



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR THE

EMPANELMENT OF STATUTORY/ ADDITIONAL

AUDITOR FOR GAREPALMA-II COAL MINE

PROJECT.

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O/o Chief General Manager (Internal Audit)
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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS INVITED FROM REPUTED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FIRMS FOR THE EMPANELMENT OF STATUTORY/ ADDITIONAL AUDITORS FOR GAREPALMA-II COAL MINE PROJECT. The panel shall be valid for the period of 5 (five) years.

MahaGenco, a public sector utility owned by Government of Maharashtra, is the second largest power generation utility in the country having generation capacity of 13220.02 MW comprising of Thermal, Hydel, Gas Turbine and Solar based power station spread across Maharashtra State.

Ministry of Coal (MoC), GOI, has allotted Gare Palma Sector-II (GP-II) Coal Mine in Tamnar Tahsil, Raigarh Dist. Chhattisgarh to MahaGenco vide allotment order dated 31.08.2015. The GP-II Coal Block is spread over an area of 25.83 sq.km. (2583.48 ha).

International competitive bidding followed by Reverse bidding was carried out by MahaGenco for selection of Mine Developer & Operator (MDO) for GP-II coal mine. M/s Adani Enterprises Ltd. emerged as L1 i.e. successful bidder. As per tender condition, M/s Adani Enterprises Ltd. formed a special purpose company namely M/s Gare Palma II Collieries Pvt. Ltd. (GPIICPL) to work as MDO for GP-II Coal Mine. MahaGenco has executed Coal Mine Agreement (CMA) with M/s GPIICPL & M/s AEL on 31.03.2021.

Pursuant to SAID Coal Mine Agreement (CMA), MahaGenco, in consultation with the MDO, is required to form a mutually agreed Panel of Chartered Accountants for the statutory audits of the annual accounts of the GP-II Coal Mine.

A. Empanelment of Chartered Accountant firms:

MahaGenco invites eligible and reputed Chartered Accountant firms to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) for inclusion in above mentioned mutually agreed panel to act as statutory auditors for the Gare Palma Sector-II (GP-II) Coal Mine. The selection will be based on the fulfillment of eligibility criteria and evaluation process outlined below.

B. Eligibility criteria:

1. The firm should have conducted statutory audit of the annual accounts of at least one hundred companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956, including any re-enactment or amendment thereof, of which at least ten should have been public sector undertakings;
2. The firm should have at least 5 (five) practicing chartered accountants on its rolls, each with a minimum experience of 10 (ten) years in the profession;
3. The firm or any of its partners should not have been disqualified or blacklisted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or the Mahagenco; and
4. The firm should have an office in the Chattisgarh State or in an adjacent State with at least 2 (two) practicing chartered accountants on its rolls in such State.

Interested firms meeting the eligibility criteria shall be required to submit a statement of their capability including the bio-data of all the practicing chartered accountants on its rolls. In particular, each firm shall be required to furnish year-wise information relating to the names of all the companies with an annual turnover exceeding Rs. 25,00,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Crore only) whose annual accounts were audited by such firm in any of preceding 5 (five) Accounting Years.

C. Evaluation & Selection:

The information furnished by each firm shall be scrutinized and evaluated by the Mahagenco and 1 (one) point shall be awarded for each annual audit of the companies with an annual turnover exceeding Rs. 25,00,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Crore only) in any of preceding 5(five)Accounting Years. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, a firm which has conducted audit of the annual accounts of any such company for five years shall be awarded five points.

The Mahagenco shall prepare a list of all the eligible firms along with the points scored by each such firm and 5 (five) firms scoring the highest points shall be identified and included in the draft Panel of Chartered Accountants.

D. EOI Submission:

The application to be submitted in the format prescribed in relevant Annexures along with copies of required documents mentioned. The application complete in all respect shall be forwarded to following address on or before Dt. To be decided till 17:00 hours.

Office of Chief General Manager (Internal Audit)

**HDIL Building, A-Wing, Fourth Floor,
Prof. Anant Kanekar Marg,
Bandra East, Mumbai-400051**

E. Schedule Chart:

Activity	Date & Time
Publishing Date	25.02.2025
EOI submission End Date	05.03.2025

F. Documents to be submitted along with the EOI application:

1. For criteria no. 01, Self-declaration duly certified by Partner that the firm has conducted statutory audit of at least one hundred companies registered under Companies Act, 1956, including any re-enactment or amendment thereof, of which at least ten are public sector undertakings. Also information relating to the names of the companies with an annual turnover exceeding Rs. 25,00,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Five Crore only) whose annual accounts were audited by such firm in any of preceding 5(five) Accounting Years, is to be furnished. The firm is required to submit the information in Annexure-III.
2. Constitutional Certificate issued by ICAI which shall not be older than 30 days as on the date of EOI, shall be furnished against criteria no. 2.
3. For criteria no.3, Undertaking duly filled & signed as per Annexure-IV regarding your firm or any of partners is not disqualified or blacklisted by C&AG or Mahagenco.
4. For criteria no.4, Self-declaration in Annexure-V duly certified by Partner that the firm has an office in the Chattisgarh State or in an adjacent State with at least 2 (two) practicing chartered accountants on its rolls in such State.
5. Copy of PAN Card
6. Copy of ICAI Registration Certificate.
7. Copy of GST Registration Certificate.

G. EOI Opening Process:

1. The Envelope containing documents as prescribed shall be opened on the date mentioned in the Schedule Chart. The intimation regarding the acceptance/ rejection of their EOI will be intimated to the firm through the Email.
2. If any clarification is required on any point in EOI, the firm will be asked to mail to ia@Mahagenco.in within time specified in Schedule chart. The queries received after the prescribed schedule date & time will not be entertained.

3. MahaGenco reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons. MahaGenco also reserves the right to call off the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason.
4. No firm shall be permitted to submit two separate EOI applications either as individual or as LLP.
5. All supporting documents submitted with the EOI should be self-certified & stamped by the firm and serially numbered. An index of documents being submitted shall also be submitted in envelope.

H. General guidelines for applicants:

1. Application Format must be completely filled in. Incomplete applications will be out rightly rejected.
2. All EOI will be evaluated on the basis of the documents furnished along with the application and subsequent clarification, if any.
3. The applicant should enclose with application all necessary supporting documents with self-attestation in support of their credentials. In absence of documentary evidence no mark shall be awarded.
4. The empanelment shall be valid for the period of 5 (five) years from the date of issue of empanelment.
5. Any update to the EOI documents shall be hosted on our website; interested firms are requested to ensure that all updates are considered while submitting the EOI.
6. Any application received after the stipulated date & time, due to any reason whatsoever, will be rejected.
7. Internal Audit, Concurrent Audit, Account Management Services, Inventory/ Stock Audit, CPF/PF/Gratuity Audit, Cost Audit does not constitute full fledge audit for considering in support of experience towards Statutory Audit.
8. Depending upon the number of application, MahaGenco reserves the right to shortlist required number of firms as it deems fit. Merely satisfying the required criteria will not entitle the firm to be shortlisted for empanelment.
9. This EOI is only for the purpose of empanelment of Firms and does not guarantee/assure allotment of any assignment.

- 10.** MahaGenco reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.
- 11.** The audit firm will be debarred from getting, in future, any type of audit either in MahaGenco or its associated companies in the following cases:
- i. If the firm obtain the appointment on the basis of false/forged information at the time of submission of application for EOI.
 - ii. The audit firm is found to have sub-contracted the assignment.
 - iii. If the firm refused to take up audit in terms of appointment order.
 - iv. If the firm does not submit the audit report complete in all respect in terms of appointment within prescribed time limit.
 - v. If the firm found involved in any malpractices, misbehaved with auditee office bearers or indulge in any unprofessional activity which is against the interest of MahaGenco and/or MDO.
 - vi. During the tenure of empanelment if the firm is blacklisted by Mahagenco, ICAI, C&AG or convicted by Court of any offense involving fraud.
 - vii. Conditions as per related provisions of Companies Act 2013.
- 12.** Application must be submitted under sealed cover super scribing the EOI Notice No. and date and the words, “APPLICATION FOR EMPANELMENT OF STATUTORY/ADDITIONAL AUDITORS FOR GARE PALMA-II” The name and address of the firm must also be indicated on the body of the envelope .
- 13.** MahaGenco to be read as Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited and MDO (Mine Developer & Operator) to be read as M/s GPIICPL (Gare Palma II Collieries Pvt. Ltd.)

Annexure-I
SCOPE OF WORK

The illustrative (but not exhaustive) list of task to be performed as Statutory Auditor by practicing Chartered Accountants firm is given as under:

The scope of work of Statutory Auditor (illustrative, but not exhaustive) is prepared taking reference to Article 31 "ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT" of the Coal Mining Agreement, is as under:

- a. To audit & verify the MDO's (Mine Developer & Operator)'s Financial Statements such as Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Account, Cash Flow Statements and issue report thereon based on the observations on or before 30 days from end of quarter / half year / Annual period of each Accounting year.
- b. To verify receipts(including revenues from mining charges and all income derived/collected by MDO from or on account of the Mines and Coal), income , expenditures, payments, assets and liabilities in accordance with the coal mining agreement, standard industry practice, applicable laws and applicable permits.
- c. To audit on or before 30 days from end of quarter / half year / Annual period, a statement giving summarised information on i) receipts on account of Mining charge, ii) all other revenues from, on account of the Mines, and iii) such other information as the MahaGenco may reasonably require .
- d. To certify any claim or document provided by MDO to the MahaGenco in connection with or relating to receipts, income, payments, costs, expenses, accounts or audit, and any matter incidental thereto to make the claim/document valid and effective.
- e. Dispute Resolution:

In case Mahagenco appoint another firm (the "Additional Auditors") from the Panel of Chartered Accountants to audit and verify all those matters, expenses, costs, realisations and things which the Statutory Auditors are required to do, undertake or certify pursuant to CMA & in the event of there being any difference between the findings of the Additional Auditors and the certification provided by the Statutory Auditors, such Auditors shall meet to resolve the

differences and if they are unable to resolve the same, Dispute shall be resolved by MahaGenco by recourse to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

The above work is inclusive and not exhaustive. The detail scope of work will be provided at the time of actual call-down assignment by Mine Developer & Operator.

Annexure-II

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

EMPANELMENT FOR APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY / ADDITIONAL
AUDITOR FOR GARE PALMA-II COAL MINE PROJECT:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the Firm	
2	Firm Registration Number (FRN)	
3	Address of Head Office with Contact details	
4	Address of Branch Offices with Contact details	
5	PAN No.	
6	GST Registration No.	
7	ICAI Registration certificate mentioning date of Constitution of the Firm	
8	Number of companies registered under companies Act whose statutory audit is conducted by the firm.	
9	Number of Public Sector Undertaking whose Statutory Audit is conducted by the firm.	
10	Number of Companies having turnover of Rs. 25 Crore or above whose Statutory Audit is conducted by the firm in any of preceding 5 Accounting Years.	
11	No. of Practicing Chartered Accountants having 10 years or more audit experience.	
12	Whether firm or any partner of the firm is black listed / disqualified by C&AG or Mahagenco.	
13	Whether firm have an office in the Chattisgarh State or in an adjacent State with at least 2 (two) practicing chartered accountants on its rolls in such State.	
14	Bank Details: Bank Name, Branch Name Account No. (with Type of Account) IFSC Code Cancelled Cheque	

1. All information provided above is correct.
2. I/We have no objection if enquiries are made about the work listed by the firm against the qualifying requirement.
3. I/We have read all the terms and conditions and instructions of EOI and these are accepted by me/us.

It is confirmed that, all the documents required as per Qualifying Requirement of EOI are complied with.

I on behalf of the firm confirm that we have not taken any deviation from the specific terms and conditions of EOI documents. A copy of complete EOI document duly signed and sealed on all pages as a token of acceptance of all terms and conditions is attached.

We hereby affirm that in the event that the aforementioned information is found to be false or forged, the audit firm shall be debarred from conducting any form of audit in Managenco and its associated companied. Furthermore, the matter will be reported to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for necessary corrective measures.

Authorised Signatory(Partner)

Name & Seal of the Firm

Date:

Place:

Annexure-III

SELF DECLARATION FOR EXPERIENCE IN STATUTORY AUDIT

I/We,(Name of the Firm) declare that the firm have conducted the Statutory Audit of at least 100 Companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956, including any re-enactment or amendment thereof, of which at least ten companies as mentioned below are public sector undertakings. The year wise information relating to the names of all the companies with an annual turnover exceeding Rs. 25,00,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Five Crore only) whose annual accounts were audited by the firm in preceding 5 (five) Accounting Years is also hereby furnished as under:

Sr. No.	Name of the Client (Name of the Company registered under Companies Act) (Including Public Sector Undertaking)	Financial Year of which Statutory Audit conducted	Turnover of the Company in the Financial Year of which Statutory Audit conducted.	Document enclosed (Appointment letter & Copy of audited P&L Account and/or Work Completion Certificate where turnover exceed Rs.25 crores)	Whether PSU (Yes/No)

We hereby affirm that in the event that the aforementioned information is found to be false or forged, the audit firm shall be debarred from conducting any form of audit in Managenco and its associated companied. Furthermore, the matter will be reported to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for necessary corrective measures.

Authorised Signatory (Partner):

Name & Seal of the Firm:

Date:

Place:

Annexure-IV

UNDERTAKING FOR NOT BEING DISQUALIFIED/ BLACKLISTED

I/We.....(Name and post of Authorised Signatory)
on behalf of

.....(Name of the Firm) do hereby solemnly affirm
and declare as follows:

Our firm or any of the partner is not disqualified/ blacklisted by
C&AG or Mahagenco and debarment is not in force as on the date
of submission of proposal.

We hereby affirm that in the event that the aforementioned information
is found to be false or forged, the audit firm shall be debarred
from conducting any form of audit in Managenco and its associated
companies. Furthermore, the matter will be reported to the Institute
of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for necessary corrective
measures.

Authorised Signatory (Partner):

Name & Seal of the Firm:

Date:

Place:

**Note: Above undertaking is to be given on non-judiciary stamp
paper of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten only)**

Annexure-V

**SELF DECLARATION FOR OFFICE IN CHATTISGARH STATE
OR IN ADJACENT STATE**

I/We,(Name of the Firm) declare that the firm has an office in the Chattisgarh State or in an adjacent State with at least 2 (two) practicing chartered accountants on its rolls in such State.

S.No.	Name of the State in which firm has an office (Chattisgarh or adjacent to Chattisgarh)	Address & contact details	No. of Practicing chartered accountants on roll in such state

We hereby affirm that in the event that the aforementioned information is found to be false or forged, the audit firm shall be debarred from conducting any form of audit in Managenco and its associated companied. Furthermore, the matter will be reported to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for necessary corrective measures.

Authorised Signatory (Partner):

Name & Seal of the Firm:

Date:

Place:

Annexure-VI
COAL MINING AGREEMENT

ARTICLE 31 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

31.1 Audited Accounts

31.1.1 The Mine Developer and Operator shall maintain books of accounts recording all its receipts (including revenues from Mining Charge and all incomes derived/collected by it from or on account of the Mine and Coal), income, expenditure, payments, assets and liabilities, in accordance with this Agreement, Standard Industry Practice, Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits. The Mine Developer and Operator shall provide 2 (two) copies of its balance sheet, cash flow statement and profit and loss account, along with a report thereon by its Statutory Auditors, within 90 (ninety) days of the close of the Accounting Year to which they pertain and such audited accounts, save and except where expressly provided to the contrary, shall form the basis of payments by either Party under this Agreement. MahaGenco shall have the right to inspect the records of the Mine Developer and Operator during office hours and require copies of relevant extracts of books of accounts, duly certified by the Statutory Auditors, to be provided to MahaGenco for verification of basis of payments, and in the event of any discrepancy or error being found, the same shall be rectified and such rectified account shall form the basis of payments by either Party under this Agreement.

Such records and books of account shall be required to be maintained for a period of 6 years. Mine Developer and Operator shall ensure that such records and books of accounts are sufficient to enable verification of the Mine Developer and Operator's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement.

31.1.2 The Mine Developer and Operator shall, within 30 (thirty) days of the close of each quarter of an Accounting Year, furnish to MahaGenco its unaudited financial results in respect of the preceding quarter, in the manner and form prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India for publication of quarterly results by companies listed on a stock exchange.

31.1.3 On or before the thirty-first day of May each Accounting Year, the Mine Developer and Operator shall provide to MahaGenco, for the preceding Accounting Year, a statement duly audited by its Statutory Auditors giving summarised information on (a) receipts on account of Mining charge, (b) all other revenues from, or account of the Mines, and (c) such other information as the MahaGenco may reasonably required.

31.1.4 Mine Developer and Operator shall permit MahaGenco or any other person or agency authorised by MahaGenco to access and take copies of the Mine Developer and Operator's record and any other information held at the Mine Developer and Operator's premises and to meet with the Mine Developer and Operator's personnel to audit the Mine Developer and Operator's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement. Such audit rights shall continue for 3 (three) years after Termination of this Agreement. Mine Developer and Operator shall give all necessary assistance to the conduct of such audit during the terms of this Agreement and for a period of 3 (three) years after Termination of this Agreement.

31.2 Appointment of Auditors

31.2.1 The Mine Developer and Operator shall appoint, and have during the subsistence of this Agreement as its Statutory Auditors, a firm chosen by it from the mutually agreed list of 5 (five) reputable firm of Chartered Accountants (the "Panel of Chartered Accountants"), such list to be prepared substantially in accordance with the criteria set forth in Schedule-P. All fees and expenses of the Statutory Auditors shall be borne by the Mine Developer and Operator.

31.2.2 The Mine Developer and Operator may terminate the appointment of its Statutory Auditors after a notice of 45 (forty five) days to MahaGenco, subject to the replacement of Statutory Auditors being appointed from the Panel of Chartered Accountants.

31.2.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, MahaGenco shall have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint at its cost from time to time and at any time, another firm (the “Additional Auditor”) from the Panel of Chartered Accountants to audit and verify all those matters, expenses, costs, realisations and things which the Statutory Auditors are required to do, undertake or certify pursuant to this Agreement.

31.3 Certification of claims by Statutory Auditors

Any claim or document provided by the Mine Developer and Operator to MahaGenco in connection with or relating to receipts, income, payments, costs, expenses, accounts or audit, and any matter incidental thereto shall be valid and effective only if certified by its Statutory Auditors. For the avoidance of doubt, such certification shall not be required for exchange of information in the normal course of business.

31.4 Set-off

In the event any amount is due and payable by MahaGenco to the Mine Developer and Operator, it may set-off any sums payable to it by the Mine Developer and Operator and pay the balance remaining. Any expenses by MahaGenco of its rights under this Clause 31.4 shall be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to it under this Agreement or otherwise.

31.5 Inspection

MahaGenco or any other person or agency authorised by MahaGenco shall have the right to free ingress and egress within any part of the coal mine at any time to inspect works or activities being undertaken or implemented by Mine Developer and Operator in order to monitor and verify compliance with the terms of this Agreement and with all Applicable Laws.

31.6 Dispute resolution

In the event of there being any difference between the findings of the Additional Auditors and the certification provided by the Statutory Auditors, such Auditors shall meet to resolve the differences and if they are unable to resolve the same, Dispute shall be resolved by MahaGenco by recourse to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.