

Minutes of Pre-Bid Conference held on 08.07.2026 at 3:00 PM to give clarifications for issues raised by firms against Bid Number GEM/2026/B/7710208 dated 29.06.2026 for 'Hiring of Helicopter Services to carry out Low Altitude Heliborne Geophysical Surveys'.

The following committee members were present:

Dr. Anand K Pandey, Scientist G	-	Chairman
Sh. Shailesh Tripathi, I/C ASRS Group, AMD	-	Domain Expert**
Dr. Akhil Mishra, Scientist	-	Indenting Officer
Dr. M J Nandan, Scientist G & Head BDG	-	Member
Dr. Tarun C Khanna, Scientist F	-	Member
Dr. KNSSS Srinivas, STO-3	-	Member
Sh. Antony Peter Raja, CoA	-	Member
Dr. Somu Roy, FAO	-	Member
Sh. Dharmendra Kumar, CoSP	-	Member
Smt. P Anjani Prasanna, STO	-	Member – Conformer

** attended the meeting online.

The following firms attended the Pre-Bid online, as per their request:

1. M/s. Himalayan Heli Services Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi – represented by :
Mr Losal Shamshu (Director) and
Mr. Venkat Ambuj (DGM Ops)
2. M/s. Global Vectra Helicorp Limited, New Delhi – represented by :
Mr. Jeevan Juyal, AGM Operations and
Mr. Mahip Singh Pathania, Manager, Business Development & Projects

The R&D services committee examined the clarifications sought by the firms vide their emails dated 07.07.2026.

The Committee provided point-wise clarifications to the issues raised by the firms. These are detailed in the enclosure as **Annexure-I**.

The meeting ended by thanking the representatives of the Firms.

"Certified that I / We abide by the 'Code of Integrity for Public Procurement'. I/We have no actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest in relation to this procurement process and I/We undertake to carryout our duties with the highest degree of objectivity and integrity".

E-mail Concurrence enclosed.

Indenting Officer

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(Sh. Antony Peter Raja)

Member

(Dr. Tarun C Khanna)

Member & Head, BDG

(Dr. M. J. Nandan)

Chairman

(Dr. Anand K Pandey)

DIRECTOR (for approval)

P. Anjani Prasanna

Member-Convener

(Smt. P Anjani Prasanna)

FAO

(Sh. Somu Roy)

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(Sh. Dharmendra Kumar)

Member

(Dr. KNSSS Srinivas)

Domain Expert - Member

(Sh. Shailesh Tripathi, I/C ASRS Group, AMD)
email concurrence

ANNEXURE-I

Himalayan Heli Services Pvt Ltd., New Delhi

Clarification Sought	CSIR-NGRI Response
1. Weekly Invoicing As per the tender document under GCC 2.44 – General Conditions of Contract, Point 13 (Monthly Rental and Flying Charges), it is stated that: <i>"The Contractor, at the end of each month, shall prepare the invoice for the work done during the month and enclose copies of all production invoices along with a copy of the Technical Log duly certified by the CSIR-NGRI Party Chief."</i> Considering that the proposed survey is of relatively short duration, we request that the invoicing cycle be revised from monthly to weekly. The payment terms may continue to remain within 30 days from the date of receipt of the invoice. Weekly invoicing will significantly assist in meeting recurring operational expenditures such as fuel, crew salaries, maintenance, logistics, and other project-related expenses, thereby ensuring smooth and uninterrupted execution of the survey.	The modified invoicing terms are as follows : Fortnightly Invoice may be submitted by the firm for actual quantum of completed work (or) Invoice may be submitted based on completion of total quantum of Part-A / Part-B work components. All other terms and conditions related to terms of payment remain unaltered.
2. Conflicting Provisions in Bid Evaluation Criteria We would like to draw your kind attention to Annexure III – Bid Evaluation Criteria, specifically Points 1.2 and 1.5, which appear to contain conflicting requirements. - Point 1.2 states: <i>"The company should have 2 sets of pilots (1 PIC + 1 Co-Pilot form 1 set) should be made available for minimum production of 110 FH in a month."</i> - Point 1.5 states: <i>"The bidder should have arrangements for securing the services of 2 sets of pilots as and when required for execution of the project. Documentary evidence in support of the above must be accompanied with the Technical Bid for further consideration and evaluation."</i>	The clause 1.5 may be treated as deleted from BEC.

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Since Point 1.2 specifies the requirement of two complete sets of pilots which is the bare minimum requirement, whereas Point 1.5 merely specifies capability of arranging the services of two sets of pilots which is conflicting and leads to ambiguity during bid evaluation.

In the interest of maintaining high quality capable bidders we kindly request that Point 1.5 be deleted so that only bidders with minimum available pilots with relevant experience may enter the bid.

3. Annexure III – Bid Evaluation Criteria

Point 1.4 specifies only that pilots should be on the payroll of the bidder. Again in order to ensure capable bidders, the clause may be modified to "pilots should be on the payroll of the bidder for the preceding 3 months from date of submission of bids and documentary evidence proving their employment with payslips of the 3 months"

This condition is included to ensure the availability of an experienced pilot.

If the bidder can guarantee an experienced pilot's availability during the survey, our requirements are met. Overlying the suggested strict clauses might restrict participation of more bidders.

Global Vectra Helicorp Limited, New Delhi

Clarification Sought

1. Scope of Work – Kindly provide block-wise details indicating the planned LKMs, estimated flying hours, and duration (number of days) allocated for each survey block. Further, it is requested that the KMZ file of the survey blocks and proposed flight lines be shared with prospective bidders. Availability of these details will enable accurate planning, assessment of terrain constraints, mobilization strategy and realistic commercial pricing.

CSIR-NGRI Reply

The KMZ/KML files of the survey blocks and proposed flight lines will be provided to the successful bidder after the award of contract.

However, the map showing the survey blocks is made available in the scope of the work in the bid document. The entire survey may necessitate 3-4 helipads i.e. at Ajanta, Dhule, Sendhwa and Indore. The small survey block near Dhanwad can be covered from Ajanta helipad. This may require hardly 1-2 ferries.

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2. Survey Block Details - Kindly provide the detailed survey parameters for each survey block, including number of survey & tie lines, survey and tie lines spacing orientation (bearing) of survey and tie lines, and the approximate area of each block. Availability of these details is essential for accurate operational planning, productivity estimation and fuel planning.	The proposed work comprises a single airborne geophysical survey with survey lines, tie lines, and infill lines. The survey is expected to be completed within one month using 3 - 4 helicopters. The line spacing, line orientation in the survey block are indicative at this stage and may be modified, based on field conditions and the initial survey results. In fill lines are decided in the field conditions only after data QC. Please also refer to the response provided against point no. 1).
3. Incorporation of Fuel Surcharge – It is requested that a suitable provision for Fuel Surcharge be incorporated in the tender. Since the bid is being submitted in July 2026, whereas the survey operations are expected to commence only during Nov-Dec'26, the prevailing ATF prices at the time of execution cannot be anticipated. Considering that ATF is the single largest variable cost in helicopter operations and is susceptible to sharp fluctuations arising from global geopolitical developments, it is requested that provision to increase prices on account of Fuel Surcharge linked to the prevailing published ATF prices, may kindly be incorporated to compensate for any steep increase in ATF prices during the contract.	The price quoted by the firm in the BOQ will be final till the completion of the contract. No such clauses / price-escalations can be incorporated.
4. Annexure-II, Experience Criteria – The bidder should have an experience at least 66 FH or more of Geophysical Surveys with loop for CSIR / Government of India/ PSU or any other Government recognized Agencies. GVHL Query - It is requested that the rationale for prescribing the specific threshold of 66 flying hours may kindly be clarified.	The minimum experience requirement of 66 Flying Hours has been prescribed to ensure that the bidder possesses experience in such work and executed similar work equivalent to at least 60% of the estimated scope of the present work. As the estimated flying requirement is ~110 FH, the corresponding minimum qualifying experience is 66 FH (60% of 110 FH). Hence, the criterion has been specified accordingly.

5. Annexure II, Pilots – The Pilots should be on the payroll of the company on the date of bid submission and also at the time of award of the contract or the bidder should submit a declaration stating that the company will provide valid agreement / contract with the pilots for the duration of the survey before entering the contract agreement, if their bid is successful.

GVHL Suggestion – It is suggested that the clause may be amended to “All pilots must have been on the direct employment roll of the bidder for a minimum period of 3 months as on the last date of submission of the bid. Direct employment of the pilots by the bidder should be confirmed through salary transfer accounts and bank statements.”

This condition is included to ensure the availability of experienced pilot.

If the bidder can guarantee an experienced pilot's availability during the survey, our requirements are met. Overlying the suggested strict clauses might restrict participation of more bidders.

Note: The clarifications furnished above as part of CSIR-NGRI response mentioned above shall be part and parcel of tender evaluation criteria and in case of any discrepancy, the clarifications mentioned above shall prevail.

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