

সম্মানিত সকল সদস্যের জন্য

বিষয়: শিল্প বর্জ্য পানি পুনর্ব্যবহার ও পুনরুদ্ধার সুবিধার জন্য বিশ্বব্যাংক সহায়তাপুঙ্ট ভায়াবিলিটি গ্যাপ ফান্ডিং (VGF) প্রাপ্তির সুযোগ - আগ্রহপত্র (EOI) দাখিলের আমন্ত্রণ

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- ▶ প্রশ্ন ও স্পষ্টীকরণ চাওয়ার শেষ তারিখ: ২৫ জুলাই ২০২৬, বিকাল ৫টা
- ▶ EOI আবেদন দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ: ১০ আগস্ট ২০২৬, বিকাল ৫টা
- ▶ প্রাথমিক বাছাই তালিকা ঘোষণা: ৩০ আগস্ট ২০২৬
- ▶ যাচাই পরিদর্শন: ১-৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৬
- ▶ চূড়ান্ত নির্বাচিত প্রতিষ্ঠান ঘোষণা: ১৫ অক্টোবর ২০২৬

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১। REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Industrial Effluent Recycle and Reuse

BANGLADESH GARMENT MANUFACTURERS & EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION

বাংলাদেশ পোশাক প্রস্তুতকারক ও রপ্তানিকারক সমিতি

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Industrial Effluent Recycle and Reuse

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full Form
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AfDB	African Development Bank Group
BDT	Bangladeshi Taka
BDP2100	Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100
CPTU	Central Procurement Technical Unit
DLI 7	Disbursement Linked Indicator 7
D-Water	Metro Dhaka Water Security and Resilience Programme
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EDGE	Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies
EOI	Expression of Interest
ETP	Effluent Treatment Plant
FEM	Facility Environmental Module (Higg Index)
GCF	Green Climate Fund
GoB	Government of Bangladesh
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank Group
IEG	Independent Evaluation Group
IMED	Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division
INT	Integrity Vice Presidency (World Bank Group)
IoT	Internet of Things
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
MDB	Multilateral Development Bank
MRSL	Manufacturing Restricted Substances List (ZDHC)
PforR	Payment for Results
PPP	Public-Private Partnership
RISC	Registrar of Joint Stock Companies
RMG	Ready-Made Garments
SREDA	Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority
STeP	Sustainable Textile Production (OEKO-TEX)
SWM	Solid Waste Management
VGf	Viability Gap Funding
WB	World Bank
WBG	World Bank Group
ZDHC	Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals

1 Purpose and Context

1.1 Background

1. Bangladesh is facing a water sector crisis shaped by rapid urban growth, growing industrial activity and inadequate wastewater management. The challenge is not a shortage of water at the national level, but the water stress in and around the major industrial and economic corridors in the country.
2. Industrial activities have been using ground water in an unsustainable manner. The underground aquifers are being used without regard to their sustainable recharge through natural processes. In addition, the pace of recharge of groundwater resources has slowed down due to increasing urbanisation and loss of porous soil for recharging aquifers.
3. At the same time, the surface water resources including the major rivers have been exposed to increase contamination and pollution through growing industrial and urban activities.
4. Reuse and recycle of industrial wastewater, especially for high water consuming industries in sectors like RMG wet processing, paper manufacture, leather, food processing and pharma, represents a potential solution to both the issues. Use of recycled wastewater reduces the extraction of ground water. At the same time, the quantity of effluents and contaminants reaching the surface water sources reduces.
5. The recycling of industrial effluents is also acquiring a trade competitiveness dimension with the tightening of regulatory and buyer market norms on sustainability and climate impact of supply chains.
6. Technology is no longer a bottleneck for recycling and reuse of industrial effluent. However, the financing of such investments by industrial enterprises still represents a challenge. Given that the benefits of such investments – including water savings, higher competitiveness in the global markets and eventual cost savings (when the water supply becomes expensive due to scarcity) comes over the life of the asset, the upfront investment needs to be financed by equity (internal reserves or promoter's investment) or loans. Loans specifically might be expensive due to the limitations of the financial institutions and may not cover the tenors over which the benefits of such an investment are accrued.
7. At this stage of adoption of industrial wastewater recycling and reuse, blended finance that combines concessional and commercial finance might be required to ensure that finance for such investments is affordable. Once such investments reach a minimum scale the financial institutions and markets in Bangladesh may eventually roll out tailored products matching the cashflows and timing of such investments.
8. This expression of interest process seeks to select interested parties to demonstrate one such blended finance approach.

1.2 The D-Water Programme and Co-Financing Objective

9. The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) launched the “Blue Network around Dhaka” program in 2025 to restore Dhaka’s rivers and canals in alignment with the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 (BDP2100). Recognizing rivers and canals as critical lifelines for Dhaka’s liveability and resilience, the Blue Network program aims to clean and restore four major rivers and 22 canals through coordinated action among national ministries and agencies.
10. The Blue Network program is designed as a long-term, multi-phased effort, with high-priority short-term actions and longer-term institutional and infrastructure interventions. The program’s implementation is being overseen and supervised by a national committee chaired by the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister and includes the heads of all the relevant national ministries and agencies.
11. The World Bank Metro Dhaka Water Security and Resilience Program (D-Water) approved in February 2026, supports the implementation of Phase I of the Blue Network Programme through a set of mutually reinforcing activities for institutional and governance improvement as well as for sanitation, drainage, and SWM (Solid Waste management) service delivery and pollution reduction in targeted areas. One of the two objectives of D-Water is urban water pollution reduction – supporting the reduction of pollution loads in selected water bodies by incentivizing improvements in coverage and quality of safely managed sanitation and SWM services – the two significant sources of water pollution; rehabilitation and increased water flows in canals, drains, lakes, and ponds; and increased private sector participation for industrial effluent treatment.
12. The Disbursement Linked Indicator 7 (DLI 7) is targeted towards Increased private sector participation in industrial pollution management, improve water efficiency and reuse projects through the PPP Authority (measured by number of contracts signed). The DLI 7 will support eligible industry-led projects with private capital commitment for reuse of treated industrial effluent. This support will be in the form of a VGF for co-financing investments committed by industrial enterprises into reuse of treated industrial effluent. The finance is expected to lower the requirement of cost that needs to be arranged by the respective industrial enterprise in the form of its own contribution (equity) and loans from banks and financial institutions. The lower financing requirement is expected to make such investments affordable and bankable. Further, the period for recovery of the initial investment through savings over the lifecycle of the investment is also expected to be shorter as the VGF component is not required to be paid back.

1.3 Objective of this EOI Process

13. This Expression of Interest (EOI) process is being undertaken specifically to **select industrial enterprises interested and capable of entering into the co-financing arrangement for investment in industrial water recycle and reuse facilities**. The industrial enterprises that are expected to be selected through this EOI process are required to

- a. Have the financial capacity to commit and spend the committed investment (along with the VGF) in the planned industrial effluent recycle and reuse facility,
 - b. Have , as a minimum requirement a well-functioning (secondary) effluent treatment plant should be in place ,
 - c. Have sufficient size and scale to benefit from the economics of industrial effluent recycle and reuse, and also to make a material contribution to reducing groundwater extraction and pollution in surface water sources,
14. The eligibility and evaluation criteria described in Sections 5 and 6 of this document are designed to select industrial enterprises that meet the requirements set out above.

2 Nature of support available to selected applicants

1. Applicants selected as a result of this EOI process will be eligible for a Viability Grant Funding (VGF) to partially finance the investment in industrial effluent recycle and reuse facility for their industrial operation. It is clarified that only the industrial enterprises selected through this EOI process will be eligible for VGF for supporting investments in industrial effluent recycle and reuse under the D-Water program of the World Bank. Any industrial enterprise that has not been selected through this EOI process will not be eligible for the VGF for supporting investments in industrial recycle and reuse facility.
2. The VGF might be upto a maximum of 40% of the total cost of procuring and commissioning of the industrial effluent recycle and reuse facility. This will be limited to one industrial effluent recycle and reuse facility for each Applicant, subject to the eligibility and evaluation conditions specified in this document.
3. The selected applicants will execute a Grant Agreement as a pre-condition to the payment of the approved amount. The payment and end use will be strictly regulated by the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
4. The payment of the VGF will be made exclusively for end use as contract payments / purchase consideration to the vendor / supplier of the industrial effluent recycle and reuse facility. It is the responsibility of the selected applicants to submit documents to support the end use or other evidence to support the end use, in line with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
5. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the approved amount will be disbursed only after the selected industrial enterprise has deposited its own contribution into the designated bank account.

3 EOI Process

1. The EOI process will follow a step by step approach to
 - a. determine eligibility
 - b. evaluate EOI responses for shortlisting eligible applicants
 - c. validate information submitted by the shortlisted applicants as part of their EOI responses
 - d. declare the final list of applicants recommended for the VGF to co-finance investments in industrial effluent recycle and reuse.
2. The process is explained in the table below

No.	Stage	Description
1	Issue of EOI document	This document will be available for download on the BGMEA website
2	Questions and clarifications	Parties interested in participating in the EOI process can share their questions, clarification requests and suggestions through emails to be sent to the following email address by the date mentioned for this purpose in Section 7 of this document zawad@bgmea.com.bd
3	Clarifications	The EOI Evaluation Team will issue clarifications, additional information, and responses to questions raised by interested parties (if applicable). The EOI Evaluation team will endeavour to align with the timelines mentioned for this purpose in Section 7 of this document.
4	Submission of EOI applications	Interested parties are required to submit their EOI applications in the format specified in this document and on or before the due date of submission mentioned in Section 7 of this document. EOI applications submitted after the date and time mentioned in this document will be rejected and will not be considered for further evaluation.
5	Eligibility check	The EOI Evaluation Team will evaluate the eligibility of the applicants and submitted applications based on the Eligibility Criteria defined in Section 5 of this document. Only those EOI applications that are found to be eligible will be evaluated for shortlisting.
6	Evaluation and Shortlisting	The EOI Evaluation Team will assess only the eligible applications and score them based on the parameters defined in Section 6 of this document. The applications will be organised based on highest score(s) first, followed

No.	Stage	Description
		by other applications in descending order of scores. The EOI Evaluation Team will select up to 8 applications for validation and final recommendations.
7	Validation	<p>Experts deputed by the EOI Evaluation Team will visit the industrial enterprises that had submitted the shortlisted applications. The purpose of the visit and validation exercise would be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Verification of information submitted in the EOI application, (b) Preliminary assessment of basic technical parameters to establish suitability of industrial effluent recycling and reuse, (c) Preliminary assessment of financial and managerial readiness, and commitment for investment in industrial effluent recycle and reuse <p>Shortlisted applicants are expected to extend full cooperation to the visiting experts for validation.</p>
8	Recommendation and announcement	The EOI Evaluation Team will recommend the final list of selected applicants based on the evaluation in Step 6 and validation in Step 7 in this process. The final list of selected applicants will be announced publicly, subject to ongoing and subsequent approvals and clearances.

4 Instructions to Applicants

4.1 General

1. Applicants are advised to study all the instructions, requirements, formats and other information provided in this EOI document. Submission of the Application will be deemed to have been undertaken after full and careful review and understanding of this EOI document.
2. Only those Applicants that meet the Eligibility Conditions defined in Section 0 should submit Applications. Applications from parties that do not satisfy any one or more of the Eligibility Conditions would not be considered for Evaluation and Shortlisting.
3. The Application, complete in all respects, must be submitted before 5:00 pm on 10th August 2026. The Applicant takes the responsibility of any error or any other reason for non-delivery of the Application on email. Any submissions after 5:00 pm on 10th August 2026 will not be considered for evaluation.
4. The EOI should be strictly aligned with the formats, information requirements and supporting documentation requirements as defined in this EOI document. Any material deviation would be grounds for disqualification of the Application from further evaluation. Incomplete, unclear or conditional Applications will be disqualified from further evaluation.
5. All Applications should be prepared in English. Supporting documents can be in English or Bangla.
6. The Applicants will be completely responsible for the costs incurred in preparing and submitting the Application.
7. A legal entity can submit only one Application. Only one Application can be submitted with regard to a specific Industrial Facility / Factory.
8. The EOI Evaluation Team reserves the right to reject any Application or terminate the EOI Process at any time, without providing any reason for the rejection or the termination and without being liable for any costs or loss incurred due to such rejection or termination.

4.2 Queries and clarifications

9. Parties interested in submitting an Application to respond to this EOI document can request clarifications, share queries and suggestions on the email address zawad@bgmea.com.bd
10. Responses and clarification may be provided to the submitted queries and requests for clarification at the discretion of the EOI Evaluation Team in the form of a notice or addendum to be posted on the webpage <https://www.bgmea.com.bd/page/circular-list>
11. Applicants should take into consideration any responses, additional information, clarifications or addendum issued for this EOI document.

4.3 Preparation of the EOI Application

12. Following information needs to be submitted using the specified formats. Where for a specific category of information no format has been specified, the Applicant can use their own format

No.	Information	Format
1	Basic information on the Applicant	Annex 1: Cover Letter and Undertaking
2	Industrial Facility for which the Application is made	Annex 2: Description of the Industrial Facility / Factory
3	Turnover statement	Annex 3: Turnover Statement
4	Water use statement	Annex 4: Water Use Statement
5	Description of ETP	Annex 5: ETP Profile / Statement
6	Undertaking	Annex 1: Cover Letter and undertakings
7	Details of certifications or climate compliances	Annex 6: Details of Certifications or Climate Compliances
8	Note on proposed investment in the Effluent Recycle and Reuse Facility	Annex 7: Concept Note on Proposed Investment
9	Status of bank financing	Annex 8: Status of Bank Financing
10	Capex track-record	Annex 9: Self Declaration on Capital Expenditure Track Record

5 Eligibility Criteria

1. To be eligible, an Applicant and their EOI submission should satisfy the following conditions
 - a. The Applicant must be a company duly registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies (RJSC) under the Companies Act 1994 and possess a valid RJSC Registration number. A certified copy of the RJSC Certificate of Incorporation is required to be submitted by the Applicant as part of the EOI Application.
 - b. The Applicant must be operating a wet processing industrial facility with a daily average water usage (at the input of the process) of at least 50 m³/d during the preceding 12 months. A copy of the water usage of the facility on a monthly basis, showing the average daily consumption for each month, signed by the Authorised Signatory of the Applicant, must be submitted by the Applicant as part of the EOI Application.
 - c. The Industrial Facility for which the Application is made must be located within the Greater Dhaka Metropolitan Area, specifically within the districts of Dhaka, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Manikganj, Munshiganj, or Narsingdi, or within the catchment area of the Buriganga, Turag, Balu, or Sitalakhya rivers.
 - d. A minimum of 60% of the total turnover of the Applicant must be from export or deemed export orders. A statement of turnover clearly indicating the share of export and deemed export orders, certified by the Auditor of the Applicant, must be submitted by the Applicant as part of the EOI Application.
 - e. The Applicant must have a minimum average annual turnover of BDT 10 crore (Bangladeshi Taka Fifty Crore) if the Applicant is a deemed exporter and BDT 100 crore (Bangladeshi Taka Hundred Crore) if the Applicant is direct exporter over the three most recent completed financial years. In addition, the Applicant must have reported a positive net profit after tax in at least two of the three most recent completed financial years. Both conditions must be evidenced by the Turnover and Profitability Statement in Annex 3, certified by the Auditor of the Applicant
 - f. The Applicant must have an operational Effluent Treatment Plant that meets the discharge standards prescribed for the relevant industrial sector under the Environmental Conservation Rules (ECR), 2023, as amended, issued by the Department of Environment (DoE), Government of Bangladesh. The Applicant must submit a valid licence from DoE issued within previous 12 months as supporting document.
 - g. The Applicant must submit an undertaking in the form provided in Annex 1 that it
 - i. Commits to organising its financial contribution from its own sources or through bank financing for the investment,
 - ii. Commits to procurement and commissioning of the Effluent Recycle and Reuse Facility within 36 months from the date of execution of the

Agreement, and to placing a binding purchase order or engineering-procurement-construction (EPC) contract within 6 months of the date of execution of the Agreement,

- iii. Commits to comply with all the information and reporting requirements that may be specified as a condition of the VGF,
- iv. Commits to installation of IoT based, smart and tamper proof meters (at its own cost) and submit the records from the meters to any party authorised to review and verify the same.
 - to measure at groundwater extraction point and
 - to measure effluent quality and quantity at the input and output points of the Effluent Recycle and Reuse Facility

h. Integrity, Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption

- i. **Prohibited Practices.** The Applicant, its directors, its shareholders holding 10% or more of issued share capital, and any entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Applicant (collectively, "Related Parties"), have not engaged in, and undertake not to engage in, any of the following practices in connection with this EOI process or any subsequent Agreement:
 - Corrupt practice: the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - Fraudulent practice: any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;
 - Collusive practice: an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - Coercive practice: impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;
 - Obstructive practice: (a) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering, or concealing evidence material to an investigation by the World Bank Group Integrity Vice Presidency (INT); failing to comply with requests to provide information, documents, or records in connection with such an investigation; making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede an investigation; threatening, harassing, or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or (b)

acts intended to materially impede the exercise of inspection and audit rights provided for under the Agreement.

- ii. **Debarment and Sanctions.** Neither the Applicant nor any of its Related Parties is, at the date of submission of the EOI Application:
- listed on the World Bank Group (WBG) List of Ineligible Firms and Individuals, including any debarment imposed under the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions among the WBG, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the African Development Bank Group (AfDB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and the Inter-American Development Bank Group (IADB);
 - debarred, suspended, or blacklisted by the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) under the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) of the Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh, or by any other agency of the Government of Bangladesh; or
 - subject to any ongoing investigation by the WBG Integrity Vice Presidency, or equivalent investigative unit of any MDB listed above, in relation to any of the Prohibited Practices defined in sub-clause (i).

The Applicant must verify its status against the publicly available WBG Listing of Ineligible Firms and Individuals (<https://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/procurement/debarred-firms>) and the CPTU e-GP debarment register prior to submission, and confirm clean status in the declaration.

- iii. **Conflict of Interest.** The Applicant and its Related Parties do not have any financial, familial, or professional relationship with any member of the EOI Evaluation Team, any staff member of the D-Water Program Implementation Unit, or any official of the PPP Authority who is involved in the evaluation, validation, or recommendation process under this EOI. If any such relationship exists or arises at any point during the EOI process, the Applicant must disclose it immediately and in writing to the EOI Evaluation Team at the email address specified in Section 4.2. The EOI Evaluation Team will determine, at its sole discretion, whether the disclosed relationship constitutes a material conflict of interest and whether the Application should be disqualified.
- iv. **Conviction and Legal Proceedings.** Neither the Applicant nor any of its directors has been convicted by any court of competent jurisdiction, in Bangladesh or elsewhere, of any offence involving fraud, corruption, money laundering, tax evasion, or financial crime within the five years preceding the date of submission of the EOI Application. In addition, no criminal proceedings or charges relating to such offences are

pending against the Applicant or any of its directors at the date of submission.

- v. **Right to Audit and Inspect.** By submitting the EOI Application, the Applicant accepts that the World Bank, its representatives, and any party authorised by the World Bank, have the right to examine and audit all accounts, records, and other documents relating to the submission of the EOI Application and, if selected, to the use of the VGF proceeds, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the World Bank. This right extends for a period of seven years from the date of final disbursement of the VGF or the date of termination of the Agreement, whichever is later.
- vi. **Consequences of Breach.** If, at any stage during or after the EOI process, the EOI Evaluation Team determines that the Applicant has made a material misrepresentation in the declaration required under this clause, has engaged in any of the Prohibited Practices, or has failed to disclose a conflict of interest, the EOI Evaluation Team may:
 - reject the Application and disqualify the Applicant from further consideration under this EOI process;
 - revoke the selection of a previously shortlisted or selected Applicant;
 - terminate any Agreement entered into with the Applicant and demand the return of any VGF amounts disbursed; and
 - refer the matter to the World Bank Group Integrity Vice Presidency for investigation under the applicable WBG Sanctions Procedures.

Such actions may be taken without prejudice to any other legal or administrative remedies available to the World Bank, the Government of Bangladesh, or the EOI Evaluation Team.

2. EOI submission that satisfy all of the above conditions will be considered eligible for further evaluation and shortlisting. Not meeting any of the eligibility conditions will be basis for disqualification from further evaluation.

6 Evaluation and Shortlisting Criteria

- All eligible applications will be scored on the basis of parameters listed in the following table for the purpose of shortlisting.

No.	Parameter	Scoring Scale	Evidence
A	Water reuse impact	Total weightage = 50%	
A.1	Daily water consumption (m ³ /day, 12 month average)	50–100 m ³ /day → 2 points 100–250 m ³ /day → 4 points 250+ m ³ /day → 5 points	Annex 4: Water Use Statement
A.2	% of ground water in current water supply	0%-25% → 0 points 25%-50% → 1 point 50%-75% → 3 points 75%-100% → 5 points	Annex 4: Water Use Statement
A.3	Target share of recycled water in total water use (post investment), measured as (recycled water in m ³ / total water used in m ³)	0%-25% → 1 point 25% - 50% → 3 points 50% + → 5 points	Annex 7: Concept Note on Proposed Investment
B	Co-financing readiness	Total weightage = 25%	
B.1	Status of co-financing readiness	For Loan Intent declared → 1 point Bank in-principle letter → 3 points Bank sanction → 5 points For Self Financed Component Intent declared → 1 point Budget allocated (official written decision, signed by CEO/equivalent) → 3 points Board Resolution → 5 points The weighted average of the two scores will be considered, weights being the respective shares of financing	Annex 8: Status of Co- Financing
B.2	Track record of capital investment by the legal entity acting as the Applicant in the last 5 years	BDT 10 to 25 crores → 1 point BDT 25 to 50 crores → 3 points BDT 50 crores + → 5 points	Annex 9: Self Declaration on Capital Expenditure Track Record
C	Sustainability compliance	Total weightage = 25%	
C.1	Level / Grade / Rating	For Higg FEM Level 1 → 1 point Level 2 → 3 points	Annex 6: Details of Certifications or Climate Compliances

No.	Parameter	Scoring Scale	Evidence
	Verified Higg Facility Environmental Module (FEM) 4.0 score – water section Leather Working Group (LWG) ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines (for other sectors)	Level 3 → 5 points For LWG (for leather sector) Gold or Silver → 5 points Bronze → 3 points ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines Foundational Level or above → 3 points	
C.2	Other facility-level sustainability certifications (LEED, EDGE, ZDHC MRS Level 3, OEKO-TEX SteP, Bluesign)	One point per certification	Annex 6: Details of Certifications or Climate Compliances

2. In the event that two or more eligible Applications receive the same overall weighted score, the tie shall be resolved in the following order of priority:
 - a. the Application with the higher score on Criterion A (Water Reuse Impact) shall be ranked higher;
 - b. if the tie persists, the Application with the higher daily water consumption (m³/day, 12-month average, as reported in Annex 4) shall be ranked higher.
3. All eligible EOI Applications will be scored and ranked in descending order of scores (starting from the highest and going to next lower scores).
4. The EOI Evaluation Team will shortlist up to 8 Applications in descending order of scores. The total VGF commitments across all selected Applicants shall not exceed USD 5 million. If the aggregate VGF amounts requested by the top 8 ranked Applicants exceed USD 5 million, the EOI Evaluation Team may reduce the number of selected Applicants to remain within the available budget, selecting in descending order of score..
5. The results of the evaluation will be communicated to all Applicants whose applications were eligible for evaluation.
6. Evaluation will be exclusively based on the data, documents and other submissions by the Applicant as part of their EOI Applications submitted before the due date and time mentioned in Section 7. Additional information submitted after submission of the EOI Application will not be considered for evaluation.
7. A shortlisted Applicant may withdraw from the EOI process at any stage after shortlisting by submitting a written notice of withdrawal to the EOI Evaluation Team at the email address specified in Section 4.2. The withdrawal shall take effect from the date of receipt of the notice. A withdrawn Applicant shall have no claim to any VGF, reimbursement, or compensation in connection with the EOI process.
8. The EOI Evaluation Team may disqualify a shortlisted or selected Applicant at any stage after shortlisting if:
 - a. the validation exercise reveals that information submitted in the EOI Application was materially inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading,

- b. (ii) the Applicant fails to extend reasonable cooperation to the visiting experts during the validation exercise, including denial of access to the industrial facility, refusal to produce records, or unavailability of the Authorised Signatory or designated management personnel on mutually agreed dates,
- c. the Applicant is found to have breached any of the conditions specified in clause (f) (Integrity, Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption) of Section 5 at any point after submission,
- d. the Applicant undergoes a material adverse change in its financial condition, ownership, or legal standing, including insolvency, winding-up proceedings, change of control exceeding 50% of shareholding, or revocation of its RJSC registration, between the date of submission of the EOI Application and the date of execution of the Agreement;

The EOI Evaluation Team shall notify the Applicant in writing of the grounds for disqualification.

- 9. Where a shortlisted or selected Applicant withdraws under paragraph (7.) or is disqualified under paragraph (8.), the EOI Evaluation Team may, at its sole discretion:
 - a. Offer the vacated position in the short list to the next-highest-ranked eligible Applicant from the evaluation
 - b. Leave the vacated position in the short listed not filled

7 Timeline

No.	Event	Date and time
1	Issue of EOI Document	From 1 st July 2026 To be annexed to the circular
2	Deadline for questions and requests for clarification	5 pm on 25 th July 2026
3	Issue of clarifications and responses	30 th July 2026 to be accessed from https://www.bgmea.com.bd/page/circular-list
4	Deadline for submission of EOI Applications	5 pm on 10 th August 2026
5	Announcement of shortlist	30 th August 2026
6	Validation visits	From 1 st September 2026 to 30 th September 2026
7	Announcement of selected Applicants	15 th October 2026

8 Confidentiality

1. The EOI Evaluation Team, its members, advisors, and any experts engaged for the purpose of eligibility screening, evaluation, shortlisting, or validation under this EOI process shall treat all information submitted by the Applicants as part of their EOI Applications as confidential. Such information shall be used solely for the purposes of evaluation, shortlisting, validation, and recommendation under this EOI process and for the administration of the Agreement, if applicable.
2. The EOI Evaluation Team, its members, advisors, and any experts shall not disclose any commercially sensitive information contained in the EOI Applications to any third party without the prior written consent of the concerned Applicant, except where such disclosure is
 - a. required under applicable law, regulation, or order of a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction in Bangladesh;
 - b. required by the World Bank under its fiduciary, audit, evaluation, or reporting obligations, including disclosure to the World Bank Group Integrity Vice Presidency (INT), the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), or external auditors appointed by the World Bank;
 - c. required by the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) under the D-Water Programme implementation, monitoring, or reporting requirements; or
 - d. made on an anonymised and aggregated basis such that no individual Applicant or industrial facility can be identified from the disclosed information.
3. By submitting an EOI Application, the Applicant consents to the following uses of information derived from its Application:
 - a. Reference to the Applicant's selection status (selected or not selected) in official communications of the World Bank and the GoB, including press releases, programme reports, and the D-Water Programme website, provided that such reference does not disclose any financial, production, or process data specific to the Applicant.
 - b. Sharing of the Applicant's EOI Application data with the PPP Authority, Bangladesh, to the extent required for the structuring, negotiation, or execution of contracts under Disbursement Linked Indicator 7 (DLI 7) of the D-Water Programme.
 - c. Publication of anonymised and aggregated data, including sector-level water consumption, effluent treatment, and recycling statistics, in reports, publications, and communications of the World Bank, the GoB, or development partners associated with the D-Water Programme.
 - d. Preparation of case-study or knowledge-product material by the World Bank or its designated consultants, based on information obtained during the validation stage or during the implementation of the Agreement, subject to prior review and written approval by the Applicant before publication of any case study that names the Applicant or its industrial facility

4. The obligations under this clause shall survive the conclusion of the EOI process and the expiry or termination of any Agreement, and shall remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of final announcement of selected Applicants under this EOI process, or the date of completion of the Agreement, whichever is later.
5. Nothing in this clause shall restrict the right of any Applicant to disclose its own participation in the EOI process, its selection status, or the fact of having received a VGF under the D-Water Programme, provided that such disclosure does not misrepresent the nature, terms, or conditions of the VGF or the views and endorsement of the World Bank or the GoB.

Annex 1: Cover letter and undertakings

To be printed on the Applicant's letterhead

To

Date:

Subject: Expression of Interest Application for VGF of Industrial Effluent Recycle and Reuse Facility

Dear Madam / Sir

1. On behalf of *[full legal name of Applicant]*, I am / we are pleased to submit our Expression of Interest Application for VGF of Industrial Effluent Recycle and Reuse for *[name of the factory, location]* owned and operated by us. Key details of the Applicant and our Application are presented below

Full, legal name of Applicant	
Deemed Exporter / Direct Exporter	
Registered Office Address	
Address of the Factory for which Application is being made	
Name and designation of Authorized Signatory	
Contact Details of Authorized Signatory	
Total value of proposed investment (in numbers and words)	
Total value of VGF applied for (in numbers and words)	
Treatment capacity (in m3 per day) of proposed investment	

2. By submission of this Application, we undertake that:
- a. All facts and information presented in this Application are true to our knowledge on the date of submission of this Application,
 - b. We commit to organising and depositing our financial contribution for the proposed investment in the Effluent Recycle and Reuse Facility, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
 - c. We commit to completing the procurement and commissioning of the Effluent Recycle and Reuse Facility within 18 months from the date of execution of the Agreement and to placing a binding purchase order or engineering-procurement-construction (EPC) contract within 6 months of the date of execution of the Agreement, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
 - d. We commit to complying with all information, data submission, and reporting requirements that may be specified as a condition of the VGF under the Agreement.
 - e. We commit to the installation, at our own cost, of IoT-based, smart, and tamper-proof meters to measure groundwater extraction quantity and the extraction points and effluent quality and quantity at the input and output points of the Effluent Recycle and Reuse Facility, and to submitting the records from such meters to any party authorised by the World Bank to review and verify the same.
 - f. We confirm that we or any of our Directors / Owners / Promoters are not on the WB Sanctions List, Asian Development Bank (ADB) debarment list, or the Bangladesh Public Procurement Authority (CPTU) blacklist; have not been convicted of corruption or financial crime in the past five years; and have no related-party interest in the EOI Evaluation Team.
 - g. We confirm that we are not or were subject to any active enforcement notice, show-cause notice, or penalty order from the Department of Environment relating to the Industrial Facility in the 24 months preceding the EOI submission date.
 - h. We confirm that we possess ownership or registered leasehold of the site on which the Effluent Recycle and Reuse Facility is proposed to be installed, with residual tenure of not less than 15 years from the date of EOI submission.
 - i. We confirm that we, our directors, our shareholders holding 10% or more of issued share capital, and any entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with us (collectively, "Related Parties"), have not engaged in, and undertake not to engage in any of the Prohibited Practices defined in Section 5, paragraph 1.(f).(i).
 - j. We confirm that neither we nor any of our Related Parties has been debarred or blacklisted as defined in Section 5, paragraph 1.(f).(ii)..
 - k. We confirm that neither we nor any of our directors has been convicted by any court of competent jurisdiction, in Bangladesh or elsewhere, of any offence involving fraud, corruption, money laundering, tax evasion, or

financial crime within the five years preceding the date of submission of the EOI Application. In addition, no criminal proceedings or charges relating to such offences are pending against the Applicant or any of its directors at the date of submission.

3. We acknowledge the right of the World Bank and the Evaluation Team or their representatives and agents to verify and validate the information provided in the EOI Application. We confirm that we will extend our full support and cooperation to the World Bank and the Evaluation Team or their representatives and agents during such verification or validation exercises.
4. We will be available to provide any additional information or clarification that might be required in relation to the evaluation and validation of our Application.

Yours Sincerely

[name of the authorised signatory]

[designation of the authorised signatory]

[contact details of the authorised signatory]

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Annex 2: Description of the Industrial Facility / Factory

Parameter	Details
Name of the Facility	
Address	
District	
GPS Coordinates (if available)	
Type of industrial process	
Products manufactures	
Installed production capacity	
Average production volume in the last 12 months	
Total number of employees	
Water usage by process stage	
- Process 1	Volume (m3/day)
- Process 2	Volume (m3/day)
- Process 3	Volume (m3/day)
...	
Effluent Profile	
Total effluent generated (m3/day)	
Chemical composition of untreated effluent (attach lab report if available)	
Chemical composition of treated effluent from existing ETP (attach lab report)	

Annex 3: Turnover Statement

Year	Turnover (BDT Crores)	Export / Deemed Export Turnover (BDT Crore)	Export as a % of the total turnover	Net Profit After Tax (BDT Crore)

Signature of Auditor

Name of Auditor

Seal of Auditor

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Name of Authorised Signatory

Seal of Applicant

Annex 5: ETP Profile / Statement

Parameter	Details
ETP design capacity (m3/day)	
Average daily treatment volume over preceding 12 months (m3/day)	
Treatment technology type	<i>Biological / chemical / membrane / combined</i>
Year of commissioning	
Key output parameters tested (based on most recent third party test report)	
- BOD (mg/L)	
- COD (mg/L)	
- TSS (mg/L)	
- pH	
- TDS (mg/L)	
- Colour	
Date of most recent third-party effluent quality test	
Name of testing laboratory	

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Name of Authorised Signatory

Seal of Applicant

(please attach a copy of the latest effluent quality test)

Annex 6: Details of Certifications or Climate Compliances

No.	Certification Name	Issued by	Valid till

Attachments:

Copies of all certificates listed in the above table to be attached with this Annex

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Name of Authorised Signatory

Seal of Applicant

Annex 7: Concept Note on Proposed Investment

Parameter	Details
A. Proposed Facility	
Type of reuse technology proposed (e.g., UF/NF/RO membrane, MBR, advanced oxidation)	
Design treatment capacity (m ³ /day)	
Target recycled water output (m ³ /day)	
Target share of recycled water in total water use (%)	
Expected reduction in groundwater extraction (m ³ /day)	
Expected reduction in effluent discharge to surface water (m ³ /day)	
Quality of recycled water output (intended parameters)	
Intended end-use of recycled water (e.g., process water, cooling, washing)	
B. Proposed Investment	
Name of proposed technology supplier / EPC contractor (if identified)	
Estimated total project cost (BDT crore)	
VGF amount applied for (BDT crore)	
Applicant's own contribution — equity (BDT crore)	
Applicant's own contribution — bank loan (BDT crore)	
C. Implementation Timeline	
Expected date of placing purchase order / EPC contract	
Expected date of commissioning	

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Name of Authorised Signatory

Seal of Applicant

Annex 8: Status of Self Financing

a) Bank Financing

Parameter	Details
% of Project Cost proposed to be financed through bank financing	
Have you already applied for bank financing for this investment	Yes / No
If yes, please name the bank	
Current status (please tick one)	
- Intent to apply (no formal application yet)	
- Application submitted, under review	
- In-principle letter / letter of intent received	
- Sanction letter received	
Amount of bank financing applied for / sanctioned (BDT crore)	
Tenor of loan (years)	
Interest rate (if sanctioned, fixed or floating)	

Attach copy of in-principle letter or sanction letter, if applicable.

b) Own contribution

Parameter	Details
% of Project Cost proposed to be financed through self contribution	
Is the contribution committed by a decision signed by the Managing Director / CEO	Yes / No
Is there a Board Resolution committing the investment?	Yes / No

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Name of Authorised Signatory

Seal of Applicant

Annex 9: Self Declaration on Capital Expenditure Track Record

No.	Project Description	Location	Year of Completion	Total Cost (BDT Crore)	Supporting Document attached (yes / no)

Attach completion certificates, commissioning certificates, or equivalent documentation for each project listed above.

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Name of Authorised Signatory

Seal of Applicant