

**L4343 MON, ADB Project Number 48186-008 - Regional Road Construction and Maintenance for the 3rd phase.  
CW1 Construction of a new asphalt paved road for the section from Myangad to the intersection  
with Naranbulag – Ulaangom road (163km)**

**Questions & Answers Q&A06.**

No.	Question	Response
QA06-01	<p>In Section 1 - Instructions to Bidders (ITB) , C. Preparation of Bids, 14. Bid Prices and Discounts, point 14.7 states: "All duties, taxes, and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, as of the date 28 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids, shall be included in the rates and prices and the total Bid Price submitted by the Bidder." In Section 8 - Particular Conditions of Contract, Part B - Special Provisions, Sub- Clause 14.1 The Contract Price states: "The following paragraph is added at the end of the Sub-Clause: "Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (b), exemption on payment of taxes will be granted as follows: - Exemption from payment of Value Added Tax (VAT) shall be granted for VAT payable on importation of construction materials for incorporation into the permanent works and VAT payable on local purchase of construction materials for incorporation into the permanent works. - Exemption from payment of Customs Import Duty on importation of materials for incorporation into the permanent works." Could You please clarify whether the VAT/Customs Import Duty/etc. are exempt from the bid prices of the permanent works?</p>	Please refer to responses to QA01-06 and QA01-05
QA06-02	In the Work Period Requirement of Node 1.1.73: Is it required to complete both 22km and 40% of the contract amount within 730 days? Are these requirements	Please refer to the response to QA05-15

	simultaneous for a single package? Can the owner clarify?	
QA06-03	Detailed drawings for CW1-1 BOQ items 8.30, 8.42, 8.43, and 8.44 are not provided in the bridge drawings. Please specify their specific styles and dimensions	The Employer has already provided all available information from the 2012 design to bidders and cannot clarify further. The remaining details will be provided by the Contractor as part of the design update.
QA06-04	Material-related information for CW1-1 BOQ items 7.10, 7.11, and 7.12 is not described in the technical specifications. Please supplement with detailed information.	Road marking specifications are shown in Volume 2 section 1700, with thickness in clause 1706 "The rate of application of road marking paint shall be sufficient to give continuous coverage and a minimum thickness of 3.2 mm over the whole area to be painted." Dimensions of road marking types are shown on the drawings.
QA06-05	Sample drawings for CW1-1 BOQ items 8.17 and 8.18 are not provided in the bridge drawings. Please provide an additional explanation.	The Employer has already provided all available information from the 2012 design to bidders and cannot clarify further. The remaining details will be provided by the Contractor as part of the design update.
QA06-06	Item 4.12 in the BOQ requires grouting in two layers. Are there any special construction requirements? Are the construction techniques for grouting in two layers the same as those for item 4.13, which requires grouting in one layer? Please differentiate and provide detailed explanations	a) No b) Yes
QA06-07	Can you specify the points for obtaining construction water? Is it feasible to use nearby large lakes indicated on the map as construction water points?	a) The Employer does not specify. b) Yes, but subject to Volume 2 Appendix 5 EMP which states "Water use permit shall be obtained from relevant government authorities for domestic and construction water."
QA06-08	In the "Tender Notice for Mongolia's Khovd-Ulgii Highway Project," it is mentioned that it has been updated to a crushed stone base after evaluation, while the tender road drawings still indicate a cement-stabilized base. Please clarify which type of base construction should be adopted.	Please refer to the response to QA03-07

QA06-09	The geological report mentions the survey and sampling of 27 quarries but does not specify the exact locations of each quarry. Can you provide clarification on the locations and distances of each quarry?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The question refers to “quarries” however these may be potential borrow pits rather than quarries</li> <li>b) Coordinates of those 27 locations are shown in the 2012 design report, with file name “Description”, on page 399.</li> <li>c) Bidders are reminded to refer to Volume 1, Section 6, Scope of Work Section 7) “<i>Limitations of information available to the Contractor</i>” and the statement “<i>Accordingly, bidders should not rely on the materials sources assessment in the 2012 report and should make their investigations as part of their bid preparation.</i>”</li> </ul>
QA06-10	According to the minimum equipment configuration requirements in the tender documents, it is necessary to equip base mixing equipment. Does this refer to base water-stable mixing plants? According to the current explanations in the tender documents, a cement-stabilized crushed stone base has been replaced with a crushed stone base. Can the minimum equipment configuration requirements related to this be canceled?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) No, it cannot be canceled.</li> <li>b) Volume 1 Section 6 shows equipment requirement as “Base course blending plant 180 ton/hr”. Such equipment is required to create a blended mix of crushed rock meeting the specified range of particle sizes.</li> </ul>
QA06-11	After studying the Bidding Document, we found that the Guardrail drawings mentioned in Section 3 - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria (EQC)1.1(b) were not provided. Could You please provide Guardrail, Road marking of symbols, letters, figures, etc. drawings?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Section 3 - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria (EQC)1.1 contained errors and has been revised, please refer to QA03-05</li> <li>b) Details (of the 2012 design) are shown on the drawings in volume “Road intersections, drainage, other”</li> </ul>
QA06-12	Between the second last and the third last paragraphs, insert “This guarantee shall expire on the date of DD/MM/YYYY at the latest”. We shall carefully determine the specific close date of our Bid Security at our own risk, and consider our proposed modification above shall not substantially change the obligations as required by the Bidding Document.	Such modification of the template is not encouraged as, depending on the chosen date, it could potentially result in an evaluation of the bid as non-responsive under Volume 1, Section 1, Clause 19.4 “Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, any Bid not accompanied by a substantially compliant bid security or Bid-Securing Declaration, if one is required by ITB 19.1, shall be rejected by the Employer as nonresponsive”.
QA06-13	According to Bid Document ITB Clause 4 Eligible Bidders', if Company A's joint venture with Company B	Yes, your understanding is correct. Volume 1, Section 2, ITB1.1 states “ <i>A separate bid shall be submitted for each</i>

	<p>participates in CW 1-1 &amp; CW 1-3, and as well Company A joint venture with Company C participates in CW 1-2, please clarify it is acceptable.</p>	<p><i>contract.</i>” Hence if related parties do not bid for the same contract, there is not a conflict of interest under Clause 4.</p>
<p>QA06-14</p>	<p>In Section 3: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria (EQC) 1.1 Adequacy of Technical Proposal, point b) states: “Revision of the design to meet an iRAP 3-star rating requires revision of the typical design cross-section to apply more gentle embankment side slope and side ditch slopes to reduce the risk of rollover accidents. Guardrail is to be provided at locations of high embankment. Side ditch designs, culvert lengths, and headwall/wing wall locations and arrangements are to be modified. Junction layouts are to be revised to improve safety.” Could You kindly provide Guardrails, Road marking of symbols, letters, figures, etc. drawings?</p>	<p>a) Section 3 - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria (EQC)1.1 contained errors and has been revised, please refer to QA03-05                  b) Details (of the 2012 design) are shown on the drawings in volume “Road intersections, drainage, other”</p>

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