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**CORRIGENDUM NO. 2**

In Respect Of National Competitive Bid, Open Tender No. MM/2022/C-7249/ENQ/211 for “14th round Engagement of Auditors by DGH for Audit of accounts for Exploration Blocks (Category 1, Cumulative Contract Cost upto March 20’ =<50 MM USD) under PSC for FY 2020-21 and 21-22”, bid closing date is hereby extended from 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The revised bid closing/opening time & date for the above tender is as under:

**Bid Closing Date & Time : 04<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 1400 Hrs (IST)**

**Bid Opening Date & Time : 05<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 1500 Hrs (IST)**

*In addition, a clarification in regard of minimum audit fee is attached herewith.*

Addendum/ Corrigendum / Bid Due Date Extensions, if any, to the Bid Documents shall be uploaded on aforementioned websites only. Hence, bidders shall view the said websites regularly.

**HOD (MM)**  
**For Directorate General of Hydrocarbons**

## CLARIFICATION

Ref: Tender No. Tender No MM/2022/C-7249/ENQ/211 to 215

This has reference to emails received from some bidders/ ICAI seeking inclusion of minimum audit fee in DGH Tender for selection of Auditors in Different blocks \_ Tender No. MM/2022/C-7249/ENQ/211 to 215.

In this regard, The ICAI has answered the concerns of CA Firms on the said notification dated 07.04.2016 by way of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on 19/06/2016. (pls refer below attachment)

Further, please note that Government audit will be conducted under provisions of PSC, which is a sovereign contract between Government of India and Contractors. The Government audit does not fall under the category of professional services in areas of services which are exclusively reserved for Chartered Accountants by statute viz. audit and attestation services such as audit under Companies Act 2013, Income Tax Act 1961, etc.

Hence, clause of Minimum fees to be mentioned in RFP (Tender) prescribed by ICAI as per notification dated 07/04/2016 does not apply to Government audit conducted under provisions of PSC.

## CA Firms Responding to Tenders: FAQs by ICAI

19/06/2016 Profession

A notification of ICAI was published in Part III Section 4 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) on 7th April, 2016 containing guidelines on the way CA Firms should respond to tenders ([Don't respond to Audit Tenders which don't follow Minimum Fee Guidelines: ICAI](#)). Accordingly, the ICAI has answered the concerns of CA Firms by way of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Responding to Tenders. The following FAQs have been prepared for general guidance purpose only and members may use their prudence before responding to any tender:

### **1. What is the effective date of the said notification/guideline?**

The said notification/guideline has come into force with immediate effect from date of publication of the notification in the official gazette (7th April, 2016). In other words, all tenders issued on or after 7th April 2016 will be covered under this notification/guideline.

### **2. Whether a member of the Institute in practice can accept such assignment where advertisement of tender was issued prior to 7th April, 2016?**

The notification is effective for all tenders issued/hosted on or after 7th April, 2016. Therefore, a member of the Institute in practice can accept such assignment where advertisement of tender was issued prior to 7th April, 2016.

### **3. Whether a member of the Institute in practice can respond to tenders floated in exclusive areas of practice of Chartered Accountants?**

A member of the Institute in practice shall not respond to any tender issued by an organization or user of professional services in areas of services which are exclusively reserved for Chartered Accountants by statute viz. audit and attestation services such as audit under Companies Act 2013, Income Tax Act 1961, etc.

It is clarified that in any State under the local statute if audit and attestation services are exclusively meant for Chartered Accountants only, the member will not be allowed to respond to such tender.

However, a member of the Institute in practice may respond to tenders as mentioned above wherever the minimum fee of the assignment is prescribed in the tender document itself.

### **4. Whether a member of Institute in practice can respond to such tenders which are open to other professionals apart from CAs. However, in the tender document, only CAs have been invited to respond.**

A member of the Institute in practice can respond to such tenders.

### **5. Whether a member of Institute in practice can respond to such tenders which are open to CAs and other professionals and in the tender document other professionals along with CAs have been invited to respond?**

A member of the Institute in practice can respond to such tenders.

**6. Whether a member of Institute in practice can respond to such assignments where quotations have been called for from practicing members/firms through individual letters?**

A member of the Institute in practice can respond to such assignments based on individual letters issued.

**7. Whether a member of Institute in practice can respond to such tenders where only technical bid has been asked for from the members which is followed by financial quotations request from the shortlisted members through individual letters?**

A member of the Institute in practice can respond to such tenders.

**8. Whether non-adherence to such guidelines will lead to disciplinary action?**

Non-adherence to such guidelines could lead to disciplinary action as this is a Council decision.

**9. Whether the Institute can call for any papers/documents related to bid submitted by members in response to respective tender?**

The Institute can call for any such papers/documents.

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) by ICAI on Responding to Tenders by CA Firms – (17-06-2016)**