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SUBJECT: Procurement of 8” Steel Pipeline on ARC basis.

TENDER NO.: VGL/CO/C&P-PNG/BD202512P279 Dated 03/02/2026 & **TENDER ID:** 272333.

Sl. No.	Sec. No.	Page No.	Clause No.	Subject	Bidder's Query	VGL'S Reply
1	Section – I Invitation for Bids [IFB] & Section – IV Special Conditions of Contract [SCC]	10 & 72 of 120	2 (E&F) 4	<p>4.0 CONTRACT & DELIVERY PERIOD The contract shall be valid for a period of 12 Months. However, if the entire quantity of ARC order has not been ordered/ procured by VGL, the contract period shall be extended by a period of 06 Months at same rate, terms and conditions and at sole discretion of VGL.</p> <p>VGL shall issue Release/ Part Orders to the supplier from time to time during the running of the Contract with further instructions as shall be necessary for the purpose of proper and adequate execution of the Contract and the Supplier shall deliver the same as per T & C of the contract. The Delivery period for any of the Release/ Part Order of the ARC shall be 90 Days from the date of award of Release/ Part Order.</p> <p>VGL will issue the first purchase order for 10 km of 8” steel pipeline as Part Purchase Order-1. The remaining 5 km will be issued as Part Purchase Order-2, which will be released four months after the delivery date of the first lot.</p>	<p>1) We request that the Contract Period be kept at twelve (12) months for the entire quantity under the ARC. The proposed extension period of six (6) months is not feasible for us from a commercial and operational standpoint. We therefore request your kind consideration and confirmation that the contract shall remain valid strictly for a period of 12 months only.</p> <p>2) We request you to kindly confirm that the contract shall be awarded to the L1 bidder for the entire quantity of 15,000 meters. Further, upon issuance of the Release Order / Part Order for the first lot, the bidder shall be permitted to manufacture the entire quantity of 15,000 meters in a single production run and supply the material lot-wise as per VGL's requirements during the ARC period.</p>	Tender Condition Prevails.



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					<p>3) We wish to bring it to your notice that commencement of delivery for tendered Quantities are from 90 days from date of award of Release / Part Order may not be feasible because of lead time of steel procurement, pipe manufacturing, coating, TPI, delivery of pipes along with unloading arrangements.</p> <p>In the view of above we propose to deliver Pipes as per below schedule :</p> <p>Delivery within 120 days from the date of Release/Part Order. Kindly give us your confirmation.</p>	
2.	Section – II ITB	30 of 120	16	Bid Security	<p>We understand that Bank Details of VGL mentioned in Instructions for Furnishing CPS/SP on page 85 are also applicable for issuance of SFMS against EMD/Bid Security of subject procurement.</p> <p>Kindly confirm.</p>	
3.	Section-II ITB	30 of 120	16	'EMD submitted in the form of 'Bank Guarantee', Should have validity of at least 'two [02] months' beyond the validity of the	<p>We would request you to confirm the EMD in the form of BG to be validity for a period of 2 months</p>	It should be 03 months beyond bid validity period.



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				bid.	or 3 months beyond bid validity period.											
4.	F-13 Check List	109 of 120	B	BG Validity Beyond 3 Three Months from Bid Validity Period of 90 Days	We would request you to give us the reply of this query within 1-2 days as we need 7 days for necessary arrangement of required documents.											
5.	Section – II	13 of 184	1.2	<div>1.2 The bidder must be a manufacturer of Carbon Steel Line Pipe and must have successfully supplied at least following specified quantities for hydrocarbon application during last 7 years reckoned from the final due date of bid submission in single purchase order, duly certified by the Chartered Engineer and Notary Public with legible stamp along with the bid to meet the above technical criteria.</div> <table><tr><td>Sr. No.</td><td>SOR Line Item</td><td>Size</td><td>Minimum Length Supplied (Km)</td><td>Grade</td></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Item-A</td><td>8" & above</td><td>3.75</td><td>Standard: API 5L, PSL -2 Material Grade X-52, ERW/Seamless with 3LPE Coating</td></tr></table>	Sr. No.	SOR Line Item	Size	Minimum Length Supplied (Km)	Grade	1.	Item-A	8" & above	3.75	Standard: API 5L, PSL -2 Material Grade X-52, ERW/Seamless with 3LPE Coating	<div>We understand that we can submit proof of supply of pipes as 8” or above API 5L X-52 to X-70 PSL-2 of same type, equal or higher.</div> <div>Kindly confirm.</div>	Confirmed
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6.	Section – II	13 of 120	1.2	<div>Qualification Criteria for Coating Work</div> <div>The proposed coating plant by the bidder for three-layer side extruded PE (3 LPE) coating on bare line pipes shall have coated at 25% of the quoted quantity of bare pipe as per API 5L-X-52/X-70 that are of same type, equal or higher using three layers’ side extruded PE coating, during any of the last seven years reckoned from the bid due date.</div>	<div>We understand that we can submit proof of supply of coated pipes for API 5L X-52 to X-70 pipe grade.</div> <div>Kindly confirm.</div>	Confirmed										



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7.	FAQ	7 to 120	15	Fall clause is applicable only in case of nomination and proprietary/ OEM procurement.	We understand the Fall Clause is not applicable for subject procurement.	Confirmed										
8.	Section – IV SCC	72 of 120	3	3.0 TERMS OF PAYMENT 100 % payment within 60 Days of raising the invoice for the supplied material along with all taxes & charges will be paid on submission of documents.	We hereby propose to accept payment terms as 100% within 15 days of raising the invoice for the supplied material along with all taxes & charges to be paid on submission of required documents. Kindly confirm.	Tender Condition Prevails.										
9.	Section – V	6 of 153		Scope of supply.	1) We understand that bidder scope of work is limited to unloading and stacking of pipes at designated ware-house/ storage yard. Please confirm. 2) Please also confirm whether arrangement of Sand Bags and Preparation of Sand Rows is in the scope of Bidder. 3) We understand that land for unloading & stacking of pipes will be issued by VGL in developed condition.	1) Confirmed 2) Not scope of bidder 3) Confirmed										
10.	Material Requisition	12 of 153	15	C. DOCUMENTS & DATA REQUIREMENTS Final technical file	We would request you to accept the submission of final technical files in 1 hard copy & 3 soft	Tender Condition Prevails.										



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					copies.	
11.	Section – II ITB	45 of 120	49	Quantity Variation : 49.1 The Purchaser reserves the right to vary the quantity of each item up to +/- 15% for each item, at the time of award without any change in quoted unit price or other terms & conditions.	We request confirmation of the quantity variation for the subject procurement to enable us to evaluate our bid accordingly.	The quantity mentioned in the Material Requisition is tentative and may vary depending upon project requirement. However, no separate claim shall be entertained on account of quantity variation.
12.	Material Requisition	8 & 9 of 153	-	5.1 List of acceptable Steel Coil/Billets Manufacturer For Coil (Upto X-70)	<p>We would request your add the following coil suppliers name in your <i>List of acceptable Steel Coil Supplier</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India (earlier Essar Steel) • Lloyd Steel • <i>Jindal Steel Odisha Limited</i> <p><i>This are also approved by major PSU/Govt. organisations.</i></p>	Confirmed
13.	General Query		-	Reverse Auction	We understand that Reverse Auction is not applicable for subject procurements. Kindly confirm.	Confirmed
1	Material Requisition for carbon steel coated line pipes, Doc. No. VGL/23VR-VS-VU-VV-V1/05/21/M/001/S012	5	Important Note (iii)	Item shall be manufactured by SEAMLESS/HFW process. No cost implication shall be considered for change of pipe quantity from one to other process.	We confirm that manufacturing, inspection, testing & supply of High Frequency Welded (HFW) Line Pipes from Hot Rolled Coil through TMCP route in accordance with API 5L 46TH Edition April 2018 & Errata 1 May 2018 and client	Confirmed



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					specification.	
2	Material Requisition for carbon steel coated line pipes, Doc. No. VGL/23VR-VS-VU-VV-V1/05/21/M/001/S012	5 (vi)	Important Note (vi)	Colour bands of 50 mm width to be placed at both the ends, inside of Bare Pipes at a distance of 100 mm from the pipe ends and outside of 3LPE Coated Pipes at a distance of 450 mm from the pipe ends.	<p>Bidder understand that the specified requirement as same diameter and different wall thickness for colour code is not applicable. Accordingly, not considered.</p> <p>However, if colour code is required please provide the colour code band colour.</p>	<p>The colour code band requirement is applicable as specified in the tender document.</p> <p>Colour coding shall be provided for identification of pipes of same diameter but different wall thickness. The colour code band details shall be finalized and communicated at the time of Purchase Order, if applicable.</p> <p>The bidder shall consider the provision of colour coding in their offer accordingly.</p>
3	Material Requisition for carbon steel coated line pipes, Doc. No. VGL/23VR-VS-VU-VV-V1/05/21/M/001/S012	7 & 8	<p>2</p> <p>4</p>	<p>COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATION The vendor shall be completely responsible for the receiving/ taking over, design, materials, fabrication, testing, inspection, preparation for shipment, transport, storage at specified Dump Yard/ Warehouse of the above items strictly in accordance with the Material Requisition and all attachments thereto.</p> <p>CERTIFICATION The vendor shall be completely responsible for the design, materials, fabrication, coating, testing, inspection, preparation for shipment, loading of the above item strictly in accordance with the Material Requisition and all attachments thereto. All items shall be provided with EN 10204, 3.2 Certification.</p>	<p>We understand we are responsible for manufacturing, coating, testing, inspection, preparation for shipment and loading unloading activities. Design is not in our scope.</p>	<p>As per the tender document, the vendor shall be completely responsible for design, materials, manufacturing, coating, testing, inspection, preparation for shipment, loading, unloading, transportation and storage of the pipes in strict accordance with the Material Requisition and technical specifications.</p>



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4	Material Requisition for carbon steel coated line pipes, Doc. No. VGL/23VR-VS-VU-VV-V1/05/21/M/001/S012	13	5 Standard technical specification for HFW line pipe (onshore) CL 14	3) Final technical file shall be supplied in hard copy as indicated, and in electronic format (pdf Acrobat files) on four (4) CD-ROMs & Pen Drives. PRODUCTION REPORT The Manufacturer shall provide one electronic copy and six hard copies	Considering sustainability aspects, we confirm that only electronic MRB (eMRB) will be provided. No physical copy will be issued.	TCP
5	Material Requisition for carbon steel coated line pipes, Doc. No. VGL/23VR-VS-VU-VV-V1/05/21/M/001/S012	121	-	AMENDMENTS TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION Nos.	Kindly specify the exact specification number to which the amendment is applies.	
6	Standard technical specification for HFW line pipe (onshore), Doc. No. VGL/TS/05/21/012	17	1	SCOPE This specification establishes the minimum requirements for the manufacture of high frequency welded steel line pipe in accordance with the requirements of API (American Petroleum Institute) Specification 5L, Forty-Fifth Edition, 2012 and makes restrictive amendments to API Specification 5L. Unless modified and/or deleted by this specification, the requirements of API Specification 5L shall remain applicable. The Manufacturer shall have a valid license to use API Monogram in accordance with the requirements of Specification 5L, Forty-Fifth Edition, 2012 for line pipe as Product Specification Level PSL 2.	Bidder confirms that HFW pipes shall be manufactured, inspected, tested and certified confirming to the requirement of API 5L 46th Edition April 2018 & Errata 1 dated May 2018 (latest edition of API 5L) along with Client Specification requirement from TMCP (Thermo-mechanical rolled) coil. Manufacturing & certifying pipe as per API 5L 46 th Edition is mandatory for performing API monogramming on pipes.	Confirmed. However, manufacturing, inspection, testing and certification of HFW pipes shall be strictly in accordance with API 5L, 46th Edition (PSL-2) along with all additional requirements specified in VGL Technical Specifications and Material Requisition. Compliance with Client Specification requirements is mandatory and shall prevail in case of any additional or more stringent requirement. API monogramming shall be carried out as per applicable API



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7	Standard technical specification for HFW line pipe (onshore), Doc. No. VGL/TS/05/21/012	19	8.1	Abutting edges of the coil shall be milled or machined immediately before welding. The width of the coil shall be continuously monitored.	Edge preparation will be carried out through slitting followed by edge milling complying the specified requirements.	Confirmed. Edge preparation shall be carried out in line with the requirements specified in the tender document and applicable clauses of API 5L and VGL Technical Specification. Slitting followed by edge milling is acceptable, provided all dimensional, welding and inspection requirements as specified in the tender are strictly complied with.
	Standard technical specification for HFW line pipe (onshore), Doc. No. VGL/TS/05/21/012	22	9.6 b)	For HFW pipe with a $01 t > 10$, there shall be no cracks or breaks other than in the weld before the distance between the plates is less than 33% of the original outside diameter.	Kindly clarify this point. However we confirm to perform flattening test as per API 5L 46 th edition.	The flattening test shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the tender specification and the applicable clauses of API 5L (PSL-2), 46th Edition, as amended in the VGL Technical Specification. Bidders are advised to note that wherever additional or more stringent requirements are specified in the tender document, the same shall prevail over API 5L. Accordingly, the flattening test shall comply with the tender specification requirements in totality.



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8	Standard technical specification for HFW line pipe (onshore), Doc. No. VGL/TS/05/21/012	23	9.8.2.1	The average (set of three test pieces) absorbed energy value (KvT) for each pipe body test shall be as specified in Table 8 of this specification, based upon full sized test pieces at a test temperature of 0°c (32°F) or at a lower test temperature as specified in the Purchase Order.	We considered test temperature for CVN impact test (body, weld & HAZ) as 0°C.	As per the tender specification, CVN impact testing (Pipe Body, Weld & HAZ) shall be conducted at 0°C (32°F) unless otherwise specified in the Purchase Order. Accordingly, your consideration of 0°C as the test temperature is in line with the tender requirement. However, if any lower test temperature is specified in the Purchase Order, the same shall be applicable.			
9	Standard technical specification for HFW line pipe (onshore), Doc. No. VGL/TS/05/21/012	27	9.12.5.7	Both pipe ends of each pipe shall be provided with metallic or high impact plastic bevel protectors as per Manufacturer's standard. Bevel protectors shall be of a design such that they can be re-used by coating applicator for providing on externally anti- corrosion coated pipes subsequent to coating of line pipe.	We confirm to provide pipe with metallic bevel end protectors.	Confirmed			
10	Standard technical specification for HFW line pipe (onshore), Doc. No. VGL/TS/05/21/012	27, 28 & 29	10.2.1.2 Table 18	<table border="1"><tr><td>2</td><td>Product analysis ^b</td><td>Two pipes per lot (maximum 100 pipes) per heat</td></tr></table> b) Pipes selected shall be such that one at the beginning of the heat and one at the end of the heat are also represented	2	Product analysis ^b	Two pipes per lot (maximum 100 pipes) per heat	Bidder confirms for product analysis in pipes with 2 samples / 100 pipes / heat shall be selected randomly from the heat used at pipe mill for pipe production with lot of 100 pipes.	Confirmed
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11	Standard technical specification for HFW line pipe (onshore), Doc. No. VGL/TS/05/21/012	33	10.2.8.7	The measuring equipment requiring calibration or verification under the provisions of API Spec 5L shall be calibrated with manual instruments at least once per operating shift (12 hours maximum). Such calibration records shall be furnished to Purchaser's Representative on request	Bidder confirms that repeatability of measuring instruments Verification of all measuring instruments shall be done in each shift of 12 hours at final station. Record of same shall be furnished to the appointed	Your confirmation regarding verification of measuring instruments in each operating shift (12 hours) at the final inspection station is noted. Records of such verification shall be maintained and made available to the			



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					representative. However, Bidder clarifies that calibration of dimension measuring equipment shall be done on yearly basis from an external NABL lab.	appointed representative. Calibration of dimensional measuring equipment shall be carried out at regular intervals through an NABL accredited laboratory. However, in addition to annual calibration, the bidder shall ensure shift-wise verification/standardization as specified in the tender document. All calibration and verification records shall be furnished whenever requested by VGL/Owner's representative.
12	Inspection & Test Plan for ERW Line Pipes (Onshore), Doc. No. ITP No. 05/21/12/001		General		Bidder has retained Inspection & Test Plan of Electric Welded Line Pipes for information only, however project specific ITP shall be submitted upon receipt of award of Contract.	Confirmed.
1	VGL/ 23VR-VS-VU-VV-V1/05/21/M/001/S012 - MATERIAL REQUISITION	5 of 153	vi	Important Note: Vi. Color bands of 50 mm width to be placed at both the ends, inside of Bare Pipes at a distance of 100 mm from the pipe ends and outside of 3LPE Coated Pipes at a distance of 450 mm from the pipe ends.	Please clarify colour required.	The colour code band shall be provided as specified in the tender document for identification of pipes of same diameter but different wall thickness. The specific colour scheme shall be communicated at the time of Purchase Order, if applicable. The bidder shall keep provision for colour coding in their scope accordingly.





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2	3LPE coating specification	86 of 153	4.2	Coating thickness Minimum overall thickness of finished coating shall be as per Table 1	Bidder understands that total coating thickness shall be 2.5 mm, including Epoxy & Adhesive thickness $\geq 200 \mu\text{m}$ for each.	Total minimum external coating thickness shall be 2.5 mm as specified in the Material Requisition and Technical Specification for 3LPE coating. The thickness of individual layers, including Epoxy (FBE) and Adhesive, shall comply with the requirements of the relevant coating specification (VGL/TS/05/21/014). Accordingly, all layer thicknesses shall meet or exceed the minimum values specified in the tender document.
3	3LPE coating specification	87 of 153	5.2	The coating materials Manufacturer shall carry out tests for all properties specified in Table 2, Table 3 & Table 4 for each batch of epoxy, adhesive and polyethylene compound respectively.	<p>Material manufacturer will provide batch test certificate for the measured value and typical value as mentioned below:</p> <p>Epoxy Powder: All Properties will be complied.</p> <p>PE Adhesive Material: Melt flow rate and Density/Specific gravity test results shall be reported as tested / measured value for each batch whereas the Vicat Softening point will be reported as typical values supported by reputed lab reports.</p>	<p>The batch test certificates for all 3LPE coating materials (Epoxy, Adhesive and Polyethylene) shall be submitted as per the requirements of the tender specification.</p> <p>All properties specified in the relevant coating specification shall be reported as measured/tested values on batch-wise basis, wherever required in the tender document.</p> <p>Submission of only typical values in place of mandatory batch-wise tested values shall not be acceptable. Typical values may be submitted only for those properties</p>




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					<p>Polyethylene Material: Density/Specific gravity, Melt Flow Rate, Oxidation Induction Time, Carbon Black Content results shall be reported as measured value for each batch. The properties – Hardness Shore D, Elongation, Tensile Strength, Vicat Softening point, Environmental Stress Crack Resistance (ESCR), Volume Resistivity and Dielectric Withstand, Water absorption test shall be reported as typical value supported by independent lab test report valid for one year.</p> <p>Please refer to the attached sample batch test certificates issued by FBE, Adhesive and Topcoat HDPE material manufacturers for ready reference. Bidder will submit similar certificates issued by material manufacturer for the batches to be used for 3LPE coating of this order.</p> <div> Epoxy.pdf</div> <div> Adhesive.pdf</div>	<p>where specifically permitted in the coating specification. The bidder shall ensure full compliance with the 3LPE coating specification and submit complete batch-wise test certificates for approval prior to application.</p>
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4	3LPE coating specification	95 of 153	Table 5 Sl. No. : 23	Sl. No.: 23 Properties: Bond Strength (Peel Test) Test Method: ISO 21809-1 Annex C, (clause C.2 or C.5 hanging mass) and clause 10.5(a) & 7.6.2(a) of this spec.	Bidder proposes to bond strength test shall be carried out by manual peel test machine (Spring loaded type test assembly) due to size constraint. Please confirm.	Bond strength test shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the relevant clause of the 3LPE coating specification and applicable standard. Use of a manual peel test machine (spring-loaded type assembly) is acceptable, provided the equipment is properly calibrated and capable of meeting the specified test method, accuracy and acceptance criteria. The test procedure and equipment details shall be submitted for review and approval prior to commencement of testing.
5	3LPE coating specification	95 of 153	Table 5	Sl. No.: 24 Properties: Specific electrical coating resistance @ 23 °C ± 2 °C	Bidder understands that manufacturer test report to be submitted in accordance with 7.2 (o) of 3LPE coating specification.	Confirmed
6	3LPE coating specification	94 of 153	Table 5	Sl. No.: 7 Properties: Holiday detection (test voltage set to exceed 5V per µm of epoxy thickness.	Bidder clarifies that it is practically difficult to achieve no holiday at 200 microns thickness of FBE layer. Hence holiday acceptance criteria shall be ≤1.0 Holiday per meter as per Table-9 of CSA Z245.20-22 for FBE coated portion of partly coated	Holiday detection of FBE and 3LPE coating shall be carried out strictly as per the relevant clause of the 3LPE Coating Specification and applicable standard specified in the tender document. The coating shall be free from holidays. Acceptance criteria of



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					<p>pipe.</p> <p>Bidder proposes to pipe coated with both epoxy and adhesive shall be tested at a voltage of 5V/microns and holiday if any will be reported.</p>	<p>≤1.0 holiday per meter is not acceptable, unless specifically permitted in the coating specification for the applicable coating stage.</p> <p>Holiday testing voltage shall be as per the approved coating procedure and relevant standard (e.g., 5 V/μm or as specified in the tender document). The final testing voltage and acceptance criteria shall be strictly in line with the tender specification.</p> <p>The bidder shall submit detailed procedure for review and approval prior to execution.</p>
7	3LPE coating specification	99 of 153	7.6.2	<p>7.6.2 Tests on pipes coated only with all three layers</p> <p>a. Bond Strength</p> <p>Three test pipes shall be selected for bond strength tests. On each of the selected pipes, three bond strength tests shall be performed for each specified temperature i.e. one at each end and one in the middle of the pipe and specified requirements of bond strength shall be complied with.</p>	<p>For bond strength at each cut back ends, bidder confirms to comply. Bidder proposes to perform bond strength test at maximum feasible distance from either end instead of middle of the pipe. It is not possible to maintain the test temperature required at the middle of the pipe due to size constraint.</p>	<p>Your confirmation for compliance with bond strength testing at each cut-back end is noted.</p> <p>However, bond strength testing shall be carried out strictly as per the procedure and location specified in the 3LPE Coating Specification. Testing at a location other than the specified position (i.e., middle of the pipe), solely due to size constraint, is not acceptable without prior approval.</p> <p>If any practical limitation exists, the bidder shall submit a detailed technical justification along with proposed procedure for review and</p>



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						approval. Approval, if granted, shall be at the discretion of the Owner/Engineer-in-Charge.
8	3LPE coating specification	103 of 153	8.6.5	8.6.5 The salt tests shall be carried out after de-ionized water rinse. One test shall be carried out at one end of each pipe.	Bidder proposes that the salt contamination test shall be performed after final blast cleaning as per 8.5 of 3LPE coating specification.	Salt contamination testing shall be carried out strictly in accordance with Clause 8.5 of the 3LPE Coating Specification and the approved coating procedure. The test shall be performed after final blast cleaning and prior to coating application, ensuring that the surface preparation meets the specified acceptance criteria. The bidder shall ensure compliance with the specified limits and maintain proper test records for review by the Owner/Inspection Agency.

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