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**Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers
in open competition “Rail Baltica energy subsystem procurement and deployment
strategy” ID. No RBR 2018/8**

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions received until 22 June 2018 from the interested suppliers:

No	Question	Answer
1.	We kindly ask you to consider the following substantiation for extension of the deadline for submission of applications for the open competition “Rail Baltica Energy Subsystem Procurement and Deployment Strategy” (ID No. RBR 2018/8) and extend the deadline accordingly.	The Procurement commission has taken into account your consideration and has made a decision to prolong the period for submission of proposals by additional 4 weeks. The new submission deadline for proposals is set to 1 August 2018 by 15:00 (GMT +3). Please see the amended information in the newly released Regulations, E-Tenders system and RB Rail AS web page (http://www.railbaltica.org/tenders/).
2.	Considering that approval practices vary from one country to another, would you please clarify item 10.8 of competition regulations, i.e. if a foreign bank cannot provide secure electronic signature on the original of the bank guarantee (bid security), is the Tenderer bound to submit the original document in paper format on the day of opening of proposals?	The tenderers should submit a scanned copy of the original bank guarantee (bid security) in the E-Tenders system and, in accordance with the Article 41 (5) of the Public Procurement Law and Section 2.2 and 10.8.1 of the procurement regulations in this specific case the Tenderer shall submit the original document in paper format before the day of opening of the proposals.
3.	Would you please confirm that a company who will be given the rights to sign the contract for the implementation of the project “Rail Baltica Energy Subsystem Procurement and Deployment Strategy” (ID No. RBR 2018/8) will not find itself in any conflicts of interests whatsoever for the implementation of the electrification project in the future?	Procurement Commission would like to point out clause 5.1.3 of the Technical Specification (ToR) of the Regulations, which restricts awarding contract of this Open Competition to any companies having direct links to any of the manufacturers of the Energy subsystems technologies or components. In addition, Contracting Authority can't guarantee absence of a potential conflict of interests throughout the process of Rail Baltica Global Project

		implementation or to provide any response on the matter.
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Procurement Commission Chairman



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