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Sub: Banning of business dealings on account of submission of forged documents.

In one of the cases, a bidder submitted certain documents pertaining to third party(ies) towards meeting certain qualification ceriteria of the tender. Subsequently, it was concluded on investigation that the documents were forged but it could not be established whether the tampering was done by the bidder or by third party(ies).

The issue was examined from Legal perspective. It is clarified that the onus of authenticity of the documenst lies on the bidder who is ultimately submitting the same to ONGC, even though the documents might have been tampered by third party(ies).

All concerned are advised to maintain above consistency in similar situations.

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