

CLARIFICATION # 7
FOR
PROCUREMENT OF PLANT DESIGN, SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND
COMMISSIONING OF
LOT 1: LAPSIPHEDI-RATMATE-NEW HETAUDA 400kV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE
LOT 2: RATMATE-NEW DAMAULI 400kV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE
LOT 3: NEW DAMAULI-NEW BUTWAL 400kV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE (BASE) AND NEW
BUTWAL -NEPAL/INDIA BORDER 400kV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE (OPTION)
Ref No: MCA-N/ETP/CB/003

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1.	<p>IFB Part 2 – Employer’s Requirements, Section V – B1, clause 5.A410.1 (Environmental Protection): Clarification 03, SI No. 86 & 87</p> <p>Clarification – Tower access restrictions associated with the EIA development are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new roads to access tower sites may be constructed on any land. This is to control erosion. • Existing roads may be upgraded, but not widened or extended. This is for the same reason. • No trees may be felled on any land. This is to reduce the loss of forests. • Foot trails to a width of 1.5 metres may be constructed on any land with the correct arrangements (such as by leasing) and with appropriate environmental controls, and with the land rehabilitated afterwards. <p>The Employer shall not arrange any access road for Contractor.</p> <p>The arrangement of access road shall be the responsibility of the Contractor in compliance with MCA-Nepal EIA and ESHSMP document. The maintenance and restoration of the</p>	<p>MCA-Nepal cannot relax this standard. The ETP’s Environmental Permit is based on the Project not building any roads. Even if a road is built primarily by or for a local community, it will be considered as part of the Project. Under MCC Environmental Guidelines, the construction of a new road will then require an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment. Such a process takes at least 18 months and must be undertaken under both Government of Nepal (MOFE) national standards and MCC international standards.</p> <p>Consequently, your request for relaxation of the conditions regarding to access roads cannot be accepted by MCA-Nepal.</p>

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	<p>damaged access road due to movement of men, material and machinery shall be on account of the Contractor and the Bidder must consider the associated cost while submitting Technical and Financial Offer.</p> <p>In case of damage of access road due to natural catastrophe such as earthquake, hurricane, typhoon, volcanic activity or landslide the Contractor may either decide for alternate access road or may repair the existing access road in consultation with the local authorities at their cost and time.</p> <p>Based on our experience in construction of transmission lines in hilly terrains of Nepal, the tower sites located near to the habitant, the local villagers generally insist for construction of road to the village from the nearby existing road from the bidder as per our experience in Nepal.</p> <p>In such case, as a social service to the local villager's bidder may need to construct road to the village from the nearby existing road which passes near to the tower sites. This road can be used by both villagers and for construction of the transmission tower.</p> <p>In the above condition, bidder should be allowed to construct road of 3.0 – 3.5 meters from the nearby existing road. Please confirm.</p> <p>This relaxation shall be provided only for tower sites near habitant area. Please confirm.</p>	