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Dear Dr. Munsami

DEVIATION FROM THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS: - APPOINTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SPACE UNIVERSITY (ISU)

1. National Treasury acknowledges receipt of your letter received on 02 September 2021.
2. South African National Space Agency (SANSA) requests for National Treasury approval to deviate from the competitive bidding process for the appointment of International Space University (ISU) to provide executive space course training for board members in the contract amount of R450 000 for a period of three (3) and half days.
3. The deviation was approved by the Chief Executive Officer on 31 August 2021.
4. The reason provided for the deviation is that International Space University is the only internationally accredited Space University that has the capability and capacity to provide space related training to delegates at executive and board level. SANSA had opened the bid twice to potential service providers but without any success. During the second advertisement of the bid which closed on 16 March 2021 seven (7) proposals were received and none of them managed to score the minimum threshold for points to be considered (The Bid Evaluation Report was provided for review). Furthermore, in terms of universities, there is no University in South Africa that offers space related training for board level as required by the scope of the RFP. Market research was conducted which showed that the ISU is the only internationally accredited Space University that has the capacity and capability to provide space related training to delegates at

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executive and board level (The market research report which provides the list of available space projects offered by various South African Universities, was provided). After careful consideration, it was clear that an Executive Space Course would be beneficial to the board member and as a result, the Executive Space Course by the ISU was the most relevant and ideal programme for the board.

5. The reasons provided for the deviation in paragraph 4 above are justifiable.
6. National Treasury supports the deviation, on condition that reasonableness of cost is assessed, that there are no universities in South Africa that offers space related training and that the tax matters in terms of paragraph 3.6 of the National Treasury Instruction Note 9 of 2017/2018 are complied with.
7. SANSA has an obligation to ensure that any contract for goods and services is in accordance with a system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.
8. The award must be published on the e-tender portal/tender bulletin.

Kind regards,

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