

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)
Procurement of Barge
Announcement: (IUL)113-PD/1/2026/87

1. Introduction

The Maldives Ports Limited intends to procure a heavy-duty, non-propelled steel staging barge to provide additional container staging capacity alongside the quay wall within the commercial port. This Terms of Reference (TOR) establishes the minimum technical, engineering, quality assurance, inspection, testing, documentation, delivery, and commissioning requirements for the design, construction, certification, transportation, and handover of the barge.

The bidder shall provide a complete turnkey solution, including detailed engineering design, classification approvals, procurement of materials, fabrication, outfitting, testing, transportation, delivery, commissioning, training (if required), and submission of all technical documentation.

The completed barge shall be fully operational, certified by a recognized Classification Society, and ready for continuous port service upon delivery.

2. Scope of Work

The scope of this procurement is to supply and deliver a fixed steel barge that shall:

- Be moored alongside the quay wall.
- Provide a temporary container staging area during container vessel operations.
- Accommodate approximately five (5) to ten (10) containers at any given time.
- Enable temporary storage of containers prior to loading onto container vessels or after discharge from vessels before transfer to the port.

The barge shall comply with the General Specification provided in this TOR.

3. Ethics, Fraud and Corruption

3.1 Ethical Standards

Bidders, suppliers, subcontractors, consultants, agents, and all associated personnel shall maintain the highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct throughout the procurement and contract execution process.

For the purposes of this tender, the following terms shall apply:

- Corrupt Practice – The offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value for the purpose of improperly influencing the actions or decisions of another party.
- Fraudulent Practice – Any deliberate misrepresentation, omission, or deceptive act intended to secure an improper benefit or to avoid an obligation.
- Collusive Practice – Any arrangement or understanding between two or more parties intended to obtain an improper or unfair advantage.
- Coercive Practice – Harming, impairing, or threatening to harm or impair any party to improperly influence their actions or decisions.

3.2 Right of Rejection

MPL may reject any proposal if it determines that the bidder or any associated party has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices during the procurement process.

4. Intended Service

The barge shall:

- Be a fixed barge.
- Be moored alongside the quay wall.
- Provide a temporary container staging area during container vessel operations.
- Accommodate approximately five (5) to ten (10) containers at any given time.
- Enable temporary storage of containers before loading onto a container vessel or after discharge from a vessel prior to transfer to the port.

The principal dimensions shall be:

- Length Overall (LOA): 70–100 m
- Beam (Moulded): 20–25 m
- Depth (Moulded): 5.5–6.5 m

5. Required Bid Documents

Bidders shall submit the following documents as part of their proposal:

1. Bid Submission Form.
2. Conflict of Interest Declaration.
3. Financial Proposal / Quotation.
4. Company Profile.
5. Completed Technical Compliance Sheet.
6. Technical Documentation demonstrating compliance with the General Specification.
7. General Arrangement Drawing (if available).
8. Main Particulars of the proposed barge.
9. Delivery Schedule.
10. Documentary evidence of similar experience, including Purchase Orders, Completion Certificates, Experience Certificates, or Client References.
11. Warranty information, if applicable.
12. GST Registration Certificate (where applicable).
13. Compliance Declaration confirming compliance with the General Specification.

6. Clarifications

Bidders may submit requests for clarification no later than: **09th August 2026, 14:00 hrs. (GMT+5)**

Clarifications shall be submitted to: **Email: tender@port.mv**

7. Amendments to Tender Documents

MPL reserves the right to amend the Tender Document at any time before the submission deadline through the issuance of addenda.

Any addendum issued shall form an integral part of the Tender Documents and will be communicated to all prospective bidders by email.

Where necessary, MPL may extend the submission deadline to allow bidders sufficient time to consider any amendments.

8. Cost of Bidding

All costs associated with the preparation and submission of proposals shall be borne solely by the bidder. MPL shall not be liable for any expenses incurred by bidders, regardless of the outcome of the procurement process.

9. Payment Terms

Bidders shall clearly state their proposed payment terms, including:

- Advance payment requirements, if any.
- Credit period.
- Deferred payment arrangements, where applicable.
- Any other proposed commercial payment terms.

Payment terms will form part of the commercial evaluation. Preference will be given to proposals offering:

- Lower advance payment requirements.
- Extended credit periods.
- Deferred payment arrangements.
- Other payment terms that provide greater commercial benefit to MPL.

10. Evaluation Methodology

The evaluation process shall be conducted in two stages:

Stage 1 – Technical Evaluation (Pass/Fail)

All proposals shall be evaluated against the mandatory technical, functional, operational, documentation, warranty, and after-sales service requirements specified in this Tender Document.

Only proposals that fully comply with the mandatory technical requirements shall proceed to the Commercial Evaluation stage.

Any proposal that fails to satisfy the mandatory technical requirements shall be considered non-responsive and shall not be evaluated further.

Stage 2 – Commercial Evaluation

Commercial evaluation will be conducted only for technically compliant proposals.

The evaluation will consider:

- Evaluated bid price
- Payment and financing terms
- Delivery period
- Experience
- Other commercial advantages offered by the bidder

The proposal achieving the highest overall score will be recommended for award, subject to MPL approval.

11. General Technical Specification – Steel Barge

Purpose

The barge shall be a fixed barge to be moored alongside the quay wall to provide a temporary container staging area during container vessel operations. The barge shall typically accommodate five (5) to ten (10) containers at any given time, enabling containers to be temporarily stored before loading onto a container vessel or after being discharged from the vessel prior to transfer to the port.

Main Dimensions

The proposed barge shall comply with the following principal dimensions:

- Length Overall (LOA): 70–100 m
- Beam Moulded: 20–25 m
- Depth Moulded: 5.5–6.5 m

Evaluation Criteria for Procurement of BARGE

<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>	<i>Procurement allotted points</i>
Technical Compliance (Compliance with technical specification)	PASS/FAIL
Price	50
Experience	10
Financial Terms	10
Delivery	30
Total Points	100

Price Score Formula

Price Score = (Lowest Evaluated Bid Price ÷ Bid Price) × 50

Experience -10 Points

Financial Terms

- Full marks for lowest buyer model with a minimum of 1 year warranty from the time of Delivery,
- 5 marks for the lowest advance payment

Delivery Score Formula

- Marks for Delivery will be awarded based on this formula
Lowest delivery period / Bid delivery period x 30

BID DATASHEET

The following information and requirements related to the Procurement of Barge shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions contained in the Instructions to Bidders. In the event of any conflict between the Instructions to Bidders, this Data Sheet, and any annexes or references attached hereto, the provisions contained in this Data Sheet shall prevail and govern.

DS No.	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
DS 1.	Announcement No.:	(IUL)113-PD/1/2026/87
DS 2.	Title of Tender:	Procurement of Barge
DS 3.	Country / Region Location:	Male' / Maldives
DS 4.	Period of Bid Validity commencing on the submission date	☒ 90 days
DS 5.	Acceptable Currency of Bid	Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) for Locals US Dollars (USD) for foreigners
DS 6.	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/questions	Date and Time: 09th August 2026 14:00 GMT +5
DS 7.	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	tender@port.mv
DS 8.	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	☒ Direct communication to prospective Proposers by email
DS 9.	No. of copies of Bids that must be submitted	Original: One (1)
DS 10.	Proposal Submission Address	Maldives Ports Limited, Port Building, Boduthakurufaanu Magu, Male'
DS 11.	Deadline of Submission	Date and Time: 11th August 2026 11:00 GMT+5
DS 12.	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	Bid Submission at Maldives Ports Limited, Port Building, Boduthakurufaanu Magu, Male' and Foreigners shall submit to <u>tender@port.mv</u>
DS 13.	Date, time and venue for opening of Proposals	Date and Time: August 11, 2026 11:00 AM
DS 14.	Required Documents that must be Submitted to Establish Qualification of Bidders (In "Certified True Copy" form only)	Administrative Documents ☒ Bid Submission Form ☒ Conflict of Interest Declaration ☒ Financial Proposal / Quotation ☒ Company Profile ☒ Company Registration Certificate ☒ GST Registration Certificate (where applicable)

DS No.	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
		☒ Tax Compliance Certificate (where applicable) Technical Proposal ☒ Completed Technical Compliance Matrix indicating compliance with each requirement of the TOR. ☒ Technical Documentation demonstrating compliance with the General Specification. ☒ General Arrangement (GA) Drawing (if available). ☒ Main Particulars of the proposed barge. Experience Documents ☒ Documentary evidence demonstrates experience in supplying Barge or similar vessels. Acceptable evidence includes: • Purchase Orders • Contracts • Completion Certificates • Acceptance Certificates • Client Reference Letters A maximum of five (5) documentary evidence completed within the past five (5) years shall be considered for evaluation. Commercial Documents ☒ Proposed Delivery Schedule ☒ Warranty Details ☒ Proposed Payment Terms clearly indicating: • Advance Payment Requirement • Lease-to-Buy Arrangement (where offered) • Credit Period • Any other financing arrangements Compliance Documents ☒ Compliance Declaration confirming compliance with all requirements of the Terms of Reference.

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Bid submission Date: 11th August 2026 11:00 GMT+5

BID SUBMISSION FORM (LOCALS)

Tender Title:

Price (MVR):

Amount in Words:

Bid Validity (Days):

Company Name/Name:

Date:

Contact No:

Company Registration No:

Company Seal / Signature

Note:

- ***Without this Bid Submission form your proposal will not be accepted.***
- *Please fill in all the contents in this form.*
- *Please submit a copy of the Company Registration Certificate.*
- *Please submit the declaration of conflict-of-interest form*

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BID SUBMISSION FORM (FOREIGNERS)

Tender Title:

Price CIF (USD):

Amount in Words:

Bid Validity (Days):

Company Name/Name:

Date:

Contact No:

Company Registration No:

Company Seal / Signature

Note:

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

To: Maldives Ports Limited (MPL)
Subject: Conflict of Interest Declaration
Date: **11th August 2026 11:00 GMT+5**
Tender Title: Procurement of Barge

[The Bidder shall fill in and submit this form with the Bid]

I, the undersigned, as the authorized signatory for **[Insert Company Name]**, hereby declare the following:

1.1 Does your company, any director, employee, or agent of the company have any actual or potential conflict of interest with any MPL personnel, other bidders, or third parties involved in this tender?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

If **yes**, please provide details of the conflict of interest below:

Details of Conflict of Interest (if applicable):

[Insert specific details of the conflict, including any relationships or interests that may cause bias, interference, or an unfair advantage in the tender process.]

It is mandatory to declare all Conflict(s) of Interests to any Maldives Ports Limited Employee/Board of Directors/any Vendor, financial, non-financial or otherwise.

The disclosure must be made as per the table below

Employee/Director Name	NID No./ Passport Number	Designation Department	&	Relationship

Commitment to Fairness and Ethical Conduct

1. Should we become aware of the potential for such a conflict, will report it immediately to Maldives Ports Limited.
2. That neither we, nor any of our employees, associates, agents, shareholders, partners, consultants or their relatives or associates have entered corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices in respect of our bid or proposal.
3. We understand our obligation to allow Maldives Ports Limited to inspect all records relating to the preparation of our bid and any contract that may result from such, irrespective of if we are awarded a contract or not.
4. That no payments in connection with this procurement exercise have been made by us or our associates, agents, shareholders, partners or their relatives or associates to any of the staff, associates, consultants, employees or relatives of such who are involved with the procurement process on behalf of Maldives Ports Limited, Client or Employer.

DECLARATION

We confirm that this declaration is made in good faith, with full understanding of its implications under the applicable laws of the Maldives.

Authorized Signatory:

Signed on behalf of [Bidder Name]:

Name: ____

Position: ____

Address: ____

Date: ____

Authorized Representative:

(Signature)

(Company Seal, if applicable)