaneously - Screen - BS intaglio - FS intaglio - simultaneously Numbering and varnish (if required). Without screen print: Front side (FS)/Back Side (BS) offset simultaneously - BS intaglio - FS intaglio - simultaneously Numbering and varnish (if required).
4.	D) 4) of page 6 Requirements for producing Dry Offset & Intaglio plates	Submission of both Films & Plates are mandatory.
5.	E) 2) of page 07 Eligibility	SPCBL will submit the artworks soft copy (DVD) and hard copy (computer colour print).
6.	D.b) 1. Of page 10 Need to be supplied by the tenderer / bidder	Proof print means single note print (front and back side both) by machine. The successful bidder will provide standard paper (100% cotton), GSM 95 ± 5% and standard ink.
7.	D.c) b) of page 10	SPCBL will provide 300-600 dpi (JPEG) images, text (AI), design (DVD) and 1 set computer colour print.
8.	D. b) 2. of page 10 Need to be supplied by the tenderer / bidder	Successful bidder does not need to supply engraving depth measuring machine to SPCBL; but they should have such machine at their work place so that officials of SPCBL and Bangladesh bank can measure the engraving depth at successful bidder's work place.
9.	Bidders query	We expect no significant difference between the single note proofing (manuary) and sheet proofing (by printing machine). We would prefer machine sheet proof.
10.	C.19 of page 4 Replacement	Replacement period may be defined through mutual discussion.
11.	C.20 of page 4 Mode of payment	Terms of payment will be executed as per tender documents.
12.	Bidders query	Alternative solutions and timelines are not acceptable.
13.	D.c) a) of page 10 Instruction and information to the tenderer	Intaglio depth (range) will be as mentioned in the tender documents.
14.	Alternative proposal of machine proof	Machine proof print can be at SPCBL premises which might require minimum two months more time. But it was informed to the prospective bidders by SPCBL/Bangladesh Bank that due to time constraint it is not possible.
15.	Bidders query	Joint venture can be acceptable under terms and conditions of international best practices.
16.	Arbitration	Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, or breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as at present in force.

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All issues were also discussed thoroughly among the participants and unanimously both sides were agreed to make amendment of the following clauses for the same:

Clauses	Amendment made	
B-12 of page 1 (Submission of machine proof print for approval.)	Within 45 (Fourty five) days from the date of issue of Purchase order.	
B-13 of page 1	1) The origination works of tk. 10 & 20 shall have to be shipped within 59 (fifty nine) days from the date of issue of purchase order (without Films and Nickel Alto).	
(Shipment schedule)	2) The origination works of tk. 50 & 100 shall have to be shipped within 70 (seventy) days from the date of issue of purchase order (without Films and Nickel Alto).	
	3) Film and Nickle Alto shall have to be shipped within 112 (one hundred and twelve) days from the date of issue of purchase order.	
	The successful tenderer shall have to collect all the rough design, art works etc. after having the purchase order. The tenderer shall have to present the designs of 100, 50, 20 & 10 taka notes in digital format to the concern official of SPCBL within 27 days from the date of purchase order.	
D.c)b) Page-10	 To assist design and origination works two officials (One designer/ engraver and one originator) from SPCBL will join at successful bidder's work place after 18 days of Purchase order. 	
(Instruction and information to the tenderer)	2) The tenderer must prepare all notes' design work within 27 days from the date of purchase order which will be physically approved at bidder's workplace by a team of officials of SPCBL.	
	3) Four officials from SPCBL/ Bangladesh Bank will be at successful bidder's work place after 38 days of Purchase order and they will approve machine proof print within 45 days of Purchase order.	
C. 15 of page 3 (Inspection)	Inspection/Survey will take place at SPCBL premises only.	

Having no other issues for discussion, the chair concluded the meeting with thanks to all. This minute will be treated as an integral part of the e-tender schedule.

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