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REP081/2025- THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED DIKIDIKINI BRIDGE OVER MZINTLAVA RIVER NEAR DIKIDIKINI VILLAGE IN NTABANKULU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE EASTERN CAPE: RESPONSE TO QUERIES

Query No.	Query Description	Notes/Response
1	Will we be allowed to price ODEX 457mm diameter piles in place of the ODEX 273mm piles? The number of piles will also be reduced to ensure correct bearing as per drawing A_GA30-01_T03 - Pile Layout and Details. The reason for this request is that some of the specialised piling contractors have indicated that the ODEX 273mm diameter piles are not readily available in South Africa and it will be uneconomical to import them for this size project.	The piling contractor to price the document as currently provided. Attention is drawn to the requirement under the project specific specification which states "The number of piles currently indicated on the construction drawing needs to be provided as a minimum." It remains the responsibility of the contractor to define the diameter of the piles as part of the design and supply process.
2	1. The Performance Specification, Annexture N indicates a bridge span of 51.8m between bearings. 2. The drawings provided with the tender document indicates a span of 44.819m between the bearings. Question Can you kindly confirm which bridge span is correct?	As per tender briefing bridge length to be 44.82m, refer to revised Annexure N - Bridge Performance Specification rev 1
3	We have noted some discrepancies in Section 4 of the Bridge Performance Specification. It currently refers to S355J steelwork; however, as per our understanding, the T200 system requires S460JR for the chords. Kindly confirm whether the specification will be amended to reflect this requirement.	S460JR will be accepted steel in use for construction of the bridge
4	We propose offering a locally produced Toriggo T200 bridge, a Mabey equivalent manufactured using locally sourced S460 channels and designed to both AASHTO HL93 and TMH7 loading standards.	Please price the document as currently provided i.e. making use of the MABEY bridge system. Alternatives for the bridge may be provided as part of the tender submission. Any alternative will be required to comply functionally with the requirements of the current specification for the bridge structure in terms of loading, extent etc. The acceptance of alternative bridge suppliers by tenderers remains at the sole discretion of the employer.

5	Additionally, we would like to confirm whether a TK bridge system, which utilizes S355 material, can be considered an acceptable alternative provided it complies fully with TMH7 requirements.	Grade S355J steel will be accepted. Provided the bridge design complies with the loading requirements as detailed in Annexure N.
6	1.There is a length discrepancy of the structure. The drawings indicate 44.8m and the Specifications indicate 51m. Please can you clarify the exact length for pricing purposes.	Refer to query number 2 above
7	2. Leading on from the length discrepancy, Mabey take a minimum of 2 weeks to price the bridge structure but the closing date for the tender is in 2 weeks' time (03 November 2025). Please can I request that the closing date be moved out by 2 weeks (17 November 2025) to ensure we can price accurately.	*Tender closing date extended to the* **17 November 2025 @23h55pm.** *Request for submission link extended to the* **13 November 2025 @16:30pm.** *Bidders to submit written questions / clarifications extended to the* **07 November 2025 @12h00pm.** **NB: *Bidders are urged to download the updated Volume 1 for response purposes.***

Tender Notice No 1: Date of issue Thursday 23 October 2025

The following documentation is issued under this notice. This documentation shall form part of the Contract.