

PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT UNIT NOTICE TO BIDDERS NO. 2

REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

In accordance with the deadline of 12 August 2024 for submitting requests for clarification, as specified on the cover page of the bidding document, we have received and reviewed several inquiries from bidders. This document provides responses to those requests for your information.

Upgrading of Natis and Oshakati Extension 3 (NHE) Roads to Bitumen Standards (Phase 1) – W/ONB/OSHTC-01/2024/2025

The request for clarification is done in accordance with section 34 (1) of the Regulations of the Public Procurement Act of 2015 (Act No.15 of 2015).

Bidder A:

- Request 1: If a Bidder submits a JV (Joint Venture) should both entities submit the minimum liquid asset of N\$ 650 000.00?.
 - **Clarification:** No, for a Joint Venture (JV), it is not required that both entities individually submit the minimum liquid asset of N\$ 650,000.00. Since a JV is considered as a new entity formed by the participating companies, the requirement is that the JV itself must meet the minimum liquid asset requirement. If at least one member of the JV has the minimum liquid asset of N\$ 650,000.00, this will be considered acceptable, provided that the JV as a whole meets all other stipulated requirements.
- 2. **Request 2:** If a Bidder submits a JV (Joint Venture) and one partner is a newly registered company and does not have Annual Financial Statements for 3 years,

only one, can the Bidder still submit with a partner that has the required experience.

Clarification: Yes, you can still submit a bid with a Joint Venture (JV) that includes a newly registered company without three years of Annual Financial Statements. The experience and financial capability of the JV as a *whole* will be considered, provided that the combined strength of the partners satisfies the bidding requirements.

- 3. **Request 3:** For fulfilment of ITB 6.3 (b), will experience of maintenance of Surfaced (Bitumen Roads) and Gravel Roads count for;
 - a. At least 2 projects should be that of a construction of bitumen works or similar, on road projects (project minimum value to be at least N\$ 150 000.00 for the bitumen works portion to quality).

Clarification: For the fulfilment of ITB 6.3(b), only the experience related to the maintenance of bitumen roads will be considered. The maintenance projects must meet the minimum project value of N\$ 150,000.00 for the bitumen works portion to qualify. Experience in the maintenance of gravel roads will not count towards this requirement.

Bidder B:

 Request 1: Could you kindly please send us a soft copy of the bidding document and the excel BOQ for UPGRADING OF NATIS AND OSHAKATI EXTENSION 3 (NHE) ROADS TO BITUMEN STANDARDS IN OSHAKATI (PHASE 1) W/ONB/OSHTC-01/2024/2025.

Clarification: The Excel Bill of Quantities (BOQ) has been shared with all bidders and can be provided upon request. However, the soft copy of the bidding document cannot be distributed and is only available for purchase as a hard copy.

Yours Sincerely.

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