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**TENDER FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF PRELIMINARY GEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS  
AT WIED IL-LUNZJATA, KERCEM, GOZO**

**Clarification No. 1**

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Question 1: Section 2, Article 6, Assistance with Local Regulations.

It is stated that: During the execution phase, the Contractor is solely responsible to obtain all necessary permits, visas, authorizations, or licenses to ascertain the smooth running of the works.

-Please clarify whether the "Contractor" coincides with the bidder, because below in the text the term "Consultant" is used.

**Answer 1: The term 'Consultant' refers to the Contractor i.e. the awarded bidder.**

Question 2: Article 15: Scope of the Services, 15.5

"The Consultant is required to undertake preliminary geological investigations under the direction of the Contracting Authority. S/he would be required to examine the site and detail the methodology to be adhered by the Contractor responsible for the detailed geological investigations. Pursuant to these investigations, the Consultant shall be required to draft the technical specifications/terms of reference. Besides the specifications, the Consultant is required to prepare the detailed financial estimate and corresponding site plans."

-Please clarify the limits of the preliminary geological investigation and provide general directions. Also needed is the maximum budget for the detailed geological investigation tender.



**Answer 2:** The limits of the preliminary geological investigations and directions thereof are provided in Section 3 (Terms of Reference) of the tender document. Refer, in particular, to clause 4.2 of the terms of reference. Regarding the maximum budget for the detailed geological investigations, it is the awarded bidder that is required to provide the Contracting Authority with the financial estimate, as per clause 4.2 of the Terms of Reference.

Question 3: "The Consultant shall also be responsible for consulting with all the necessary stakeholders and competent authorities and, if necessary, obtaining the necessary authorizations/permits."  
-Please verify that during the detailed investigation tender the above is the obligation of the bidder and not the main Contractor's.

**Answer 3:** It is being confirmed that the above is the obligation of the main Contractor, i.e. the awarded bidder.

Question 4: Article 24: Interim and Final Progress Reports, 24.1

The contractor shall prepare and submit the following reports in both soft and hard copies in English:

a) Preliminary Geological Investigations Report: The Consultant shall be required to submit the Preliminary Geological Investigation report to the Contracting Authority within eight (8) weeks from the Commencement Date. This report must identify the methodology that must be pursued and includes amongst others the number of boreholes, their depth as well as their position.

- Within the Report should be included any comment/opinion regarding slope stability and/or aquifer enrichment issues? Please clarify as much as possible the above-underlined text.

**Answer 4:** The minimum requirements of the contents of the report are stipulated in clauses 4.2 and 7 of the Terms of Reference.

Question 5: SECTION 3 – SPECIFICATIONS/TERMS OF REFERENCE, 2.2 - Specific Objectives

The objectives of this contract [which are not necessarily those of the project] are as follows:

- Undertake preliminary geological investigations to identify the appropriate methodology to further assess the geomorphic and geological movements witnessed along the cliffs bordering the project's footprint



- Prepare the terms of reference/technical specifications pertaining to the detailed geological investigation required following the Contracting Authority's approval.
- Supervise ongoing geological investigations and verify the accuracy of their results.
- Assist the Perit in charge of the formulation of the work methodology.
- Monitor all works pertaining to the proposed rock mitigation interventions as proposed in both the preliminary and detailed geological investigations and certify such works.

-The contracting authority must specify the objectives of the whole project. As a bidder, shall we focus on geological movements or the underground water, as different geotechnical instruments need to be installed. As far as the rock mitigation measures, this should be our suggestion or the Contractor's?

**Answer 5:** As per clause 4.2 of the Terms of Reference: The Consultant is required to examine the site and detail the methodology to be adhered by the Contractor responsible for the detailed geological investigations.

Question 6: 4. Scope of the Work, 4.1.1 Project Description

"During a recent visit, the Contracting Authority noticed evidence of geological movements along the cliff nestled behind the chapel. This situation warrants further onsite geological investigations so that the most appropriate interventions can be designed to consolidate the face of the cliff and reduce the incidence of rock outfall."

-At what stage of the tender will this data be given to us?

**Answer 6:** Any available information pertinent to the performance of the assignment shall be provided in accordance with the conditions stipulated in Article 5 of the Special Conditions.

Question 7: This contract seems mainly like Supervising the "real project" that will follow this tender.

-Might this mean every day supervising the works in Gozo?

-We should learn if there are any specific environmental restrictions for the Kerzem area.

**Answer 7:** As per clause 2.2 of the Terms of Reference the winning bidder is required, amongst others, 'Supervise ongoing geological investigations and verify the accuracy of its results'



Question 8: This tender is mainly about the preparation for the next-main geological investigation tender.

-Would only geological mapping (to verify the up-to-date Gozo geological map data) be enough for our report, or is needed perhaps to measure any geological discontinuities found on the site (bedding, faults)?

**Answer 8: The minimum requirements of the requested reports are established in clause 4.2 of the Terms of Reference.**

Question 9: Technical specifications to be drafted should only be BS EN or various international standards (ASTM)?

**Answer 9: Specifications should conform with EU standards. When not available the awarded bidder can cite BS EN or equivalent recognized international standards**

Question 10: Kindly confirm if any foreign Key Expert (non-resident) meeting all the qualification requirements stipulated in the tender document section 5 (C) (ii) for Key Expert 1, would be accepted for the Key Expert role of Geotechnical Engineer or Engineering Geologist.

**Answer 10: Any proposed key expert must adhere to the minimum requirements as set in clause 5 C(ii) of the Instructions to Tenderers**

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All other tender documents, conditions and requirements, which are not superseded by this Clarification, remain in place.

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