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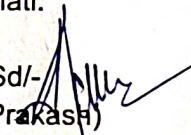
Date : 10.03.2023

**NOTICE**

This is for information to all that ICAR-NRC on Pig, Guwahati has debarred/blacklisted following firm for the period of 02 years w.e.f 10.03.2023 to 09.03.2025 from any future dealings with our institution and also with any other institutions affiliated with us.

**Name & Address of the Firm:** M/s Astha Feed Centre, H. No. 06, Ward No. 01, M.G. Road, Natun Bazar Hojai, Assam-782435

This issues with the approval of Director, ICAR-NRC on Pig, Guwahati.

Sd/-   
(Uttam Prakash)  
Asstt.Administrative Officer.

**Copy to:**

1. Director, ICAR-NRC on Pig, Rani, Guwahati for kind information.
2. FAO, ICAR-NRC on Pig, Rani, Guwahati.
3. The Principal Scientist & Head, KVK, Dudhnoi, Goalpara.
4. Website, ICAR-NRC on Pig, Guwahati.
5. Notice Board.

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To,

**M/s Astha Feed Centre,  
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**Sub: Notice regarding Debarment from further dealings.....reg**

Ref: Tender/GeM Bid No. GEM/2022/B/2901076 dated 24.12.2022  
GeM Contract No. GEMC-51168773068746 dated 08.02.2023  
GeM Contract No. GEMC-511687761910719 dated 08.02.2023  
R.C No. 195/NRCP/Estb/2022-23/Feed Tender/D-478 dated 08.02.2023  
Your letter No. Nil dated 16.02.2023 regarding cancellation of Contract.  
Your letter No. Nil dated 22.02.2023 regarding cancellation of Contract

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I would like to inform you that your firm with **UDYAM Registration Certificate vide No. UDYAM-AS-30-0000030** participated in the Tender/GeM Bid No. GEM/2022/B/2901076 dated 24.12.2022 for Pig Feed.

The Institute finalized the Bid and awarded the GeM Contract No. GEMC-51168773068746 dated 08.02.2023 for 4,55,000 KG Pig Feed Grower amounting of Rs. 1,52,88,000.00 (One Crore Fifty Two Lakhs and Eighty Eight Thousand) and GeM Contract No. GEMC-511687761910719 dated 08.02.2023 for 90,000 KG Pig Feed Finisher amounting of Rs. 29,07,000.00 (**Twenty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand**) to your firm.

That, as stated earlier by us you had won the tender bid on 08-02-2023 after participating in the tender and knowing fully well the terms and conditions of the contract. However, on 15-02-2023 merely one week after winning the tender bid you expressed your inability to fulfill the tender vide your letter dated 15-02-2023.

That, after receiving the aforementioned letter we have served you with a notice i.e. 16-02-2023 asking for a reason as to of "Why your firm shall not be debarred for any future dealings". You had submitted reply to the instant notice on 22-02-2023. However, in your reply, you have failed to provide any satisfactory explanations regarding your inability to fulfill the contract.

That, regarding the aforementioned subject i.e regarding "The debarment of M/s Astha Feed Centre" we would like to state the following:-

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1. In the very first clause of the terms and conditions of the contract, it had been stated that 'the firm should complete the supply within 7 days from the date of the issue of order'. Therefore, it is expected that prior to participating in the instant bid every bidder is well aware of the capacity and the ability of his firm to fulfill the terms and conditions of the bid as the issuance of tender and its subsequent completion and acceptance of bids is a tedious and time consuming process which involves a number of formalities and procedures. However, it seems you had entered into the bid by misrepresenting your capacity to fulfill the bid conditions.
2. That, in your letter dated 22-02-2023 you had stated that you had machinery breakdown in your plant and also you had contacted some experts regarding the breakdown of the machinery and that you are facing some issues regarding the procurements of spare parts of the machinery. However, in your letter dated 15-02-2023, you had not mentioned or appraised us, you had merely mentioned "unfortunately due to unavoidable situation in my feed plan which make difficulty in supplying Compound Pig Feed successfully to your organization. Hence we are Withdrawing as supplier for compound feed of the respective tender".

It, thus, shows yours Callous and unscrupulous attitude towards the fulfillment of the tender conditions and also your lack of commitment for the completion of the task taken up by you. It is also pertinent to mention here that since you were aware of the fact that the contract was for the supply of feed for livestock, it was incumbent upon you to arrange for the same irrespective of your personal difficulties and excuses.

3. That, regarding the statement made by you in the letter dated 22-02-2023 that the notice served upon you contained some vague allegations, it is stated that it is totally untrue and false. In fact, such statements on your part are a blatant attempt by you to hide your own culpability as to the severe loss and inconvenience caused to our institution by your unwarranted acts of first entering into the bid by misrepresentation of facts regarding your capacity to fulfill the terms and condition of the contract and subsequently withdrawing from the contract unilaterally. These, very acts clearly shows the presence of mens rea on your part. It is also pertinent to mention here that notice issued to you on dated 16-02-2023 clearly delineates the charges against you for which you were asked to provide explanation and you have failed to do so.

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4. That, as already mentioned in our show cause notice, we reiterate the fact You had also taken advantage of MSME policy and claimed exemption of Bid security amounting of Rs. 3,00,000.00 being a MSME registered firm due to which the Institute could not forfeit the bid security, which has also caused significant financial loss to our Institution.
5. That, the tender was for supply of pig feed which is essential and imperative for maintenance and survival of our livestock which has been put under severe duress and jeopardy by such unwarranted and unsolicited act on your part.
6. That, we again reiterate the fact that, as per the Instructions of the Govt., the GeM procurement is mandatory and accordingly timely process of bidding was done by the Institute so to maintain the stock of feed which is essential for the livestock, however with your unscrupulous attitude and unwarranted act of unilaterally withdrawing from the contract lead lots of consequences, which are highlighted as follows:
  - I. Cancellation of the entire bid/tender process.
  - II. Refrained the other prospective bidders who had participated in the bid.
  - III. The Institute will face lots of hardship and difficulty for the management of feed for the livestock, as the available stock is almost exhausted and the procurement will take considerable time as the Institute has to initiate the re-bidding process. It also creates life threat for the livestock, as feed is the essential component.
  - IV. The other important programmes of Govt. of India carried out by the Institute like Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) for the welfare of Tribal people and Schedule Cast Sub Plans (SCSP) for the welfare of SC people will also adversely affected as the institute will not be able to provide the inputs i.e. Pig Feed to the needy farmers.
  - V. The Govt. fund available with the Institute for purchase of feed will remain unutilized and will be lapsed as the Current Financial Year is at the fag-end.

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That, in the light of the aforementioned circumstances, our institutions has been left with no other option but to:-

1. Debar your firm from any future dealings with our institution and also with any other institutions affiliated with us.
2. That, the period of debarment shall be for a term of two years beginning from 10.03.2023 to 09.03.2025.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Uttam Prakash)

Asstt. Administrative Officer

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