

REPLY TO PREBID QUERIES DATED:						
TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS METERS & PRESSURE REGULATORS FOR INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL CONNECTIONS AT KOLHAPUR & AMBALA-KURUKSHETRA GA						
TENDER NO. HOGPL/2026-27/C&P/025 DATE: 07.09.2026						
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1				Kindly provide clarification regarding GATC / Stamping Charges by W&M	With reference to the Subject tender. We request your clarification regarding the applicability and treatment of verification charges under Government Approved Test Centers (GATC). As per the advisory issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Weights & Measures Unit, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India, vide letter No. I-30/1/2025-W&M Section-Part(1) (E39347) dated 27.07.2026, it has been clarified that: Manufacturers designated as GATCs should not charge any separate fee for verification of weights and measures manufactured by themselves, and the selling price/MRP of the instrument will include all applicable taxes, verification fees, etc. In view of the above, we request HOPIIL to kindly clarify the following with respect to the present tender Whether bidders are required to include the applicable verification/GATC charges, if any, in their quoted meter price, or whether such charges will be reimbursed separately by HPOIL whenever is applicable.	Venders have to quote by considering the all Mandatory Statuary Guidelines till the due date of submission of Tender like; PNGRB, OISD, W&M India and Data sheet submitted in Tender Document.
2		Page- 17		Technical Specifications – Body - End Connections (Two- pipe version) - NPT (M) inlet and outlet confirming to ANSI B1.20.1 (bidder to provide set of suitable Adapters of Brass/Brass Union Connecters for end connections with suitable washer for each Meters)	Please inform on end connection size required on meter.	To be Read As Technical Specifications – Body - End Connections (Two- pipe version) - NPT (M) inlet and outlet confirming to ANSI B1.20.1 (bidder to provide set of suitable 1" NPT Male Threaded Adapters of Brass/Brass Union Connecters for end connections with suitable washer for each Meters)
3		Page- 18		Technical Specifications - Rangeability- 1:100 or better for G40	Request to please accept 1:80 rangeability for G40. Please confirm.	To be Read as Technical Specifications - Rangeability- 1:80 or better for G40
4		Page- 18		Technical Specification – Preamplifier Location	We understand that preamplifier is not applicable for RPD meter.	Bidder Understanding in Correct
5	Commercial Volume	Page No. 4/74	Contract Period:	Contract Period: The contract period shall be valid for 01 (one) year on ARC basis from the date of issue of Purchase order/LOI.	The offered products involve imported components and are subject to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, international raw material prices, freight/logistics costs, and other global market factors. Therefore, maintaining firm and fixed prices for one year may result in significant commercial exposure for the bidder and may affect competitive pricing. We kindly request HPOIL to consider either: Contract Duration: Six (06) months from the date of FNOA, with prices remaining firm and fixed during this period; or If the one-year contract is retained, kindly incorporate an appropriate Price Variation Clause (PVC) to account for significant variations in foreign exchange rates and other relevant input costs. We request HPOIL to kindly consider the above in the interest of fair competition, wider bidder participation, and sustainable project execution.	Tender Condition Prevails

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6	Commercial Volume	4/74	Delivery Schedule	50% of the total quantities to be delivered within 12 (twelve) weeks from the date of LOI/ Purchase Order (PO).	We understand that the tender requirement includes Commercial Diaphragm Gas Meters and RPD Meters , which are manufactured at overseas manufacturing facilities in Europe. Considering the nature of these products and the standard manufacturing process, the stipulated delivery period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of the Purchase Order may not be technically and practically feasible. The overall lead time includes manufacturing/production planning, inspection and testing, quality documentation, packing, customs/export formalities, and international transportation to India. In view of the above, we kindly request HPOIL to consider a realistic delivery schedule of 12–16 weeks from the date of receipt of the Purchase Order. This timeline would enable the supplier to complete the manufacturing, required inspection/testing, documentation, and international logistics in accordance with the applicable quality and technical requirements. We therefore request HPOIL to kindly consider and amend the delivery period to 12–16 weeks from the date of receipt of the Purchase Order to ensure smooth and timely execution of the order without compromising the required quality and inspection standards. Kindly confirm acceptance of the revised delivery period of 12–16 weeks from the date of receipt of the Purchase Order.	Refer Corrigendum 1
7	Commercial Volume	25/74	Evaluation	Evaluation shall be carried out on PART wise basis to arrive at the lowest evaluated cost to Purchaser.	We understand that the tender covers Commercial Diaphragm Gas Meters and RPD Gas Meters, and the evaluation is proposed to be carried out on a schedule-wise basis. Considering that both products are technically distinct and may have different manufacturing, sourcing, and cost structures, we kindly request HPOIL to consider evaluation and award on a Line Item-wise basis. Line Item-wise evaluation will encourage wider bidder participation and enable HPOIL to obtain the most competitive and commercially advantageous prices for each item. Kindly consider Line Item-wise evaluation and award in the interest of fair competition, wider participation, and obtaining the best competitive prices.	Tender Condition Prevails
8	Commercial Volume	46/74	Payment Terms	100 % payment of invoice value as applicable will be paid by Owner within 30 days against receipt of invoice duly certified by Engineer-in-Charge/GA Head & submission of the following documents:	Considering the ongoing expansion of PNG connections under the CGD framework and the requirement for timely availability of Commercial Gas Meters and RPD Gas Meters, uninterrupted supply of meters is essential for achieving the targeted project implementation. Since the manufacturing and procurement of Smart Gas Meters involve substantial working capital and imported components, timely payment is important to ensure continuous production and dispatch. We kindly request HPOIL to consider the following payment terms: "100% payment shall be released within 7 days from the date of receipt of material at site, subject to submission of required documents and satisfactory acceptance of the material." The proposed payment terms will support continuous production, timely dispatch, and uninterrupted meter availability, thereby facilitating faster meter installation and PNG connection rollout. We request HPOIL to kindly consider the above in the interest of timely project execution and efficient supply-chain management.	Tender Condition Prevails
9	Commercial Volume	46/74	PRS	Contract price @ 0.5% of the total contract value for every week or part thereof of the delay, subject to maximum of 5% of the total contract value.	We understand that, as per standard CGD industry practice, the Price Reduction/Schedule for Delay (PRS) should be limited to 0.5% (half percent) per week of delay, with a maximum cap of 5% (five percent) of the basic value of the undelivered material. In view of the above, we kindly request HPOIL to consider and accept the following PRS provision: "0.5% of the basic value of the undelivered material per week of delay, subject to a maximum ceiling of 5% of the basic value of the undelivered material." We request HPOIL to kindly consider the above in line with standard CGD industry practice and confirm acceptance of the same.	Tender Condition Prevails

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10	Commercial Volume	47/74	CPBG	The successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the Contract Performance Bank Guarantee (CPBG)/Surety Bond equivalent to 5% of the total order value (total order value will be exclusive of all taxes, duties) within a period of Twenty-Five (25) Days from the date of issue of LOI/Purchase Order.	We understand that the Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) requirement should be aligned with the applicable Government of India procurement guidelines. As per Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Office Memorandum No. F.1/2/2023-PPD dated 01.01.2024, amending Rule 171 of the General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, the Performance Security for procurement of goods/services is prescribed in the range of 3% to 5% of the contract value. In view of the above, we kindly request HPOIL to consider the Performance Bank Guarantee at 3% of the basic contract value, excluding applicable GST and other taxes/duties, in line with the applicable Government procurement provisions. We request HPOIL to kindly consider the above and confirm acceptance of 3% PBG against the basic contract value.	Tender Condition Prevails
11	Technical Volume	16/22	TPI	Third Party Inspection shall be included in the quoted prices of all the bidders irrespective of Indian or Indian with foreign manufacturing facility or foreign bidders. Arranging Third Party Internationally Recognized Inspection agencies like Lloyds, ABS, SGS, TUV, DNV, BV, Engineers India Limited, or any other Third-Party Inspection agency with prior approval of HPOIL GAS/its TPI, for witnessing inspection and testing at the works of the manufacturer is in the scope of the bidder.	We respectfully request HPOIL to kindly review the inspection requirements for the Commercial Diaphragm Gas Meters and RPD, considering their manufacturing origin and applicable international standards. To the best of our knowledge, RPD Gas Meters of the specified type are not currently manufactured in India. These meters are manufactured in Europe, and all functional tests, including 100% accuracy testing, are conducted at the overseas manufacturing facility in accordance with EN 1359. In view of the above, we request HPOIL to kindly consider and confirm acceptance of TPI as per the approved Quality Assurance Plan (QAP), under the following proposed approach: 100% functional and accuracy testing shall be conducted at the overseas manufacturing facility. Relevant test reports and supporting quality documents shall be submitted to HPOIL / TPI agency in India for review. Based on satisfactory review and acceptance of the submitted test documents, dispatch clearance may be granted by HPOIL. This approach would facilitate compliance with the applicable inspection requirements while avoiding duplication of testing at the destination. We kindly request HPOIL to confirm acceptance of the above proposed inspection approach and advise whether any additional inspection or testing requirements would be applicable. We would appreciate HPOIL's favourable consideration and confirmation.	To be read as Third Party Inspection/Witness (For Manufacturing in India) or Third Party Inspection/Witness/Document Review (For Manufacturing in Out side of India) or shall be included in the quoted prices of all the bidders irrespective of Indian or Indian with foreign manufacturing facility or foreign bidders. Arranging Third Party Internationally Recognized Inspection agencies like Lloyds, ABS, SGS, TUV, DNV, BV, Engineers India Limited, or any other Third-Party Inspection agency with prior approval of HPOIL GAS/its TPI, for witnessing inspection and testing at the works of the manufacturer is in the scope of the bidder.
12	Technical Volume	17/22	Accuracy	Class1.5 [Qmin to 0.1Qmax±3%, 0.1 Qmax to Qmax±1.5%]	We would like to inform you that, as per standard CGD practice and global norms, calibration and accuracy testing is not performed at 0.1 Qmax, as this point marks the transition of the permissible error curve from ±1.5% to ±3%, according to metrological standards. Testing at 0.1 Qmax does not provide meaningful accuracy data and is not used internationally for calibration purposes. Instead, the next logical and stable test point, 0.2 Qmax, is universally accepted and followed by all accredited metrology laboratories. In view of the above, we request HPOIL to kindly consider the following flow rates for Calibration and Accuracy Testing: Qmin, 0.2 Qmax, and Qmax	Tender Condition Prevails
13	Technical Volume	17/22	END Connections	NPT (M) inlet and outlet confirming to ANSI B1.20.1 (bidder to provide set of suitable Adapters of Brass/Brass Union Connectors for end connections with suitable washer for each Meters)	We understand that, in case the meter end connection differs from the required pipeline connection, the bidder shall provide suitable Brass/Brass Union Connectors along with appropriate washers for each meter. However, the meter end connection details are not clearly specified in the tender document. We kindly request HPOIL to confirm the required inlet and outlet end connection size, type, and standard (e.g., BSP/NPT, threaded/flanged, etc.) for the respective Commercial Diaphragm and RPD Gas Meters, to enable us to quote the appropriate adapters/connectors and ensure compatibility with the existing piping arrangement.	To be Read As Technical Specifications – Body - End Connections (Two- pipe version) - NPT (M) inlet and outlet confirming to ANSI B1.20.1 (bidder to provide set of suitable 1" NPT Male Threaded Adapters of Brass/Brass Union Connectors for end connections with suitable washer for each Meters)

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14	Technical Volume	18/22	Technical Datasheet RPD	Power supply :- 24 VDC loop powered from EVC	We respectfully request HPOIL to kindly review the power supply requirement specified for the RPD Gas Meter and EVC, as the two devices have different operating principles and power requirements. The RPD Gas Meter is a purely mechanical measuring instrument and operates without any external power supply. As per EN 12480, the RPD meter does not require a power supply for its mechanical operation. On the other hand, the Electronic Volume Converter (EVC) is a secondary measuring device that performs electronic measurement and conversion functions. It is equipped with an integrated battery power supply for its operation. In view of the above, we kindly request HPOIL to review and amend the relevant tender requirement accordingly, so that the power supply requirement is specified separately for the RPD Gas Meter and EVC, in line with their respective operating principles and applicable standards. We would appreciate HPOIL's favourable consideration and confirmation of the proposed amendment.	EVC should be Battery Operated with Connection Provision of 24 VDC Connection and Solar Connection
15	Technical Volume	19/22	Technical Datasheet RPD	RPD Meter G100 DN50	We would like to inform you that Standard Size of RPD G100 is DN80. Requesting HPOIL to Kindly accept the same and confirm your requirement.	To be Read As RPD Meter G100 DN80
16	Technical Volume	19/22	Technical Datasheet RPD	Accessories	We respectfully request HPOIL to kindly confirm the list of accessories and their respective quantities to be supplied along with the RPD Gas Meter, as the same are not clearly specified in the tender document. Based on our understanding, the following accessories are required: 1. Strainer 2. Thermowell SS316 , RTD 6mm probe 3. 250ml Oil Bottle We kindly request HPOIL to confirm whether the above accessories and If Spares Required are required and specify the quantity of each accessory per meter / per lot, as applicable. In case any additional accessories, installation items, or specific technical specifications are required, we request HPOIL to kindly provide the details so that the same can be duly considered in our technical and commercial offer. We would appreciate HPOIL's favourable consideration and confirmation of the above requirements.	Tender Condition Prevails
17	Technical Volume	21/22	Technical Datasheet RPD	RS 232/ 485 serial port for SCADA facility (configurable up to 9600 bps) along with required connector, convertor and cable for USB output.	We understand that the requirement is applicable for RPD Gas Meter along with EVC, Modem, and associated communication services. In this regard, we would like to inform you that our offered EVC is equipped with an inbuilt modem with GPRS communication capability and shall provide data through cloud and web services as required under the tender specifications. Further, the RS-485 serial port is utilized internally for communication between the EVC and the integrated modem. Accordingly, we confirm compliance with the tender requirement related to web services and data communication through our integrated EVC and modem solution. We request HPOIL to kindly confirm acceptance of the same.	To be Read as EVC should be with Provision of connection with SCADA System by RS 232/ 485 serial port or Modem /any other medium for SCADA facility (configurable up to 9600 bps) along with required connector, convertor and cable for USB output.
18	Technical Volume	21/22	Software	Suitable communication protocol adaptor with 2.5 mtr of communication cable along with driver software to communicate with EVC and Windows 7 and Windows 10 based laptop shall be supplied with each EVC.	The offered products involve imported components and are subject to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, international raw material prices, freight/logistics costs, and other global market factors. Therefore, maintaining firm and fixed prices for one y	To be Read as Suitable communication protocol adaptor with 2.5 mtr of communication cable along with driver software shall be supplied with each EVC to communicate with EVC and Windows 10/ Windows 11 based laptop.

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19	Technical Volume		Technical	GATC Charges	We understand that the contract shall be awarded with a validity period of one (01) year. We would like to respectfully submit that, as per the latest Legal Metrology notifications and prevailing Gazette provisions under the Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) framework, the implementation of GATC requirements for gas meters is presently kept on hold up to 30-Sep-2026, and accordingly GATC certification charges are presently not applicable during this period. However, post 30-Sep-2026, if GATC verification / certification becomes applicable as per the revised statutory requirement, the corresponding GATC charges, verification fees, and associated compliance costs shall become payable for the supplied meters as per applicable Legal Metrology provisions and Government notifications. Since the tender document does not specify the commercial treatment of such GATC certification charges applicable after 30-Sep-2026, there remains uncertainty regarding the responsibility for payment of these statutory charges during the contract period. In view of the above, we kindly request HPOIL to clarify and confirm how GATC verification and certification charges, if applicable after 30-Sep-2026, shall be reimbursed / paid, as the same are statutory compliance costs beyond the standard meter supply scope and are subject to Government notification and regulatory enforcement. We request HPOIL to kindly confirm whether such GATC charges shall be payable separately on actual basis against documentary evidence. We trust the above shall be considered favorably and request your kind clarification.	Venders have to quote by considering the all Mandatory Statuary Guidelines till the due date of submission of Tender like; PNGRB, OISD, W&M India and Data sheet submitted in Tender Document.
20		18	Pre-amplifier	Pls note Pre-amplifier is not required for RPD meters when it is connecting with EVC.	Pls note Pre-amplifier is not required for RPD meters when it is connecting with EVC.	Not Applicable
21		19	Radiography	Pls note Radiography is not required for RPD meters.	Pls note Radiography is not required for RPD meters.	Not Applicable
22		17	End connection Brass	We will provide GI / Steel with Electro Zinc Plating .Kindly accept it	We will provide GI / Steel with Electro Zinc Plating .Kindly accept it	Tender Condition Prevails
23		17	G6 index	Please note that G 6 will come with maximum index reading of 99999.999.	Please note that G 6 will come with maximum index reading of 99999.999.	Tender Condition Prevails
24			Request for bid extension	Request to extend bid till 28th September,2026 as the tender received lately at our end	Request to extend bid till 28th September,2026 as the tender received lately at our end	Refer Corrigendum 1
25		12 of 22	2.1	Commercial Diaphragm Meters	We request to HOGPL for Consider Thermal Smart Meter for this Tender.	Tender Condition Prevails
26		12 of 22	2.2	High-capacity G16, G25, G40, G65, G100 with External EVC	We request HOGPL to Consider RPD Meter with Inbuilt EVC for this Tender.	To Be Read As High-capacity G16, G25, G40, G65, G100 RPD Meters with Inbuilt or External EVC both are exceptable with External Connection of Pressure & Temperature Compensation/Sensor Connection.

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27		14 of 22	2.11	Providing training to Purchaser's personnel pertaining to handling of meters.	We Understand that Provide Online Training.Kindly confirm bidders understanding is correct.	Bidder Understanding in Correct
28		21 of 22	34	EVC Should be supplied with single SIM GSM/GPRS Modem.	Supply Modem with Modem then SIM card in Bidder Scope.Kindly Confirm.	To be Read as EVC Should be supplied with Modem or Without Modem with Connection Provision of GSM/GPRS Modem.
29		22 of 22	8	ATEX Certificate confirming to 2014/34/EU along with Weights & Measures Certificate shall be provided for EVC supplied.	We request to HOGPL to consider CSR Approval Certificate is a Equivalent to APEX as per European Standard against ATEX Certificate.	Tender Condition Prevails
30		4 of 74	4	50% of the total quantities to be delivered within 12 (twelve) weeks from the date of LOI/ Purchase Order (PO).	We request to HOGPL for Consider Delivery Period is 14 to 16 Weeks.	Refer Corrigendum 1
31	Technical Volume	Page No: 10 & 11 of 22	Clause No.9.0, TECHICAL SPECIFICATIONS	Set of Gaskets complying ASME B16.20 Spiral-wound metal gaskets and metal jacketed gaskets for use with raised face and flat face flanges. And Set of Zinc Coating (Hot Dip) on Iron and Steel (ASTM A153) Stud and Nut complying ASTM A193 and ASTM A194	*As a bidder, we understand that the tender specifically mentions gasket and stud & nut sets. However, in the standard procurement practice followed by CGD companies, generally only the regulator is procured from the regulator manufacturer. Kindly clarify whether these items are mandatory in the bidder's scope of supply.	Tender Condition Prevails

Seal & Signature of Bidder