

Clarification No. 3

TENDER DOSSIER FOR WORKS

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Subject: Civil Works for the Rehabilitation of the Tororo-Gulu railway line

Location: UGANDA

Question 1:
<p>The tender BoQ item 70.04 refers to the Supply of Mpewere or equal approved hardwood timber sleepers size 250mm wide * 125mm thick with quantity 2353m. The tender document 39117 Tororo-Gulu works tender dossier _vol3_Technical specifications final at page 59 and 60 indicate several length dimensions types for the wood sleepers. The BoQ item 70.04 unit is meter and does not clarify the number of units of each dimension type of wood sleeper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please clarify if the item 70.04 price should include all necessary drilling of holes, and supply of fishplates, bolts, nuts and washers required for the installation.- If positive please quantify the total amount of each material (fishplates, bolts, nuts and washers) to supply.
Response to Question 1:
<p>The estimated number of timber sleepers is 900 for a total length of 2353m; the specific length of each sleeper will be determined and approved by the engineer basing on the need as assessed.</p> <p>In the Vol 4.3.3-Price schedule, PRICE No 70.04 70.04, it is stated that, “The bid rates also include all necessary punching of holes, clips, base plates, level plates, bolts, nuts, washers and fittings” as per the East Africa Railway and Harbours Engineering Manual and drawings.(copy attached)</p>
Question 2:
<p>Regarding the ballast regulator machine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Will the costumer provide a ballast regulator machine?- Please indicate the model and current operational status of the ballast regulator machine.
Response to Question 2:
<p>The customer/client will not provide a ballast regulator machine. The tamping machine to be provided has no regulator. Please refer to Clarification No 1, question 5.</p>
Question 3:
<p>Please refer to volume 4.3.2-Bill of Quantities where item 14.06.1 (page 6 of 55). The quantities for (c) operate and maintain motor cycle for travel distance in excess of average 2,000km per month is 72 km.</p> <p>Kindly confirm that this quantity is correct.</p>
Response to Question 3:
<p>No. The bidder shall estimate the distance in excess of average 2,000 km per month (72 months for 2 motorcycles)</p>
Question 4:
<p>Please refer to Volume 4.3.2-Bill of Quantities where item 21.02 clearing and shaping drains is given in linear meters, quantity 1,000 in meters in chart page 7 of 55, when in specifications is given in cubic meters page 25 of 53. Please clarify what unit is correct.</p>
Response to Question 4:

Correction: The unit of measure is cubic meters

Question 5:

Please refer to Volume 4.3.2-Bill of Quantities item 36.03 road bed preparation and compaction of material the quantity is 750,000 m². We understand that the quantity corresponds to the compaction of a width of 2 m during the full length of the project, whether in the technical specification its said that the compaction should be done in a width of 4 meters, which would imply a different quantity which would double the one given in the chart. Please clarify.

Response to Question 5:

The Bill of Quantity for item 36.03 is 750,000 m².

Question 6

Please refer to Volume 4.3.2-Bill of Quantities Item 70.01 Supply of new rails on page 9 of 55 (Volume 4.3), the associated fishplates are included in the rate, when on page 55 of 74 of volume 3 in the specifications the fishplates are included under item 70.02. Finally on page 41 of 55 of volume 4.3, the fishplates again seem to be included in 70.01 Under which item shall the fishplates be included?

Response to Question 6

The fishplates shall be included in item 70.01 as it is stated in the Volume 4.3.3-Price No 70.01, "The bid rates also include all necessary drilling of holes, fishplates, bolts, nuts and washers required for the installation. The specification for fishplates in Volume 3 – Technical specification item 7002(b) states that they should, "suit the rails section specified herein".

Question 7

Please refer to Volume 4.3.2-Bill of Quantities, item 70.02 Supply of new pandrol type steel sleeper. In the specifications Volume 3, page 55 of 74 the 'clips' appear as a separate item which is not included as such in the B.o.Q. while again on page 41 of 55 of Volume 4.3 the description of the price it seems that the clips are included. Does this then include the supply of the rail to sleeper fastenings?

Response to Question 7

Yes. The bid rates also include all necessary clips as specified in Volume 3, 7002 (a).

Question 8

Regarding the role of the JV appointed leader. In the Volume 1 section 2 point 3 Tenderer's declared, "We confirm, as a member of the consortium, that all members are jointly and severally bound in respect of the obligations under the contract, including any recoverable amount, that the lead member is authorised to bind and receive instructions for and on behalf of, each member, that the execution of the contract, including payments, it is the responsibility of the lead member With this declaration and statement, is it possible for the JV to invoice directly to the customer?

Response to Question 8

Yes, it is possible for the JV to issue invoices to the contracting authority but in accordance with the following circuit: the IPA is certified by the Supervisor's representative and becomes an IPC, validated by the supervisor before being transferred to the contracting authority.