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BID DOCUMENT ON ENGAGEMENT OF RBI APPROVED CREDIT RATING AGENCIES TO UNDERTAKE THE JOB OF BANK LOAN RATING OF THE COMPANY

Assam Gas Company Limited

P.O. Duliajan

Dist Dibrugarh

Assam - 786602

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1.0 Background

Assam Gas Company Ltd. (AGCL) (here in after called as Owner/AGCL), is an ISO 9001: 2008 certified, 60 years old Natural Gas transmission and distribution company, wholly owned by the Govt. of Assam with its registered office at Duliajan, Dist: Dibrugarh, Assam 786602. The company transports Natural Gas through its integrated pipeline infrastructure to several market segments i.e., Power, Fertilizer, Petrochemicals, Industrial, Commercial, Domestic households & commercial establishments primarily located in upper Assam.

The present infrastructure of the company has a transportation capacity of about 6.0 MMSCM of gas per day. The Company has been procuring gas from various sources like OIL, ONGC, HOEC, OILMAX, etc.

At present, AGCL is transporting Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to 40000 nos. of domestic households and 1100 nos. of commercial establishments in Upper Assam.

Presently the Company's Authorized Share Capital is Rs.20.00 Crore and paid-up capital is Rs 16.91 Crore. Assam Gas Company Limited has been declared as a Category 'A' by the Government of Assam. The Company has been making consistently making profit and has been paying regular dividends to the Government of Assam. The Annual Reports for the last three completed financial years are available in the website www.assamgas.org/annual-report.html .

The Company is in the process of laying a new natural gas pipeline to transport 1,00,000 SCMD natural gas from ONGC Khoraghat and Nambar Field with a project cost of Rs. 210 Crores. For the said project, Company has been sanctioned Term Loan facility from Bank amounting to Rs. 140 Crores.

Further Company has been participating in tender for procuring natural gas from various sources like ONGC Ltd, Oilmax, HOEC, Vedanta Limited and has also been successful in winning the bid for new gas. The above process requires submission for Bank Guarantee/ LC during the tender process as well after successful bidding of the tender. To meet the above requirement, Company has also availed Non-Based limit of Rs. 100 Crores from the same bank.

As per terms of above sanction from the bank, the company is required to get these facilities rated by an external Credit Rating agency approved by RBI.

AGCL invites sealed proposals under single stage system from interested, experienced and established RBI approved Credit Rating Agencies firms to undertake the job of Bank Loan Rating of the Company.

Your offer must be complete in all respect and must contain confirmation/compliance to all points of enclosed Bidding Documents without any deviations i.e., ZERO DEVIATION OFFER, failing which your offer will be liable for rejection.

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2.0 Terms & conditions

- (a) At any point of time prior to the deadline for submission of proposal, AGCL may at its discretion and for any reason whatsoever, modify/ cancel the RFP, extend the due date of submission, etc. All such changes shall be notified by email only.
- (b) Queries, if any, raised by bidders up to 3 days before the scheduled bid submission date will be responded to through Corrigendum. After this date queries may not be replied.
- (c) The company will select the Service Provider:
 - (i) Whose offer is considered fully responsive to the requirements of the company.
 - (ii) Lowest financial bid. In case of a tie between two or more bidders, the company will take the final selection which shall be binding on all the bidders.
- (d) During evaluation of proposals, the Company reserves the right to seek clarifications from the bidders on their proposals. If satisfactory replies are not received within the given time frame, the bids shall be considered non responsive and rejected.
- (e) The successful bidder has to represent the company during the one year period from the date of submission of Credit Rating Report before any appropriate authority at Guwahati, Assam or at Delhi, if the need so arises. For such representation, if any, to and from air fare including hotel accommodation will be provided by the Company for maximum of 2 persons.
- (f) If any information submitted as part of the bid is found to be false and/or misleading, the company reserves the right to disqualify / terminate the appointment of the Credit Rating Agency. The appointment of the Credit Rating Agency will also be terminated if the license of the agency is cancelled/ suspended by SEBI or any other authority for any reason whatsoever or is declared ineligible by concerned authority/ Government of India.
- (g) No fees or incidental expenses shall be paid to the Bidder for bid submission process or if called for discussions/negotiations during the bidding process.

Sealed Bids will be accepted up to 2:00 pm of Monday, 20th June, 2022 and will be opened on the same day at 2:30 pm. The Bids will have to be addressed to Managing Director, Assam Gas Company Limited, P.O. Duliajan, District: Dibrugarh, Assam 786602 and sent to Chief Finance Officer & GM (F&A), Assam Gas Company Limited, P.O Duliajan, District: Dibrugarh, Assam 786602. All bids must be accompanied with a non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs 2000.00 (Rupees Two Thousand only) in the form of Demand Drafts payable at Duliajan in favour of 'Assam Gas Company Limited'. Late offers for any reason whatsoever is liable to be rejected outright. If there is a holiday or bandh on that day, the submission date will be next working day at the same time. Offers made by fax or email will not be accepted, nor any subsequent changes in the quotation will be entertained. The envelope cover shall contain the name of the Agency and super scribed Tender for Credit Rating Agency due 2:00 pm of **Monday, 20th June, 2022** and sent to:

**Chief Financial Officer &
General Manager (F&A)
Assam Gas Company Limited
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For any queries, you may contact at hcmahanta@agclgas.com/ 0374-2800221 with copy to csharma@agclgas.com.

3.0 Scope of Work

(a) The Scope of Work of The Credit Rating Agency will be to seek the required inputs from the Company and obtain the required information from other sources including personal visit as maybe required and deliver the Credit Rating Report against Bank Loan from of Rs. 240 crores of Assam Gas Company Limited within the delivery period mentioned below. The selected Agency shall as part of the Bid submit the list of documents, information required to be provided by the Company.

(b) The Credit Rating Report is to be submitted within 45 days of appointment of the Agency failing which, Liquidated Damages @ 0.5% (zero-point five percent) per week of delay or part thereof shall be deducted from the bills of the Agency subject to maximum of 5% of the contract value exclusive of taxes.

(c) No advance payment shall be made. Payment will be made only after acceptance of the Final Credit Report.

4.0 ASSAM GAS COMPANY LIMITED

(a) The Financial performance of the company is briefly summarized below:

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE LAST 3 YEARS			
All amounts are in Rupees Crores			
Audited	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20	FY 2018-19
Turnover	292.94	368.63	353.78
Profit Before Tax	85.42	99.08	42.73
Profit After Tax	64.61	82.55	27.90
Net Worth	882.19	822.90	754.15

The Company has been consistently making profits and paying dividends to the Govt. of Assam.

(b) Assam Gas Company Limited as found promoter has 51% equity capital in DNP Limited, a joint venture company alongwith Oil India Limited (23%) and Numaligarh Refinery Limited (26%). It has investment of Rs. 85.30 Crores in DNP Ltd. To execute the Rs. 379.80 Crores 200 kms Duliajan-Numaligarh gas transportation project commissioned in 2012.

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- (c) In 1989, Assam Gas Company Ltd. Promoted Tripura Natural Gas Company Limited (TNGCL) with 25.51% of the authorised share capital alongwith Tripura Industrial Development Corporation. Subsequently, GAIL(India) Ltd acquired 48.98% stake in the company. TNGCL is a profit making CGD entity which supplies eco-friendly and cost effective Natural Gas to Domestic, Commercial & Industrial units across the city of Agartala and is expanding their presence in other areas of the state.
- (d) Assam Gas Company Limited has also invested Rs. 28.00 Crores in Assam Petrochemicals Limited, Namrup which has embarked on a Rs. 1337.00 Crores 500 TPD Methanol and 200 TPD Formaldehyde manufacturing project.
- (e) Under the 9th Round of CGD Bidding, Assam Gas Company Limited, Oil India Limited and GAIL Gas Limited formed a consortium and had successfully bid for GA-2 (covering Cachar, Karimganj & Hailakandi districts) and GA-3 (Kamrup & Kamrup Metro districts) both in Assam with 48%, 28% and 26% shareholding respectively. The Authorised share capital of PBG Pvt. Ltd. is Rs. 500 Crores and AGCL has already invested Rs. 48.00 Crores till 31st March 2022.
- (f) Under the 11th Round of CGD bidding, Assam Gas Company Limited and Oil India Limited formed a consortium and had successfully bid for GA 11.03 (Darang, Udalguri, Sonitpur, Biswanath, Lakhimpur and Dhemaji) in Assam and GA 11.56 (South Tripura – Sepahijala Districts) GA 11.57 (North Tripura – Dhalai, Khowai and Unakoti Districts) both in Tripura with shareholding pattern of 51% and 49% respectively. The formation of Joint Venture Company is under process.
- (g) AGCL has two authorisation from PNGRB for its operations in seven districts of upper Assam, viz. Tinsukia, Dirbugarh, Sivasagar, Charaideo, Jorhat, Majuli and Golaghat:
- i) Upper Assam CGD Network of AGCL to lay, build, operate or expand city or local distribution, and
 - ii) Assam Natural Gas Pipeline Network (ANGPL) of AGCL to lay, build and operate Natural Gas Pipelines.