

**TNPA/2023/02/0017/22363/RFP FOR THE DESIGN, SUPPLY, COMMISSIONING, TESTING AND DELIVERY OF THE THREE (3) MARINE PILOT HELICOPTERS FOR THE PORTS OF DURBAN, RICHARDS BAY AND CAPE TOWN OVER A STAGGERED PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS**

**CLARIFICATION REGISTER**

No	Tenderer Query	Transnet Response
1	<p>I would like to bring to your attention the unique airworthiness specifications for the Mi-8 range of helicopters, as outlined in the Civil Aviation Authority of the Czech Republic Document No. 2732-18-433, valid since 01.08.2018.</p> <p>According to the documentation (attached which is traceable with the EASA as well), the Mi-8 range helicopters are issued with a Special Airworthiness Certificate (SAC) based on the Special Airworthiness Specification (SAS). This deviation from the conventional type certificate is grounded in the Mi-8MSB helicopter being recognized by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) as corresponding to Annex II, instead of The Standard Type Certificate as per ICAO.</p> <p>To simplify, EASA regards and recognizes the Mi-8MSB helicopter as falling under Annex II, and this determination was solidified after negotiations between the Civil Aviation Authority of the Czech Republic and EASA. In a written confirmation dated January 24, 2017, EASA reaffirmed the Mi-8 helicopter's status as an air vehicle corresponding to Annex II, even considering the possibility of applying for a Special Type Certificate (STC).</p> <p>The decision to issue a Special Airworthiness Specification (SAS) instead of a Type Certificate is in accordance with Instructions L8/A, Chapter 1, item 1.6. This SAS outlines the conditions for the operation and maintenance of Mi-8, Mi-8T, Mi-8P, Mi-8S, Mi-8MT, and Mi-8MSB helicopters. Specifically, it provides the authority for the issuance of a Special Airworthiness Certificate (SAC) under the category "RESTRICTED," as per Instructions L8/A, Chapter 6, item 6.3, which pertains to the special category of aircraft.</p> <p>In essence, the SAS serves as the regulatory framework that authorizes the issuance of the SAC, ensuring compliance with the specified conditions for airworthiness and operation.</p> <p>I have attached all the documents relating to this and which proves that it is EASA approved. (Original document signed and translated version unsigned in English)</p>	<p>The RFP is intended for any bidders who are able to design, manufacture and supply helicopters as per scope of work that comply to Transnet safety standards as well as aviation safety standards. The EASA/FAA certification refer to aircrafts that are manufactured anywhere in the world that comply to these certifications. Any bidder that manufactures an aircraft with EASA/FAA certification, means that that particular aircraft meets the highest safety standards that are recognised in the aviation space.</p>

**Signed**

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