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**TENDER CLARIFICATION NO.1:- THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EASTERN BASIN  
ACID MINE DRAINAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR A PERIOD OF 60 MONTHS**

Dear Tenderer,

TCTA acknowledges receipt of the Requests for Clarification listed below. The applicable response to each request for clarification is provided on the corresponding column of the same line-item row.

Regards

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## RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS

No.	QUESTION	TCTA RESPONSE
1	Performance Guarantee - Is it acceptable for a Tenderer to provide an Insurance Guarantee instead of a Bank Guarantee? In this case, it will be an Insurance Bond provided by a Guarantor and not a Bank.	Yes, It is acceptable.
2	Kindly assist with an additional site visit for the tender.	<p>Prospective bidders can be accommodated for additional site visit from <b>09H00 to 14H00</b> on <b>16<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b> at Eastern Basin AMD Treatment Plant Grootvlei Proprietary Mines, Van Niekerk Road, Springs, 1559.</p> <p>Take note that only bidders who attended the compulsory briefing session on 19 March 2026 are eligible for an additional briefing session. Further, those who did not attend the compulsory briefing session will be disqualified in line with the provisions of 3.2 of T1.3 as contained on Volume 1 of the RFB document as issued.</p>
3	<p><b>Markup on Chemicals</b> - BOQ section 9 Note states that: <i>“There is no Operator’s mark-up on chemical and diesel supplies as these are covered by the advance payment provided by the Employer.”</i> This does not coincide with the Advance payment clause 8.13. <i>“The Employer shall make an advance payment as an interest-free loan to cover the cost of chemical procurement for three (3) months chemicals supply for operation of the WTP”.</i></p> <p>Kindly confirm where the mark-up on chemicals will be included?</p>	<p>The advance payment covers direct costs of procuring chemicals for the transition period between the current service provider and the incoming service provider. This is to ensure there is continuity and no interruption caused by cashflow.</p> <p>Refer to addendum no.2 and take note of section 9 of the BoQ which read as follows: <b>“There is no Operator’s mark-up on chemical and diesel supplies.”</b></p> <p>Section 2.1 states that “ Day-to day (7 days a week 24 hours per day) operation of WTP and costs of meeting all contractual obligations not priced separately elsewhere in this Schedule, including but not limited to human resources, management, communications and reports, baseline survey, asset inventory, documents, laboratory operation, contingency and emergency plans, training, <b>purchasing, administration.....”</b></p>
4	<b>Insurance</b> - Kindly confirm who is responsible for insuring the existing infrastructure. Is this the Employer or Operator?	The existing infrastructure is owned by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and they are responsible for insuring it. However, critical equipment such as AMD pumps and VSDs must be included under service level agreements that will be appointed by the successful bidder.

5	Regarding the compulsory briefing, if we are bidding as a Joint Venture, is it sufficient for only the Lead Partner to sign on behalf of the JV, or is it a requirement for all member entities of the JV to be physically present and recorded?	Any member of the JV can sign the register for the compulsory briefing session on behalf of JV partners.
6	Is it a requirement to sign the register as the "JV Name" or will the lead partner name be acceptable?	Any member of the JV can sign the register for the compulsory briefing session on behalf of JV partners.