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## **CLARIFICATION #2**

**Country:** Cabo Verde

**Name of Project:** Health Security Program in Western and Central Africa Project

**Contract Title:** Purchase of an MRI scanner for Hospital Universitário Agostinho Neto  
(HUAN)

**Credit No.:** IDA-74540

**RFB Reference No.:** 007/HSP/UGPE

#### **QUESTION 2: *Responsibility for Customs Clearing:***

*As per the DDU terms, the price does not include customs duties, VAT, or any other taxes. Could you please confirm whether the responsibility for customs clearing lies with the purchaser?*

**ANSWER N° 2:** According to the DDU terms, the responsibility for customs clearance lies with the supplier. The price does not include customs duties, VAT, or any other taxes, and the supplier is responsible for the customs clearance process. However, as the Project is exempt from VAT payment, in accordance with Law 53/VI/2005 and Decree-Law 88/2005 of December 26, 2005, the selected bidder will be granted a VAT exemption declaration, as well as a duty and emoluments exemption declaration, as appropriate.

#### **QUESTION 3: *Duration of Customs Clearing:***

*Could you provide an estimated timeframe for the customs clearing process in Cabo Verde?*

**ANSWER N° 3:** As the service is provided by another entity, we do not have that information.

#### **QUESTION 4: *TECHNICAL PART Qualification - Qualification Criteria (ITB 32.1)***

*“(b) Specific Experience: The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has successfully completed at least 3 contracts within the last 5 years prior to bid submission deadline, each with a value of at least USD 1.000.000 that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are similar in nature and complexity to the Goods and Related Services under the Contract. For a joint venture, this requirement may be met by all members combined.”*



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*Is correct the understanding that the USD 1.000.000 mentioned above is the total value for the 3 completed contracts?*

**ANSWER N° 4:** No, the understanding is incorrect. The requirement specifies that each of the 3 contracts must have a value of at least 1,000,000 USD, not the total value of the 3 contracts combined. Each contract must individually meet this threshold.

**QUESTION 5:** (c) *Documentary Evidence: The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that the Goods it offers meet the following usage requirement:*

*References for Previous Projects:*

- Additional details on completed projects, including:
- Provisional or Final Acceptance Certificates (PAC/FAC).
- Recommendation letters from previous clients confirming equipment performance and supplier reliability.

*Is correct the understanding that these evidences from previous projects refer to the MR equipment performance and reliability, independent of who has been the supplier?*

**ANSWER N° 5:** No. The evidence should demonstrate the performance of the MRI equipment and the reliability of the supplier who provided it in previous projects.

**QUESTION 6:**

*“ITB 32.4 - G. Evaluation of Technical Parts of Bids”*

#### G. Evaluation of Technical Parts of Bids

ITB 32.4

The technical factors and sub factors and the corresponding scores in % are:

Criteria	Maximum Score
Technical Specification of equipment offered	50 points
Guaranteed Availability of consumables and spare parts	20 points
User Training Program	10 points
Aftersales Services availability	10 points
Operational Support and Maintenance Requirements	10 points
Implementation and Delivery Plan	10 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

*Is correct the understanding that there is a mistake on the detailed points, because the sum of it represents 110 points.*



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**ANSWER N° 6:** Yes, there is an error in the points allocation. Please refer to Amendment 1 of the RFB document.

**QUESTION 7: “ITB 45.1 - J. Award of Contract”**

The maximum percentage by which quantities may be increased is: 15%

The maximum percentage by which quantities may be decreased is: 15%

*Is correct the understanding that this " J. Award of Contract " is not applicable, considering the nature of the equipment "MR"?*

**ANSWER N° 7:** No, the ITB 45.1 clause is applicable. It allows for the increase or decrease of quantities within the specified limits, regardless of the nature of the equipment.

**QUESTION 8: (c) Cost of major replacement components, mandatory spare parts, and service. [insert one of the following] -**

*(i) The list of items and quantities of major assemblies, components, and selected spare parts, likely to be required during the initial period of operation specified in the BDS 16.4, is in the List of Goods. An adjustment equal to the total cost of these items, at the unit prices quoted in each Bid, shall be added to the Bid price, for evaluation purposes only.*

*or*

*(i) The Purchaser will draw up a list of high-usage and high-value items of components and spare parts, along with estimated quantities of usage in the initial period of operation specified in the BDS 16.4. The total cost of these items and quantities will be computed from spare parts unit prices submitted by the Bidder and added to the Bid price, for evaluation purposes only.*

*Is correct the understanding that the lists mentioned above are not applicable, and should be considered the list mentioned in the question below, and by the referred reasons?*

**ANSWER N° 8:** The list for the cost of major replacement components, mandatory spare parts, and service is not applicable, as stated in ITB 34.6 (c).

**QUESTION 9: (e) Life Cycle Cost**

*(iv) and the following information is required from bidders:*

*· list of spare parts need to be replaced including the cost for 10 years period of operation.*



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*Is correct the understanding that this list is only applicable for preventive maintenance (maintenance Kits), because is not possible to predict what spare parts may fail during this period?*

**ANSWER Nº 9:** No, the list of spare parts required is not limited to just preventive maintenance kits. It refers to the spare parts needed for the 10 years of operation, but it is understood that certain parts' failure may not be predictable. However, the bidder should provide an estimated list based on the typical maintenance and operating needs during that period.

#### **QUESTION 10: - Estimated annual operating and maintenance costs**

*Is correct the understanding that to be more easier to compare operating costs and maintenance between competitors, the bidders should present the annual value for maintenance contract, and that this should include all the needed spare parts and labor?*

**ANSWER Nº 10:** Please refer to Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, e) Life Cycle Cost.

**QUESTION 11: "16.4 The Bidder shall also furnish a list giving full particulars, including available sources and current prices of spare parts, special tools, etc., necessary for the proper and continuing functioning of the Goods during the period specified in the BDS following commencement of the use of the goods by the Purchaser."**

*Is correct the understanding that this list should be the list of spare parts most commonly used in the maintenance services?*

**ANSWER Nº 11:** Please refer to ITB 16.4 for the full details. The list should include all necessary spare parts, special tools, etc., for the proper functioning of the goods during the specified period.

#### **QUESTION 12: C. Preparation of Bids**

**ITB 11.2 (i) & 11.3 (d) - The Bidder shall submit the following additional documents in the Technical Part of its Bid:**

- E-Waste declaration;
- Codes of Conduct against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse/Sexual Harassment and against Violence against Children;



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*Could you please send a copy of the document "E-Waste declaration", as the link does not work?*

**ANSWER N° 12:** The link has been updated. Please use the following link to access the 'E-Waste Declaration' document:

Link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Nuf3U8AyDilyJazkEZ4Q9z4BTBugdzgX/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116112892488136763947&rtpof=true&sd=true>

#### **QUESTION 13: Technical Specifications - MAGNETIC RESONANCE EQUIPMENT – TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

##### ***Magnet***

*- The equipment must have 1st order active and passive shimming.  
It is our understanding that the equipment shall have active 1st order shimming and passive shimming.  
Is this correct?*

**ANSWER N° 13:** The bidder must comply with the requirements specified in the technical specifications..

#### **QUESTION 14: Operating with a maximum of 0.7 litres of liquid helium, eliminating the need for helium refills and a depressurisation tube.**

*In our understanding there is a conflict between this requirement and the previous one " Must integrate sealed magnet technology, equipment with less than 5 l of He is valued. Must not require a quench tube in the installation. ". Is it correct that the intended one is the first statement ("...equipment with less than 5l...)" and not the second one "...maximum 0,7l..."? "*

**ANSWER N° 14:** The bidder must comply with the requirements specified in the technical specifications.

#### **QUESTION 15: Gradients and Radio Frequency System (RF)**

- Maximum range: 61 mT/m (actual range of 35 mT/m for each gradient axis);**
- Maximum variation rate: 217 T/m/s (real variation rate of 125 T/m/s for each gradient axis);**
- Minimum rise time from 0 to 61 mT/m: 280 µs;**





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**- The effective maximum range should be at least 35 mT/m and the effective maximum rate of change of 125 T/m/s are achievable simultaneously on each axis.**

*In our understanding there is a conflict between these requirements and the previous one: " Gradient system has a gradient power of at least 33 mT/m and 120 mT/m/s. Higher values are favoured."*

*Is it correct that the intended one is the first statement "Gradient system has a gradient power of at least 33 mT/m and 120 mT/m/s. Higher values are favoured." and not the following ones "Maximum range: 61 mT/m (actual range of 35 mT/m for each gradient axis)*

- Maximum variation rate: 217 T/m/s (real variation rate of 125 T/m/s for each gradient axis);*
- Minimum rise time from 0 to 61 mT/m: 280 µs*
- The effective maximum range should be at least 35 mT/m and the effective maximum rate of change of 125 T/m/s are achievable simultaneously on each axis."?*

**ANSWER N° 15:** The bidder must comply with the requirements specified in the technical specifications.

**QUESTION 16: Maximum Slew Rate (nominal per axis not effective):  $\geq 45$  mT/m/s;**

*The same applies to this requirement. It is our understanding that the requirement " Gradient system has a gradient power of at least 33 mT/m and 120 mT/m/s. Higher values are favoured." prevails over "Maximum Slew Rate (nominal per axis not effective):  $\geq 45$  mT/m/s; ". Is our understanding correct?*

**ANSWER N° 16:** The bidder must comply with the requirements specified in the technical specifications.

**QUESTION 17: Exam table**

- Body antenna with at least 8 channels (more channels are preferred);**
- Multi-function antennas (for musculoskeletal examinations, among others, to facilitate patient positioning) with at least 8 channels (more channels are preferred).**
- Body antenna with at least 8 channels (more channels are favoured);**

*It is our understanding that what is being asked in these requirements is to include in the proposed configuration 3 different coils: 1 body antenna with at least 8 channels and 2 multi-purpose antennas with at least 8 channels. Is our understanding correct?*



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**ANSWER N° 17:** The bidder must comply with the requirements specified in the technical specifications.

#### **QUESTION 18: *Energy Efficiency of Equipment***

- ***Average energy consumption upon purchase:  $\leq 10$  Kw;***

*Once the consumption values are typical values, applicable for 400 V /50 H and various factors may affect power usage, namely the type of examination, the selected protocol, the used applications, it is our understanding that this requirement is based on the consumption of the system ready to measure. For the system considered for this tender the main consumption energy is the following:*

Power consumption	
Off	4.7 kW
System ready to measure	7.6 kW
Scan	11.6 kW

*Is our understanding correct?*

**ANSWER N° 18:** The bidder must comply with the requirements specified in the technical specifications.

#### **QUESTION 19: *Ask for the bid submission deadline extension, considering the system and procedure complexities.***

**ANSWER N° 19:** Please refer to Amendment 1 of the Request for Bids (RFB), which provides the updated deadline.

February 28, 2025