

**TENDER CLARIFICATION**

<b>To:</b>	The Bidder
<b>From:</b>	Supply Chain Management Unit

**BID PARTICULARS**

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Appointment of professional service provider for borehole feasibility, regulatory approvals, drilling, pumping, and irrigation infrastructure.</b>		
<b>Bid Reference</b>	ASEZ 004 2025		
<b>Bid Closing Date</b>	31 March 2026	<b>Bid Closing Time</b>	16h00
<b>Bidders must submit proposals including the cost proposal before the bid closing date and time via the e-Tender portal. No other method of submission will be acceptable.</b>			

## **Introduction**

This communication serves to provide clarity and address all concerns and issues raised during the briefing session for the above-referenced tender. It also incorporates and responds to all queries submitted in writing following the briefing session. The queries that were raised during the session are as follows with responses:

### **1. BOQ Allowance for One Borehole**

#### **Query:**

The Bill of Quantities provides for the drilling of one borehole. In the event that one borehole does not yield sufficient water to meet the required abstraction demand and additional boreholes are required, will the BOQ make provision for this?

#### **MP Response:**

The feasibility study that will be conducted will confirm whether the borehole will yield the required results. At this stage, it cannot be confirmed whether additional boreholes will be required as the project is dependent on the outcomes of the feasibility study.

### **2. Payment for Work if the Borehole is Not Successfully Drilled**

#### **Query:**

In the event that the borehole is drilled but does not yield sufficient water and work has already been undertaken by the service provider, will the service provider be compensated for the work completed?

#### **MP Response:**

All work conducted will be paid in accordance with the Bill of Quantities. Payment will therefore be made for all measured work completed in line with the items and rates provided in the BOQ.

### **3. Tank Sensors and Water Monitoring Systems**

#### **Query:**

The tender document does not explicitly state provisions for tank sensors or monitoring systems to measure water levels and usage. Can further clarity be provided?

#### **MP Response:**

ASEZ currently has a system in place to monitor water demand and usage. Should there be a need to incorporate additional monitoring systems at a later stage, this will be reviewed accordingly.

### **4. Geotechnical Studies and Professional Involvement**

#### **Query:**

The tender documentation does not specifically include geotechnical investigations. Will geotechnical studies form part of the project scope?

#### **MP Response:**

The service provider will be responsible for the design and obtaining the necessary approvals. As part of their professional obligations, the service provider will be responsible for appointing the relevant professionals required to carry out the necessary studies in accordance with professional requirements.

### **5. Proximity of the Site to the Waste Disposal Area**

**Query:**

The proposed borehole site is located near a waste disposal area. Could this potentially affect the quality of the groundwater?

**MP Response:**

The aquifer is monitored by the City of Cape Town under the Atlantis Water Resource Management Scheme. Should any concerns arise regarding water quality, the matter will be escalated to the City of Cape Town.

**6. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Requirements****Query:**

What factors would trigger the requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)?

**MP Response:**

The project will rely on the outcomes of the feasibility study. Any risks that may trigger the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment will be identified and addressed based on the findings of the feasibility study. At this stage, it cannot be confirmed whether an EIA will be required.

**7. Project Timelines****Query:**

What are the expected timelines for the project?

**MP Response:**

The project timelines are indicated on page 22 of the Terms of Reference. However, more accurate timelines will be communicated as the project progresses.