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CLARIFICATION 2

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ނަންބަރު No:	**TES/2018/G-013**	
ޕްރޮޖެކްޓް Project:	**Design, Supply, and Installation of EMS and BESS of PV Diesel Hybrid System in Addu City of Maldives**	
ތާރީޚް Issued Date	**24th May 2018**	
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Please include this amendment when submitting the bid ބިޑް ހުށަހަޅުއްވާއިރު މި ގަސްދުވެސް ޢިއުލާނާއި އެކު ހުށަހަޅުއްވަން ޖެހިވަޑައިގަންނަވާނެއެވެ.

- Please find the attached clarification.

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QUERIES	ANSWERS
<u>Deadline Extension</u> We would like you to take into consideration that there will be delay issues related to the offers delivery by courier due to the remoteness of your country, Maldives. Moreover, since all offers need to include an electronic file (CD), we are facing unpredictable delays from the customs clearance procedure. **Question 1: Therefore, we would like to kindly ask you for a deadline extension of 1 month. Please find our official request / letter attached.**	• **The deadline cannot be extended.**
<u>Bid Validity</u> In Section 1 "Instructions to Bidders" and Paragraph 21.3, it is mentioned that "In the case of a bank guarantee, the bid security shall be submitted using either the Bid Security Form included in Section 4 (Bidding Forms) or another form acceptable to the Employer. The form must include the complete name of the Bidder. The bid security shall be valid for 28 days beyond the original validity period of the Bid, or beyond any period of extension if requested under ITB 20.2. In Section 2 "Bid Data Sheet" and Paragraph 20.1, it is clearly mentioned that "The bid validity period shall be one hundred eighty (180) days." **Question 2: According to what is mentioned above, we understand that the bid validity of the bank guarantee has to be 180 + 28 days, thus in total 208 days. Please confirm**.	• **Validity of the bid security shall be 28 days beyond the bid validity date, which means 180 days + 28 (total 208) days from the date of bid opening**
<u>Bank Guarantee</u> In Section 4 "Bidding Forms" the provided text for the Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) is formed in a way that seems not to have a deadline date. In general, the validity of the bank guarantee has to follow the bid validity. Therefore the text of the bank guarantee has been modified accordingly in order to depict the bank guarantee validity. There is an addition at the end of the text with colour that refers to the expiry date. **Question 3: Please find attached the suggested text as modified directly by our bank. Please confirm that it is accepted in order to proceed to its issuance.**	• **Bank guarantee shall be in the format given in the bidding document**
In Section 1 "Instructions to Bidders" and Paragraph 21, there is no limitation from which bank we can issue the bank guarantee. However, in the clarification answers uploaded to your website you mention that any international bank needs to have a correspondent financing institution located in the Republic of Maldives. Such a request is very difficult to	• **Bidder may submit a bank guarantee from a bank which shall**

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be executed in this limited time and due to the size of the banking sector in Maldives. **Question 4: Please accept to provide you a bank guarantee from a European Bank and more specifically a Greek Bank or an Asian Bank and more specifically a Turkish Bank.**	**have a corresponding bank located in the Maldives**
<u>Bid Price</u> In Section 2 "Bid Data Sheet" and Paragraph 18.1, it is mentioned that "The Bid prices shall be inclusive of taxes applicable under Maldives Tax Regulation. • Maldivian entities, International foreign companies who are already engaged in any work in Maldives, or have re-registered their entity in the Maldives, or have incorporated a company in Maldives shall be eligible to submit the Bid prices inclusive of GST. Where bid prices quoted by any of the above mentioned entity is not indicated or mentioned as "exclusive" of GST, the Purchaser shall have the right to take the quoted bid price deemed to be inclusive of GST. **Question: 5 (a). In regards to the aforesaid information, we understand that since we are an international company and not registered under the Maldives laws, we will quote our equipment and services without the Goods and Services Tax (6%). Please confirm.** **5 (b) What other taxes do we need to include in our financial offer?**	• **5 (a). YES** • **The custom duty of imported equipment under the project shall be exempted, however, customs clearance and delivering to the project site shall be the responsibility of the contractor.** *(please refer clarification 1 regarding applicable taxes)*
<u>CIP</u> In Section 2 "Bid Data Sheet" and Paragraph 18.1, it is mentioned that "The custom duty of Imported equipment under the project shall be exempted, however, customs clearance and delivering to the project site shall be the responsibility of the contractor." While in Section 2 "Bid Data Sheet" and Paragraph 18.4(a) (i), it is mentioned that our quote should be CIP at Addu Atoll. The two paragraphs are in contrast between them. **Question 6: Please verify that our quote should be Carriage and Insurance Paid (CIP) at the Addu Atoll as mentioned in Paragraph 18.4 (a) (i) and by that you mean the Addu Atoll port and not the project site Hithadhoo FENAKA Cental Power Station as mentioned in Paragraph 18.1.**	• **The quote should be Carriage and Insurance Paid (CIP) to the project site Hithadhoo FENAKA Central Power Station as mentioned in Paragraph 18.1.**
<u>Life Cycle of Batteries</u> In Section 3 "Evaluation and Qualification Criteria" and Paragraph 1.3.4, it is mentioned that "Cycle of lithium ion battery cells applied in BESS shall be minimum 13,000 cycle, at DOD (depth of discharge) 90% or above at rated power, and remaining battery capacity (SOC, State of Charge) shall be equivalent or above 70% at the end of above life cycle."	• **Please provide batteries according to bid document requirement.**

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In Section 4 “Bidding Forms” and Paragraph “Price Schedules” in calculation of “Life Cycle Unit Cost in USD/kWh” is mentioned that “Number of times of required battery replacement in 20 years, assuming battery is fully charged and discharged once in a day. When Nc > 7.300 times (=20 year x 365 days), Nbr=0. When Nc ≦ 7,300, Nbr shall be rounded up to the integer value of 7,300/Nc“, **Question 7: Can we provide batteries with less than 13.000 cycle and calculate accordingly the number of battery replacement?**	

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