

CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT

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

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SUBJECT: **Questions and Answers**

- 1) In the bill of quantities Bill E House Connections, the dimensions of the water meter steel boxes items no. 6.0201, 6.0202 & 6.0203 are not compatible with the standard drawings no. 497STDP19 & 497STDP20. Please clarify.?**

The Contracting Authority apologizes for the contradiction - sizes are to be intended as indicative of the number of water meters to be fit in each box. Bidders shall amend page 33/35 of Part B Bill of Quantities (Volume 4) by the annexed page and quote according to the capacity of each box, in detail:

- item 6.0201 - quote for a water meter box able to host 1 water meter
- item 6.0202 - quote for a water meter box able to host 2 water meters
- item 6.0203 - quote for a water meter box able to host 3 water meters

- 2) How the works related to Qatlabeh Well, which includes drilling and equipping of the well and the construction of the pumping station and break tank, will be organized?**

The selected tenderer shall start with the site preparation and cleaning of the road for the drilling machine, drilling works of the borehole, pumping test, etc. Moreover, all bidders shall submit the method statement and programme of works for all the works to be implemented.

- 3) Where are the hydrogeological specifications of the well to be drilled?**

Please find in Volume 3 - Section 2 – Particular Specifications – Part 7 Boreholes. The Particular Specifications details as following: 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.

- 4) Is there a rehabilitation for the existing reservoir and what is its capacity?**

The existing reservoir has a capacity of 500m³ and is not in need for structural rehabilitation.

- 5) The quantity of the asphalt material is very high, is it correct?**

The consultant confirms that the quantity of asphalt stated in the BoQ is the one estimated necessary to cover the whole 12 km of distribution and transmission pipes.

It is stressed, however, that the contract will be a unit-price contract, and the amount due to the contractor will be calculated by applying the unit rates to the quantities actually executed for the respective items

6) What is the difference between service connection and house connection?

The service connection includes all the items from the main distribution line (saddle) up to the service box (bouche-à-clé) included.

The house connection included all the items from the service box (bouche-à-clé) excluded up to the users' water meters included.

7) How the envelopes shall be presented in the tender offer?

The tender must be submitted in one original, clearly marked 'original' and two (2) copies, clearly marked 'copy'. It is important that the tender form, the tender guarantee and the original copy of the "Declaration of Collection of the Tender Dossier - Modification" are placed in a separate sealed envelope.

Please note that there is no need to print and stamp copies of all tender documents - except for those listed in Clause 12 of the Instruction to Tenderers.

8) With Reference to Volume 1, Section 3 (Tender Guarantee Form), we need clarification about the validity of tender Guarantee (90+45 days) as mentioned in article 15 of the Instructions to Tenderers?

And What do you mean by the sentence written between two brackets (one year after the deadline for submitting tenders), there is no sense to be the validity of the tender one year?

The mentioned durations refer to two different things. The 90 days is the validity of the tender offer, which might be extended upon request of the Contracting Authority up to a maximum of 130 days (90 + 40). The 45 days is the additional period the tender guarantee shall remain valid after the validity of the tender offer, including eventual extensions requested by the Contracting Authority. This means that at maximum:

- the tender offer shall remain valid for 130 days (90 days + 40 max. extension)
- the tender guarantee shall remain valid for 175 days (90 days + 40 max. extension + 45 guarantee validity)

Regarding the second point, the sentence between brackets, in the Tender Guarantee Form (Volume 1 Section 3) can be modified by the financial institution releasing the tender guarantee. As explained in the foot note this mention can be inserted in case the guarantor needs to justify that he is unable to provide such a guarantee without expiry date, or in case the law applicable to the guarantee stipulates a precise expiry date different from the one of the tender.

9) With Reference to Volume 1, Section 3 (Tender Guarantee Form), we need clarification about the address of your office, shall we replace the new address by the old one?

For the purposes of the Tender Guarantee, the legal address of the Contracting Authority remains the address indicated in the Annex Volume 1 - Section 3:

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Bder Buildings, 8th floor, Rue Saydet Elghabi Street, Furn El Chebbak, Beirut

referred to below as the 'Contracting Authority'

Tender Guarantee shall not be modified/updated.