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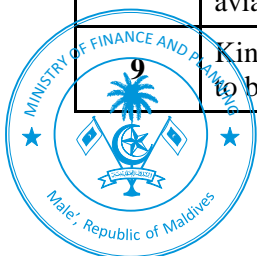
**Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility Project**

**CLARIFICATION -1**

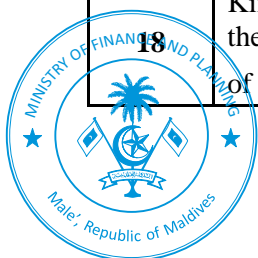
<b>Project:</b>	<b>Construction of a central level cold chain facility and complex at Hulhumale' Island</b>
<b>Issued Date:</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>

➤ Responses for the clarifications are listed below

<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Queries/Clarification</b>	<b>Responses from MoH</b>
<b>1</b>	If a Bidder wishes to participate as a Joint Venture (JV), is the NCR (National Contractor Registration) required for both JV partners??	NCR is required by both parties
<b>2</b>	As a foreign bidder, please confirm whether local taxes and duties are exempted.	Local taxes and duties will not be exempted
<b>3</b>	Apart from the advance payment, the other stages of payment are not defined. Kindly provide the details of the complete payment schedule.	Other payments are based on the progress of the works completed
<b>4</b>	Regarding the Experience Criteria, please clarify whether the experience for Solar Panel Installation Works and High-Rise Building Construction Works must be from the same project, or if separate projects demonstrating each key activity will be accepted.	Separate projects will be considered
<b>5</b>	As a foreign bidder, we kindly request confirmation on whether the bid currency should be quoted in USD or MVR.	Kindly refer ITB 15.1 of Section Bid Data Sheet
<b>6</b>	Please confirm if any other pile work, apart from sheet piling, is required as per the site and soil conditions.	No other piling work is required. Sheet piling for excavation only.
<b>7</b>	Kindly clarify whether a servo drive is required for the lifts' power supply.	No standalone "servo drive" or AVR is required.
<b>8</b>	Please confirm if there is any provision for aviation light in the scope.	Aviation lights not included in the current scope of works.
<b>9</b>	Kindly confirm whether the scaffolding cost is to be included under supply.	To be Included in the Contractor's rates as part of preliminaries.



<b>10</b>	Please specify the material of fencing for the 800m height.	Please specify the item no. with reference to the BOQ, the query is not clear.  Refer to BOQ and documents related to Employer's Requirements.
<b>11</b>	Kindly confirm the location of the DG set and fuel tank.	Genset at Ground Floor, fuel tank not included in the current scope.
<b>12</b>	Please clarify about underground cable work outside building area, whether the related permissions will be arranged by the client.	All permissions from the authorities to be taken by the contractor.
<b>13</b>	Additionally, we kindly request an extension of three (03) weeks for Bid Submission from the current Bid Submission date, considering the extensive volume of work involved in this bidding process.	Refer to Addendum 1
<b>14</b>	Could the tender period be extended? We plan to register a new company that will be eligible to issue bank guarantees and participate in the bidding under that entity.	Refer to Addendum 1
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<b>16</b>	we kindly request the client to consider accepting bonds issued by reputable insurance companies as an alternative to bank guarantees. Insurance bonds are widely accepted in the industry and provide a comparable level of security and enforceability, while offering more flexibility and reduced financial strain for contractors.  We believe this approach would maintain the integrity and financial safeguards of the project while enabling more efficient resource management from the contractor's side.  We would be happy to provide further details on the insurance bond instruments we propose and are open to any discussions to address your concerns.	Refer to Clause ITB 19.3 of Section 2 – Bid Data Sheet
<b>17</b>	Upon award of the project, the JV entity will duly register in the Maldives in accordance with the relevant guidelines.  We kindly request permission to participate in the tender without submitting the NCR certificates at this stage.	Refer to Clause ITB 11.1 (h) of Section 2 – Bid Data Sheet
<b>18</b>	Kindly allow us to submit the Bid Security in the form of Surety Bond (Insurance Bond)	Refer to Clause ITB 19.3 of Section 2 – Bid Data Sheet



19	Based on the data provided in the project drawings, we calculated the total built area of the facility to be approximately 5,874.82 sqm. However, the project scope description mentions a total area of 6,030.3 sqm. Could you please clarify this discrepancy?	Project scope refers to the building footprint area, when we consider the space allocation, the built area can be calculated from the drawing sets.
20	Working hours  Kindly provide detail of time	Standard Working hours are from morning 0800hrs to 1700hrs. The contractor would have access to site all day, hence work can be planned accordingly. However, schedule selective works (Concrete Casting, excavation etc.) within permitted hours and observe local regulations and safety requirements.
21	Material Storage Area  Kindly provide details of place	Contractor may store materials within the project site. No separate off-site storage is provided.
22	Accommodation for spaces	No accommodation space is provided by the Employer. Please include cost accordingly, as mentioned in preliminaries.
23	Date of Extension until 10th November 2025	Refer to Addendum 1
24	We note that in the Bill of Quantities (BOQ Ref: Bill No. 9; Item No. T5), the item for Internal Plastering is included and measured. However, the thickness of the plaster (e.g., 12 mm, 15 mm, or 20 mm) is not specified in the BOQ description.  To ensure uniformity in pricing and execution, kindly confirm the required thickness of internal plastering as per the project specification or drawing details.	20mm thickness
25	We note that in the Bill of Quantities (BOQ Ref: Bill No. 9; Item No. T6), the item for External Plastering is included and measured. However, the thickness of the plaster (e.g., 12 mm, 15 mm, or 20 mm) is not specified in the BOQ description.  To ensure uniformity in pricing and execution, kindly confirm the required thickness of internal plastering as per the project specification or drawing details.	20mm thickness
26	We noted from the BOQ, Reinforcement concrete grade M50 for the above first floor to Roof floor is measured. Whereas in the structural drawing (Ref: TS-01) for Beams, Slabs, Staircase etc., Kindly Clarify.	Grade 50 concrete is only for certain columns. Please refer the column chart (drawing no. S-06 and S - 07) for the specific concrete grades in columns. Concrete grades for other components should be as per the structural detail drawings.



27	Based on the data provided in the project drawings, we calculated the total built area of the facility to be approximately 5,874.82 sqm. However, the project scope description mentions a total area of 6,030.3 sqm. Could you please clarify this discrepancy?	"The total area as per the drawings is 5874.82 sqm including the area of the roof slab but excluding balconies and flower troughs.  The area of 6030.3 sqm stated in the project description includes the areas of balconies, plant troughs and also the lift voids, duct voids as well."
28	"In section 2 of the bid data sheet, we noticed some missing information regarding the ITB references. Specifically, ITB 3 to ITB 6 are not shown in the document. Could you please confirm if there are any updates or clarifications regarding these details?"	No additional clarifications will be provided. Necessary information are included in the Bidding Document.
29	Please confirm whether the furniture of the building is included within our scope of work.	Not in the scope
30	It has been observed that Air Conditioners (VRF 5 – VRF 10) are indicated in the MVAC drawings but not reflected in the BOQ. Kindly clarify this discrepancy.	VRF 5 - VRF 10 will be supplied and installed for 4th to 8th fl and machine room level operations. Hence It is not part of the phase 1 project scope. What is given in the BOQ is only the project scope under phase 1.

