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**26 JANUARY 2023**

***CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR uMWP-1: SMITHFIELD DAM AND ASSOCIATED  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR 95 MONTHS***

Dear Bidder,

TCTA acknowledges receipt of the requests for clarification listed in the attached table. The response to each request for clarification is provided in the attached table.

Yours faithfully

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Senior Manager: Procurement

NO.	REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION	TCTA RESPONSES
1	<p><b>Agreement: Appendix 4: Time Schedule for Services (as amended under Addendum No. 4): Tender Design and Documentation:</b> It is noted that Act. 96: 3.3: Tender Design and Documentation, appears to have as its predecessor the Inception Report listed under Act. 50. This implies the Tender Design process is to commence on completion of the Inception Report. It is recommended that the Tender Design process can and should only commence once the initial Engineering stage has been completed, although some of the activities listed under the Engineering task will likely run into and in parallel with certain of the Tender Design processes. Please can you clarify the predecessors shown in the Time Schedule for Services in this regard?</p>	<p>Various tasks must be completed before the Consultant can formally commence with the tender design and studies. These are clarified in Appendix 1: Scope of Services. The TCTA's Indicative Programme is aligned to the above as per Addendum No. 4, 29 November 2023.</p> <p>The bidder could factor initial aspects of Tender Design and Documentation (i.e. engineering, environment, social and land acquisition, and health and safety), if they chose to, into their process and programme. TCTA cannot advise the bidders how to develop and optimise their programme/charts and price but must comply with the requirements and conditions in the RFB document.</p>
2	<p><b>Agreement: Appendix 4: Time Schedule for Services (as amended under Addendum No. 4): Tender Design and Documentation:</b> Considering the timing of the Tender Design and Documentation process, and the previous query linking the commencement of this work to the completion of the "Engineering" stage, is it envisaged that the approx. 12 month gap shown between 3.4 Procurement of Main Contractor and 3.5 Detailed Design and Construction, would be removed if the Tender Design process is to start only on completion of Engineering. If this is the case, then it is assumed that the associated Project Management and support team, as well as the Chief Design Engineer, will be expected to continue full-time through this period. Please can you confirm this understanding?</p>	<p>The construction cannot commence nor be awarded without an approved construction EMP. The predecessors in the TCTA's Indicative Programme relate to the activities to develop, finalise and obtain the approved EMP. TCTA made provision for durations and possible resubmissions based on its experience. TCTA cannot advise the bidders how to develop and optimise their programme/charts and price but must comply with the requirements and conditions in the RFB document.</p>
3	<p><b>Agreement: Appendix 4: Time Schedule for Services (as amended under Addendum No. 4): Resettlement Action Plan:</b> It is noted that the RAP as defined under Clause 3.1.2.8 is not shown in the Time Schedule for Services. It is envisaged that overall, this process could take up to 24 months. Given the highly critical nature and potential sensitivity of the RAP process, please can clarity be provided in the indicative programme to highlight to bidders when it is envisaged this work should take place, including the "extensive surveys" indicated under Clause 3.1.2.8.</p>	<p>TCTA's Indicative Programme includes an activity for Social Baseline Assessment Report (i.e. Social Impact Assessment and Documentation, and Heritage Resources and Paleontological Impact Assessment and Mitigation) but there is no specific activity for the development of the plan (RAP) using the documents above. The drafting of the plan should take a few months, as has been our experience. Based on this, we do not believe the drafting of the plan will increase the overall duration in the TCTA's Indicative Programme. Please note the preparation of the RAP (document) is different from the Resettlement Process.</p>

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4	<p><b>RFB Page 1: Closing Date (as amended under Addendum No. 3):</b> The above points raised are considered to have a significant impact on the programme and associated costing of the Services. It is therefore requested that consideration be given to an additional two (2) week extension to the tender deadline?</p>	<p>An addendum will be issued.</p>