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**APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF THREE (3) SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CONDUCT
LOAD AND HAUL ACTIVITIES FOR AFRICAN EXPLORATION MINING AND FINANCE
CORPORATION (SOC) LTD (“AEMFC”) OPEN CAST MINING OPERATIONS FOR A
PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

Bid Number: AE/VLAK001/2023

Compulsory briefing session: 13 June 2023, Time: 11h00

Bid closing date: 29 June 2023, Time: 12h00

Questions from the bidders	Answers
1. No quantity on the BOQ, P&Gs once off costs	The quantity has been corrected to 1 (see attached revised BOQ)
2. Total quantities not allocated for each hauling distance on the BOQ, under the box cut and steady state sheet	The quantities have been corrected see attached revised BOQ
3. Does AEMFC provide pumps and piping infrastructure?	AEMFC does not provide the pumps and piping infrastructure, the bidder should include the costs in the P&G (other)
4. Request to provide information for the pits depth	Average depth of final coal floor is 40 meters
5. On CSD you cannot register a joint venture, the system only allows individual company registrations. If you say you will not accept 2 CSD reports how then are we to get a consolidated joint venture CSD from the system	The call was made to CSD on the 19-06-2023, it was confirmed that you can register the Joint venture on CSD, If the supplier is struggling to register, the supplier must call CSD on 012-406 9222 for assistance.
6. Women have been excluded on the specific goals, is there a particular reason for excluding women given such exclusion barriers for women. Would you consider including women participation on the specific goals to give support to women in mining.	On the specific goals women are covered under 100% black owned, as it was not specified black men or women.

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7. Is there a minimum qualification requirement for operators (i.e. grade 12 and equipment competency certificate or the competency certificate only will suffice?)	Grade 12, and equipment competency certificate is required
8. Is the contractor required to recruit own labor or it will be required absorb the mine's operators	Contractor to recruit their own labor
9. Please clarify on section 1.2 which documents fall under technical and which fall under commercial?	Commercial and Financial See page 26 Table: MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS See page 27 Table: ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS Technical/functionality See page 27 Table: RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING
10. We ask for densities for Topsoil and Waste Material if is available.	The waste density is 2.7
11. Will AEMFC provide Proto Team and Fire Fighting Team	The bidder must have capacity within their own operating team to set up the necessary emergency team
12. Will the AEMFC provide for Survey Services ?	The bidder must provide their own survey services. AEMFC will provide their own surveyor for verification.
13. Geological Information To ensure the optimal mining equipment selection, and to simulate cycle times on the haul profiles, we require the following geological information: • Typical stratigraphy – thickness of different layers to be mined. • Depth of each layer (roof and floor) • In-situ density (Ton per bcm) of each geological layer	The bidders are required to quote as per scope of work further details will be provided at a later stage.
14. Bill of Quantities. • Fuel Cap – The fuel cap is a function of the item weightings. If longer hauls, the fuel cap will change. To eliminate this ambiguity, should we rather provide a fuel cap for each Bill item? • Quantities – the quantities are inserted in the same line as the item heading and not next to the hauling distance. Could you please indicate what the quantity for each haul distance will be.	• The total volume on the BOQ has been revised to clarify the concern around the fuel cap. • The BOQ has been revised as per requests.

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- The total quantity for item 16 -18 in Steady state is 7 488 000 ton. Can we assume that this will be at $7\,488\,000 / 36 = 208\,000$ ton per month? - No allowance is made in the Bill for cast-blasting or production dozing (roll-over mining). Should we price all load & haul?	- Yes, this will be at $7\,488\,000 / 36 = 208\,000$ ton per month. - The bidder should include all pricing under loading and hauling rate. This does not account for how the volumes were moved (whether production dozing or loading and hauling)																		
15. Equipment. - Dozer size – The minimum requirement for a dozer size is 460Kw which equates to a Cat D10 or similar. - This dozer is not an efficient match to 40t ADT trucks. Why is this dozer size required. - Could we price this scope using 90t RDT such as CAT 777 with suitable associated loading and ancillary equipment?	Refer to page 14, 20.9 (k) on the RFP, the bidder can supply equipment with bigger capacity.																		
16. Required documentation. The list of essential documents in Clause 24.1.3 p27/41 and the rest of the document do not have the same references. Example in Clause 24.1.3 refer to “Section 7: SBD 9 Certificate of Independent Bid Determination”, but in the document Section 7 refers to “SBD 6.1 Preferential Procurement Regulations”. Please clarify the references. <table border="1" data-bbox="225 1283 1007 1686"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS</th></tr> <tr> <th></th><th>SUBMITTED [Yes/No]</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>National Treasury Registration on Central Data Base (CSD) (certificate). (a detailed report not older than one (1) month).</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Tax Clearance Certificate or electronic access PIN obtained from SARS's new Tax Compliance Status (TCS) system [Consortia / Joint Ventures must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate for each party]</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>SECTION 2: SBD 4 Declaration of Interest</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>SECTION 6: SBD 6.1 Preferential Procurement Regulations</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>SECTION 7: SBD 9 Certificate of Independent Bid Determination</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>SECTION 8: Registration of Prospective Bidders Form</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>SECTION 9: Resolution to Sign on Behalf of Company</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS			SUBMITTED [Yes/No]	National Treasury Registration on Central Data Base (CSD) (certificate). (a detailed report not older than one (1) month).		Tax Clearance Certificate or electronic access PIN obtained from SARS's new Tax Compliance Status (TCS) system [Consortia / Joint Ventures must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate for each party]		SECTION 2: SBD 4 Declaration of Interest		SECTION 6: SBD 6.1 Preferential Procurement Regulations		SECTION 7: SBD 9 Certificate of Independent Bid Determination		SECTION 8: Registration of Prospective Bidders Form		SECTION 9: Resolution to Sign on Behalf of Company		Commercial and Financial (Envelope) See page 26 Table: MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS See page 27 Table: ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS Technical/functionality (Envelope) See page 27 Table: RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING
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To prevent ambiguities, please could you clarify which documents is required: • in the commercial envelope • in the technical envelope.	
17. We request extension of time for submission, by two weeks (From 29 June 2023 to 13 July 2023). Due to the value of the bid we require extensive internal authorizations and reviews before submission.	The AEMFC is not in a position grant the extension.

Noted:

Please note that the following has been removed from the scope of work.

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20.5.2. The successful Contractor must ensure reasonable Local Content with a Company within Vlakfontein Social Labour Plan Radius from the commencement of the services. The agreement must address the ownership, management, and an exit plan wherein there will be clear skills transfer to the Community based Company.

20.5.3. The Contractor shall ensure that the following is in place:

- b) The joint venture clearly details both the ownership and management of operations in terms of the partnership where the contractor is in partnership with a local entity;

- e) The successful Contractor shall provide workshops and/or seminars e.g., Train-the-trainer and assisting where applicable to gain the required certifications relevant to the services.

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