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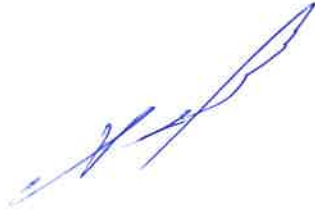
**Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers
in open competition "Design guidelines for Rail Baltic / Rail Baltica Railway",
id. No RBR 2017/1**

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions received until 13 February, 2017 from the interested suppliers:

No	Question	Answer
1.	Is there a conflict of interest should [...] <i>name of interested supplier (edited by procurement commission)</i> also participate in tender for the procurement Design and Build Riga Central Station?	No. Please refer to the explanations provided previously (RB Rail AS 23 January, 2017 letter No 6.1/2017-25 publicly available on web page: http://railbaltica.org/en/procurement-15 in section "Downloads").
2.	Is it possible to extend the tender period by a period of three weeks?	We are not able to prolong deadline for proposal submission due to tight activity schedule.
3.	Can a company use the resources of another company within the same group, by way of an undertaking, without the other company becoming a sub-consultant/partner?	According to Section 8.4 of the open competition "Design guidelines for Rail Baltic /Rail Baltica Railway" Regulation, the Tenderer may rely on the capabilities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of their mutual relationship. To prove to the procurement commission that the Tenderer shall have available all the necessary resources for the fulfilment of the Contract, Tenderer has to submit a signed confirmation or agreement on cooperation and/or passing of resources to the Tenderer between such entities and the Tenderer.
4.	Is it possible to obtain an advance payment of the contract sum, e.g. 30%, to be made against an advance payment guarantee? Alternatively, to increase the second payment in the existing payment schedule to 50% of the contract sum instead of 30%?	Payment terms of the contract shall not be amended.
5.	In the Technical Specification Section 1.2-19. The aim of Service and the contents of the design guidelines will be "mandatory for design, construction and operation of the Rail baltic". Are there reasons to not include	Operation includes maintenance as indivisible part of the operation of the railway line.

scope for specification for "Maintenance"? Our previous experience reveals that the Design, construction, maintenance and operation are all vital parts and should be coherent in the lifecycle of the infrastructure.	
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