

Notification of Intention to Award

Employer: Government of Nepal, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation, Department of Water Resources and Irrigation – Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation Project, Tikapur, Kailali

Project: Modernization of Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation Project, Phase 3

Contract title: Construction of Patharaiya Extension Canal (PEC) and Canal Structures

Country: Nepal

Loan No. / Credit No. / Grant No.: IDA Credit No. 7792-NP

RFB No: NP-DWRI-488379-CW-RFB

DATE OF TRANSMISSION: 26 August 2026

This Notification of Intention to Award (Notification) notifies you of our decision to award the above contract. The transmission of this Notification begins the Standstill Period. During the Standstill Period you may:

- request a debriefing in relation to the evaluation of your Bid, and/or
- submit a Procurement-related Complaint in relation to the decision to award the contract.

1. The successful Bidder

Name:	ZIEC–Kumar Joint Venture Lead Partner: Zhongding International Engineering Company Ltd., China (51%) JV Partner: Kumar Shrestha Nirman Sewa Pvt. Ltd., Nepal (49%)
Address:	Gaoxin Development District, Nanchang City, Jiangxi Province (ZIEC), China (JV local address: Annapurna Marg 743 Kathmandu)
Contract price:	NPR 2,505,484,904.30 (Nepalese Rupees Two Billion Five Hundred Five Million Four Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Four and Thirty Paise only) - Final amount after discount, inclusive of VAT and Provisional Sums
Total combined score:	100.00 (Rank 1)



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26 Aug, 2026
Project Director

2. Bidders evaluated under the combined technical and financial evaluation

The names of the Bidders whose Bids were determined to be substantially responsive and whose Financial Parts were opened, their Bid prices as read out and as evaluated, their technical scores and their combined scores are set out below.

S.N.	Name of Bidder	Technical Score (T)	Weighted Technical Score	Bid Price as Read Out (NPR)	Evaluated Bid Cost (NPR) (With Adjustments)	Combined Score (B)	Rank	Remarks
1	Shandong-Tundi Joint Venture (JV)	64.74	46.92	2,767,827,992.93	2,317,973,897.26	93.45	2	Substantially responsive; evaluated under the combined technical and financial evaluation.
2	Xinbang Construction Group Co., Ltd.	68.12	49.37	2,990,542,318.09	2,586,711,546.10	91.07	4	Substantially responsive; evaluated under the combined technical and financial evaluation.
3	ZIEC-Kumar Joint Venture	68.99	50.00	2,679,855,762.00	2,157,457,197.61	100.00	1	Most Advantageous Bid – proposed for award.
4	Kalika Construction Pvt. Ltd.	68.49	49.64	2,884,869,422.02	2,493,195,708.84	92.90	3	Substantially responsive; evaluated under the combined technical and financial evaluation.
5	GKR-MNC Joint Venture	65.86	47.73	3,292,423,734.46	2,853,863,242.00	85.52	6	Substantially responsive; evaluated under the combined technical and financial evaluation.
6	China First Highway Engineering Company Limited	67.12	48.64	2,675,346,551.52	2,581,703,309.41	90.42	5	Substantially responsive; evaluated under the combined technical and financial evaluation. Bid submitted in hard copy; price read out inclusive of Provisional Sums and exclusive of VAT.

Notes:

- "Bid Price as Read Out" is the price read out at the public opening of the Financial Part on 21 July 2026, as recorded in the Financial Bid Opening Record (Muchulka). For Bids submitted electronically this is the e-GP-generated Bid price, inclusive of VAT and Provisional Sums and before any unconditional discount and before correction of arithmetical errors. For the Bid submitted in hard copy (China First Highway Engineering Company Limited) it is the price read out as recorded, inclusive of Provisional Sums and exclusive of VAT.
- "Evaluated Bid Cost (CY)" is the corrected and discounted Bid price converted to the evaluation currency (NPR) in accordance with ITB 36, exclusive of VAT and Provisional Sums. The read-out price and the evaluated cost are therefore not stated on the same basis.
- "Weighted Technical Score" is $(T / T\text{-high}) \times 50$ and "Combined Score (B)" is the weighted technical score plus $(C\text{-low} / C) \times 50$, applying the weightings of 50% for Rated Criteria and 50% for Bid cost specified in the BDS.



3. Reason why your Bid was unsuccessful

Your Bid was substantially responsive and met the minimum technical qualifying score. However, your Bid was not selected for award because, on the basis of the combined technical and financial evaluation carried out in accordance with ITB 40 and Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), your Bid did not obtain the highest combined technical and financial score and was therefore not determined to be the Most Advantageous Bid under ITB 41.1.

The combined score obtained by your Bid, and that obtained by the successful Bidder, are shown in the table at paragraph 2 above.

4. How to request a debriefing

DEADLINE: The deadline to request a debriefing expires at midnight on 31 August 2026 (local time).

You may request a debriefing in relation to the results of the evaluation of your Bid. If you decide to request a debriefing your written request must be made within three (3) Business Days of receipt of this Notification of Intention to Award.

Provide the contract name, reference number, name of the Bidder, contact details; and address the request for debriefing as follows:

Attention:	Mr. Prem Raj Ghimire
Title/position:	Project Director
Agency:	Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation Project, Department of Water Resources and Irrigation, Tikapur, Kailali, Nepal
Email address:	morjkis2@gmail.com

If your request for a debriefing is received within the 3 Business Days deadline, we will provide the debriefing within five (5) Business Days of receipt of your request. If we are unable to provide the debriefing within this period, the Standstill Period shall be extended by five (5) Business Days after the date that the debriefing is provided. If this happens, we will notify you and confirm the date that the extended Standstill Period will end.

The debriefing may be in writing, by phone, video conference call or in person. We shall promptly advise you in writing how the debriefing will take place and confirm the date and time.

If the deadline to request a debriefing has expired, you may still request a debriefing. In this case, we will provide the debriefing as soon as practicable, and normally no later than fifteen (15) Business Days from the date of publication of the Contract Award Notice.

5. How to make a complaint

DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting a Procurement-related Complaint challenging the decision to award the contract expires at midnight on 10th September 2026 (local time).

Provide the contract name, reference number, name of the Bidder, contact details; and address the Procurement-related Complaint as follows:

Attention:	Mr. Prem Raj Ghimire
Title/position:	Project Director
Agency:	Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation Project, Department of Water Resources and Irrigation, Tikapur, Kailali, Nepal
Email address:	morjkis2@gmail.com

At this point in the procurement process, you may submit a Procurement-related Complaint challenging the decision to award the contract. You do not need to have requested, or received, a debriefing before making



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this complaint. Your complaint must be submitted within the Standstill Period and received by us before the Standstill Period ends.

Further information:

For more information see the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Procurement Regulations) (Annex III). You should read these provisions before preparing and submitting your complaint. In addition, the World Bank's Guidance "How to make a Procurement-related Complaint" provides a useful explanation of the process, as well as a sample letter of complaint.

In summary, there are four essential requirements:

1. You must be an 'interested party'. In this case, that means a Bidder who submitted a Bid in this bidding process and is the recipient of a Notification of Intention to Award.
2. The complaint can only challenge the decision to award the contract.
3. You must submit the complaint within the period stated above.
4. You must include in your complaint, all of the information required by the Procurement Regulations (as described in Annex III).

6. Standstill Period

DEADLINE: The Standstill Period is due to end at midnight on 10th September 2026 (local time).

The Standstill Period lasts ten (10) Business Days after the date of transmission of this Notification of Intention to Award. In accordance with ITB 43.1, the Standstill Period commences on the day after the date on which the Employer has transmitted this Notification to each Bidder. A "Business Day" is any day that is a working day of the Borrower and excludes the Borrower's official public holidays.

The Contract shall not be awarded earlier than the expiry of the Standstill Period.

The Standstill Period may be extended. This may happen where we are unable to provide a debriefing within the five (5) Business Day deadline. If this happens, we will notify you of the extension.

If you have any questions regarding this Notification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On behalf of the Employer, Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation Project, Department of Water Resources and Irrigation:

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Title/position:

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