



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DESCRIPTION: APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF ROTARY REVERSE CIRCULATION DRILLING SERVICE PROVIDERS TO AUGMENT THE COUNCIL FOR GEOSCIENCE (CGS) DRILLING CAPACITY.

1. There is mention of a diameter of 155mm in the tender document is it correct that this is RC? Reverse Circulation drilling is limited to 140mm can we get clarification if this is normal DTH or RC?

Answer: The size should read 145mm, which is approximately 5.5 inches. Although you do get bigger sizes RC bits as well. You can get RC sizes up to 406mm. It is for RC.

2. Drilling cost is impacted by hardness of the rock you are drilling in which then will result in the responses to this tender resulting in a worst case scenario drilling cost. Shale or Dolomite hardness is not consistent across all provinces. Is it then not possible for CGS to provide an indication of the targeted Provinces /areas to allow us to provide the appropriate costing taking into consideration the competency of the rock?

Answer: We do not ask for a costing of the holes. We ask for method and process.

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