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To,

All Prospective Bidders

Subject: Additional Clarifications related to Bid No. BID/PPPL/25/2025/10/PRPL for Grant of Authorization for laying, building, operating or expanding Petroleum and Petroleum Product (LPG) Pipeline from Paradip, Odisha to Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Sir,

Pursuant to pre-bid clarification issued on 03.10.2025, Indian Oil Corporation Limited vide letter dated 06.10.2025 and GAIL (India) Limited vide email dated 21.11.2025 has sought additional clarification/information related to subject Bid. In this regard, following clarifications are being issued which shall constitute a part of its Application-Cum-Bid Document: -

S. No.	Queries of Bidders	Clarifications
Indian Oil Corporation Limited		
1	Though Annexure 1 of the bid mentions Paradip as source, there is an indication (at clause 17.2.1) that PRPL would originate from Paradip Refinery and Paradip import Terminal. It merits mention here that Paradip Refinery and Paradip Import Terminal of IOCL are of captive nature and cannot be used by bidders other than IOCL as source of their proposed pipeline. In its submissions during the open house, IOCL pointed out that Source locations (Refineries/ Terminals/ Ports/ Pipelines) and product at that particular source, considered at originating point of many of the proposed pipelines, is of captive use for the entity owning that source. However, IOCL understand that the bid, by virtue of mentioning only "Paradip" as source (at Annexure-1) does not impose any obligation on the bidder to consider Paradip Refinery and Paradip Import Terminal as source. PNGRB may confirm.	Existing Bid terms and conditions shall prevail.

2	The bid mentions spur connectivity to IOCL's Khurda, Korba and Jharsuguda BP for future connectivity. However, these BPS are not connected to rail and therefore need to be connected by the bidders on an obligatory basis.	Bidder may propose spur line as per their own requirement to connect Botting Plant.
3	On the other hand, since HPCL Jatni and HPCL Raipur are already connected with Rail, it would be prudent to discard these BPS as obligatory connectivity requirement. Rather, connectivity to these BPS may be considered as future spur provisions.	Existing Bid terms and conditions shall prevail. Bidder may propose spur line as per their own requirement to connect Botting Plant.
4	The bid mentions the capacity of BPCL Bolangir BP as only 30 TMTA. Any spur/ branch line connectivity to this BP would be long and therefore, not anticipated to be financially prudent to the bidders. Accordingly, connectivity to this BP may be considered as future spur provision.	Existing Bid terms and conditions shall prevail.
5	Upon preliminary route study, it has been observed that the following would be the optimized route of the pipeline: (i) Trunk Line: Paradip IOCL Khurda IOCL Raipur (ii) Spur/branch lines: • T point (in Paradip — IOCL Khurda section) BPCL Khurda • T point (in IOCL Khurda — IOCL Raipur section) — IOCL Jharsuguda • T point (in IOCL Khurda — IOCL Raipur section) IOCL Korba (iii) Spur / branch lines (Future connectivity provision): • T point (in Paradip IOCL Khurda section) — HPCL Jatni • T point (in IOCL Khurda — IOCL Raipur section) — BPCL Bolangir • T point (in IOCL Khurda — IOCL Raipur section) — HPCL Raipur • T point (in IOCL Khurda IOCL Raipur section) — BPCL Raipur	Kindly refer the corrigendum published on PNGRB's website.
6	PNGRB is requested to confirm whether the length of the pipeline mentioned in the bid includes only Trunk Line or spur lines also.	Existing Bid terms and conditions shall prevail.
7	If the route under (6) is acceptable and only trunk line length is to be considered for bidding in compliance with length of the pipeline mentioned in the bid, PNGRB is requested to amend the length of the pipeline mentioned in the bid as 715 km.	Bidder may refer the Corrigendum dated 23.12.2025 published on PNGRB's website.

GAIL (India) Limited

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Field survey of the PRPL was carried out, and following variation in the pipeline length has been observed in respect the LPG pipeline:

Type	As per PNGRB Bid dt. 03.07.2025	As per PNGRB corrigendum dt. 30.10.2025	GAIL's estimated length as per field survey (km)
Mainline	555	650	626
Spurline	As per requirement	No mention	78
Total	-	-	704

The proposed Paradip – Raipur pipeline seems to be passing through Dasapalla Elephant Reserve and Satkosia Tiger Reserve, wherein obtaining permission may not be feasible. As a result, GAIL has planned its route skirting off these areas, which has led to slight increase in the length over the length specified in the corrigendum dated 30.10.2025.

Accordingly, GAIL has requested that PNGRB may consider the length for the pipeline (as per Field Study).

Bidder may refer the Corrigendum dated 23.12.2025 published on PNGRB's website.

The above clarifications shall constitute a part of the Application-Cum-Bid Document and shall be duly signed and submitted along with the Bid document by the authorized signatory of the bidder.

Yours faithfully

(Anjan Kumar Mishra)
Secretary