

**1MDB-Mitsui Consortium's Tender Complies With All Bid Requirements, Says EC  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 8 (Bernama) -- 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB)-Mitsui Co Ltd was selected as the preferred bidder for the Project 3B open tender as the consortium has complied with all the bid requirements, said the Energy Commission (EC).

This included the use of major equipment -- steam generator, turbine and generator technology -- that have been adequately proven over time in commercial operation.

"The 1MDB-Mitsui consortium won in a fair and square manner with a well-proven technology that would enhance security of supply expected of a 2,000MW coal-fired power plant operating in a grid system of our size," it said in a statement here today.

The EC said this to clarify its announcement on Feb 28 regarding the results of competitive bidding exercise for Project 3B, the construction of a new 2x1000MW coal-fired power plant for commercial operation in 2018/2019.

The commission also said 1MDB-Mitsui consortium's levelled tariff of 25.33 sen/KWH was competitive where it was 1.34 sen/kilowatt-hour (KWH) lower than the next ranked bidder and at only 0.21 sen/KWH higher than the offer from YTL-SIPP consortium.

"1MDB-Mitsui proposed the lower project cost per megawatt (MW) among the four bidders at RM5.41 million/MW compared to YTL-SIPP's offer of RM5.44 million/MW," EC said.

It said YTL-SIPP consortium did not comply fully with Part 2 -- technical specifications of the request for proposal (RFP) document for project 3B.

Part 2 stipulates that the power plant being offered shall be designed based on proven technology that has been in commercial operation at similar steam conditions as the one proposed in the bid.

The Doosan Heavy Industries & Construction steam generator that was proposed by YTL-SIPP had to be rejected by EC for not complying fully with RFP requirements

"The specifications that were proposed by YTL-SIPP for the Doosan steam generator superheater/reheater outlet steam conditions of 259.5 bar and 603/613C are higher than the outlet steam conditions of any of the submitted reference plants already in commercial operation, which EC had determined to be only at 569/596C maximum," it said.

The operating track record for Doosan steam generators is only proven for steam conditions up to 569/596C and not 603/613C.

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