

# LomNam EIA Tender

02 September 2016

**REF: Notice No 1/020916 – Time extensions and response to bidder queries.**

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## Notice of date changes

All prospective bidders to the above tender are hereby notified of the following changes regarding the tender:

1. The bid submission date has been extended to the **16<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, 15:00 hrs.**
2. The deadline for the submission of queries has been extended to **8<sup>th</sup> of September 2016.**
3. The bid evaluation date has been moved to the **23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2016.**
4. All bidders are requested to register with Ms Dimpho Keitseng on [dimpho.keitseng@gize.de](mailto:dimpho.keitseng@gize.de)
5. All bid terms and conditions, other than the exceptions made above, remain as presented in the tender invitation letter.

## Queries and responses to date

Bidders are also hereby being informed that the following queries regarding the tender have been received till the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2016. All prospective bidders with similar queries are invited to check the responses provided.

<b>Query</b>	Is it possible to have access to the studies already done and when? Without knowing these studies we cannot properly estimate the scope and effort required for their review and amendment.
<b>Response</b>	<b>The full EIA/CIA study documents of the existing studies will be availed to the winning bidder as per the ToR. However, the existing hard copies can be inspected, not collected, from the counterpart offices in Mozambique and Swaziland by prior arrangement with the authorities there.</b>  <b><u>Mozambique:</u> National Directorate for Water Supply and Sanitation (Direcção Nacional de Abastecimento de Águas e Saneamento) and the Administração de Infraestruturas de Abastecimento de Água e Saneamento (AIAS).</b> <b><u>Swaziland:</u> Ministry of National Resources and Energy, Department of Water Affairs.</b>
<b>Query</b>	Were the EIAs carried out in compliance with Mozambican and Swazi EIA legalisation? I.e. in the case of Mozambique was the Project categorized by MITADER? Has the Environmental Pre-Feasibility Study and Scoping been prepared, submitted to and approved by MITADER? Idem for Swaziland?
<b>Response</b>	<b>The existing EIAs followed the guidelines of the environmental authorities in both Mozambique and Swaziland but were not submitted for approval.</b>
<b>Query</b>	Were the studies subject to public consultation? If not then Public Consultation meetings will be required to divulge the EIA Reports.
<b>Response</b>	<b>Public consultations were carried out and reported during the development of the existing EIA reports (pre-scoping and scoping phases) but the final reports were not</b>

	<b>presented for public scrutiny.</b>
<b>Query</b>	Is it possible to extend the deadline for submission of the proposal for one more week?
<b>Response</b>	<b>The decision to extend the deadline can only be made after all the queries have been received by the cut of date for queries, being the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2016 (otherwise specified in the letter of invitation to tender as “... <u>at the latest five working days before the closing of tender...</u>”. Thereafter all enquirers shall be notified of the decision made.</b>
<b>Query</b>	I however am worried about the time frame given the project, 6 weeks will definitely not be enough and I say this through experience. Stakeholder consultations (convening meetings) and Authority approvals for EIAs take forever. Moreover, one is not sure of the amount of work required (gaps and comments) Is it possible to extend the project time?
<b>Response</b>	<b>The time allowed for the work was revised from six to NINE weeks. This is reflected in Section 2.9, page 9 of the ToR. Thus, further extension of the project time can only be considered after bid evaluation.</b>
<b>Query</b>	Seemingly the assignment requires a variety of experts and therefore one may ask if this is a tender for individual or companies?
<b>Response</b>	<b>The ToRs call for an EIA Expert team from a company so a single individual will not qualify.</b>