

## Attachment of Clarification 1

Sl. No.	Queries Raised	Replies
1.	May I request for an extension for this project's bid submission deadline?	The bid submission deadline cannot be extended. We have already allowed approx. 35 days for submission of bids.
2.	After seeing the drawings of this project, we have a better design that is more reasonable and economical, so can we submit the tender document with an alternative bid?	As per Section-2: Bid Data Sheet, Clause 13.1, the alternative bids are not permitted.
3.	According to the clause 1.1(f) Disposal of dredged material in the technical specification, the dredged materials are required to be disposed of in the designated off shore dumping grounds. Please inform the specific dumping grounds address and whether we need to acquire any permit for using the dumping grounds? If yes, what is the permit and how to apply? Any cost for using the dumping grounds?	<p>The map showing the location of onshore dumping ground for dredged material is enclosed.</p> <p>No permit is required to be obtained by the bidder for dumping of the dredged sand to the onshore dumping grounds. However, the cost towards transportation of dredged sand from project site to the dumping grounds and associated charges for dumping the sand, stacking, etc. shall be borne by the bidder.</p>
4.	Who will be responsible for obtaining the construction permits? Do we need to include such kinds of administration expense in the bid price? Or just quote according to the BoQ?	<p>Please refer to Section 8 – Particulars Conditions of Contract: Part B – Specific Provisions: Clause 2.2 read in conjunction with Section 7 – General Conditions of Contract: Clause 2.2 – Permits, Licenses or Approvals.</p> <p>The construction permits shall be obtained by the bidder only. The Employer (where he is in position to do so) shall provide at the request of the Contractor, such reasonable assistance through recommendation letters as to allow contractor to obtain the Permits, Licenses or Approvals.</p> <p>The related expenses for obtaining the Permits, Licenses or Approvals shall be borne by the bidder.</p>
5.	What is the Labour Law's required ratio of local and overseas workers for the construction work?	There is no applicable law in Republic of Maldives related to the ratio of local workers to overseas workers for the construction works. However, it is requirements that an attempt is made to hire locally by advertising publicly for positions before they may be filled with expatriate staff.



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6.	Do we need to pay any taxes and duties for contractor's equipment if we just temporarily import them for the sole purpose of executing the project? If yes, please inform the taxes and duties with the rate.	Please refer to Section 8 – Particulars Conditions of Contract: Part A - Contract Data: Clause 14.1. The bidder shall be responsible for payment of applicable import duties and taxes upon importation of the equipment required for performing the works. The tariffs can be found from the below link of Maldives Custom Services: <a href="https://www.customs.gov.mv/eServices/findtariff">https://www.customs.gov.mv/eServices/findtariff</a>
7.	Apart from the financial support from ADB, is there any other financing for this project?	Other than ADB and Government of Maldives, there is no other financing support to this project.
8.	In the Bid Data Sheet ITB 15.1, it says the unit rates and the prices shall be quoted entirely in Maldivian Rufiyaa, while in ITB 32.1 it says for bid evaluation and comparison purposes, the currency used in all bid prices shall be converted into USD. According to the different expressions, may we quote all the prices happened inside and outside Maldives in US dollars?	As per Section-2: Bid Data Sheet ITB 15.1, the unit rates and the prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Maldivian Rufiyaa. However, as per ITB 15.3, bidders expecting to incur expenditures in other currencies for inputs to the Works supplied from outside the Employer's country and wishing to be paid accordingly may indicate "United States Dollar (USD)" as foreign currency in the Schedule of Payment Currencies included in Section 4 (Bidding Forms).  Thus, the bidder is required to quote the prices in Maldivian Rufiyaa only in the BoQ. However, the bidder may indicate USD in schedule of payment for the expenditure proposed to be incurred outside the Employer's country.
9.	Under BDS ITB 19.1, it says the bid security should be issued from a reputable bank acceptable to the Employer with a correspondent bank in Republic of Maldives. As we are a Chinese stated owned enterprise, we will issue a bid security either from the Bank of China or from China CITIC Bank, will you accept the bid security issued directly from these two banks? Please be noticed, both of them do not have correspondent bank in Maldives. If not, could you provide an acceptable bank list with the correspondent bank in Maldives to me?	As per requirement of the ITB 19.1 in Bid Data Sheet, the bidder shall furnish a bid security issued from a reputable bank with a correspondent bank in Republic of Maldives. The language of the bid security shall be English or Dhivehi.  The bid security issued by banks with no correspondent banks in Maldives shall not be accepted.  Following are few acceptable banks with correspondent banks in Republic of Maldives for reference only:  1. The Mauritius Commercial Bank 2. Bank of Ceylon 3. State Bank of India 4. HSBC Bank



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10.	In the bid document Section 3 - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, it says "Minimum average annual construction turnover of \$ 10.46 Million calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last 3 (Three) completed financial years." Our financial statement only shows a total turnover amount, which is much bigger than \$ 10.46 Million, does this total amount with no specific construction turnover comply with the employer's requirement?	No, the total turnover amount is not acceptable. The bidder is required to submit the documents sufficient enough to establish the average annual <b>construction</b> turnover meeting the requirement of tender documents of minimum US\$ 10.46 Million within last 3 (three) completed financial years.	
11.	In the same section 2.4.1 Contracts of Similar Size and Nature, it says "Participation in at least two contracts that have been successfully or substantially completed within the last ten (10) years and that are similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds US\$5.60 Million. "Can the requirement is complied with by bidder's subcontractor?"	As per the compliance requirements of Contracts of similar size and nature in Section - 3 at 2.4.1, either the single entity or the Joint Venture member should comply the requirement as per the criteria mentioned for one partner, each partner and all partners combined. The requirement cannot be complied with by a sub-contractor.	
12.	<p>The bidders may visit to the Project Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project site is located between the existing harbour and the Kulhudhuffushi Regional Port and is accessible all times</li> <li>• A letter of intent is not required to visit the site.</li> <li>• If any assistance is required during these site visits please inform prior, so that representatives from MHI in kulhudhuffushi could assist the bidders.</li> </ul>		



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