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***Answers to the questions from interested suppliers***

***in the competitive procedure with negotiations***

***“Shadow operator services for Rail Baltica Global Project”,***

***identification number RBR 2020/14***

RB Rail AS presents following answers to the questions received from interested suppliers until 22 September 2020:

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| **Nr.** | **Question** | **Answer** |
| 1. | According to the tender regulations the contracting authority wants to see the participation of infrastructure, passenger and freight operators.  These are usually not the companies which intend to participate in consultancy projects (as some of them are state-owned companies, it is even forbidden for them to participate in projects outside their home country) but still within the procurement a lot of administrative documents have to be provided for them and the preparation have to be organized accordingly.  In addition, due to the current increase of COVID cases in most European countries, the possibilities for quick and direct communication are very restricted.  Furthermore for most of these operators the priorities are at the moment in securing the operation of infrastructure, freight transport or passenger transport which is their core business and less resources are available to prepare the documents for the shadow operator tender.  Following the above-stated, to be able to participate in this procurement, we urgently need an extension of the deadline of 2 weeks. | Procurement commission has evaluated the request for extension and based on justification provided by the interested supplier and considering the increase of COVID cases in Europe has decided to extend the application submission deadline.  Please be informed that the application submission deadlinefor competitive procedure with negotiations**“Shadow operator services for Rail Baltica Global Project”,** ID No RBR 2020/14 is extended till  **13 October 2020**  **15:00 o’clock (Riga Time)** |

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| Procurement commission chairperson | A. Benfelde |

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