**METHODOLOGY**

**FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE COMPLEX EVALUATION OF BIDS REFERENCED TO THE HENRY HUB (HH)INDEX**

**in a procedure subject to:**

*"****Supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for the needs of Bulgargaz EAD***

***for the period 2024-2034****."*

**The complex evaluation of the offers (CE) will be determined as the sum of two indicators according to the formula:**

**CE=K1+K2+K3+K4+K5,**

Where:

K1 is the proposed price

K2 is the deadline for requesting a delivery schedule

K3 are the proposed payment terms

K4 is the number of years of supply that can be provided by the seller

K5 is the proportion of the fixed annual quantity that can be taken in the following year(s)

The score for each indicator is determined as follows:

**K1 Price offer**

The relative weight of the indicator in the complex evaluation is 70 points.

The bid of the tenderer who has offered the lowest price **in MMBtu** will be awarded the maximum possible number of points in the overall evaluation.

For evaluation purposes, prices for summer and winter months will be calculated using the value of the stock market indices at the bid opening date.

The score for this indicator is calculated according to the following formula:

**K1 = K1.1+K1.2,** where:

**K1.1 summer months (May-September) = (nMin/nX)\*35**, where,

**nX** - is the proposed price of the specific participant

**nMin** - is the lowest price of all bids with prices referring to HH

**K1.2 winter months (October-April) = (nMin/nX)\*35**, where,

**nX** - is the proposed price of the specific participant

**nMin** - is the lowest price of all bids with prices referring to HH

**K2 Delivery schedule request deadline**

The relative weight of the indicator in the overall assessment is 5 points.

The bid of the tenderer who has proposed the shortest possible delivery schedule will be awarded the maximum possible points in the overall assessment.

The score for this indicator is calculated according to the following formula:

If the delivery schedule is more than 60 days - 0 points, for all other cases, the following formula shall apply:

**K2 =nMin ND /nX ND\*5**, where:

**nMin ND** - minimum period in number of days of all bids

**nX ND** - period in number of days for the specific bid

**K3 Payment terms**

The relative weighting in the complex assessment is 10 points.

The maximum possible number of points under indicator K3 will be awarded to the tenderer who has offered the most advantageous payment terms. The most advantageous payment terms shall be: the lowest advance payment percentage and the longest payment period after delivery.

The score for this indicator is based on the sum of two sub-indicators, using the formula:

**K3=K3.1+K3.2,** where:

**K3.1** is the amount of the advance payment in % of the price

**K3.2** is the time limit for payment of the price after delivery, specified in days.

**Method of assessment for sub-indicators K3.1 and K3.2:**

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| **K3.1 Advance payment** | **Points** |
| 50% | 1 |
| up to 40% | 2 |
| up to 30% | 3 |
| up to 20% | 4 |
| up to 10% | 5 |
| **K3.2 Payment term after last day of delivery** | **Points** |
| 10 days | 1 |
| 12 days | 2 |
| 13 days | 3 |
| 15 days | 4 |
| over 15 days | 5 |

**K4 Number of delivery years that can be provided by the Seller**

The relative weighting in the complex assessment is 10 points.

The maximum possible number of points under indicator K4 will be awarded to the bid of the tenderer who has proposed the longest delivery period in years.

**Method for determining the score for sub-indicators K4:**

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| **K4 Number of years for delivery** | **Points** |
| Delivery for a period of 3 years | 3 |
| Delivery for a period of 5 years | 5 |
| Delivery for a period of 10 years | 10 |

**K5 Proportion of the fixed annual quantity that can be taken in the following year(s)**

Relative weighting in the composite assessment is 5 points.

The maximum possible number of points under indicator K5 will be awarded to the bid of a tenderer that has proposed the possibility of carrying forward a proportion of the annual quantity to be taken in the following year(s).

**Final ranking**

The final ranking of the admissible tenders shall be carried out in descending order on the basis of the overall score obtained for each tender. First place shall be awarded to the tenderer whose bid has received the highest overall assessment (highest number of points).

Where the aggregate marks of two or more tenders are equal, the bid containing the more advantageous proposals, evaluated in the following order, shall prevail:

- lower offered price;

- more favourable payment terms;

- more favourable delivery conditions.