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Ref: PG/CC/CS/Durga Pratap

Date: 05.03.2025

M/s. Durga Pratap Singh M-37, Road No. 26, S K Nagar, Patna

Kind Attention: Sh. Durga Pratap Singh Email-id: durgapartap68@gmail.com

Subject: Debarring of M/s Durga Pratap Singh, Patna (DURGA PRATAP) from bidding and award of contracts by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)

Dear Sir,

- 1.0 This is in reference to the bids invited for Township Works Package-D1 & Township Works Package-D2 for construction of Residential and Non-residential buildings including external infrastructural development in various substations of Nagaland state associated with NER Power system improvement project (NERPSIP), [Spec. No.: CC/NT/CIVIL/DOM/A02/22/5002002460/00189 (for Package D1) & CC/NT/CIVIL/DOM/A02/22/ 5002002461/00190 (for Package D2)] vide NIT/IFB dtd. 04.11.2022 on Domestic Competitive Bidding basis by POWERGRID.
- 2.0 WHEREAS, you had submitted the bids for aforesaid Packages for which 1st Envelope of the bids were opened on 26.12.2022.
- AND WHEREAS, another bidder namely M/s. Techno Construction (hereinafter 3.0 referred to as TECHNO CONSTRUCTION) had also submitted their bids for the subject packages.
- 4.0 AND WHEREAS, certain observations were noticed in the bid(s) submitted by TECHNO CONSTRUCTION/ DURGA PRATAP for the Packages mentioned at Para 1.0 above and are as brought out hereunder:
 - It is observed from the soft copy part of both the bids that the field "Printed (i) Name" in various Bid Forms, which normally has the name of the person having Power of Attorney to sign/submit the bid, is same (i.e. DURGA PATAP SINGH). The addresses of both the firms, as mentioned in the Bid Form(s) and its attachment(s) (in Excel File) are same i.e. "S K Nagar, Patna".
 - On examination, it has also been noticed that the contents of the Covering letter (ii) including spelling mistakes (pasted on hard copy part of the bid(s)) in the hard copy part of the bid(s) of DURGA PRATAP and TECHNO CONSTRUCTION are almost same.
 - The IP details used by TECHNO CONSTRUCTION and DURGA PRATAP for (iii) Bid submission on the PRANIT Portal are also same.

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The aforesaid observations raised serious concerns regarding your involvement in collusive practices in competing for the Contract for packages specified at Para 1.0 above. The same constitutes a breach of ITB Clause 36, Section-II, Vol-I of Bidding Documents regarding Fraud & Corruption and Section-II of Integrity Pact regarding Commitments of the Bidder/Contractor.

- 5.0 AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the above observations, a letter was issued to you informing the non-responsiveness of your bids submitted for both Township Works packages D1 and D2 in line with the ITB clause 36, Vol-I of the Bidding Documents.
- 6.0 AND WHEREAS, in context of above observations, Show Cause Notices were also issued to you vide our letters ref. CC/NT/CIVIL/DOM/A02/22/5002002460/00189/Durga and CC/NT/CIVIL/DOM/A02/22/5002002461/00190/Durga, both dated 16.06.2023 for Township works package D1 and D2 respectively, thereby, giving you an opportunity to clarify/explain as to why no action including Black-Listing/Banning of DURGA PRATAP should be taken by POWERGRID under provisions of the Bidding documents/Integrity Pact.
- 7.0 AND WHEREAS, no reply to the Show cause notices has been received from your end in regard to the subject case.
- 8.0 NOW THEREFORE, after considering all relevant aspects including no reply to the Show cause notices from your end, it has been concluded that DURGA PRATAP has engaged in fraudulent/collusive practice as per the provisions of the bidding documents and is in violation of the Integrity pact signed by them with POWERGRID.
- 9.0 AND WHEREAS, the provisions of Integrity pact states that if the bidder /contractor has committed a transgression through a violation of Section-II such as to put his reliability or credibility into question, POWERGRID may, after following due procedures, ban /blacklist the Bidder/Contractor in line with POWERGRID's policy for "Black-Listing of Firms / Banning of Business".
- 10.0 NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby informed that without prejudice to any other rights available to POWERGRID in terms of the provisions of Integrity Pact/Bidding provisions and/or the applicable law, M/s Durga Pratap Singh is hereby excluded from participating/bidding/award of contracts against tenders invited/ to be invited by POWERGRID for a period of One (01) year w.e.f. 05.03.2025.
- 11.0 FURTHER, in case of ongoing contracts, if any, with POWERGRID, you are hereby warned to refrain from any transgression of the Integrity Pact/Contract provisions.

For on & behalf of

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd

(Jitendra Kumar Singh Bhadauria)

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