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**Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers
in open competition “Preparation of the operational
plan of the railway” ID. No RBR 2017/19**

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions received until 21 September 2017 from the interested suppliers:

No	Question	Answer
1.	<p>WP 4.2 — Study area software modelling —</p> <p>The Contractor shall perform the software modelling of the railway infrastructure of the Study area, and of the operational situations, for every time period.</p> <p>Which time periods are intended? How many periods?</p>	<p>Please refer to Clause 2.1.6 of the Technical Specification on page 39 of the Regulations.</p>
2.	<p>On the basis of the information collected on type of services, rolling stock fleets and infrastructure parameters, the Contractor shall create a software model of the Rail Baltica railway operation situation, for every time period.</p> <p>Software model created on a format compatible with RailSys, which is the software in use inside RB Rail.</p> <p>A copy of the software model and its update shall be transferred to RB Rail on request</p> <p>It shall be on RailML format.</p> <p>Do you intend the tenderer to create the infrastructure model from the documents mentioned within WP3?</p> <p>Will you provide initial infrastructure model data from your existing train modeling tool, in which format? Or do you request the tenderer to do this modeling work for you?</p> <p>A software model in RailML is sufficient – do we understand these requirements correctly?</p>	<p>As part of the scope of works included in WP 3, the Contractor shall create the infrastructure model of the line, on the basis of input data provided by RB Rail, which are mainly preliminary design documents and drawings. The Tenderers shall consider that no infrastructure models are available.</p> <p>Refer to “Answers to questions from interested suppliers, 05.09.2017”</p>
3.	<p>[..] if existing models of some sections would be available under useable format. they would be delivered to the Contractor to speed up the modelling phase.</p>	<p>The Tenderers shall consider that no infrastructure models nor timetable data electronically processable are available.</p>

	Do you have any electronically processable infrastructure or timetable data?	
4.	The Contractor shall incorporate in the model the sections with gauntleted 1435 mm and 1520 mm gauges, located in Kaunas node area. Necessary train operation data on 1520 mm will be provided as input data, or assumptions taken in agreement with RB Rail. Which infrastructure with 1520mm gauge has to be integrated? Are intersections / mixed network parts sufficient and can arrival/departure times of 1520mm trains be derived from the data provided on that granularity?	In Kaunas area there are several gauge crossings and one gauntleted track section of about 1,5 km, located inside Kaunas tunnel. The Contractor shall analyse and model the situation of Kaunas node, on the basis of input data to be provided by RB Rail: infrastructure data for both gauges, and timetable for 1520 mm gauge.
5.	WP 4.2 (2.5.11): Can RB please specify if and where existing models (i.e. railway infrastructure in RailML format) exists and can be handed over as this will have an impact on the number of hours spent for building the model?	Please see answer No 3.
6.	WP 4.4 Operation resources assessment (2.5.21 estimation of operation cost): Could you please confirm if our understanding is correct, that the estimation covers only the railway <u>infrastructure</u> operation cost, not train operation costs (that being part of institutional and financial aspects covered elsewhere)?	Your understanding is correct.
7.	Due to the complexity of the proposal and making use of the already available information to prepare the best possible offer, we would kindly ask for an extension of the deadline for the delivery of the proposal by two weeks.	Proposal submission deadline has been prolonged until 10 October 2017, 14:00.
8.	According to clause 10.3.5, both, the Uniform Rules for Demand Guaranties and the regulatory enactments of the Republic of Latvia, shall be applicable to the proposal (bid) security. Therefore, this bank guarantee shall be issued by a Latvian bank or a branch of an international bank with presence in Latvia. The process to issue this guarantee is long and complex, needing at least one week to be completed. Due to this fact and because we are really interested in this project, we kindly ask you to facilitate the model of a proposal (bid) security or confirm if the model attached to this email is valid.	Procurement commission cannot pre evaluate any documents before proposal submission deadline, but we inform you that Proposal (Bid) security in any of types specified in Clause 10.2 regardless of Country of residence if issuer will be considered valid as long as it corresponds to the required conditions stipulated in Section 10 of the Regulations.
9.	Tender documentation, TS, page 42, Chapter 2.3.20 – CA expect from	Contractor shall consider 25 tons per axle.

	Contractor to define freight fleet for axle load of 25 tons. In other RBR documentation, axle load is 22,5 tons. Please clarify that the Consultant must take into consideration only freight rolling stocks for maximum axle load of 22,5 tons or 25 tons.	
10.	Tender documentation, page 52-53, Chapter 3.6.2 – According to Table, deadline for work on Final Report will be until CD+34weeks. CA will give approval on Report in following 2 weeks (CD+36 weeks). After approval, Final Completion Report must be realized in CD+35weeks, which is not possible.	Final Completion Report is an administrative report describing the course of the performance of the Services (refer to 3.5.3 page 52), and could be submitted independently of the Final Report.
11.	Based on Time Schedule analysis, the Consultant proposes that the deadline for the execution of contractual obligations be extended by 2 weeks (38 weeks instead of 36 weeks) according to the following table: <i>[Table removed from the question by procurement commission due to no significance to the question]</i>	The deadline for the execution of contractual obligations will not be modified.
12.	Considering as very complex project, including 9 huge working packages (WP) and in order to prepare technically and professionally suitable proposal, we kindly asking you to prolong proposal submission deadline till 3 of October 2017.	Proposal submission deadline has been prolonged until 10 October 2017, 14:00.

Procurement commission
Chairman



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