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Dy. General Manager (Procurement),
PMDC Head Office,
Islamabad.

Subject: Violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Dy. General Manager (Procurement), PMDC Head Office, Islamabad's Tender Notice for Sorting, Grinding and Packaging of Salt at PMDC Grinding Plant Warcha (as per detail given in tender form/RFP)

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Express' Newspaper on 14 September, 2025. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule No. 13 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 26-09-2025, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is two (2) days less. It is a violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 13. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

13. Response time.- (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for pre-qualification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the individual procurement's complexity, availability and urgency. However, under no circumstances the response time shall be less than fifteen *days for national competitive bidding and thirty ***days for international competitive bidding from the date of publication of advertisement or notice.**

Dy. General Manager (Procurement), PMDC Head Office, Islamabad is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across-the-board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve Zero tolerance against corruption.

Regards,


Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission (PMIC), Islamabad.



Note:

This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not a complainant, it acts as a whistleblower and operate under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to public to know how government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access of information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three member bench in case of Mukhtar Ahmad Ali vs the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa in the landmark judgment on 16 October 2023, in CP No. 3532/2023, has declared that

“What previously may have been on a need-to-know basis Article 19A of the Constitution has transformed it to a right-to-know, and the Access to information is no longer a discretion granted through occasional benevolence, but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution”



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PAKISTAN MINERAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
HEAD OFFICE, 13-H-9, ISLAMABAD, 44790

INVITATION OF E-BID

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) is an autonomous corporation under the administrative control of Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), Government of Pakistan invites electronic bids from the interested Parties / contactors registered with Sales Tax /Income Tax & PRA Departments, and who are in active taxpayers list of the Federal Board of Revenue for the following job at PMDC Salt Mines, Warcha (District Khushab);

- Sorting, Grinding and Packing of Salt at PMDC Grinding Plant Warcha (as per detail given in tender form/RFP).

E-Bidding documents containing detailed terms and conditions, method of procurement, bid security, opening of bid, etc. are available electronically and can be downloaded from EPADS-PPRA. The electronic bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the bidding document along with bid money of Rs. 600,000/- (in the shape of demand draft/pay order in the name of Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation on account of bidder must be submitted by using EPADS on or before 26 September 2025 at 11:00 AM. Tenders will be opened on EPAD on the same date at 11:30 AM in the presence of participants who may desire to attend the tender opening.

Note: -

1. Original Bid Security Instrument Must Be submitted to undersigned or to project manager, before the online submission deadline of the bid; otherwise, respective bid will not be opened.
2. In case of any technical difficulty in using EPADS, prospective bidders may contact PPRA Office, 1st floor, FBC building Sector G-5/2, Islamabad. Contact Number 051-111-137-237. Epad No.250938396

Dy. General Manager (Procurement)
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