

**The Ministry of Rural Development,**

**Rural Infrastructure Development for Cambodia Program (RID4CAM)**

**RID4CAM-W-KPT/Lot 16 & RID4CAM-W-KPT/Lot 17**

**Circular 3**

N°	Question	Answer
1	<p><b>According to ITB 14.7 “In terms of the funding agreement here, the Contractor and its sub-Contractors shall be exempt from VAT”</b></p> <p>Can the Employer give the letter or necessary documents to the Major supplier of material, equipment that related to the project such as Diesel, Bitumen, Ready mixed concrete, etc. to confirm that “It will be the exemption of VAT for goods, service, supplier, etc. under this Contract”?</p>	<p>According to Section II of the Bidding Documents (QBDS), ITB 14.7, the Contractor and its Subcontractors are exempt from VAT. Upon signing the contract, the employer will issue a letter confirming this VAT exemption to the Contractor. However, this exemption does not extend to the suppliers of materials, equipment, etc.</p> <p>The VAT exemption is strictly limited to the Works specified in the Works Contract.</p>
2	<p><b>According to Section IX. Particular Conditions – Part-B Special Provisions</b></p> <p>Do the bid security, performance security, advanced security require to issue by the Bank that have the branch in CAMBODIA?</p>	<p>Regarding the Bidding Document, Section I Instructions to Bidders, 19 Bid Security, 19.4 “(...) If the unconditional guarantee is issued by a financial institution located outside the Employer’s Country, the issuing financial institution shall have a correspondent financial institution located in the Employer’s Country to make it enforceable. (...)”</p> <p>In compliance with the Bidding Document, the Bid Security shall be issued by a reputable financial institution having a branch or a correspondent financial institution located in Cambodia and clearly identified in the Bid.</p>
3	<p><b>According to Section VII: Technical Specifications, Part 1-1.1.5 Provision of Land</b></p> <p>“The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) shall make available free of charge to the Contractor all land on which work is planned as detailed in this Specification. Such land shall include the road reserve, road deviations, borrow pits outside of the road reserve and access roads thereto but shall exclude any land required by the Contractor for his own camps, offices, houses, other temporary works or any other purpose.”</p> <p>and <b>1.4.5 Excavate Haul, Place, and Compact Embankment Fills A:</b> For Borrow Fill: and <b>BOQ – Item 1.4.5 (a) Excavate, Haul, Place, and Compact Embankment Fills – Borrow Fill</b></p>	

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	<p>Do we consider the embankment fills – Borrow fill will supply free of charge to Contractor with sufficient quantity and quality (as per Specification requirement)?</p> <p>Do we consider the wording of “Free of charge” as “No expense for Contractor for borrow fill material and related taxes, royalty for borrow material”?</p>	<p>NO—Please refer to the Minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting (held 24th May 2024 and uploaded to the Ministry of Rural Development website), 3. Questions and ad-hoc answers: 1.</p> <p>NO—Please refer to the Minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting (held 24th May 2024 and uploaded to the Ministry of Rural Development website), 3. Questions and ad-hoc answers: 1.</p>												
4	<p><b>According to Section VII: Technical Specifications, Part 4 4.1 BITUMINOUS PRIME COAT</b></p> <p>Can we consider to use Emulsion CSS-1 for material for prime coat?</p>	<p>NO. Please refer to the Bidding Document, Section VII Works Requirements, 1. Specifications, (a) Technical Specifications, including Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Requirements, 4.1.2.1. The Prime Coat must be a Cut-Back (Bitumen Mix with Diesel or Kerosene) according to AASHTO M20-70 and AASHTO M82. Emulsion, a mix of Bitumen with Water, is used as a Tack Coat (between two Asphalt layers) and does not apply to this project. Bidders must comply with the specified Technical Specifications, 4.1.2.1.</p>												
5	<p>Refer to Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria, Clause 5, Sub-Clause 5.1 Certificate, we would like to request for confirmation of the validity of our ISO Certificate concerning Environmental, Social, and Health and Safety (ESHS) Experience and Capacity for Lot-16 and Lot-17. Furthermore, we've been informed of a certification update by our partner, "QA Technic Cambodia," who will assist in certifying our credentials.</p> <p>Therefore, we would like to request for confirmation from the comparison table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="257 1023 1301 1302"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="257 1023 331 1070">No.</th> <th data-bbox="331 1023 815 1070">Criteria Section III</th> <th data-bbox="815 1023 1301 1070">QA Technic Cambodia</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="257 1070 331 1147">1</td> <td data-bbox="331 1070 815 1147">Quality Management Certificate ISO 9001</td> <td data-bbox="815 1070 1301 1147">Quality Management Certificate ISO 9001:2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="257 1147 331 1224">2</td> <td data-bbox="331 1147 815 1224">Environmental Management Certificate ISO 14001:2014</td> <td data-bbox="815 1147 1301 1224">Environmental Management Certificate ISO 14001:2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="257 1224 331 1302">3</td> <td data-bbox="331 1224 815 1302">Health and Safety Certificate OHSAS 18001</td> <td data-bbox="815 1224 1301 1302">Health and Safety Certificate ISO 45001</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No.	Criteria Section III	QA Technic Cambodia	1	Quality Management Certificate ISO 9001	Quality Management Certificate ISO 9001:2015	2	Environmental Management Certificate ISO 14001:2014	Environmental Management Certificate ISO 14001:2015	3	Health and Safety Certificate OHSAS 18001	Health and Safety Certificate ISO 45001	<p>Regarding the Bidding Document, Section III Qualification Criteria and Requirements, 1. Evaluation of Eligibility and Qualification, 5. Environmental and Social and Health and Safety (ESHS) Experience and Capacity, 5.1, we confirm the validity and conformity of our ISO certifications: ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, and ISO 45001.</p>
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