
MOLDOVA ROADS III B

NATIONAL ROAD ADMINISTRATION

**CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT No.2 TO THE
TENDER DOCUMENTS**

**Construction of M3 Cimislia Bypass, km 18+700 – km 26+138,
under the Contract RSP/W15/02**

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Question 1

Bill of Quantities - Earthworks

In the Bill of Quantities, Section “*The Execution of the Earthworks*”, Item No. 20101.1 “*Excavate, load, place and compact in road embankment, including haulage and benching of embankment slope for widening the existing road embankment (material from cut to fill)*” is indicated with a quantity of **0 m³**.

Please confirm whether this is correct.

Furthermore, the Tender Documentation does not include a separate section or design documentation related to borrow areas. We kindly request that the Employer provide additional information and/or design documentation regarding designated borrow areas to enable proper cost estimation for the Tender

Answer 1

The fill material is to be obtained from Cut – Fill operations. It is assumed that there is no need for borrow pit. The Item 20101.1 was deleted. The updated BoQ is provided under the Addendum No. 2 where this matter is being addressed.

In case there will be needed a borrow pit during the performance of the works, the Contractor will be responsible for design documentation and operation of the borrow pit.

Question 2

Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)

In Section 4.7 “*Borrow Pits and Quarries*”, no specific information regarding borrow areas is provided. Additionally, Section 5.1.1 “*Borrow Areas*” states:

“The volume of borrow materials that will be used for a selected sub-project is to be determined within the design planning stage of the respective subproject.”

However, detailed information on soil characteristics, quantities, and locations of borrow areas is not included in the provided documentation.

We kindly request that the Employer provide the relevant data to allow accurate preparation of the Tender.

Answer 2

Please refer to answer to Question 1.

Question 3

We have noted that for Item No. 20101.1 (Provide suitable material for fill in embankment, incl. haulage and compaction - material from borrow pit to fill), the quantity is specified as 0.000 m³ in

Bill No. 200. In this regard, could the Employer please clarify the following:

Is it mandatory for the Participants to provide a unit rate for Item 20101.1, despite the zero quantity, to establish a base rate for potential future measurements/variations?

If a Participant leaves the unit rate for this item blank or at 0.00, and borrow material is subsequently required during the Works, will the Contractor be entitled to establish a new rate under GCC 12.3, or will the cost be deemed included in other earthwork rates as per Preamble 1.7?

Answer 3

Please refer to answer to Question 1.

Question 4

Please specify whether the fill material (the difference between excavation and backfill, approximately 300,000 m³) will be provided by the Employer, or if it is the Contractor's responsibility to source it.

Answer 4

The quantity provided in the BOQ for Cut & Fill is assumed to be sufficient for the works.

Question 5

EARTHWORKS & BORROW PIT REQUIREMENTS

53.1 Based on the BoQ:

Item 20101 suggests that excavation material will be reused in embankment, Item 20101.1 (borrow material) is shown as 0 m³
From this, we understand that no borrow pit is required for the project.

Please confirm that no additional borrow pit is foreseen within the project scope.

53.2 Item 20101.1 is included only in case excavated material is unsuitable for embankment.

In such a case, please clarify:

- Potential borrow pit locations that may be used,
- Whether these locations are pre-approved.

53.3 In case a new borrow pit is required:

Please confirm whether the time required to obtain necessary permits (environmental, ecological, and other governmental approvals) will be considered outside the contractual construction period.

53.4 If it is assumed that excavation material is fully suitable for all embankment works:

Please provide the relevant geotechnical investigation reports (soil investigation/borehole logs) supporting this assumption.

Answer 5

53.1 – No additional borrow material is foreseen to be required for the project.

53.2 – If required, the Contractor shall locate suitable borrow pit(s). Participants' attention is directed to the Technical Specification 201.07.

53.3 - In case a new borrow pit is required consideration would be given to any time implication only if it was demonstrated that the process impacted the project critical path.

53.5 - The Geotechnical report was provided as per Addendum 1.

Question 6

Regarding the tender procedure for Construction of M3 Cimislia Bypass, km 18+700-km 26+138, we would like to formally request an extension of the submission deadline.

Having carefully reviewed Addendum No. 1 and the recently published answers to clarifications, we find that the significant updates to the project scope require a more detailed technical reassessment. Therefore, to ensure we provide a fully compliant and competitive proposal that reflects these new requirements, we kindly ask for a 15-day extension of the current deadline (18.05.2026).

Answer 6

Please refer to Addendum No. 2.

Question 7

In Question No. 27 of Clarification No. 1, the Employer stated that the geotextile inside the 2x (2.5x2) box culvert shall be paid under Pay Item 50106.8 (Construction of 2x (2.5x2) Box Culvert).

The Bidder request the Employer to confirm whether the geotextile inside the culverts under Pay Items 50106.9, 50106.10 and 50106.12 will also be paid within these body construction items, in the same manner as Pay Item 50106.8.

If the geotextile works are indeed included in the above culvert pay items, please clarify in which area of the design the geotextile defined under Pay Item 90104 will be used.

Answer 7

In the matter addressed per answer to the question No. 27 of the Clarification document No.1 please refer to answer to question No. 18 herein below for an updated explanation.

Pay Items 50106.9, 50106.10 and 50106.12 does not include the payment for geotextile; the geotextile works will be paid separately.

Question 8

In the Employer's response to Question No. 27 of Clarification No. 1, it was stated that the quantity and unit of measurement of BoQ Item 50903 would be revised.

However, upon the Bidder's review of the revised BoQ issued under Addendum No. 1, no such revision has been reflected for BoQ Item 50903.

We kindly request the Employer to issue an updated BoQ incorporating the committed revisions to

the quantity and unit of measurement of BoQ Item 50903, in line with the clarification previously provided.

Answer 8

The response to Question No. 27 refers to a different BoQ Item, we presume the reference is made to answer to Question 31.

The updated BoQ is provided under the Addendum No. 2.

Question 9

It has been identified that in both the original BoQ and the revised BoQ issued under Addendum No. 1, the quantity of Item 20101.1 under Bill No. 200 is shown as zero (0). We kindly request the Employer to confirm whether this quantity is correct. If not, please issue a revised BoQ reflecting the correct quantity for this item.

Answer 9

Please refer to answer to Question 1.

Question 10

In the Employer's response to Question No. 22 of Clarification No. 1, it was stated that: "The correct requirement for Los Angeles abrasion value for shoulder material is $LA \leq 50$. Please refer to Addendum No.1 for details of the corrected item description."

Based on this clarification, all Item 30602 entries in the BoQ should reflect the requirement of $LA \leq 50$.

However, upon review of the revised BoQ issued under Addendum No. 1, the Item 30602 descriptions under the following sections still indicate "LA30":

- Road Junction km 18+965
- Road Junction km 22+686
- Road Junction km 25+521

We kindly request the Employer to review these items and update the LA value of the specified material in line with the clarification previously provided.

Answer 10

The correct requirement of the Los Angeles abrasion value for shoulder material is LA 30. The updated BoQ and Technical Specifications are provided as per the Addendum No. 2.

The reference to LA 50 in the Construction Drawings will be read as LA 30.

Question 11

Could you please provide detailed information regarding the scope of works covered under item no. 50904 "Construction of the exit gully (in accordance with the technical drawings)" listed under Bill 500 of the BoQ? The unit of measurement for this item has been specified as meters; kindly confirm whether this is correct. If confirmed, please also clarify the rationale behind the use of "meter" as the unit of measurement.

Answer 11

BoQ Measurement is in Linear Metres. Work can be measured in Linear Metres. **Question 12**

In accordance with Clause ITP 19.2 of Section II: Data Sheet (DS), regarding the requirements for the tender security:

The bank outside of the Client's country, issuing tender security, shall have a minimum credit rating of "BBB-" by Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings or "Baa3" by Moody's.

In the case where the tender security is issued by a Ukrainian bank, it should be noted that no Ukrainian bank can have a credit ratings higher than the sovereign rating of the country. As Ukraine is currently in a state of war, the international credit ratings of Ukrainian banks are below the minimum levels specified in the tender documentation.

This requirement significantly restricts the participation of Ukrainian bidders in the tender process.

Could a bank guarantee issued by the Ukrainian bank JOINT STOCK COMPANY, Commercial Bank Globus" which holds the highest national credit rating of "uaAAA", and issued in the form prescribed in the tender documentation, be considered acceptable as tender security for the tender process referred to in the subject?

Answer 12

Requirements of the tender document for the sources of the banks' credit rating are developed to provide an equal ground for participants of any foreign jurisdiction and are not designed to match conditions of the country of any specific prospective participant. Under this approach the requirement shall remain unchanged.

As an alternative to providing security from a bank of the same (Participant's) nationality, Participants have at their disposal the option to adhere to the practice often used by foreign participants, where the tender security is provided from a bank from the Employer's country.

Question 13

Within the scope of our bid preparation for the above-mentioned tender, for which the submission deadline was extended by 15 days to 18.05.2026 through Addendum 1, we note that certain key project documents and responses to our queries were also issued with Addendum 1 on 27.04.2026. These important documents and clarifications have significantly limited the remaining time available for preparing a technically sound and comprehensive proposal.

In particular, the following matters require additional time:

- Obtaining reliable and competitive quotations from suppliers and subcontractors,
- Carrying out preliminary design studies for bridge formwork systems and obtaining corresponding quotations,
- Thorough review and evaluation of the newly issued project documents,
- Obtaining insurance quotations,

· Reduced effective working time due to the overlap of the proposal preparation period with official public holidays in Turkiye.

Considering the above, we respectfully request that the bid submission deadline be extended by at least one (1) month, until 18 June 2026, in order to enable the submission of a more robust, competitive, and fully compliant proposal. We believe that such an extension will contribute to the submission of higher-quality and more competitive bids, ultimately serving the best interests of the Employer.

Answer 13

Please refer to answer to Question 6.

Question 14

Please clarify why the bidders need to propose a subcontractor for design as mentioned under ITP 11.1 (iii). If so, please indicate clear which will be the design responsibilities of the bidders under the contract.

Answer 14

The ITP 11.1 (iii) was revised, the updated text is provided in the Addendum no2.

The Participant is not requested to provide a subcontractor for design.

Any design works must be carried out by a designer who is licensed under Moldovan Law. The purpose of ITP 11.1(iii) is to make Participants aware of this requirement.

Under FIDIC 2017 (Red Book) the Employer is responsible for the project design. However, Participants' attention is directed to BOQ Bill 100; Item 10103 (PS), which provides for the inclusion of the recommendations of a Road Safety Audit conducted on the Project Design into the scope of the works. Please refer to Technical Specification Item 101.03.

This will require additions / modifications to the Employer's design. This work will be carried by the Contractor / licensed Sub-Contractor and paid under Bill 100 Item 10103. Participants' attention is directed to note that according to procurement policy and in order to ensure integrity, during the contract stage the Contractor will be required to submit 3 offers to the Employer from different licensed designers for this work.

The Contractor will be responsible for any design changes that it may propose to the Employer's design, and also for the preparation of As-Built Drawings, in accordance with Sub-Clause 5.6 of the GCC.

This answer supersedes the answer to question no. 6 in the Clarification document No.1.

Question 15

Bridge Safety Barriers – Type H2W3

Please clarify the exact technical configuration of the safety barriers to be installed on bridges, indicated as H2W3, and in particular confirm the required post spacing, as well as applicable standard details or specifications.

Answer 15

The details of the safety barriers to be installed on the bridges are provided in the construction drawings related to each bridge. The drawings were provided in Addendum no. 1.

This answer supersedes the answer to question no. 20 in the Clarification document No.1.

Question 16

The Tenderer has identified an inconsistency between contract documents regarding the bitumen type required for BOQ Item 30501 (wearing course MAS16):

Document	Bitumen Type Stated
Technical Specification, Chapter 305 (body text)	Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB) mandatory — "Only Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB) shall be used for production of wearing course asphalt mixture." Standard bitumen explicitly excluded.
Technical Specification, Chapter 305 (payment item 30501)	PMB — "MAS16 from Polymer Modified Bitumen, SM SR EN 14023 & SM SR EN 13108-5"
BOQ Item 30501 —main road section	PMB — "MAS16 from Polimer Modified Bitumen 50/70"
BOQ Item 30501 — road junctions km 18+965, 22+686, 25+521 and others	"modified bitumen 50/70" only —PMB not specified ← inconsistent with Specification
Typical Cross Section Drawing No. 24	"MAS16 50/70" —bitumen type not explicitly qualified in drawing label

The Technical Specification is unambiguous: Polymer Modified Bitumen is mandatory for all wearing course production, and standard grade bitumen 50/70 is not permitted for this layer. However, the description of BOQ Item 30501 in several BOQ sections omits the "Polymer Modified" qualifier, referring only to "modified bitumen 50/70". This creates uncertainty as to whether standard bitumen with a minor additive would satisfy the requirement, or whether full PMB compliant with SM SR EN 14023 Class 4 is required throughout all locations.

The Tenderer respectfully requests clarification on the following:

1. Please confirm that Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB) compliant with SM SR EN 14023 Class 4 is required for BOQ Item 30501 at all locations across the project, including all road junctions and minor intersections, without exception.
2. If confirmed, will the BOQ item descriptions for road junctions and other sections be corrected by Addendum to consistently state "from Polymer Modified Bitumen" in line with the main road section description and the Technical Specification?

Answer 16

It is confirmed that Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB) is mandatory for all permanent works implemented under BoQ Item 30501 - wearing course, in accordance with Technical Specifications Chapter 305. The updated BoQ is provided in the Addendum no.2.

This answer supersedes the answer to question no. 23 in the Clarification document No.1.

Question 17

1. Could you please confirm whether the Contractor is expected to undertake any design responsibilities under this Contract? If yes, kindly specify the scope and extent of such design obligations.
2. Is the inclusion of a “contractor’s designer” in Form F-5 mandatory for all bidders, or only applicable in case the Contractor intends to subcontract specific design-related tasks (e.g., temporary works, shop drawings, or method-related designs)
3. In case no substantial design responsibility is assigned to the Contractor under the Contract, would it be acceptable to leave this part of Form F-5 blank or indicate “Not Applicable”
4. Could you also clarify how this requirement aligns with the conflict-of-interest provisions, particularly considering that the Employer’s design author (SC “TRANSPROIECTCONSULT” SRL) is explicitly excluded from engagement?

Answer 17

Please refer to answer to question 14.

This answer supersedes the answer to question no. 57 in the Clarification document No.1.

Question 18

BoQ Item 50106.8 includes the construction of a culvert 2×(2.5×2). Based on the review of the drawings, approximately 30,000 m² of geotextile installation appears to be required for this structure.

Please clarify whether the geotextile works are included within BoQ Item 50106.8 or if they are measured and paid for under a separate BoQ item.

Answer 18

The Geotextile and ballast pillow under the culvert will be measured and paid separately under Bill 500, Items 90104 and 50112. The minimum tensile strength of the geotextile will be 100 kN.

This answer supersedes the answer to question no. 27 in the Clarification document No.1.

Question 19

Clarification regarding the Designer indicated in Section VII: Requirements. In Section VII: Requirements of the Tender Documents, the designer is indicated as S.R.L. "TRANSPROIECTCONSULT". However, on the drawings made available as part of the tender documentation, the design institute indicated is "UNIVERSINJ" S.R.L. In this respect, we kindly request the Employer to clarify which entity shall be considered as the official designer of the Project and to confirm the status and applicability of the drawings issued under the name of "UNIVERSINJ" S.R.L.

Answer 19

Please refer to the Addendum No. 2 which modifies the respective requirement.