



## Invitation for Market Sounding to Local and International Private Promoters

### BOT Project for new Roche Bois Pump Station and new Baie du Tombeau Wastewater Treatment Plant

#### CLARIFICATION NO. 1

REF	QUESTION / CLARIFICATION / REQUEST	RESPONSE
1	Would a two week extension for the submission of responses be considered?	The deadline to respond to the Market Sounding Exercise is extended to 11 September 2024 at 13.00 hrs (local Time)
2	Kindly clarify if the Annexure B is informative or interested parties, as a Developer Company, are expected to submit that kind of information	Annexure B has been provided to provide guidance for the completion of Table 3.4 in the MSD.
3	We seek your guidance to understand the procurement process for this project to prepare ourselves for bidding	The procurement process will entail the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for Qualification (RFQ) – open process following input from Market Sounding</li> <li>• Shortlisting of Respondents to the RFQ</li> <li>• Request for Proposal (RFP) issued to shortlisted Respondents</li> </ul>
4	From the information available, we see that CCLM joint venture has been appointed as the Transaction Advisor (TA) and has completed the feasibility study. Please kindly provide the feasibility report so that we can understand the project details and assess its viability	The feasibility report will not be made available. However, more comprehensive information will be provided during the RFQ and RFP processes to follow.
5	What is the owner's estimated total investment amount for this project?	This is for the owner to determine based on the technical information provided in section 2.3 of the Market Sounding Document.  The main scope of the project is to construct a new pumping station and wastewater treatment plant which will be governed by the technical solution of the promoter and hence the cost will vary. The aim is to implement the project on a BOT model.
6	What is the ratio of equity to debt financing?	The debt equity ratio will not be prescribed. This is for the project owner to determine and based on its own specific funding arrangements with its equity and debt providers.
7	Is this project planning to use a non-recourse project financing model?	While it is not prescriptive in any way how an owner chooses to fund the projects, it is expected that for a project of this nature it will entail a typical equity and debt funding structure of which the debt portion could well be on a non-recourse project finance basis.
8	Is the Mauritian government providing sovereign guarantees, fiscal guarantees, or credit enhancement measures for this project?	The project will be paid for by the Government of Mauritius and not the Wastewater Management Authority. Therefore, there is no need for sovereign guarantees, fiscal guarantees or credit enhancement for the project.
9	Is the revenue source for this project from the wastewater treatment fees (or tariffs) collected by the Mauritian government?	No. At this juncture, the project will be paid directly by the Government of Mauritius by means of a unitary payment, which in turn will be determined from evaluating the most competitive bid from Respondents. However, this may be subject to revision depending on Government policy. The Bidder do not have to take any other revenue risk.

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10	Is it 100% paid by the government?	Yes, as explained above at REF 9.
11	What is the payment currency?	The Project Company (Special Purpose Vehicle) will have to be a company registered in Mauritius. Hence, the unitary fee payment will be made in Mauritian Rupee.
12	The tentative schedule for the next steps of consultation after the Market Sounding.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Issue RFQ to the market</li> <li>2. Receive responses to RFQ</li> <li>3. Evaluation of submissions</li> <li>4. Inform Respondents of Shortlist</li> <li>5. Issue RFP to shortlisted Respondents</li> </ol>
13	Will there be a Prequalification stage?	Yes, please refer to REF 3 and REF 12 above
14	Any other useful information that can be communicated to prospective bidders in order to get them interested in the project.	More information will be made available with the RFQ and RFP.
15	<p>i. Water quality and quality entering the sewerage treatment plant</p> <p>This project collects sewage including municipal domestic sewage, industrial wastewater, and leachate from garbage.</p> <p>(a) The raw volumes fluctuates greatly. Can you provide the amount of sewage from different sources?</p> <p>(b) The quality of sewage is very complex, industrial wastewater may contain toxic and harmful substances due to the influence if industrial types and production processes; The concentration of pollutants in the leachate of garbage is very high. Therefore advanced processing technology is required. Can you provide water quality testing reports from different sources and provide suggestions on the water quality of the incoming water entering the Sewerage Treatment Plant.</p> <p>ii. The construction of the site of this project is located in a coastal area and may have geological hazards such as silt and quicksand. Please provide the geological survey report and topographical map data to enable us to make the general layout of the plant and determine whether to carry out foundation treatment.</p>	<p>Disposal of effluents generated by all activities shall be in compliance with the respective schedules provided in Environmental Protection Act of the Ministry of Environment. Pre-treatment is carried out (if required) prior to discharge in the sewer line.</p> <p>More comprehensive information will be provided during the RFQ and RFP processes to follow.</p>
16	What would be the procedure to further express our interest in providing you information on feasible technologies suited for the Baie du Tombeau WWTP project?	Please refer to REF 3 and REF 12

**GENERAL COMMENT:** Please note that:

- i) this market sounding exercise is purely a process to obtain an indication of the local and international market interest, in the project;
- ii) the Market Sounding Document (MSD) is not a procurement process, and no evaluation of the responses to the MSD will be done;

- iii) not responding to the (MSD) will not exclude any private promotor to participate as a respondent to the RFQ; and
- iv) Responding to the (MSD) will not bear any advantage or disadvantage during the procurement process.

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**DATE:** 21 August 2024