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LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY | PULEGA O FELAUAGA I LE LAUELEELE

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To: All Eligible Bidders

Reference: CCIRUP/CW-1A, Construction of the Central Cross Island Road Upgrading Project:
Lot 1 – KM 9+000 to KM 11+014; Lot 2 – KM 11+014 to KM 13+329; Lot 3 – KM 13+239 to KM 15+500

Subject: Clarification No. 2

We have received Requests for Clarification (RFCs) from various bidders and hereby submit our official Clarifications.

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2.1	21/07/2026	Could you please clarify whether the "Credit Line" in Form FIN-3 should represent the total approved credit facility or only the available undrawn amount as at the reporting date?	With reference to footnote (a) of Form FIN-3, 'A credit line is an unconditional and legally binding loan extended to a Bidder by a financial institution. <u>The credit line must be free from any pledge, encumbrance, or commitment to a third party or other transactions. Credit lines should be substantiated by a letter from the bank issuing the line of credit.</u> ' Therefore, only the undrawn amount of an approved credit facility will be considered available to meet the Bidder's financial requirements for the subject contract and, if clearly identified, its financial obligations for its own current contract commitments. Relevant experience on at least one contract that meets these requirements is sufficient to comply with this criterion.

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2.2	21/07/2026	Will the inclusion of an individual in a Bidder's proposed Key Personnel team, who previously served on the Consultant's Supervision Team for CW2 but has since resigned and was not involved in the preparation of the current CW1-A tender, create any conflict of interest or affect the Bidder's eligibility?	Bidder's must explain in their Bid how any potential conflict of interest, as defined in footnote #1 to ITB 3.1(a)(vi) ["Conflict of interest" means any situation in which a party has interests that could improperly influence that party's performance of official duties or responsibilities; contractual obligations, or compliance with applicable laws and regulations], will be managed in these circumstances.
2.3	21/07/2026	Please clarify whether a Bidder whose latest audited financial statements are not available at the time of bid submission, but are expected to be available by December 2026, may submit its most recent available audited financial statements to satisfy the financial requirements?	If audited Financial Statements are not available for the most recent financial year, then Bidders shall submit audited statements for the most recent five financial years.
2.4	27/07/2026	In regards to section no. 5 of the schedule of quantities, it calls for a single coat chip seal (10mm). Can you please provide a time frame as to when tendering contractors can expect the asphalt concrete to be placed on top of the chip sealed surface as a single coat dressing may not be able to withstand prolonged exposure to weather and traffic. We would like to please request this information as it will help with providing an appropriate bid and methodology post sealing.	BOQ Item # 5.4.1 1-coat primerseal (10 mm) in particular refers. The Contract does not prescribe a fixed period between placement of the 1-coat primerseal and the asphaltic concrete overlay. The Contractor shall be responsible for programming the Works and sequencing surfacing operations in accordance with the Contract requirements and the approved Construction Programme. The primerseal specified under BOQ5.4.1 forms an integral part of the final pavement system comprising the sprayed bituminous surfacing and 50 mm thick asphaltic concrete overlay. Refer to Specification R51 and Specification R52 for further details. Bidders should allow for construction sequencing that maintains the integrity and serviceability of the primerseal

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			until the asphalt overlay is placed. The Contractor remains responsible for the care, protection and maintenance of the surfacing during construction and the Defects Notification Period in accordance with the Contract requirements. For clarity, the Works Requirements specifically require a 1-coat primerseal to be applied to all areas receiving 50 mm thick asphaltic concrete under CW-1. The primerseal is therefore intended as an interim waterproofing and trafficking layer prior to placement of the asphalt surfacing and not as the final wearing course. Its purpose is to protect the underlying pavement layers from moisture ingress, maintain pavement integrity under construction traffic, and provide a suitable platform for subsequent placement of the asphaltic concrete overlay.

Kind regards



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