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Date: 05 October 2015

Subject: Amendment Nr.1 to RFP for Provision of ‘Certification and Quality Control Services for Mine Clearance Services of Border Minefields on the Eastern Borders of Turkey ’

Ref : UNDP-TUR-RFP-PROJ(DEM)-2015/04

Dear Madam/Sir,

In relation to our RFP for provision ‘**Certification and Quality Control Services for Mine Clearance Services of Border Minefields on the Eastern Borders of Turkey**’, issued on 22 September 2015 with reference nr. **UNDP-TUR-RFP-PROJ(DEM)-2015/04**, you are hereby provided with;

Attachment-1: The ‘Answers to Questions’ received from prospective suppliers between 22 September 2015- 04 October 2015,
and

Attachment-2: Eastern Border Mine Clearance Standards (EBMCS)

You are kindly requested to prepare your proposals with the consideration of these Attachments and submit your proposals latest by **6 November 2015, 17:30hrs, Turkey time** to the address stipulated in our solicitation documents.

Yours sincerely,

Matilda Dimovska
Deputy Resident Representative

Attachment-I-‘Answers to Questions’ received from prospective suppliers between 22 September 2015-04 October 2015

Attachment-II- Eastern Border Mine Clearance Standards (EBMCS)

Attachment-I:

**'Answers to Questions' Received From Prospective Proposers between
22 September 2015- 04 October 2015**

Question 1: Is it possible to share the 'Eastern Border Mine Clearance Standards' (EBMCS) referred to in the RFP?

Answer 1: Yes, the 'Eastern Border Mine Clearance Standards' (EBMCS) referred to in the RFP has been shared with the prospective proposers who have officially sent 'Acknowledgement Letter' indicating their intention to submit a proposal, referred to in the cover letter of the RFP.

Those prospective proposers who will send official 'Acknowledgement Letter' indicating their intention to submit a proposal as required in the cover letter of the RFP will also be provided with the 'Eastern Border Mine Clearance Standards' (EBMCS).

Question 2: Will evidence of QA/QC on clearance activities be accepted for PF3 (Similar experience on Demining Certification, QA/QC services for demining) criteria?

Answer 2: Yes, evidence of QA/QC on clearance activities will be accepted for PF3(Similar experience on Demining Certification, QA/QC services for demining) criteria, with the condition that it is submitted in the exact form and with exact content stipulated in the RFP.

Question 3: Is the tender for provision of 'Certification and Quality Control Services for Mine Clearance Services of Border Minefields on the Eastern Borders of Turkey', issued on 22 September 2015 with reference nr. UNDP-TUR-RFP-PROJ(DEM)-2015/04 open to all prospective Offerors?

Answer 3: Yes, the tender for provision of 'Certification and Quality Control Services for Mine Clearance Services of Border Minefields on the Eastern Borders of Turkey', issued on 22 September 2015 with reference nr. UNDP-TUR-RFP-PROJ(DEM)-2015/04 is open to all prospective Offerors from all over the world. The RFP has been announced publicly through an open international competition.

Question 4: Should a JV or Consortium, who previously applied to 'Revised Expression of Interest for Prequalification for Certification, Quality Assurance, Quality Control of Demining of Eastern Borders' issued on 2 April 2015 with reference UNDP-TUR-EOI-PROJ(DEM)-2015/02, through which no company/legal entity was pre-qualified in the process, keep its previous structure to submit a proposal for this RFP?

Answer 4: *A JV or Consortium, who previously applied to 'Revised Expression of Interest for Prequalification for Certification, Quality Assurance, Quality Control of Demining of Eastern Borders' issued on 2 April 2015 with reference UNDP-TUR-EOI-PROJ(DEM)-2015/02, through which no company/legal entity was pre-qualified in the process, can either keep its previous structure or develop a new structure to submit a proposal for this RFP.*

Question 5: Should "The clearance contractor...." Article 6.12-Insurances on page # 57 of the RFP read as "The QA/QC certification service provider...."?

Answer 5: *Yes, there was a typo in Article 6.12-Insurances on page # 57 of the RFP. Accordingly, "The clearance contractor...." in this Article should read as "The QA/QC certification service provider....".*

Question 6: Section 10-Forms of the RFP at the page # 76 reads as "In case of Joint Ventures, all forms shall be signed, dated and stamped by each member of the JV". If the Lead Entity can meet all requirement (100%) by itself for PF3 and PF4 as explained on the pages # 32 and 33 of the RFP, should Form4, Form 5 and Form6 still be signed by each member of JV?

Answer 6: *All forms shall be signed, dated and stamped by each member of the JV as also stated in the RFP, even if the Lead Entity can meet all requirement (100%) by itself for PF3 and PF4 as explained on the pages # 32 and 33 of the RFP, as the Proposer Legal Entity is the JV in such a case.*

Question 7: Although Item 7 in Data Sheet of the RFP states that Site Visit is not applicable, Article 4.1 of the SoR of the RFP states that "...It is therefore recommended that the Proposers undertake the field trip to Turkey in order to properly prepare their bids..." Can you please clarify the issue of 'site visit'?

Answer 7: *'Site Visit' is not required for prospective proposers for this RFP. However, the prospective proposers are free to conduct their own market research.*

Question 8: Will any of the QA/QC staff be required outside of the demining months, for example to work with the mine action authorities as referred to on page 51 of the RFP, as the 'secondary role'.

Answer 8: The QA-QC staff may be required to work beyond the demining season, and in partnership with the national authorities, in line with capacity development activities.

Question 9: Where will the project office referred to in Item 3.2 of the SoR on page 47 be located?

Answer 9: The Project Office referred to in Item 3.2 of the SoR on page 47 will be co-located with the NMAC in Ankara. The UNDP TAT Field Coordinators will be working in proximity to the area of operations (and the 3 x Lots), and working from regional offices, with frequent travel to Kars, Igdir, Van and other locations as required.