



**SALE OF RED SANDERS WOOD-PHASE XX
(PTEROCARPUS SANTALINUS)**

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INFORMATION FOR THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

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INTRODUCTION:

Andhra Pradesh is a sunrise state with rich biodiversity and vibrant economy in Southern India with Natural Forests extending over 36,915 Sq. Km out of state's geographical area of 162,960 Sq. Km. The state is rich in biodiversity with a number of unique and endemic species like Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), *Shorea tumbergiaia*, *Shorea talura*, *Cycas beddomei*, Jerdon's Courser, Golden Gecko etc.,

The state boasts of a rich cultural heritage and is an important destination for the followers of Hinduism and Buddhism. The famous Chinese traveler Huen Tsang spent considerable time in documenting the rich heritage of the state.

Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) is endemic to the forests of Seshachalam, Veligonda, Lankamala and Palakonda hill ranges of Andhra Pradesh, India. Red Sanders wood is one of the highly priced woods in the world. It is comparatively heavy with specific gravity of 1.28 and is sold by weight. It has pleasing colour, beautiful grains and high luster, due to which it is used for ornamental carvings. Its timber is used in preparation of musical instruments in Japan viz., "Shamosin".

The objective of the present mission is to explore possibilities of collaborating with the Government of China and Chinese entrepreneurs in trade and investments for value addition and marketing of Red Sanders.

M/s Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation Limited (APFDC), the authorized agent of Government of Andhra Pradesh, India, herein after referred to as the SELLER, hereby notifies the sale of **905.671** Metric Tonnes (MTs) of dressed and graded Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) Wood (RSW) in any form (logs, round short/rough square logs, value added) for export on "As is where is basis without any segregation of logs in the notified Lots".

The details of RSW lots for which bids are being invited by the APFDC Ltd., located at Central Red Sanders Depot at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India.

Information for the Prospective Bidders(Frequently Asked Questions) (FAQs)

Q:-Whether Andhra Pradesh Forest Department (APFD), Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation Limited (APFDC), MSTC Limited are Government Organizations / Enterprise?

A:-Yes. APFD and APFDC are Government Organization / Enterprise under the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, whereas MSTC is a Government of India Organization / Enterprise.

Q:-Where is the Central Red Sanders Depot (CRSD) located in India?

A:-The Central Red Sanders Depot is located at Tirupati. Tirupati airport is having direct flights from Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Visakhapatnam. It is only 3 hours journey by road/rail from Chennai Airport.

Q:-What are the roles of the 3 agencies (APFD, APFDC and MSTC)?

A:-APFD is the OWNER of the Red Sanders Lots (that are advertised for sale) kept at CRSD, Tirupati. APFDC is the SELLER of the Red Sanders Lots on behalf of Government of Andhra Pradesh for the Foreign as well as Indian buyers. APFDC is also the facilitator and exporter on behalf of the foreign buyers. MSTC is the sale conducting agency or AGENT OF THE SELLER to conduct the global sale using their e-auction platform (Electronic cell using its Servers, Proprietary Software and Internet).

Q:-What are the Contact numbers and E-Mail address of APFDC, APFD and MSTC?

A:-The details are given in the STC. However the E-Mail addresses are vcmd.apfdcl@gmail.com; productionapfd@gmail.com; and ksheela@mstcindia.co.in for APFDC, APFD and MSTC respectively for getting immediate and authenticated reply.

Q:-Is it required to first register with MSTC before inspecting the proposed Red sanders Lots?

A:- No. It is not necessary to register with MSTC for inspection of the lots. The photo identity card of the bidder or its authorized representative is essential for inspection of the lots.