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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS

ENGAGEMENT OF LEGAL ADVISERS FOR STRATEGIC DISINVESTMENT OF HINDUSTAN FLUOROCARBONS LIMITED.

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 Hindustan Fluorocarbons Limited (HFL) was incorporated on 14th July, 1983 as a subsidiary company of Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL), a CPSE under the administrative control of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals. It is located at Rudraram, District Sanghareddy, in Telangana. corporate office at 303 Babukhan estate Basheerbagh, Hyderabad 500001.
- 1.2 The company started commercial production in the year 1987 and is engaged in the manufacture of Poly Tetra Fluoro Ethylene (PTFE) and of Chloro Di Fluoro Methane (CFM-22). PTFE is extensively used in chemical, mechanical, electrical and electronic industries and has strategic applications in defence and aerospace sectors. CFM-22 is used as pure or in mixture for refrigeration. The raw materials used by HFL are Chloroform and Anhydrous Hydrofluoric Acid (AHF) which are sourced from public / private firms in the country. Plant / Unit details of HFL are summarized in the following table:

Location of Plant / Unit	Products manufactured	Installed Capacity (MTPA)	Capacity utilization (2015-16)
Rudraram, Hyderabad	1.Chloro di-fluoro Methane (CFM-22)	1265	96%
	2.Poly Tetra Fluoro Ethylene (PTFE)	500	8%*

- 1.3 The company has an authorized capital of Rs.21 crore and paid up capital of Rs.19.60 crore. 56.43% of the equity of the company is held by HOCL (promoter company) and the balance is held by bodies corporate, mutual funds, financial institutions / banks and others. .Employees strength is 129 No.

Share Holding pattern is as under

S NO.	PARTICULARS	% OF SHARES HELD
1	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited	56.43
2	AP Industrial Development Corporation Ltd	4.44
3	Individuals holding less than Rs.2.00 Lacs	20.43
4	Individuals holding more than Rs.2.00 Lacs	9.32
5	Banks/Financial Institutions	3.36
6	Insurance Companies	1.51
7	Mutual Funds	0.01
8	Others	4.50
	Total	100.00

Companies website: www.hfl.co.in

1.4 HFL is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

2. **Proposal:**

- 2.1 The Government of India (GOI) has 'in-principle' decided that HOCL should disinvest its entire shareholding in HFL through strategic sale. GOI, requires the services of reputed Law Firms with experience and expertise in Mergers & Acquisitions/takeovers/strategic disinvestment to act as Legal Adviser and assist Government in the process.
- 2.2 The eligible domestic Law Firm, as per eligibility conditions prescribed in 'Eligibility Criteria' may submit proposals as per the guidelines mentioned here under for selection of the Law Firms.

3. **Scope of Work**

- (i) Reviewing and advising on all legal contracts, titles of property assets/real estate, intellectual property rights and contracts with employees etc.
- (ii) Review of the Information Memorandum specifically with respect to disclosures relating to titles, land and property, intellectual property rights, litigations and any other disclosures in the Information Memorandum which may need to be vetted legally.
- (iii) Review of RFP document.
- (iv) Drafting of transaction related documents including:

- Confidentiality Agreement/share purchase agreement/shareholders agreement/ Non-compete Agreement, etc.
 - Any other ancillary agreement as may be required to assist in the closure of the transaction.
- (v) Advice and assistance in arrangements for the due diligence exercise and data room preparation.
- (vi) Advise on the structure of the transaction including, as may be required, compliance with SEBI guidelines, Stock Exchange Listing guidelines, Companies Act, Income Tax Act and any other relevant laws.
- (vii) Review of necessary corporate resolution including, if required, for formation of subsidiary/transfer of business to subsidiary or a shell company etc.
- (viii) Assistance as may be required, in negotiations with the potential Strategic Partner(s).
- (ix) Assistance in drafting and implementation of Employees Stock Option Scheme or any other scheme for employees that is compliant with the laws.
- (x) Facilitating closure of the transaction.
- (xi) Assist in any issues that may arise in connection with the transaction.
- (xii) Law Firm would have to work in close coordination with the Transaction Advisor and other intermediaries appointed for the transaction by DIPAM/AM/AD.

4. **Eligibility Criteria:**

- 4.1 The domestic law firms should be a reputed professional firm having experience of at least 5 years for providing advisory services for strategic disinvestment/ strategic sale / M&A activities/ private equity investment transaction
- 4.2 Bidders should have advised, handled and successfully completed at least one transaction of strategic disinvestment/ strategic sale / M&A activities/ private equity investment transaction of the size of Rs.50.00 crore (Rupees fifty crore only) or more during the period from 1st January, 2014 to 31st December, 2016.

5. **Proposal Format & Technical Evaluation Criteria**

- 5.1 Interested Law Firm may submit their Proposal in the following format. The bid shall be evaluated as per the following methodology hence the technical bids should contain sufficient details on each of the parameters listed below:

5.1.1 Experience and capability in handling Mergers & Acquisitions/takeovers/strategic disinvestment: (Weightage for evaluation 25/100)

- (i) Profile of the organization
- (ii) Capability, capacity and previous experience of the Firm and expertise in handling such assignment including open offers required to be made in case of listed companies post closure of the transaction.
- (iii) Demonstrate ability to work with Government and in coordination with Transaction Advisors and other intermediaries as a part of team.

5.1.2 Infrastructure like branch offices & Manpower: (Weightage for evaluation 25/100)

- (i) Details of infrastructural facilities like office, manpower etc. in India.
- (ii) Detailed profile of the core and support teams (with CVs of each team member detailing qualification and relevant experience) that will be deployed on each assignment in the event of selection.

5.1.3 Understanding of the Regulatory framework: (Weightage for evaluation 15/100)

- (i) Demonstrate understanding of the legal, policy & regulatory issues in Mergers & Acquisitions/takeovers/strategic disinvestment especially with respect to SEBI Regulations, Companies Act, FDI Guidelines, Income Tax Act and other relevant Acts and Regulations etc.
- (ii) Indicate the expertise in handling the regulatory requirements and securing required approvals from the authorities concerned.

5.1.4 Indicative Timeline: (Weightage for evaluation 10/100)

- (i) Demonstrate ability to deliver in accordance with the timetable requirement and the ability to commit key personnel for the entire duration of the transaction. Suggest a timeline for the proposed transaction.

5.1.5 Strategy for the Strategic Disinvestment: (Weightage for evaluation 25/100)

- (i) Indicate intended approach to the proposed transactions including the sequencing of the activities involved in the transaction.

- (ii) Demonstrate capability of preparing quality document to be filed with Stock Exchanges and other regulatory authorities or the agreements that are required to be entered into in the course of the transaction.

5.2 Threshold for short listing the Bidders for technical evaluation will be pre-determined and disclosed to bidder prior to opening of the financial bids. The technically qualified shortlisted Bidders shall be considered for evaluation of financial bid.

6. **PRE-BID MEETING:**

The interested parties are required to send in their queries by e-mail to the Officer to receive the Bid as given in paragraph 11.4 below. A pre-bid meeting, if required, will be held at Conference Room (Room No. 220), A wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi 110001. The interested parties may attend the pre-bid meeting, if they so desire.

7. **Submission of Proposal**

7.1 The proposals are required to be submitted in two envelopes as per the following:

(i) **Envelope 1 (Sealed)** containing:

- a) A certificate that the eligibility criteria laid down in para 4 above are being fulfilled by the bidder alongwith supporting documents.
- b) The technical bid as per format in paragraph 5
- c) Authority letter relating the authorized signatory.
- d) Furnish an Affidavit-cum-Undertaking as per **Annexure-1** relating to 'no conviction' and 'no conflict', duly signed by the authorized signatory.
- e) Confidentiality Undertaking in the Format at **Annexure-2**.
- f) Certificate on unconditional bid in the format at **Annexure-3**. Please note that bids with conditionality shall be summarily rejected.
- g) Certificate that in case of selection and appointment, a Performance Guarantee equivalent to 5% of the fee quoted would be given in the form of demand draft or bank guarantee, valid till the completion of the transaction.
- h) Non-refundable fee of Rs 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)

(ii) **Envelope 2 (Sealed)**: The Financial Bid in the format as per **Annexure-4**.

7.2__The Expression of Interest (EoI) should be delivered by **1500 hours (IST) on 28th February, 2017, to** Shri Ram Prabhakar, Under Secretary, Room No.313, B Wing, D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi 110001. For

delivery in person, a sealed box shall be kept at the abovementioned address. The EOIs must be submitted in hard copies, in original, duly signed by the authorized officer of the Legal Adviser. No proposal will be entertained after the appointed time and date. The Government will not be responsible for any postal/ courier delay. The proposals received after the appointed time and date will be rejected.

- 7.3 The envelope 1 of EOI would be opened at **1530 hours on 28th February 2017** in the Conference Room, (Room No. 220), A wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001 by the Bid Opening Committee of the Department. The bidders/ authorised representatives may be present.
- 7.4 The Government reserves the sole right to accept or reject any or all Proposals thus received without assigning any reasons thereof.
- 7.5 Financial Bid, to be opened only after the presentations of only those parties who qualify in the technical evaluation. Please note that bids with any conditionality shall be summarily rejected.

8. Procedure for selection:

- 8.1 Qualified interested Law Firms (applicants) will be required to make a presentation in respect of their Proposal before a GOI at Conference Room(Room No. 220), A wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi 110001.
- 8.2 The schedule of presentation will be posted on the website of GOI/HOC/HFL (chemicals.gov.in, hocindia.com, hfl.co.in) in due course.
- 8.3 The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicants on the criteria mentioned in paragraph 5 above and based on their Proposal and presentation; short-list them for considering their financial bids. The Selection Committee will open the Financial Bids of only short listed applicants. The lowest bidder will be awarded the assignment.
- 8.4 In case of a tie in the financial bid, the bidder who has a higher technical score, will be selected.

9. Requirements for Financial Bids

- (a) The Bidder is required to quote a Fixed Lump sum Fee for aforesaid scope of work in Indian Rupees inclusive of all applicable taxes.
- (b) In case of mismatch between the fee quoted, in numbers and in words, the amount mentioned in words will be taken as correct for all purposes, including evaluation of financial bids.

- (c) The Fee quoted by the bidder shall remain Fixed till successful completion of transaction.
- (d) The fee quoted bidder shall be unconditional. All expenses would be borne by the Legal Advisor.
- (e) The Bidders will be liable to pay taxes applicable as per law. An additional tax liability arising out of higher tax rates or new taxes shall be the responsibility of the bidder.

10. Terms of Payment:

The fee to the selected and appointed Bidder shall be paid in Indian Rupees as under:

- (a) 20% of the fee quoted and accepted by the GOI on issue of the RFP inviting EoIs from the prospective buyers and their short listing.
- (b) 50% on inviting the financial bids from the prospective buyers and its acceptance by the government.
- (c) 30% on successful closure of the transaction.

11. MODE OF PAYMENT

- 11.1 The firm will raise the invoices in triplicate to GOI for arranging payment. The different taxes should be indicated separately while raising the bills for payment of fee. However, the gross amount shall be the figure quoted in financial bid on basis of which the bidder was selected.
- 11.2 The applicant is required to quote a lump sum fee inclusive of applicable taxes and payable as per law by the applicant.
- 11.3 The fee quoted should be unconditional and inclusive of all expenditure. It may be noted that the Law Firm cannot prescribe any time limit for validity of the financial bid.
- 11.4 For any further clarification, please contact Shri. Ram Prabhakar, Under Secretary, Room No.313, B Wing, D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. E-Mail: ram.prabhakar@nic.in.

AFFIDAVIT CUM UNDERTAKING

We, the undersigned ("**Bidder**") are submitting our bid in respect of the Request for Proposal No [●], Dated [●] ("**Bid**") issued by the Government of India ("**GOI**") in relation to [●] and in this connection we hereby solemnly affirm, declare and undertake as follows:

- (1) Details of the Bidder as disclosed in **Appendix-A** enclosed herewith are true and correct as on date.
- (2) There has been no conviction by any court of law or indictment/adverse order by any statutory or regulatory authority for a Grave Offence against us or any of our Indian Sister Concern(s) or any of our promoters or directors or that of our Indian Sister Concern(s) during the last ten financial years.
- (3) No enquiry/investigations for any Grave Offence is pending against us or any of our Indian Sister Concern(s) or any of our or our Indian Sister Concern's directors, managers and/or other Senior Managerial Personnel by any regulatory authority and/or government agency.
- (4) The details of enquiry/investigations for non-Grave Offences pending against us/our Indian Sister Concern(s)/ our or our Indian Sister Concern's directors, managers and/or other Senior Managerial Personnel by any regulatory authority and/or government agency are disclosed in **Appendix-B** enclosed herewith.
- (5) There are no Conflict of Interest with respect to the Proposed Transaction as on date.
- (6) During the tenure of our engagement for the Proposed Transaction, we shall keep the GOI informed, without delay, of any situations, circumstances, relationships, possible source or potential areas of Conflict of Interest in the format enclosed as **Appendix-C** herewith and we shall not take up work in relation to any such assignment without obtaining prior approval of the GOI and granting of such approval shall be the sole discretion of GOI and shall be binding on us.
- (7) We ourselves and/or for/with or in association with or on behalf of or through any other Entity, shall not take up any advisory or consulting assignment or render any services on a similar transaction or any other transaction which could have a direct Conflict of Interest, in any manner or capacity to a Competitor of the Company during the term of our engagement in respect of the Proposed Transaction without prior written approval of the GOI and granting of such approval shall be the sole discretion of GOI and shall be binding on us.

- (8) We have put in place a robust mechanism to resolve any Conflict of Interest situations and circumstances that may arise or result while conducting our business or rendering of services and where-so-ever any Conflict of Interest or potential for Conflict of Interest may arise, we shall take reasonable steps to resolve the same forthwith in a fair and equitable manner. During the term of our engagement we shall ensure to and continue to exercise adequate due diligence for identifying and removing any areas, source, situations and circumstances of conflict and mitigating the effects of such conflicts to the satisfaction of the GOI, in case any such Conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) arises or results in relation to the Proposed Transaction.
- (9) We have laid down an internal code of conduct for governing our internal procedures and operations and have prescribed the standards of appropriate conduct for our employees and officers for carrying out their duties and responsibilities with a view to appropriately ensuring proper maintenance of professional excellence and standards with integrity, confidentiality, objectivity and have made provisions for identification, avoidance and resolution of conflict of interests and for disclosure of shareholdings and interests, etc., in terms of applicable laws.
- (10) We understand that:
- (i) in cases where existing Conflict of Interest (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed by us, the GOI would be entitle to initiate appropriate actions to eliminate or address or mitigate or neutralize the conflict through or by restricting or modifying the work to be performed by us in respect of the Proposed Transaction. Government/Company may also terminate our engagement for the Proposed Transaction, in whole or in part, if such termination is absolutely necessary in view of the GOI to avoid the appearance of a Conflict of Interest.
 - (ii) The GOI would be entitled to terminate our appointment if any of the affirmation/declaration/undertaking given by us is found to be false or misleading in any manner or not adhered or fulfilled or complied by us.
 - (iii) if at any time after our appointment as an Advisor, either we or any of our Indian Sister Concern or the respective promoters/directors is convicted by a court of law in India or any indictment/adverse order is passed by a regulatory authority in India for a Grave Offence, we shall stand disqualified from continuing as Advisor to the Government/Company and shall be bound to inform them without any delay and shall voluntarily withdraw from the Proposed Transaction failing which the GOI may terminate our appointment after giving an opportunity of being heard.

Definitions

Unless otherwise defined in this Affidavit, the following capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning as set out below:

- 1. Advisor** means the Bidder and includes bidder(s) who have been selected for the Proposed Transaction by the Government of India/Company in terms of the Bid.
- 2. Conflict of Interest:** Conflict of interest in relation to the Proposed Transaction shall without limitation is deemed to exist or have arisen if:
 - (i) The Advisor whether itself and/or for/with or in association with/or on behalf of or through any other Entity is engaged in any activity or business which would or may be reasonably expected to directly or indirectly, materially adversely affect the interest of the GOI or any such activity/association would or may impair his ability to render fair, impartial, technically sound and objective assistance or advice, or unbiased services or may result in it being given an unfair competitive advantage to any other person.
 - (ii) The Advisor whether itself and/or for/with or in association with/or on of or through any other Entity is engaged in advising and/or have taken up engagement for advising/consulting any other Entity whether under a formal engagement or otherwise in relation to any transaction/matter (“**Third Party Transaction**”) which would or may be reasonably expected to directly or indirectly, materially adversely affect the interest of the GOI.
 - (iii) The Advisor has any business or financial interests in any other Entity that would impair, or give the appearance of impairing, impartial decisions in relation to Proposed Transaction, in offering any advice recommendations or in providing technical assistance or other services to the GOI as part of Advisor’s engagement obligations/duties.
 - (iv) In relation to a strategic sale by the GOI/HOCL, the Advisor has taken up engagement with buyer/potential buyer of such strategic sale or their Sister Concerns.
 - (v) Any other situation, possible source or potential areas of interests which may impair Advisor’s ability to render fair, impartial, technically sound, and objective assistance or advice, or unbiased services on in conflict of their professional duties towards Government/Company in respect of the Proposed Transaction or result in it being given an unfair competitive advantage to any other person.
- 3. Company** means [●]
- 4. Competitor** of the Company means an Entity in India that is engaged in the business substantially similar to the business of the Company. Business of an Entity

shall be deemed to be substantially similar to the business of the Company if turnover or profit of such Entity from the business activity(ies) in which the Company is engaged, exceeds 33% of the its total turnover or profit (in any of the last three years).

5. **Entity** shall mean and include an individual, proprietorship, HUF, an association of person/body of Individuals, a partnership firm, limited liability partnership, company or any other persons.
6. **Grave Offence** means offences of such nature that it materially affects the reputation, business or operations adversely or outrages the moral sense of the community and such other offences which may be considered by the Government/Company as grave on case to case basis after considering the facts and relevant legal principles.
7. **Proposed Transaction** means the transaction to be undertaken by the Government/Company as described in bid no [●], issued by the Government.
8. **Senior Managerial Personnel's** means managing director, company secretary, chief executive officer, chief financial officer or persons having equivalent positions and all such other employees of the Entity who are members of its core management team excluding Board of Directors comprising all members of management one level below the executive directors and include the functional heads.
9. **Sister Concern** in relation to the Advisor, means any Entity in which the Advisor has a significant influence or which has "significant influence" over the Advisor and includes a group and a joint venture company. Significant influence" means holding of at least twenty percent or more of total voting rights or the power to participate in and influence the management, financial or operating policy decisions of that Entity, or of business decisions under an agreement or has twenty percent profit sharing in such Entity.

Appendix A, B and C hereto shall constitute and shall be deemed to form an integral part of this document.

Appendix-A

BIDDER DETAILS

Name of the Bidder	
Address: Registered Office: Corporate Office Tel: Email:	
Constitution	Company/Partnership/LLP/Others (If selected others, please provide the nature of constitution)
Details of registration with other professional statutory bodies	

Appendix-B

DETAILS OF PENDING ENQUIRY/INVESTIGATIONS

S. No	Name of the Sister Concern(s)/concerned person(s) against whom the enquiry/investigation has been initiated	Relationship with the bidder	Name of the investigating agency	Nature of pending enquiry/investigation and Law under which the enquiry has been initiated	Brief facts/interim orders /other relevant information in respect of the pending enquiry/investigation

Appendix-C

DETAILS OF PRESENT/POTENTIAL CONFLICTS/FACTS OR INTERESTS THAT MAY BE DEEMED AS POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

S. No	Name of the Entity, in which interests Conflicts exit/may arise	Relationship of the Bidder with the Entity	Nature/reason of conflict/potential conflict	Duration of the subsistence of conflict, if any	Such other information as may be relevant and material in deciding whether there is a conflict/potential conflict of interest

Confidentiality Undertaking

It is certified that the documents/ data/ information pertaining to (name of the company), which will be provided to [Name of the bidder] for valuation or otherwise related to it shall be treated as strictly confidential and will not be disclosed or handed over by [Name of the bidder] to any outside agency/ person without prior written permission.

It is further certified that the valuation reports and other relevant documents, which are to be submitted by [Name of the bidder] to the Government will not be disclosed to any other agency/ person without prior permission of the Company and will be treated as strictly confidential.

Seal with Signature of the authorized signatory of the bidder

FORMAT OF UNCONDITIONAL BID ON THE LETTERHEAD OF THE BIDDER

This is to certify that the fee quoted by us for engagement as Legal advisor for strategic disinvestment of HOCL's shareholding in HFL is in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down in the RFP displayed on the website of the GOI/HOCL/HFL (www.chemicals.gov.in, www.hoclindia.com , www.hfl.co.in) and is unconditional.

Seal with signatures of authorized signatory of the Bidder

Annexure-4

Format of Price Bid on the Letterhead of the Bidder

Sl. No.	Description of work (1)	Fee (all inclusive) in INR in numbers To be entered by the Bidder (2)
		Numbers
1.00	Fixed Lump-Sum Fee in Indian Rupees inclusive of all applicable taxes. All expenses will be borne by ----- [name of the bidder]	
		In words (Rupees only)

Note: 1) In case of mismatch between the fee quoted, in numbers and in words, the amount mentioned in words will be taken as correct for all purposes, including evaluation of financial bids.

2) Since the bid is inclusive of all taxes, any additional liability of tax that may arise either on account of change in tax rate or additional taxes by the Central or State Governments, shall be the responsibility of the bidder.

Seal with signatures of authorized signatory of the Bidder