

## MINUTES OF SITE VISIT AND CLARIFICATIONS

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**CONTRACT TITLE: Construction of water supply systems improvement in Baalbeck Governorate**

**LOCATION: Municipalities of Ain, Khodr, Labwe, Moqraq, Nabi Osmane, Qaa, Zabboud, Tawfiquiyeh**

A site visit and information meeting have been conducted on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March for the benefit of all the participants. Seventeen (17) Companies attended the meeting, as shown in the table below:

	Name of Company	Collection of tender dossier	Attendance to site visit
1	Hattab Bros Engineering Est	YES	
2	Parallel Contracting S.A.L	YES	YES
3	Arabian Company for Trading and Contracting	YES	
4	AL Madar Trading and	YES	YES
5	Trad Engineering and contracting Est	YES	YES
6	Yamen Establishment	YES	YES
7	Immortal Energy	YES	YES
8	Est Moustafa Adada	YES	YES
9	Danash Contracting and Trading company	YES	
10	Lemaco	YES	YES
11	Accropod SARL	YES	YES
12	Al Bonyan For Engineering and contracting	YES	YES
13	Est Nazih Braideh for trading and contracting	YES	YES
14	Modon group	YES	
15	Eng Elie Maalouf company	YES	YES
16	Aksa For trading & contracting	YES	
17	Al Rawan S.A.R.L	YES	YES
18	United Company	YES	
19	Rapco Establishment	YES	YES
20	M.A Souhani General trading and contracting	YES	
21	Est Hala For trading and contracting	YES	YES
22	Ste Chaar for contracting S.A.R.L	YES	YES
23	NSE-Nicolas Srouji Est For contracting	YES	
24	MMC	YES	
25	Al Moustafa for trading and contracting	YES	YES
26	Tajj est	YES	YES
27	Est Kobbany for trading and contracting	YES	
28	Bahani for General Trading	YES	
29	HETC - Hammoud Establishment for Contracting and Trading	YES	YES

The event started with the information meeting at 9:30 at GVC office in Ain.

The Contracting Authority highlighted some key points of the tender:

- The works are divided into two sections. The first section (drilling activities) will last 5 months from the starting date. The second section (all other works) will last 12 months from the starting date
- The prices of the BoQ have to be in Euros, VAT excluded
- Bill B2 for the electromechanical works for El Moqraq pumping station, refer to alternative 2 mentioned in the Particular specifications (Volume 3 - Section 3.2, Parts 3,4&5). The following chapters apply:
  - o *EL MOQRAQ WELL PUMPING STATION (ALTERNATIVE 2) – chapter 307, page 300-16*
  - o *EL MOQRAQ WELL PUMPING STATION (ALTERNATIVE 2) - chapter 404, page 400-21*
  - o *EL MOQRAQ WELL PUMPING STATION (ALTERNATIVE 2) – chapter 507, page 500-15*

The chapters referring to *EL MOQRAQ WELL PUMPING STATION (ALTERNATIVE 1)* should not be considered, in particular:

- o Volume 3 - Section 2 – Particular Specifications – *chapter 306, pages 300-13 to 15*
- o Volume 3 - Section 2 – Particular Specifications - *chapter 403, pages 400-18 to 20*
- o Volume 3 - Section 2 – Particular Specifications – *chapter 506, pages 500-13 to 14*

In agreement with the attendees of the site visit, the following sites were visited:

- El Ain: location for the new valve chamber to be constructed. The attendees were shown the approximate location where the distribution pipe shall be connected to the existing one. Indication of the existing transmission line that might be replaced (Optional work)
- Nabi Osmane: location of the new borehole to be drilled and equipped, and where the new pumping station with break tank shall be constructed. Indication of the path of the new transmission line (compulsory work) and for the new network to be laid (optional work)
- Labwe: old pumping station to be rehabilitated and converted into an office and storage facility. The equipment and furniture present in the pumping station shall be dismantled and delivered to Beqaa Water Establishment Warehouse in Baalbeck.
- Moqraq: location of the new borehole to be drilled and equipped, and where the new pumping station shall be constructed. Indication of the path of the new transmission line (compulsory work) and of the distribution networks to be improved (Moqraq and Bezalieh).

The villages of El Khodr and El Qaa were not visited according to the tight schedule of the attendees. All the participants left at 12:30.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions were asked during the site visit or send through written request.

- 1) *Is there a defined brand for the water meters requested by the Beqaa Water Establishment?*  
No specific brand is required. Water meters shall comply with the Technical specifications, which do not refer to or describe any products of a given brand or origin
  
- 2) *Where are the hydrogeological specifications of the wells to be drilled?*  
Volume 3 - Section 2 – Particular Specifications – Part 7 Boreholes  
For every borehole to be drilled the Particular Specifications detail: the borehole location and accessibility, the expected depth and discharge, the static water level; the expected geology and the relative schedule of drilling, casing and grouting.
  
- 3) *Shall the contractor take care also of the installation of the electrical poles and transformers to supply the pumping stations?*  
Please refer to Volume 4 – Part A – Preamble, Chapter 3.010.2.9 - EDL electrical power transformer and to Volume 3 - Section 2 – Particular Specifications – Chapter 400.1:  
The Contractor shall coordinate with EDL after gathering all necessary information, supply, install test and commission a High Voltage/Low Voltage pole mounted power transformer, to be supplied along with subscription to EDL and power meter and all necessary materials as per EDL requirements and recommendations.  
However, whenever these activities will be taken in charge by the Beqaa Water Establishment, the item in the BoQ will be re-measured.
  
- 4) *Advise whether the technical specifications and particular specifications are required to be printed, stamped, signed and added to the tender since they are more than 700 pages.*  
There is no need to print and stamp all the tender documents. Tenderers declare to have examined and accepted in full the content of the tender dossier (including the technical specifications and particular specifications) by signing the Tender Form (Volume 1 – Section 2 – Clause 3.1)
  
- 5) *Advise whether the submittals of the same materials required for two or more disciplines (civil, electrical or mechanical) or two or more BOQ's items shall be submitted separately during the implementation of the project.*  
Contractors can submit one unique submittal for same materials only if their technical specifications are the same. In this case, contractors shall clearly identify the specifications' clauses from the technical or particular specifications as well as the number of their BOQ's items for each material, taking into consideration that this information is part of the requirements of the submittals. Otherwise, they should be submitted separately.
  
- 6) *We want to know more about the well characteristics and i wanna know if there is an arabic employee to communicate with.*  
The wells' characteristics are contained in Volume 3 - Section 2 – Particular Specifications – Part 7 Boreholes.

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If you need to receive further information, please specify in your question the details you want to know.

Also, please note that all the correspondence and documents related to the tender exchanged by the tenderer and the Contracting Authority must be written and in English. All the correspondence should mention in the object the reference of this tender procedure: GVC/LEB/MAD2018/OLT02.

7) *Bill A5-Civil Works, for Pumping Stations Rehabilitation (Optional Works), and kindly ask you to locate the location of this Pumping Station*

Here the coordinates GPS of each of the stations as mentioned in the particular specifications:

LABBOUE EXISTING WELL PUMPING STATION (ICRC) (X = -256034; Y = 2630; Z = 1038 m)

LABBOUE EXISTING BOOSTER PUMPING STATION (X = -257789.28; Y = 3235.68; Z = 910 m)

EL MOQRAQ EXISTING WELL PUMPING STATION (X = -258,206.00 ; Y = 925.00; Z = 1064.00 m)

EL NOQRA EXISTING BOOSTER PUMPING STATION (X = -258,973.996; Y = 237.753; Z = 1,070.95 m)

# **IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TO BIDDERS**

Following an unforeseen change in GVC office, tenders must be submitted at the following address:

**Furn el Chebbak, LU Fine Arts Street, Chahine Building, First Floor, Beirut**

**GPS coordinates:** 33.8736588 N, 35.520029 E

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/33%C2%B052'25.2%22N+35%C2%B031'12.1%22E/@33.8735447,35.5201095,17.75z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x0!8m2!3d33.8736588!4d35.5200299?hl=en>

Phone contact (for directions only): +961 70 764 760