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**Answers to questions from the interested suppliers
in the competitive procedure with negotiations
"Consolidated supply of track sleepers with rail fastenings
and under sleeper pads for construction of Rail Baltica railway line",
identification number RBR 2021/13**

RB Rail AS presents following answers to the questions received from the interested suppliers until 29 July 2021:

Nr.	Questions	Answers
1.	In point 2.2. is indicated: "in the 2 nd Stage of this Competition, the Bidders will have to submit variants of the Technical and Financial Offer providing for more than one variant of the rail fastening system (variant No. 1 – clamped and screw-fastened, and variant No. 2 – clamped clamp and anchors)." Question: The vast majority of manufacturers offer one type of fastening system and a production workshop with specialized technology adapted to it – will those Tenderers who propose only one variant be rejected?	Procurement Commission confirms that current version of Section 2.2. of Regulation requires the Candidates to submit two variants (not less and not more) of fastening systems in 2 nd Stage of this competition. Please note that your considerations regarding requirement for variants are noted and will be evaluated. Please, be aware, if any amendments in Regulation will follow, new version (with amendments) of Regulation will be published in E-Tenders system (https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Procurement/Edit/58574) and on RB Rail AS webpage: https://www.railbaltica.org/tenders/consolidated-supply-of-track-sleepers-with-rail-fastenings-and-under-sleeper-pads-for-construction-of-rail-baltica-railway-line/ . Please follow up to the latest info published in E-Tenders system and on RB Rail AS webpage.
2.	At the first stage, a lot of technical parameters of the railway sleeper are not specified - the type of fastening, the type of undersleeper pad, geometric parameters of the sleeper, bending moment characteristics and test coefficients in accordance with	Procurement commission notes that 1 st Stage of this competition is qualification stage of the Candidates and only general description of subject matter is provided. Please be aware that detailed technical

	<p>point 4.4.2 of the EN 13230-1 standard. There are also no concrete parameters: class and frost resistance of concrete. It must also be taken into account that in different countries - Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia - there are individual requirements for sleepers and concrete. Then you have to design the sleepers for the countries of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia separately for each of them. Research should also be conducted separately for each country.</p> <p>Question: What date after the announcement of the 2nd stage will start the deliveries of the sleepers? Will there be enough time to design, test and certify railway sleepers and purchase the necessary production forms, because we know that it will require a minimum of 9 months? An alternative is to provide the qualified candidates with technical requirements well in advance, before the announcement of the 2nd stage?</p>	<p>specification of sleepers equipped with rail fastenings and under sleeper pads will be provided in 2nd Stage of this competition for qualified Candidates.</p>
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