

# Lenders put 55% stake in GMR AP project on the block

New Delhi, Jan 30: A consortium of lenders led by IDBI Bank has put on sale 55 per cent stake in a GMR-built gas based power project in Andhra Pradesh which they had acquired last year following debt restructuring.

Lenders had last year converted a part of their debt into equity in GMR Rajahmundry Energy, that operates a 768 MW natural gas-based power plant at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh.

GMR Rajahmundry Energy is a unit of GMR Infrastructure. Following the conversion, lenders got 55% stake in the project while the promoters holding was reduced to 45%. The project still has a debt of ₹2,366 crore. In a pre-bid document, IDBI Capital said a consortium of lenders, led by IDBI Bank, plans to sell 55% of the equity stake of

the company issued pursuant to the strategic debt restructuring guidelines.

“IDBI Capital invites offers from interested parties who may be willing to buy 55 per cent of the equity shares and take over the management and control of the company and the project,” the pre-bid document said, as it asked potential bidders to submit their expression of interest.

The bidders who would be eligible for bidding for the project should have a consolidated net worth as a Group company as on March 31, 2016 or December 31, 2016, at least ₹500 crore and debt to equity ratio should not be greater than 3:1. If the bidder is a fund house, then its asset under management or committed capital as on March 31, 2016 or December 31, 2016 should be at least ₹1,000 crore. *PTI*