



Request for Proposals

Coal Mining Project in Thar, Pakistan

Thar Lignite reserves, in the province of Sindh, Pakistan, are estimated to be more than **175 billion tons**. These were explored in a joint investigation project of USGS (United States Geological Survey) and GSP (Geological Survey of Pakistan).

The Government has developed the required infrastructure in the area to facilitate large scale mining operations. The infrastructure includes roads, water supply, reverse osmosis plants, electricity, fiber optic communication lines, etc. The exploration activity has already proven more than 15 billion tons of coal reserves.

The Government of Sindh invites **“Proposals”** from companies interested in **a project of open cast mining in Thar coalfield in a joint venture with equity participation by the Government of Sindh.**

The Government of Sindh, in liaison with the Federal Government, will **extend support for such Joint Venture with an investor-friendly regime of mining licensing, royalty and regulations; share the exploration data of more than 450 drill holes; facilitate mining operations by extending infrastructure support; contribute towards equity; and allow the JV partner, the right to manage the Joint Venture.**

The interested companies may send their **“Proposals”** with possible formats of such joint venture and **Company’s profile** with last year’s Balance Sheet.

Eligibility: Companies with sound financial position of at least US \$ 200 million (Rs. 13 billion) in Paid-up capital and reserves; having a management pool with a proven track record of successful execution of new initiatives; verifiable technical partnership(s) with world renowned mining companies.

Preference will be given to proposals that offer credible plans for shortest possible timeline supported by performance guarantees; and those which are dovetailed with a power project of at least 1000 MW; and those which involve long-term commitment through reinvestments and expansions.

The **Proposals** should reach the following address by 15th of June 2008. The Government of Sindh reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal in its discretion, without assigning any reason.

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