



**REHABILITATION OF NATIONAL ROAD LINK JCT. LOURBA (BOBONARO) –
ATSABE – JCT. LETEFOHO (ERMERA) (48.93 KM) (TENDER/107/MOP-2025)**

CLARIFICATION NO. 3

21 October 2025

This Clarification No.3 is issued in accordance with the ITB 7.1 of Section 1 (Instructions to Bidders) of the Bidding Documents.

No.	Question(s)	Response(s)
1.	Is the construction period of this project determined to be 2 years?	Yes. Please refer to P.C.C. 1.1.84.
2.	The bridge foundation is designed as a caisson foundation. However, according to the on-site inspection, the original base of the bridge is block stone and the foundation conditions are good. It does not meet the settlement requirements of a caisson foundation. Can the foundation type be modified?	Please follow the existing Drawings and Bill of Quantity (BoQ) that have been issued. If there any changes necessary it would be made on construction period, after the preparation and approval of the Shop Drawing. Additional Note: The changes during construction or variation orders proposed by the contractor should not affect the original cost and must include the submission of design verification for the foundations by the contractor to ensure the integrity and safety of the bridge.
3.	If there are differences between the BOQ, standard specifications, and drawings, which document should be considered the main reference and hierarchies?	Please read the Contract Agreement for Order of Priority of documents.
4.	Please inform us regarding the compensation or terms applicable in case of delayed payment from the Employer.	Please refer to P.C.C 14.8
5.	Please clarify which parties are authorized to approve the design, materials, progress and payment of the works.	MPW and A.D.N (National Development Agency)
6.	What types of permits or licenses fall under the responsibility of each Employer and Bidder?	Environmental License fall under the responsibility of the Employer. All other permits or licenses fall under the responsibility of bidder - A mineral license by the Autoridade Nacional dos Minerais (ANM) or Mineral Permit, Under the responsibility of Bidder/Company.
7.	Will there be any provisions for variation orders (additional or reduced works)? If yes, what is the allowable percentage or value limit?	Please read additional clause in P.C.C.
8.	If there are changes in the design, analysis, or specifications, can we request a cost adjustment? For example, the unit price analysis for a common embankment does not include material costs because the embankment material is calculated to come from surplus common excavation. But in practice, embankment material is used outside the surplus common excavation. Please inform the detailed terms.	The contractor can request cost adjustment due to change in design and/or specification or any other reason during the implementation which is subjected to the approval of MPW and A.D.N.



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9.	Is there a funding scheme allocated per fiscal year? If so, please provide information on the annual budget allocation.	Please check the budget book on Ministry of Finance, Timor-Leste Website.
10.	What are the capacity requirements for each heavy equipment unit (Wheel Loader, Motor Grader, Water Tank, Vibratory Roller, Stone Crusher Plant, Conc. Batching plant, Asphalt Sprayer, Air Compressor, Generator Set, Asphalt Distributor)? Can this be based on the calculation of equipment requirements in the unit price analysis?	Yes Using the Unit Price Analysis (Scope of Work, Productivity, Selecting Equipment), ensure alignment with the project's needs.
11.	The tender document specifies a requirement for an Asphalt Mixing Plant (AMP) with a capacity of 40 m ³ /hour at least 92 ton/hour with asphalt specific gravity conversion 2,3 ton/m ³ . However, our available AMP has a capacity of 80 tons/hour. Based on our calculation, the required asphalt tonnage and project duration can be met with the 80 tons/hour AMP. Would it be acceptable to use an AMP with a capacity of 80 tons/hour instead? If not, can we submit two AMPs to accommodate the required capacity?	If your AMP can meet the required asphalt tonnage and project schedule, you can present this as part of your technical proposal, emphasizing its efficiency and ability to deliver results without compromising the timeline.
12.	Is it permitted/possible to carry out earthwork or other work using dump trucks at locations with a capacity of more than 10 tons?	Yes
13.	We would like to clarify whether a support letter from the equipment vendor can be accepted as a supporting document for key equipment availability.	Yes
14.	For Safety Officer and Environmental Officer, Is it possible if we have a college degree is irrelevant education but has a proof of professional expertise that is appropriate / relevant with position requirement?	The score will be given based on Qualification & Experience.
15.	Can the excavated stone/soil material be reused for other work materials if it meets the specifications?	Yes, excavated stone material can be reused for other work materials if it meets the required specifications. The Key consideration by Contractor: Obtain certification or approval from the project's quality control (Laboratory) team or supervising engineer and Cost Saving.
16.	Based on the site visit, there are many utility pipes across the road. If a pipe needs to be replaced during the work, can the contractor file a claim?	No. The contractor will put it in the unit rates. The contractor shall propose the cost in the proposal for the quantities. That cost will be paid for the pipe replacement service by another institution or Be'e-TL.IP.
17.	Is there a quarry location provided/recommended by the owner? If so, where is it located and how far is it from the project location? Please state the coordinates.	Please see the PROPOSED MATERIAL SOURCES, SITE CAMP & STOCK drawing



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18.	In drainage work, can the design using stone masonry be replaced with a u-ditch precast to speed up the work?	Yes. If the future contractor proposes to change the design or drawings of the contract, it is possible through a Variation Order proposal, subject to the conditions mentioned in the FIDIC or contract. The proposed material changes must be of the same quality or better and must not alter the design related to the water discharge capacity calculated by the designer. Additionally, the changes must not affect the cost to the Employer or result in any additional expenses.
19.	In retaining wall work, can a retaining wall with stone masonry be replaced with a concrete retaining wall?	Yes. If the future contractor proposes changes to the design or drawings of the contract, it can be done through a Variation Order proposal, in accordance with FIDIC Clause 13 (Variations and Adjustments) or the relevant provisions of the contract. The proposed material changes must be of the same or higher quality and must not compromise the design's safety factor or the durability of the retaining wall. Furthermore, the changes must not increase the cost to the Employer or result in any additional expenses.
20.	Whose responsibility is land acquisition?	The Employer would be responsible for land acquisition.
21.	Please provide the address of the beneficiary of the Bid Security?	Beneficiary Name: Ministry of Public Works Address: Avenida 20 de Maio Dili, Timor-Leste
22.	In the FIN-4 form, should projects located outside of Timor-Leste (RDTL) also be included in the FIN-4 project list?	Yes
23.	What permits are within the scope/responsibility of the Contractor?	Environmental License fall under the responsibility of the Employer. All other permits or licenses fall under the responsibility of bidder A mineral license by the Autoridade Nacional dos Minerais (ANM) or Mineral Permit, Under the responsibility of Bidder/Company.
24.	In the event of a delay in payment by the Employer, what will be the applicable procedure or compensation for the Contractor? Will the Contractor be entitled to interest for delayed payment in accordance with the FIDIC Red Book provisions or as specified in the Particular Conditions of Contract?	Please refer to P.C.C 14.8



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25.	In the drawing documents, the location of the direction keet has already been designated. What is the land status for that area? If we should rent it, is there any cost fee?	The location of Site Camp and Disposal Area will be determined during the implementation with MPW consultation. The Contractor is responsible for renting the land for the Site Camp, and the cost is already included in the Mobilization by the Contractor. Please refer to the Standard Specification of MPW TL-2014, which is included in the Bid Documents as a legal reference. <table><tr><th>Item</th><th>Unit</th><th>Volume</th></tr><tr><td>Rental Land</td><td>Sq.m</td><td>10,000</td></tr><tr><td>Base Camp</td><td>sq.m.</td><td>102</td></tr><tr><td>Contractor Office</td><td>sq.m.</td><td>83</td></tr><tr><td>Laboratorium</td><td>sq.m.</td><td>130</td></tr><tr><td>Material and Storage</td><td>sq.m.</td><td>5,000</td></tr><tr><td>Security Office</td><td>sq.m.</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Workshop</td><td>Sq.m</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>Warehouse</td><td>sq.m.</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>Site Office (Directie Keet)</td><td>sq.m.</td><td>100</td></tr></table>	Item	Unit	Volume	Rental Land	Sq.m	10,000	Base Camp	sq.m.	102	Contractor Office	sq.m.	83	Laboratorium	sq.m.	130	Material and Storage	sq.m.	5,000	Security Office	sq.m.	8	Workshop	Sq.m	100	Warehouse	sq.m.	100	Site Office (Directie Keet)	sq.m.	100
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26.	What is the hierarchy between the Bid Data Sheet (BDS), General contract, Drawings, Specifications and BOQ?	Please read the Contract Agreement for Order of Priority of documents. Note: Bid Data Sheet is not the part of the Contract																														
27.	In the Disposal Area Table, 38 locations are identified totaling 37.59 ha. Please clarify whether these areas have been legally approved by the Ministry of Environment and whether the Contractor will need to process environmental permits (Amdal / UKL-UPL equivalent)?	Yes																														
28.	Please confirm if rental or compensation fees for the disposal areas are included in the Employer's scope or must be covered by the Contractor.	It must be covered by the contractor's scope																														
29.	In the Supply Chain Material section, multiple sources (Maliana Brother LDA, Nunura River, Gleno River, Linated LDA, Star King) are mentioned. - Are these sources already approved by the Employer / Engineer? - Are there material quality test reports (e.g., Los Angeles abrasion, gradation, specific gravity) available for reference.	All material sources intended for use in the Project must be tested by a laboratory to confirm compliance with the quality requirements defined in the Contract Specifications. Additionally, the sourcing of materials must be approved and licensed by the National Authority of Minerals, ensuring tax payment obligations are fulfilled.																														
30.	The drawing identifies two Site Camp and Stockpile locations. - Are these lands already allocated by the Employer? - If rental applies, please confirm whether rental costs should be included in the Contractor's pricing.	Yes. The lands indicated by the Employer are provided as information to the Contractor. The Contractor is obligated to rent the land, and the cost is included in Item 102: Mobilization																														



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31.	Please clarify the availability of utilities (water, power supply, telecommunication) near the designated Site Camp locations.	The bidder needs to check it during mandatory site visit. The lands indicated by the Employer are provided as information to the Contractor. The Contractor is obligated to rent the land, and the cost is included in Item 102: Mobilization or Item of General Requirements.
32.	Please confirm if Landslide Treatment/DPT drawings are final or subject to modification based on site conditions.	Any modifications in drawings will be discussed with MPW and A.D.N during implementation . In FIDIC contracts, the clause related to Variations proposed by the Contractor is typically found in FIDIC Clause 13 (Variations and Adjustments) .
33.	For DPT (retaining wall) structures higher than 3 meters, is the backfilling work for the empty side area after wall construction including backfill material supply and compaction considered payable work, or should it be deemed incidental to the DPT item?	It should be included in DPT unit price.
34.	For existing Bailey bridges (e.g., B-05, B-06, B-08), please confirm whether dismantling and reinstallation are included in the scope.	Yes
35.	Is it permitted to realign or modify the bridge location along the proposed road alignment (trase)? If allowed, please clarify the approval procedure and whether such changes require prior consent from the Engineer and the Employer.	Any modification or realignment of the bridge will be discussed with MPW and A.D.N during implementation. In FIDIC contracts, the clause related to Variations proposed by the Contractor is typically found in FIDIC Clause 13 (Variations and Adjustments) .
36.	Will the material on site be recognized for progress payment purposes?	No
37.	Can the bid submission deadline/technical bid opening be extended?	No. Please refer to ITB 22.1 and ITB 25.1


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