

DISCUSSION POINTS OF THE PRE-BID MEETING

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)
 CONSTRUCTION OF 2 ×100 MW FLOATING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) POWER PLANT IN THE WATER
 SURFACE OF SAMANALAWEWA RESERVOIR ON LEAST COST BASIS
 REFERENCE NO. : TR/REP&PM/ICB/2023/008/C

No.	Discussion points	Prospective Project proponents' Questions	CEB's Responses
1	Project Overview	What are the key objectives and significance of the project?	Reiterated objectives and significance of the project.
2	Grid Substation and Interconnection	Can you provide more details about the specifications of the grid substation and grid interconnection?	CEB will provide what ever available details at this stage and at the RFP stage.
3	Tentative Grid Connection Arrangement	Is the tentative grid connection arrangement final, or are there possibilities of changes?	Affirmed the tentative grid connection arrangement.
4	Timeframe for Project Submission	The deadline for submission is tight; can it be extended?	No decision to extend the deadline. However, CEB will acknowledge the time frame difficulty.
5	Complexity of the Project	The project seems complex; how will CEB support the prospective project proponents?	Acknowledged project complexity and CEB will facilitate the project. This is an EOI only and the RFP will follow with detailed informations.
6	Environmental Concerns	What measures will be taken to address environmental concerns, and what about an environmental impact assessment?	Prospective project proponents to assure the compliance with environmental regulations.
7	Expertise in Transmission Line Facility	What expertise is required for the transmission line facility, and is collaboration possible?	Openness to collaboration, commitment in providing information.
8	Request for More Information	Can we expect prompt responses to additional information requests from CEB?	CEB will commit to address requests promptly. What ever available data will be sent to today's participants.
9	Financial Information	Can you provide more details on the expected financial model.	Financial details will be provided in the RFP phase. The prices to be quoted as the energy cost for the operation cycle of 20 years and the transmissison costs to be mentioned in the semi-annuity basis for 10 years. It is clearly mentioned in the EOI. However, these costs are indicative values only.
10	Local Community and environment	How will the project impact the local community, and are there community engagement initiatives?	Social impact assessment will be part of the project's environmental considerations.
11	Ownership of Equipment	Who will own the equipment after the contract period, and what are the terms for equipment transfer?	Ownership details will be outlined in the contract. Equipment transfer terms will be fair and transparent.
12	Project Timeline	Can you provide a detailed project timeline from submission to commercial operation?	It is mentioned as 2 years. However, a detailed project timeline will be provided in the RFP phase, aligning with project milestones and approvals.
13	Maintenance Protocols of the reservoir	What are the maintenance protocols of the reservoir and how it will affect the solar plant, and how often will routine maintenance occur?	Maintenance protocols of the reservoir will be outlined in the RFP. Routine maintenance will be scheduled to ensure optimal performance.

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14	Reservoir Drawdown	How will the project handle reservoir drawdown, and what measures are in place for complete reservoir drawdown?	The project shall be designed to withstand complete reservoir drawdown in 2025. Specific measures and protocols will be included in the RFP and PPA.
15	Water levels	What are maximum, minimum and complete drawdown levels	Will be sent with the clarifications.
16	Bathymetric survey	Provide us the bathymetric survey of the reservoir	CEB will provide the available information
17	Design information	Provide us with maximum windspeed, wave velocity and other related information	It lies with the project proponent.
18	Transmission Line Design	Can you provide details on the design of the 220 kV Transmission Line, and how will it integrate with the existing grid?	Transmission line design specifics will be shared in the RFP phase, ensuring compliance with CEB grid code and technical specifications. The Single Line diagrams of New Polpitiya & Hambantota GSS, prospective project locations and prospective transmission line paths will be provided at the EOI process.
19	CEB's Role in Project Implementation	What role will CEB play in the project's implementation, and how will collaboration between CEB and the project proponent be managed?	CEB's role includes facilitating technical inspection, collaboration, and ensuring compliance. Project collaboration will be detailed in the RFP and PPA.
20	Site visit	Where is the location of gathering for the site visit	Prospective project proponents shall be at the dam of Samanalawewa at 10:00 am on November 30, 2023