

MINUTES OF SITE VISIT

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

PUBLICATION REFERENCE: **GVC/LEB/MAD2018/OLT03**

VENUE : **El Qatlabeh Village, Qobaiyat Municipality**

A site visit and information meeting have been conducted on Monday the 23rd of April for the benefit of all the participants. Twenty-one (21) Companies attended the meeting, as shown in the table below:

Name of Company	Name of Company	Name of Company
Tajj est	Chaar for trading and contracting	Obeid for pumps
Parallel contracting	Al Madar	Tadbir
Sanabel s.a.r.l	Est Nicola Srouji For trading	Radamco
Danash contracting and trading	Lemaco	EMC
EST Mostafa adada	Construction Services Company	STC
Trad engineering and contract	Botrous Mohsein Toulany Ets	Saba Makhoulf
Mectrics	Arison	John Moufarrej

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

The Contracting Authority introduced the project and the current situation of the existing potable water infrastructure of the targeted locality. Qatalbeh, part of Qobaiyat Municipality, has a potable water system consisting of a spring catchment, one reservoir, gravity lines, and a distribution network. Nabaa Hmada Spring catchment is the key source of water and is located at an approximate elevation of 925 m. The spring is used both for irrigation and for drinking water, water is conveyed via gravity line pipes to different areas of the locality and via a channel for irrigation purposes. The distribution network is very old and in bad conditions and does not serve the entire locality.

The Contracting Authority pointed out at the attendees' attention that:

- The unit prices of the Bill of Quantities must be in Euros, VAT excluded. If a discount is offered by the tenderer, it must be clearly specified in Summary Sheet of the BoQ and the discount must be quoted for all works.
- During the contract implementation, the items "EDL electrical power transformer and Subscription" and "Standby Generator Set", might not be confirmed for execution if taken in charge by the North Lebanon Water Establishment
- The contract will be a unit price contract, were payments will be calculated by applying the unit rates to the quantities actually executed by the contractor for the respective items.

The Contracting Authority anticipated to the attendees that an important modification to the tender would be published within the week. The modification will concern:

- Addition of the following works:
 1. Reconstruction of Nabaa Hmada Spring catchment
 2. Transmission Gravity Line from Nabaa Hmada Spring to the existing reservoir
 3. Chlorination Room next to the existing reservoir
- Modification of timetable of the tender process, to guarantee bidders sufficient time for field inspection and request of clarifications.

After the meeting, the following sites were visited:

- Location for Qatlabeh Well, Pumping station and Break Tank:
The location of the new borehole to be drilled and equipped, location of the pumping station and the break tank, the path of the transmission line and access road.
- Existing Reservoir and location of Chlorination Room:
The location of the existing reservoir with the capacity of 500m³ and the location of the chlorination room.
- Nabaa Hmada Spring:
Location of Nabaa Hmada Spring and existing concrete structure. The path of the transmission line to be constructed (in the tender modification previously announced to the attendees). The Contracting Authority highlighted that, during the reconstruction phase (in the tender modification previously announced to the attendees), the Contractor must guarantee the water provision from the spring.
- Important distribution network area (Galvanized Steel Pipes in the Distribution Network):
The location where should start the path of the galvanized steel pipeline to connect a concentration of houses in the south-west area of Qatlabeh.

Finally, a debriefing was held to give the opportunity to the participants to ask for clarifications. The few questions asked are reported, together with their relative answers, in the "Clarification Document" that will be publicly released by the Contracting Authority.

All the participants left at 12:30.