

ONGC wins all 7 oil, gas blocks on offer in latest bid round

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STATE-OWNED OIL and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) on Thursday walked away with all the seven oil and gas blocks on offer in the latest bid round that saw just eight bids.

ONGC signed contracts for the seven blocks at an event where Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and other Ministry officials were also present.

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The latest licensing round for allowing companies to explore for oil and natural gas was held on revamped terms but saw only ONGC and Oil India Ltd participating in it. ONGC put in bids for all the seven blocks on offer, while OIL put in an offer for one

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block at the close of bidding on October 31, 2019.

ONGC was the sole bidder in five blocks in Madhya Pradesh and one in West Bengal and it was locked in competition with OIL in one block in Rajasthan. ONGC walked away with all the seven blocks on superior bids.

According to the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), seven onland blocks were on offer in the fourth round of Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) with an area of about 18,510 sq km.

Nifty at record high on macro data, trade deal hopes

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THE BENCHMARK Sensex on Thursday rallied over 320 points and the broader Nifty Index ended at its life-time high amid hopes that the US and China will sign a trade deal soon, improvement in the manufacturing PMI data and better GST collections.

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 320.62 points, or 0.78 per cent, higher at 41,626.64. Similarly, the NSE Nifty closed 99.70 points, or 0.82 per cent, up at 12,282.20 — a closing record.

Dealers said the sentiment remained bullish for the second straight day after PMI data showed that the country's manufacturing sector activity im-

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proved in December, driven by new orders that rose at the fastest pace since July. GST collections remaining above the Rs 1 lakh crore-mark in December also indicates that consumption recovery has taken hold, they said.

Further, global markets were buoyed by the Chinese central bank's fresh stimulus for the country's slowing economy. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he would sign the Phase 1 trade deal with China on January 15.

India's manufacturing

INDEX HITS 52.7 ON BACK OF NEW ORDERS RISING AT FASTEST PACE SINCE JULY

December manufacturing PMI sees joint-strongest growth in 10 months

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INDIA'S MANUFACTURING Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose at the “joint-strongest” rate in 10 months at 52.7 in December 2019, as new orders rose at the fastest pace since July, with companies ramping up production and resuming hiring efforts.

The PMI reading was at 51.2 in November. However, the degree of optimism signalled at the end of 2019 was the weakest in just under three years, reflecting concerns over market conditions, which could restrict job creation and investment in the early part of 2020, IHS Markit said.

“The headline seasonally adjusted IHS Markit India Manufacturing PMI pointed to the joint-strongest improvement in the health of the sector for ten months. However, owing to a weak performance in October and November, the average quarterly

OPTIMISM REMAINS WEAKEST IN ABOUT 3 YEARS

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■ PMI's four of the five sub-components rose, while suppliers' delivery times was unchanged from the preceding survey period

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reading for Q3 of FY19/20 was the lowest since the three months to September 2017,” IHS Markit said.

Commenting on the latest survey results, Pollyanna de Lima, principal economist at IHS Markit, said: “The uptick in manufacturing sector growth signalled by the latest PMI results will be welcomed by policymakers, particularly given concerning results observed in October. Factories benefited from a rebound in demand, and responded by scaling up production to greatest extent

since May. There were renewed increases in input purchasing and employment in December.”

Following a subdued start to the third quarter of 2019-20, the Indian manufacturing industry took a significant step forward during December, it said. With new orders rising at the fastest pace since July, companies ramped up production and resumed hiring efforts. “There was also a renewed upturn in input buying. Elsewhere, rates of input cost and output charge inflation accelerated to 13-

Traffic management practices: Trai issues consultation paper

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TELECOM REGULATORY Authority of India (Trai) has issued a consultation paper to define traffic management practices adopted by telecom operators in the backdrop of net neutrality.

Trai released its recommendations on net neutrality in November 2017, which barred discrimination in internet access based on content. The government accepted most of the recommendations of Trai, and, on July 31, 2018, issued principle directives on net neutrality.

Further, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) amended licence conditions for

and 34-month highs respectively,” IHS Markit said.

Four of the five sub-components of the PMI increased in December, while suppliers' delivery times was unchanged from the preceding survey period, it said. At the sub-sector level, growth was led by consumer goods, though intermediate goods also made a stronger contribution to the headline figure. Meanwhile, capital goods remained in contraction, IHS Markit said.

It said companies that signalled growth commented on the securing of new work, the successful launch of new products and improved technology. New work increased solidly, with the pace of expansion picking up to the fastest since July. Where growth was noted, firms reported marketing successes, new product drives and better demand conditions. “The uptick in total sales was supported by higher demand from overseas. New export orders expanded for

the twenty-sixth month in a row, albeit modestly,” it said.

However, a note of caution is evident from the survey's measure of business confidence. “The degree of optimism signalled at the end of 2019 was the weakest in just under three years, reflecting concerns over market conditions, which could restrict job creation and investment in the early part of 2020. At the same time, price indicators showed accelerated rates of inflation for both input costs and output charges ...,” Lima said. Buoyed by strengthening underlying demand, goods producers resumed their hiring efforts in December. The rise in employment reversed the fall noted in November and was the strongest since February. The pace of depletion was only fractional.

On the other hand, holdings of finished products decreased sharply in December. The rate of charge inflation was solid and the quickest in close to three years, it said.

HDFC, subsidiary get nods to buy majority stake in Apollo Munich

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MORTGAGE LENDER HDFC Ltd on Thursday said the company and its subsidiary HDFC ERGO have got approvals for acquiring a majority shareholding in Apollo Munich Health Insurance Co Ltd.

According to the acquisition deal, HDFC will acquire majority stake in Apollo Munich from the Apollo Hospitals Group for Rs 1,347 crore and will merge the company with its arm HDFC ERGO.

HDFC will acquire 50.8 per cent from the Apollo Hospitals group for Rs 1,336 crore and will buy out the 0.4 per cent stake being held by the employees for Rs 10.84 crore.

Besides, the German insurer Munich Health will pay Rs 294 crore to Apollo Hospitals Enterprise and Apollo Energy for terminating their joint venture.

BRIEFLY

RBI: ₹10K-cr special OMO on Jan 6

Mumbai: The RBI said it will carry out a special simultaneous open market operation to buy and sell government bonds of Rs 10,000 crore each Monday. “Participants should submit their bids/offers in e-format on the RBI Core Banking Solution system between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon on January 6, 2020,” the RBI said. PTI

Oil kicks off 2020 on a steady note

London: Oil prices steadied after early gains Thursday as signs of improving trade relations between the US and China, which eased demand concerns, and rising tensions in the Middle East provided support. REUTERS

SBI, Union Bank to sell NPAs

Mumbai: SBI and Union Bank are looking to sell their non-performing loans totalling Rs 2,836 crore, asset reconstruction companies and other financial institutions.

NDTV promoters challenge Sebi notice in HC

New Delhi: NDTV promoters Pranjoy Roy and Radhika Roy have moved Bombay High Court, challenging a show-cause notice issued to them by Sebi in 2018 for alleged violation of insider trading regulations. PTI

VW in talks to settle ‘dieselgate’

Frankfurt Am Main: Volkswagen said Thursday it would open talks on a possible settlement in a mass lawsuit brought by German diesel car owners over emissions cheating. AFP


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E-TENDER INVITATION NOTICE NO. 01/2020/PUNJAB
 Online bids are invited under Two Bid System through E-Tendering CPP Portal from experienced Recruitment Agencies for arpanment of two years to conduct Recruitment of Watchman in FCI, Punjab Region. Bids will be accepted up to 22.01.2020 at 3.00 PM and will be opened on 23.01.2020 at 3.00 PM in FCI RO Punjab, Sector 31/A Chandigarh. Terms & Conditions and detailed information are available in the FCI Website www.fci.gov.in and CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in.
General Manager (Region)


Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd
 (A Government of India (Ministry of Railways) Enterprise)

Amendment/Addendum No. 2 Dated 20.12.2019
Invitation for DRFP
 (Tender No. HQ/OP&BD/CS/LP/Kanpur-Nilje, Dated 15/11/2019)
Name of Work : Consultancy Services for Feasibility study cum Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Logistics Parks at New Kanpur and New Nilje along the Dedicated Freight Corridors.
 All prospective applicants are advised to see the DFCC website www.dfccil.org for addendums before submitting their proposals.
 The notification on the above DRFP was published in Newspapers. Interested Consultants are informed that a Notification, bearing same reference number & containing requisite instructions & further information for Addendum no.1 against DRFP, has been uploaded on DFCCIL Website 'www.dfccil.com', for information. It is requested that for further Addendums all prospective applicants are advised to see DFCCIL website instead of Newspaper notification.


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SHORT TERM GLOBAL E-TENDER NOTICE
 Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Shimla invites Global E-Tenders for the procurement of **FORTIFIED EDIBLE OILS (Fortified Mustard Oil and Fortified Soya Refined Oil) for three months supply**. The detailed tender notice, tender documents and other instructions can be down-loaded or viewed on-line from the portal <https://tptenders.gov.in>. The last date of submission of sample, earnest money deposit tender document fee, processing fee and on-line tenders shall be till 17.01.2020 upto 5.00 PM. The tenders of Fortified Edible Oils shall be opened on 23.01.2020 at 11.00 AM.
Managing Director


MUMBAI URBAN TRANSPORT PROJECT - III
 2nd Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai - 400 020.

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)
 National Open Competitive Procurement E-Procurement Notice (Two-Envelope Bidding Process)
 Loan No.: L0228A
 RFB No: MRVC/W/123
 Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC) Ltd. an implementing agency, 2nd Floor, Churchgate Station Building, M.K. Road, Mumbai - 400 020, invites online Bids from eligible Bidders for under mentioned work of the project “**Quadrupling of VIRAR-DAHANU ROAD section in Mumbai Division of Western Railway under MUDP-III**”. Name of the Work & RFB No.: Removal/Shifting/Diversion of HT/LT Electrical OH Lines, Cable Crossing and Allied Electrical GS Works in-connection with Quadrupling of VIRAR-DAHANU ROAD section in Mumbai Division of Western Railway Project. Completion Period: 24 months. **Bid Security Amount:** ₹ 4,25,000.00 **Bid Document Cost:** ₹ 10,000/-. **Important Dates:** (1) **Bid Invitation:** 03/01/2020, (2) **Pre Bid Meeting:** 11.00 hrs. of 20/01/2020, (3) **Last Date of Submission of Bid:** 15.00 hrs. of 17/02/2020, (4) **Bid Opening:** 15.30 hrs. of 17/02/2020. Details of bids and bidding documents are available on <https://eprocure.gov.in> Bid must be submitted online at <https://eprocure.gov.in> on or before 15.00 hrs. of 17th February 2020. Corrigendum, if any will be hosted on website only. Details are also available on website of MRVC i.e. www.mrvvc.indianrailways.gov.in Refer detailed Specific Procurement Notice available on above websites for further details. **Chief Electrical Engineer (Project), Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd.**, Ground Floor, Central Railway, New Administrative Building, D.N. Road, Opp. Times of India Bldg., Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai - 400 001, Maharashtra, India. **Phone :** (+91)- 022-22626075/ **Fax:** (+ 91) - 022-22096972, **E-mail:** ceepproject@mrvvc.gov.in Website: www.mrvvc.indianrailways.gov.in & <https://eprocure.gov.in>


Kempegowda International Airport
 (Bengaluru)

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 Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL)
 BIAL Project Office,
 Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
 Bengaluru 560 300
 Web:www.bengaluruairport.com

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
 Carrying out design and construction of RCC Bridges (2 Nos.) and flexible pavement (4+4 lanes) including associated civil and MEP works at Kempegowda International Airport, Bangalore (the “Project”).
 The bridge is approximately of 80-100 m length and 13 m width and flexible pavement is approximately of 1200 m length. BIAL invites interested applicants to submit their EOI to carry out the work and successfully hand over the Project.
 Information on the EOI can be obtained from the BIAL website www.bengaluruairport.com. Bidding for this Project is through e-tendering.
 Applicants shall register on <https://www.bialtenders.com/> as per the e-Tendering instructions provided with the Information Document.
 Applicants shall view/ download the EOI document from <https://www.bialtenders.com/> from 1400 hrs IST on January 3, 2020 to 1600 hrs IST on January 14, 2020. The EOI must be submitted online at <https://www.bialtenders.com/> on or before 1700 hrs IST on January 14, 2020.
 Addendum, if any, to this EOI shall be made available on the BIAL website and <https://www.bialtenders.com/>


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OPEN e-TENDER
Tender Notice No. KR/PD/KJ/EL/T-4/2019
Dated: 31/12/2019


Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. invites “Open e-Tender” in **Two packet System** from experienced contractors for “**Provision of E&M system which includes supply, erection, testing and Commissioning of 33 KV and 11 KV HT Power Cable Network, GIS Substation, DG Sets, Tunnel Ventilation System, Tunnel Lighting, SCADA System and Fire-fighting System etc. for Tunnel T-40/41, T-42/43, T-44/45, T-46 & T-47 between Km 91 to 101 on Katra-Dharam section of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail link Project.” Approx. Cost of the Work: ₹ 349.11 Cr. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,00,00,000/-**
Completion Period of Contract: 18 months.
Submission of Tender: 12/02/2020 Up to 15.00 hrs.
Opening of Tender: 12/02/2020@ 15:30 hrs. Cost of Tender Form: ₹ 29,500/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) to be submitted through online payment modes available on IREPS portal only.
 For further details and updates please visit <https://www.ireps.gov.in> Amendments/ Corrigendum, if any would be hosted on the above website only.


SBI
 Platform Engineering-I Department, State Bank Global IT Centre, Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
 State Bank of India invites ‘Expression of Interest’ for procurement of Enterprise Bulk Email Solution. The detailed EOI document is available on the Bank’s website <https://bank.sbi> under ‘Procurement News’.
 Sd/-
 Deputy General Manager
 (Platform Engineering-I)
 Place: Navi Mumbai
 Date: 03.01.2020


The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
 (Of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE
 e-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.
 (1) 46084 - Handheld Meter Reading Instrument (HMRI) & 5 Years AMC, (2) Triennial Contract for Clearance & Transportation of Undertaking's Materials,
Re-invited e-tenders
 (3) 44795, (4) 45596, (5) 45597, (6) 44293 (Corrigendum), (7) 44381.
 Note : For more details, at (Sr. Nos. 1 & 3 to 5) log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> & (Sr. No. 2, 6 & 7) www.besttender.com.
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 CIN: L24110GJ1976PLC002903 Website : www.gnfc.in

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF FUEL/ FURNACE OIL (FO) UNDER ANNUAL/ MID /LONG TERM CONTRACT
 Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC), a company promoted by Govt. of Gujarat, is one of the top 500 companies listed in Stock Exchanges in India. It has established a world's largest single-stream ammonia-urea fertilizer complex & various other chemical plants at Bharuch, Gujarat, India, having annual turnover of around 850 million USD.

GNFC intends to procure approx. 2,75,000 MT of Fuel/ Furnace Oil (FO) annually on monthly prorate basis (@ about 23 TMT per month) under Annual / midterm / long term contract based on Import Parity Price formula having Bench mark basic price of FOB Arab Gulf for “HSFO (3.5% Sulphur) 180 cst” as published in Platts (Asia Pacific /Arab Gulf Market Scan).
 GNFC prefers FO with Sulphur 1.3% max and C/H ratio 7.5 max. Detailed specs are available on below given link of GNFC Website:
<http://gnfc.in/materialsmanagement/matrialmanagementfurnace.html>
 Alternatively, GNFC may consider offer for FO with Sulphur 3% max meeting other specifications stipulated in the above link.

Interested parties are requested to submit their most competitive commercial offer on CFR (West Cost India) as well as FOR-GNFC Bharuch basis, along with complete Technical specifications of the offered product and terms & conditions latest by 07.01.2020 on e-mail: mmfueloil0120@gnfc.in.

Interested parties may state their complete profile especially mentioning their annual capacity of trading / manufacturing, availability of material as well as alternate material etc. In case the bidder is opting to quote in USD, then the conversion rate to INR will be rate prevailing on RBI website as on the date of quoting.
 In case of any query/clarifications, please contact Mr BC Merja, Chief Manager (Email: bcmerja@gnfc.in, Ph. No. +91 9879528247).

