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	<p>भारत सरकार Government of India वित्त मंत्रालय, राजस्व विभाग Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue कार्यालय आयुक्त सीमा शुल्क (निवारक), उत्तर प्रदेश एवं उत्तराखण्ड Office of the Commissioner, Customs (Prev.) Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand</p>
	<p>अप्रत्यक्ष कर भवन, सातवां तल, विभूति खंड, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ - 226010 Apratyaksh Kar Bhawan, 7th Floor, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010 E-mail Id : cru.ccplko@gov.in</p>

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 03/2024**DATED : 27/02/2024**

Subject: Calling for nomination of panel of Approved Valuers and Refiners for valuing Gold, Silver, Jewellery, Precious Stones and other Valuable Articles etc.-reg.

Kind attention of all stakeholders, Customs Brokers, Member of Trade, Importers and Exporters is invited towards appointment of a panel of approved Valuers and Refiners for the purpose of refining, valuing articles of gold and/or silver including Jewellery whether or not studded articles with precious/semi-precious/synthetic stones and other valuable Articles etc., which are meant for export/import or have been detained/seized or confiscated at all formations of Lucknow Customs (Prev.) Commissionerate viz-a-viz Customs (Prev.) Division-Lucknow/Varanasi/Kanpur/Gorakhpur/Nautanwa/Bareilly/Agra .

2. In this regard, applications are invited from reputed Valuers and Refiners, preferably Valuers approved and registered with the Income Tax Department, interested in being empanelled as a Valuers and Refiners for the work described in Para 1 above.
3. The Valuers and Refiners so appointed will be required to make themselves available at any time during the day or night, or as and when their services are required, within the jurisdiction of Lucknow Customs (Prev.) Commissionerate.
4. The Valuers and Refiners will be required to furnish the document(s) of being Government Approved Valuers and Refiners on requisition by in bound and out bound passengers for the purpose of Extraction / Certification of their Jewellery/Valuables or any other purpose.
5. The Valuers and Refiners will be required to present themselves before any Adjudicating Authority/Hon'ble Appellate Authority/Hon'ble Court to give evidence and / or produce relevant records, as and when required.

6. The required services include arranging a smelter/furnace for extraction of gold/other precious metals from their compound form and also have the facility of videography. The extraction process must take place at the designated locations notified by the Department. For example, if extraction of gold is to be carried out for a passenger who arrived at Lucknow International Airport, it should take place within the Lucknow Airport Customs Area only and in the presence of appointed **Valuers and Refiners** shall be mandatory during the whole process of extraction. Additionally, the said melting equipment should be owned by them.

Service Fees Payable:

7. The service fees to be charged by the appointed assayer/ valuer for valuation of any asset shall be exceed the amount calculated at the following rates:

PART A-Rates fixed for Assaying / Valuation:

Sl. No.	Assayed Value	Rate
1	On the first 5 Lakh of the assayed value	0.5 % of the value
2	On the next 10 Lakh of the assayed value	0.2 % of the value
3	On the next 40 Lakh of the assayed value	0.1 % of the value
4	On the balance of the assayed value	0.05 % of the value

* GST at the applicable rate is chargeable on the above Service Fee charged.

8. Where the amount of fees calculated is less than Rs. 1000/-, the appointed valuer may charge Rs. 1000/-.

9. The assayer / valuer shall charge for the service rendered as specified in this public Notice or as notified by the Department from time to time. The Fees/Service charges as claimed by the assayer/valuer shall be borne by the Exporter/Importer/International passenger/ Customs Broker or any other stake holder as applicable. Department shall not be responsible for non-payment/short payment of fees for services availed in this regard by the Exporter/Importer/International passenger / Customs Broker or any other stake holder. In respect of seized goods, confiscated consignments which are taken up for disposal by the Department, the charges shall be paid by the Department.

Application and Selection:

10. Accordingly, applications are invited in proforma Form-1 (attached as Annexure-1 to this Public Notice) from reputed Valuers and Refiners, preferably affiliated to or recognized by reputed Jewellery Associations or other similar Associations, for providing services related to refining and valuation of the items stated at Para 1, within the jurisdiction of Lucknow Customs (Prev.) Commissionerate.

11. The Applicants shall submit the applications in the prescribed proforma along with necessary undertaking, all types of supporting documents including self-certified copies of the relevant certificates issued by the Jewellery Associations and /or institute of the Valuers, Registration Certificate of GST (if applicable) / PAN Card and Certificate(s) of Experience. The Applicant should also possess knowledge of BIS/Hallmark and other applicable Acts and also should have knowledge of latest gadgetry available for refining and valuation. The eligibility criterion for appointment as Valuers and Refiners and other conditions are specified in Annexure-2 to this Public Notice. It may be noted that incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected.

12. The appointment will be done as per Department procedures by a panel of officers of the rank of Additional/Joint Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Lucknow. The dates of interview and names of applicants/persons shortlisted as well as the names and contact details of the Valuers and Refiners finally selected will be published on the website of Lucknow Customs (Prev.) Commissionerate and intimated to the individuals by e-mail.

13. Only such persons who have appeared and qualified in the interview will be allowed to carry out the refining and valuation of the specified goods. Any such persons who may also happen to be Employee / Partner /Director and who have appeared and qualified in the interview, will alone be allowed to carry out the refining and valuation of the specified goods. In no case any other person representing their company/firm/association will be allowed to do the work of refining and valuation of the specified goods on behalf of person who has appeared and qualified in the interview.

14. The appointment shall be for a period determined/fixed by the Department. The selection is strictly in the name of the person and is non-transferable.

15. Submission of any wrong information/valuation would result in immediate suspension/cancellation of candidature/withdrawal of appointment and shall also attract Penal Provisions under the Customs Act, 1962.

16. The submission of application does not confer any right for selection. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any/all of the applications received without assigning any reasons, for which no claim of the applicant shall be entertained.

17. The duly filled and signed applications along with required documents shall be submitted by Registered Post/Speed Post to the Additional Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Technical Section, Apratyaksh Kar Bhawan, 7th Floor, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. Last date of submission of application is 15.03.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs. Applications/documents will also be accepted by e-mail at cuslko.technical@gov.in.

18. Further information, if any required, may be sought from the Technical Section, Lucknow Customs (Prev.) Commissionerate, Apratyaksh Kar Bhawan, 7th Floor, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010; Email : cuslko.technical@gov.in.

Signed by Ajay Kumar

Misra

Date: 27-02-2024 15:33:19

Reason: Approved
(Ajay Kumar Misra)

Additional Commissioner
Customs (Prev.), Lucknow

Copy forwarded to:

- (i) The Chief Commissioner, Customs (Prev.), Patna Zone, Patna
- (ii) The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner, Customs (Prev.) Division- Lucknow/ Varanasi/Gorakhpur/Nautanwa/Bareilly/CCSI Airport, Lucknow/ICD Panki/ICD JRY/ICD Agra /ICD Chakeri to widely publicize the above Notice under their jurisdiction
- (iii) The Commissioner, Noida Customs Commissionerate to widely publicize the above Notice under their jurisdiction
- (iv) Kanpur Customs Broker Association, 508-509, A, Eataz Zone, COCA Cola

Crossing, 11855-A, Kaushalpur, Kanpur-208012

(v) Noida Customs Broker Association, D-61, Sector-2, 2nd Floor, Noida-201301

(vi) All India Gem and Jewellery Council (GJC), 24/65, Birhana Road, Kanpur-208001, U.P.

(vii) Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of Uttar Pradesh 2/210, Vikas Khand, Gomti Nagar, P.B. No. 17, Lucknow-226010

(viii) India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd., Uttar Pradesh, 3 Floor, Khatri Market, Saraf Bazar, Chowk Lucknow -226003

(ix) India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd., Uttrakhand, 67, Saraffa Bazar, Dhamawala, Bazar Dehradun -248001

(x) All custodians

(xi) The Superintendent (Systems), Customs (Prev.), Commissionerate - Lucknow for uploading the same on Commissionerate's website

(xii) The Superintendent (Admin), Customs (Prev.), Commissionerate - Lucknow for widely publicize the above Notice in the news paper/print-media

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ANNEXURE A-1

Form-1

Proforma for application

(Please see Eligibility and Other Conditions as per Annexure 2)

(* self-attested copies of supporting documents to be submitted)

1. Name of the Applicant:
2. Father's Name:
3. Date of Birth:
4. Present Address:
5. Aadhar Number:
6. PAN:
7. GSTIN (if applicable):
8. E-mail ID:
9. Telephone/Mobile No.(s):
10. Qualifications (copies of relevant certificates to be enclosed):

Qualification	Name of the Educational	Year of passing	Percentage of Marks obtained

	Institution		
10 th Std			
12 th Std/Diploma			
UG/PG			
Any Other Specialization/Degree			

11. Name and details of Membership of Professional Body of Valuers/Appraisers (if any) (enclose copy of membership):

12. Income Tax Approved Valuer: Yes/No

12.1 If yes, please enclose relevant certificate of Income Tax Department.

13. Details/Experience /Specialization in refining and Valuation of Import of goods for Customs purpose, (if any) (Mention Period with documentary Proof) :

14. Is applicant is an Employee / Partner/Director of a company/firm, the following details may be furnished

- i. Name of the Firm/Company
- ii. Type of the Firm/Company
- iii. Registered Address and address of the Head Office:
- iv. Registered Office Address:
 - v. Details of the Partners/Directors with their names, address and qualification:
 - vi. Whether the company engaged in refining and valuation
 - vii. Is the company, a MNC or Indian. Does it have foreign Collaboration/
Branch abroad. If so, complete details thereof:
 - viii. Whether refining and valuation was ever done by Company or any of their Directors for Customs. If so, the details thereof:
 - ix. Quality Policy of the Company, if any: Certifications, if any, may be mentioned
 - x. Standard Operation Procedure/Manuals of the company relating to refining and valuation to be enclosed, if any:

DECLARATIONS

1. I hereby declare that the details furnished above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I undertake to inform you of any changes therein, immediately.

2. I shall act with independence, integrity and objectivity while carrying work assigned and I shall carry out all such works with an independent mind and shall not come under pressure/duress/influence of anybody.

3. I am not related to any of the personnel in the department dealing with valuation work directly.

4. I agree to comply with the terms and conditions as mentioned in Public Notices issued by the Commissionerate.

5. I hereby declare that I have not been penalized for any offense under the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Excise Act, 1944, the Finance Act, 1994, the Central Goods and

Services Tax Act and Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 or any other extant Act and Rules, nor any case is pending against me under the above Acts. I further declare that I have neither been convicted by any competent court for an offense nor any criminal proceedings is pending against me in any court of law.

* Strike out whichever is not applicable.

ANNEXURE -2

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF VALUERS AND REFINERS AND OTHER CONDITIONS:

1. All Valuers and Refiners appointed by Customs shall be governed by the provisions of the Public Notices and Instructions issued by the department from time to time.

2. While conducting a valuation, Valuers and Refiners have to comply with best trade/business practices.

3. Age Limit: The minimum age limit for Valuers and Refiners in case of Individual applicant at the time of making application for appointment with the Department shall be 25 years. The maximum age limit is 60 Years.

4. Qualifications and Previous work Experience:

i. It is necessary that Valuers and Refiners possess proper qualifications which make them competent to carry out educational qualifications which make them competent to carry out the task of valuation of Valuables.

ii. Applicant should possess sound knowledge of BIS/ Hallmark and other applicable Acts. They should have knowledge of the latest gadgetry available in the market for refining and valuation.

5. Other Conditions and Declaration-cum-Undertaking: In addition to the above eligibility criteria, the following are the other conditions to be fulfilled by the applicant:

i. The applicant is a citizen of India.

ii. If the applicant is an employee /Partner /Director/Proprietor of a Company/Firm, the Proprietor/ all Partners/all Directors is/are citizen(s) of India.

iii. The entity is a body corporate registered in India.

iv. The applicant has a clean track record in as much as:

(a) The applicant has not been removed/ dismissed from valuation related service/ previous employment earlier applicant.

(b) The applicant has not been found guilty of misconduct in professional capacity.

(c) The applicant has not been convicted of any offense and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

(d) The applicant has not been convicted for an offense connected with any proceedings under the Customs Act, 1962, Central Excise Act, 1944, Service Tax and GST provisions.

(e) The applicant has no complaints registered against him with CBI and/or police and/or court of law.

(f) The applicant is not an undischarged insolvent.

v. The applicant shall act with independence, integrity and objectivity; shall undertake all refining and valuation works with an independent mind and shall not come under any influence of anybody.

vi. The applicant shall not undertake valuation of any goods that may be assigned to him from time to time in which he/the firm/the company/any of the partners/any of the directors/any of the employees have direct or indirect interest in the goods being refined and valued.

vii. The applicant shall complete the assignment of refining and valuation and submit duly signed refining and Valuation Report within the time-frame stipulated by the Department.

viii. The applicant shall not conceal or suppress any material information and facts prejudicial to the interest of the Department and shall make a complete and full disclosure at the time of application for appointment, and shall disclose immediately to the Department any such developments that may take place during the tenure of his empanelment with the Department.

ix. Applicant shall submit to the Department a Declaration-cum-Undertaking to the above effect, duly executed on non-judicial Stamp Paper of requisite value at the time of his appointment.

6. Department: For any professional misconduct of Valuers and Refiners and/or where the Revenue suffers loss due to any negligence and/or lapse(s) on the part of Valuers and Refiners, it will initiate such action against him, as deemed necessary. Keeping in view the gravity of the lapse(s) and/or misconduct, the department may take following action(s):

1. Removal of the Valuers and Refiner's name from its panel after giving him an opportunity of being heard, followed by a written communication to that effect.

2. Initiation of legal proceedings, including filing of FIR, criminal complaint before Court.

3. Inform related professional bodies and institutions regarding misconduct of Valuers and Refiners.