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CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE MZIMVUBU WATER PROJECT FOR THE PROVISION OF INTEGRATED WATER SERVICES MASTERPLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION READINESS STUDY

Dear Bidder,

TCTA acknowledges receipt of the requests for clarification listed in the attached table. The response to each request for clarification is provided in the attached table.

Yours faithfully

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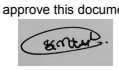

Acquisition Manager: Capital Projects

TABLE 1: BIDDER'S REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION AND TCTA RESPONSES

Item	Description or Bidder's Query and TCTA Response
1.	Is a socio-economic analysis required for selected project for Task 5 BFI application?
	Yes, indirectly. Task 5 (Section 3.5, Appendix 1) requires a Consolidated Full-Cost and Affordability Report and revised BFI application package demonstrating the project's value proposition, fiscal sustainability, and integrated demand case. While "socio-economic analysis" isn't named as a standalone deliverable, the BFI package must substantiate the project's value proposition — which inherently requires socio-economic justification consistent with National Treasury's Infrastructure Planning and Appraisal Guidelines (Section 3.1.4, Task 1).
2.	What is the estimated quantum of the BFI application?
	Estimated at R8.2 bn – subject to escalations.
3.	Is a Quantitative risk assessment (QRA) with associated workshop required, once the capital and project execution schedule have been completed, to assign estimate accuracy and recommend contingency for the project?
	The RFB does not explicitly require a QRA with associated workshop as a named deliverable. However, the following are confirmed requirements that overlap with this scope: • *A **Fiscal Risk Register** is a required deliverable under Task 5 (Section 3.5, Appendix 1)* • *Sub-Task 7.8 requires the PSP to develop, maintain and continuously update a **risk register** (with assumptions log) for the Services and Project implementation* • *A **Lessons Learnt Workshop** is referenced as a probable Additional/Exceptional Service under Section 3.7.4.2* *A formal QRA process with contingency recommendations, tied specifically to capital cost and execution schedule, is not expressly mandated. Bidders requiring confirmation on whether this level of quantitative risk modelling is expected should submit a formal clarification request to TCTA before the deadline*
4.	Is a Hazard Study (HAZOP) and associated workshop required to determine the most significant risks and incorporate these into the project risk register?
	*No, the RFB does not require a HAZOP study or associated workshop. HAZOP is a process safety methodology typically applied to engineering design and operational systems, which falls outside this assignment's scope — this is a **planning, masterplanning and funding readiness study**, not a detailed design or implementation assignment.*
5.	We please request urgent clarification on the bid structure. The RFB definition section defines "Consortium or Joint Venture" together as an association of persons combining expertise, property, capital, effort, skill and knowledge for execution of the Agreement. In addition, clause 10.15 is titled "Joint Venture or Consortium" and sets out requirements for the joint venture or consortium agreement, including member contributions, percentage participation, management arrangements and dispute resolution. Annexure E refers to a "Joint Venture Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement and Power of Attorney" and states that a letter of intent will suffice at bid stage. Annexure F is titled "Declaration of Joint and Several Liability" and states that the bidder should provide the relevant agreement/memorandum and declaration if bidding as

	a joint venture or consortium. Please confirm the following: 1. Does TCTA differentiate between a consortium and a joint venture for purposes of this tender? 2. If a bidder submits as a consortium, will Annexure F and joint and several liability still apply? 3. Would TCTA accept a consortium structure where the consortium has a single lead interface, but each member remains professionally responsible for its own specialist scope?
	1. Does TCTA differentiate between a consortium and a joint venture? *Yes, Consortium members will be evaluated individually, unless the Agreement indicates otherwise, that extends to all criteria applicable.* ***2. Will Annexure F (Declaration of Joint and Several Liability) still apply to a consortium?*** *Yes, TCTA shall rely on the Consortium Agreement in determining the liability of each of the parties. It is upon the members to the Consortium to expressly include or exclude any provision with respect to liability, failing which the assumption of joint and several liability applies.* ***3. Would TCTA accept a single lead interface with members retaining responsibility for their own specialist scope?*** *The structural arrangement of the Consortium is purely the discretion of the members. It is the duty of the members that the structure allows that the consortium is capable of being evaluated. Further TCTA must be capable of identifying the party with which it will contract.*