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Answers to the questions received from the interested suppliers in the open competition "Detailed technical design and design supervision services for main line section from Riga International Airport to Misa and from Upeslejas to railway station "Rīga – Preču", Id No RBR 2023/17

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions received from the interested suppliers until 6 March 2024:

Nr.	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>Dear procurement commission, Thank you for the valuable briefing meeting, held February 20th 2024, highlighting the main issues / challenges to be considered during the bid preparation. However, to have only 2 full weeks before the submission date is purely not achievable to provide a quality and cost-efficient offer matching the high level of requirements, considering the following, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjusting an optimized partnership. - Securing the real possibilities of the local market regarding geotechnical investigations (fees, availability, laboratories, global time schedule, etc.). - Understanding the current status of the design, to secure a reliable and exhaustive outcome (BDMC, MD and 	<p>Procurement Commission kindly informs you that your request has been received and Procurement Commission at this point has made decision to prolong deadline for submitting bids till the 12 April 2024 (please pay your attention to the latest version of open competition regulation published in E-Tenders System</p>

	<p>DTD), going through the extensive amount of documentation.</p> <p>- Assessing and mitigating all risks, in order to get all internal approvals.</p> <p>- Placing questions and getting the appropriate answers.</p> <p>Therefore, we are kindly requesting the procurement commission to postpone the offer submission date to May 31st 2024</p>	<p>https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/Procurement/112508) and on webpage of RB Rail AS (https://www.railbaltica.org/tenders/detailed-technical-design-and-design-supervision-services-for-main-line-section-from-riga-international-airport-to-misa-and-from-upeslejas-to-railway-station-riga-precu/).</p>
2.	<p>On Behalf of [.....], the Tenderer would like to respectfully request an extension of the procurement submission deadline until May 29, 2024. The tenderer has carefully assessed the status of the procurement process and have identified several critical reasons necessitating this extension:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Prequalification: The absence of a prequalification process has necessitated additional time for the Tenderer to identify and establish partnerships and assign subcontractors. 2. Task Assignment and Scope Agreement: The tenderer need adequate time to ensure all assigned tasks are clearly defined and agreed upon within the project scope with partners and subcontractors. 3. MOU and LOI Signing: The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Letter of Intent (LOI) must be executed with relevant stakeholders, a process that demands careful negotiation and documentation. 4. Administrative Burden and Technical Complexity: The procurement process involves a massive administrative burden and complex technical requirements, necessitating exceptive attention to detail and coordination with multiple parties. 5. Detailed Financial Offer and Gantt Chart Preparation: The preparation of a comprehensive financial offer and Gantt chart, while essential for a quality 	

<p>submission, is a time-consuming process that requires input from all subcontractors and thoroughness and precision.</p> <p>Given these circumstances, the tenderer believes that an extension of the submission deadline until May 29, 2024, would allow the tenderer the necessary time to address these challenges effectively and submit a high-quality proposal that meets the requirements of the procurement.</p> <p>The tenderer assures you that the tenderer is fully committed to delivering a proposal that aligns with the objectives and expectations of the procurement process.</p>	
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Sincerely,

J. Lukševics

Procurement Commission Chairman

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