
MOLDOVA ROADS III B

NATIONAL ROAD ADMINISTRATION

**CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT No.1 TO THE
TENDER DOCUMENTS**

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

Issued on April 24th 2026

Question 1

Please confirm that the percentage rate to be applied on provisional sums for overhead charges and profit is 10%, in alia 5% overheads and 5% profit as per clause 13.4(b)(ii).

Answer 1

The percentage to be applied on Provisional Sums for overheads and profit shall be in accordance with the Particular Conditions of Contract Part A - Sub-Clause 13.4(b)(ii). Bidders are to note that there will be no overheads or profit applied to the provisional sum for the Employers 50% portion of Dispute Avoidance / Adjudication Board Payments that is included with the BOQ.

Question 2

Please allow the bidders to be used instead of driven reinforced concrete piles, in situ drilled piles. Considering that the technology of prefabricated reinforced piles is not common practice any longer. In such case, please allow bidders to ask for payment of the reinforcement cages delivered to the site as per clause 14.5(c)(i).

Answer 2

The Contractor shall execute the Works in accordance with the approved design and Technical Specifications. Piles shall be prefabricated reinforced driven piles.

Question 3

Please indicate if the bidders need to consider costs for archeological investigations and or munition clearance.

Answer 3

The Employer is not aware of any locations on the project that involves archeological or munitions clearance and as such the Contractor does not need to consider such costs in their bid.

Bidders are referred to GCC Sub-Clause 4.23 in regard to archeological finds. In regard to any munitions clearance that may be found and required the bidders are referred to GCC Sub-4.12.

Question 4

Please indicate if a contractor needs to pay overtime hours to the engineers' personnel in case, he intends to work longer than the 8 hours indicated and 5 days per week.

Answer 4

The Contractor may be required to pay overtime to the Engineer's personnel. This would be subject to negotiation and agreement with the Engineer on working hours outside of the normal 8hrs / day for 5 days a week.

Bidders should note that working outside normal hours is subject to GCC, Sub-Clause 6.5 and will require the Engineer's consent.

Question 5

Please notice that there is no place of arbitration court indicated in the contract data as mentioned per sub-clause 21.6.

Answer 5

Please follow Addendum no.1 to the Tender Documents.

Question 6

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 6

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 bidders aware of this requirement.

Bidders should investigate and identify suitable Design sub-contractors as part of their bid preparation procedure however it is not mandatory to nominate a Design Sub-Contractor within the bid.

Under FIDIC 2017 (Red Book) the Employer is responsible for the project design, however please refer 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. Bidders are to note that according to procurement policy and to ensure integrity, 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.

Question 7

Please send us the geotechnical study.

Answer 7

The file was uploaded in the Addendum No 1

Question 8

Section VII – Requirements (Drawings)

In Section VII “Requirements”, under Clause 3 “Drawings”, the drawings available for download via the provided link

(http://files.asd.md/Directia_investitii/Drawings_CimisliaBypass_W15_02.zip) appear to be incomplete.

Specifically, not all drawings required for proper evaluation of the works described in the Specifications and the Bill of Quantities are included.

We kindly request the Employer to provide the complete set of drawings, including but not limited to:

- drawings for structures,
- utility relocation drawings,
- lighting design drawings,

and any other relevant documentation necessary for accurate preparation of the Tender.

Answer 8

The files were uploaded in the Addendum No 1

Question 9

Item No. 0016 – Provisional Sums (DAAB Costs)

Item No. 0016 includes a provisional sum of EUR 75,000 for the Employer’s portion of the Adjudicator’s costs”.

According to the Technical Specifications:

“The DAAB will submit invoices for services provided to the Contractor, who shall pay the DAAB invoices in full within 30 days of receipt and provide evidence to the Employer that payment has been made. The Employer shall then reimburse 50% of the DAAB invoice value that is confirmed as being paid in the next Interim Payment Certificate.”

Please clarify whether the Contractor is required to include an equivalent amount to cover their 50% share of DAAB costs in the Tender Price, and if so, under which Bill of Quantities item this should be included.

Answer 9

Based on previous Contract experience the Employer has allocated a Provisional Sum of 75,000 Euro for the payment of its 50% Share of DAAB costs.

Refer to the Technical Specification part 001.06. Payment under this Item will be fixed at 50% DAAB invoices and will not be subject to any added Contractor costs for overheads / Profit. The Bidder is responsible for payment of its 50% share of the DAAB costs. Bidders can choose to absorb those costs in the general and administrative expenses or otherwise, at their discretion.

Question 10

General Requirements – Contract Office

Under Bill No. 000 “*General Requirements*”, Item No. 00402 “*Maintain Contract Office*” is specified for a duration of 30 months, while the Defects Notification Period (DNP) is 24 months. Please clarify whether the Contractor is required to maintain the Contract Office during the DNP period, or only during the construction period.

Answer 10

The Contractor shall maintain the Contract Office during the execution of the Works until the Contract Completion date as determined from the date of the Notice to Commence.

Maintaining the Contract office during the Defects Notification Period will not be required.

Question 11

Bill No. 100 – Preparatory Works (Road Safety Audit Report)

Under Bill No. 100 “*Preparatory Works*”, Item No. 10103 “*Inclusion of a Road Safety Audit Report*” is included with an amount of EUR 750,000.

According to the Technical Specifications (Clause 101.03 “*Works Description – Surveying and Setting Out*”):

“The Contractor shall prepare all additional Construction Drawings required to incorporate the Road Safety Audit requirements, if they are not included in the Design Drawings.”

In order to better understand the expected scope of works, we kindly request that the Employer provide the Road Safety Audit Report that was used during the preparation of the Tender Design Drawings for this Project.

Answer 11

The link to the page where the file could be downloaded is provided in the Addendum No.1.

Question 12

Particular Conditions of Contract – Payment Terms

In Section VIII “*Particular Conditions of Contract, Part A – Contract Data*”, Sub-Clause 14.3

“*Period of Payment*” is stated as:

“*At the end of each month.*”

However, under Sub-Clause 14.7(b)(i), the “*Period for the Employer to make interim payments to the Contractor under Sub-Clause 14.6 (Interim Payment)*” is specified as 56 days.

We kindly request clarification on how Sub-Clause 14.3 “*Period of Payment – At the end of each month*” should be interpreted in relation to the 56-day payment period indicated under Sub-Clause 14.7.

Answer 12

Sub-Clause 14.3 [Application for Interim Payment] defines the frequency of submission of Contractor’s Statements for work implemented, that is at the end of each month, while Sub-Clause 14.7 governs the timing of payments by the Employer calculated from the time the Engineer receives the Contractor’s statement complete with necessary supporting data. Payment by the Employer shall be made within 56 days from date of receipt by the Engineer of the Contractor’s Statement with necessary supporting documents.

Question 13

With reference to the Tender Documents for RSP/W15/02: Construction of M3 Cimislia Bypass, km 18+700 – km 26+138, and in particular to ITP 14.5 and ITP 14.7 of the Data Sheet, which state that:

- the prices shall be subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract (ITP 14.5);
- the Participant shall apply the indices and weightings as set forth in Particular Conditions, Schedule of Price Adjustment, and that failure to fill the base values of indices in the Table of Schedule of Adjustment Data will result in price adjustment not being applicable (ITP 14.7):

1. Should the Participant sign and submit Particular Conditions Parts A, B, C and D as part of the Tender submission?

2. Is the Table of Schedule of Adjustment Data, located in Part A of the Particular Conditions, required to be completed and submitted as a standalone document or together with the full Part A as part of the Tender submission?

Answer 13

1. The Particular Conditions (PCC) Parts A, B, C and D will form part of the Contract and as such should be submitted with the tender proposal. The Particular Conditions shall not be modified by

- the Tenderer except for the addition of required data within the Schedules as required.
2. The required schedules, including the Schedule of Adjustment Data, shall be completed by the participant and submitted as part of the Tender, in accordance with requirements of the Instructions to Participants. When submitting base index data participant should select the latest available data as data for the actual base date may not be published at the time of proposal. This will be adjusted in the Contract Documents at the time of signing.

Question 14

Regarding Technical Specification Chapter 103 (Demolition) and Subsection 103.05 (Disposal of materials), it is stated that the Contractor is responsible for the transportation of waste and demolished materials to disposal areas or landfill sites agreed with the authorities having jurisdiction.

However, the tender documents do not specify the exact locations of these approved landfill sites or the expected haulage distances for the disposal of materials such as demolished asphalt pavement (Item 10311) and concrete elements (Item 10312).

In order to ensure a uniform and accurate pricing for all participants, could the Employer please clarify:

1. The specific locations of the approved landfill or disposal sites for this project.
2. The estimated average haulage distance (in km) that should be considered for the transportation of demolished materials and waste off-site.

This information is essential for the precise calculation of transport costs within the relevant Bill of Quantities items.

Answer 14

It is the Contractor's task to identify and use disposal sites that are approved by relevant authorities.

Transport distances shall be deemed included in the BOQ Unit Rates for the relevant Items.

Question 15

Technical Specification Chapter 005 states that the Contractor must submit a list of all necessary testing equipment for the Engineer's approval.

However, it also notes that this approval does not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility to provide "ALL" necessary equipment found necessary during execution.

To ensure a fair and uniform pricing basis for all bidders, could the Employer provide a Mandatory Minimum Equipment List that satisfies the requirements for all materials listed in the Specifications?

Answer 15

It is the Contractor responsibility to determine what testing equipment is required. Therefore, the Employer is not in the position to provide mandatory minimum equipment list.

The Contractor remains fully responsible for providing all necessary laboratory equipment to implement full quality control of the works. However, considering the costs of some equipment related to asphalt testing, please refer to Q19 and Answer 19 below.

Question 16

The specifications require advanced dynamic testing for asphalt, such as "Resistance to fatigue" (SR EN 12697-24) and "Modulus of stiffness" (SR EN 12697-26). Given the high cost of establishing these specific facilities on-site, will the Employer allow the Contractor to utilize accredited third-party laboratories in Moldova or the region for these specialized dynamic tests?

Answer 16

The Contractor may use accredited third-party laboratories, subject to the Engineer's approval of the location and ability of the Engineer to observe such external testing as he may require. Contractor will be responsible for any delay to the works caused by the slow response of an external laboratory in producing the required test results on test such as Fatigue resistance and Modulus of Stiffness etc.

Question 17

According to Clause 005, the Contractor shall provide "mobile facilities for sampling and testing" at the location of the Works.

Could the Employer please clarify if this requirement implies fully equipped laboratory vehicles or if portable testing tools for field sampling will be considered sufficient?

Answer 17

As per Clause 005 The Contractor shall construct at his own cost, to his own design, and as approved by the Engineer, a new building or a prefabricated building or shall refurbish a part of or the whole of an existing building to form the main laboratory for carrying out sampling and testing as required by the Specifications. The laboratory shall be on the site of, or close to the Contractor's main offices and convenient for the Engineer's contract office. The Laboratory shall be for the joint use of the Contractor and the Engineer.

In regard to on-site sampling and testing the Employer would expect that the Contractor will provide sufficient vehicles and staff to carry out on-site testing / sampling works in a timely manner. The Contractor is responsible for providing resources capable of doing this work and as such he may

determine the type of mobile vehicle and field equipment.

Question 18

Telecommunications Relocation

Please provide the available drawings and design documentation related to the relocation and/or protection of telecommunication networks affected by the Works.

Answer 18

Please refer to the Addendum No.1.

Question 19

Electricity Networks Relocation

Please provide the available drawings and design documentation related to the relocation and/or protection of electricity networks affected by the Works.

Answer 19

Please refer to the Addendum No.1.

Question 20

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 20

Please refer to the Addendum No.1 for the information on technical configuration of the guardrails.

Question 21

The Tenderer has identified the following inconsistency between contract documents regarding the 20 cm subbase drainage layer:

Document	Material Specified
Drawing No. 24 (Romanian original)	"Strat drenant din nisip GA75, conform SM EN 13242+A1" — GA75-graded granular aggregate, h = 20 cm
Technical Specification, Chapter 303	"Ballast" or "sand or ballast" — optimal mixture 0–63

BOQ Item 30301 mm, $LA \leq 30$
 "Subbase Course of Sand" — measured in m³

The Tenderer respectfully requests clarification on the following:

1. Is ballast (river-sourced granular aggregate, 0–63 mm gradation, $LA \leq 30$, conforming to SM EN 13242) an acceptable material for BOQ Item 30301?
2. Is crushed stone (0–63 mm, $LA \leq 30$, conforming to SM EN 13242) an acceptable material for BOQ Item 30301?
3. If Q1 or Q2 is confirmed, will BOQ Item 30301 be revised by Addendum, or should tenderers price this item based on ballast / crushed stone as the intended material?

Answer 21

Item 30301 [Subbase of Sand] is intended as a drainage layer. It will be covered with a geotextile layer [Item 90105.2].

Participants should submit their proposal prices on this basis.

Question 22

The Tenderer has identified an inconsistency between contract documents regarding the Los Angeles (LA) abrasion value required for the crushed stone shoulder surfacing material (BOQ Item 30602):

Document	LA Value Stated
Typical Cross Section Drawing No. 24 (Road System No. 1 & No. 2)	LA50 — "Crushed stone LA50, h-15cm"
Technical Specification, Chapter 306 (body text)	$LA \leq 50\%$ — "Los Angeles toughness and abrasion coefficient no greater than 50%"
Technical Specification, Chapter 306 (payment item description)	LA50 — "Shoulder surfacing material: crushed stone shoulder LA50, h-150mm"
BOQ Item 30602 — Romanian text (all locations)	LA50 — "piatră spartă LA50, h = 150 mm"
BOQ Item 30602 — English text (main road & some junctions)	LA30 — "crushed stone shoulder LA30, h-150mm" ← inconsistent with all other sources

The Romanian-language original of the BOQ, the Drawings, and the Technical Specification body text are all consistent in specifying $LA \leq 50$ for shoulder surfacing material. The English translation of certain BOQ items appears to contain a typographical error, stating LA30 instead of LA50.

The Tenderer respectfully requests clarification on the following:

1. Please confirm that the required Los Angeles abrasion value for BOQ Item 30602 (shoulder surfacing material) is $LA \leq 50$, consistent with the Drawings, the Technical Specification, and the Romanian-language BOQ text.

2. If confirmed, will the English-language BOQ item descriptions be corrected by Addendum?

Answer 22

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.

Question 23

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 23

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 Contractor may decide to use BA16 50/70 for wearing Course on any temporary works.

Question 24

BOQ Item 30502 is described as:

"Wearing course of asphalt mixture BA16 50/70, h-40mm"

This item appears under the Temporary Roads section and is used in combination with BOQ Item 30503 (BAD22.4 50/70 base course, h=60mm) to form the pavement structure for temporary diversion roads during construction.

The Tenderer notes the following conflict:

Document / Reference	Requirement
BOQ Item 30502 description	"BA16 50/70" — standard (non-modified) bitumen
Technical Specification Chapter 305 — General Requirements	"Only Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB) shall be used for production of wearing course asphalt mixture." — No exceptions stated.

Chapter 305 applies a blanket requirement for PMB on all wearing courses with no stated exception for temporary works. BOQ Item 30502 is explicitly described as a "wearing course", which places it directly within the scope of this requirement. However, the BOQ description specifies only standard bitumen 50/70.

The Tenderer respectfully requests clarification on the following:

1. Is Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB) required for BOQ Item 30502 (temporary road wearing course BA16), in accordance with the blanket PMB requirement of Chapter 305?
2. If PMB is required, will BOQ Item 30502 be revised by Addendum to reflect this requirement?
3. If standard bitumen 50/70 is permitted as an exception for temporary road wearing courses, please confirm this in writing so that Tenderers may price accordingly.

Answer 24

For temporary roads, standard bitumen 50/70 may be used unless otherwise specified. The Contractor shall ensure its suitability for intended use.

Question 25

BOQ Items 41001 is described as:

"Protective course of asphalt concrete BA16 50/70 thickness 60mm"

The Tenderer's reading of Technical Specification Chapter 410 is that the 60mm BA16 50/70 layer on

bridge decks is intentionally designed as a protective course placed beneath the wearing course (41002 —MAS16 PMB 50/70, 50mm), not as a wearing course itself. The two-layer system is described as follows:

Layer	BOQ Item	Bitumen	Function
Lower	41001 — BA16 50/70, h=60mm	Standard 50/70	Protective course
Upper	41002 — MAS16 PMB 50/70, h=50mm	PMB (mandatory)	Wearing course

On this basis, the Tenderer understands that BOQ Items 41001 (BA16 50/70) is not a wearing course and therefore falls outside the scope of the PMB requirement of Chapter 305. The standard bitumen 50/70 specified in the BOQ is considered correct and consistent with Chapter 410.

The Tenderer respectfully requests confirmation on the following:

1. Please confirm that BOQ Items 41001 (BA16 50/70, h=60mm on bridge decks) is classified as a protective course and not a wearing course, and that standard bitumen 50/70 — as stated in the BOQ — is the correct specification for this item.
2. Please confirm that the PMB requirement of Chapter 305 applies only to the wearing course (BOQ Item 41002) and does not extend to the underlying protective course (BOQ Item 41001).

Answer 25

Item 41001 represents a protective course, not a wearing course. Therefore, standard bitumen 50/70 is acceptable, while PMB applies only to the wearing course (Item 41002).

Question 26

Upon review of the tender package provided, tenderer has noted that the following design drawing sets are not included in the documentation received:

- 582/2022-LA-1 (Book 1) – Bridge Pc 189+67.70
- 582/2022-LA-1 (Book 2) – Bridge Pc 217+69.46
- 582/2022-LA-3 (Book 3) – Bridge Pc 226+90
- 582/2022-LA-4 (Book 4) – Bridge Pc 239+07
- 582/2022-LA-5 (Book 5) – Bridge Pc 255+21.48
- 582/2022-IEE – Street Lighting (Illuminatul electric exterior)
- 582/2022-TSE – Telecommunication Lines and Signaling
- 582/2022-LEA – Electrical Overhead Lines 0.4/10 kV
- 582/2022-LEA – Electrical Overhead Lines 35 kV
- 582/2022-LEA – Electrical Overhead Lines 110 kV
- 582/2022-AGE – Gas Supply, Outlying Pipelines
- 582/2022-OCR – Road Marking and Signs

Tenderer kindly request that the complete set of the above-listed drawings be provided at the earliest convenience, so that we may conduct a thorough review and prepare our submission accordingly.

Answer 26

Please refer to the Addendum No.1 for the information on the missing drawings.

Question 27

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 27

Geotextile works for Item 50106.8 shall be in accordance with the Drawings and are included in payment under Item 50106.8.

Question 28

BoQ Item 50304 describes the construction of V-shaped channels with a depth of 0.5 m. However, no relevant drawings have been identified in the tender documentation.

Kindly provide the corresponding drawings for these works

Answer 28

The construction of V-shaped channels is shown in the typical cross sections, including specifications for crushed stone and concrete.

Question 29

BoQ Items 50302.1 – 50302.6 refer to the construction of trapezoidal in-situ concrete channels in ditches. However, no drawings for “Channel Type 1” have been found in the tender documentation.

Kindly provide the relevant drawings for these works.

Answer 29

The construction of “Channel Type 1” is shown in the typical cross sections, including specifications for crushed stone and concrete.

Question 30

BoQ Items 50401.1 and 50401.2 both describe in-situ concrete works and appear to be identical in scope.

Please clarify the difference between these two items and their respective scope of work.

Answer 30

Even if both BoQ items describes in-situ concrete works, the mix design will be different considering the need for different durability of the concrete.

Question 31

BoQ Item 50903 describes the construction of manholes for longitudinal drainage. The BoQ indicates a quantity of 232 meters for these works, which appears inconsistent with the nature of manholes.

Kindly clarify the correct unit of measurement and specify the number of manholes included in this item.

Answer 31

Please refer to the file was uploaded in the Addendum No. 1 for the file showing the correct unit of measurement and number of manholes.

Question 32

Please specify the currency in which the provisional sums are quoted:

10103	Inclusion of a Road Safety Audit Report	Provisional Sum	1.00	750,000.00	750,000.00
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0016	Provisional sums for the Employer's portion of Adjudicator's costs Suma Provizionata pentru partea Clientului a platii pentru Expertul de solutionare a revendicarilor	Provisional Sum	1	75,000.00	75,000.00
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Answer 32

ITP 15 - Currencies of the Tender provides that all prices shall be quoted by the Participant entirely in EURO; therefore, the currency specified for all items in the Bill of Quantities (BoQ), including provisional sums, is EURO.

Question 33

For **Bill No. 500, DRAINAGE STRUCTURES / Lista Nr. 500, STRUCTURI DE DRENAJ** chapter:

Cimislia Clarifications No 1

50103	Construction of culvert inlets and outlets in concrete to pipe culverts: Construcția elementelor de intrare și ieșire din beton armat a podețelor tubulare:		
50103.2	to Pipe culverts Ø 1 000 mm / Podețe tubulare Ø 1 000 mm	pcs	16.00
50103.3	to Pipe culverts Ø 1 200 mm / Podețe tubulare Ø 1 200 mm	pcs	7.00
50104	Construction of culvert inlets and outlets in concrete to box culverts: Construcția elementelor de intrare și de ieșire din beton armat a podețelor dreptunghiulare:		
50104.1	Box Culverts, 2,0 m x 2,0 m , (span x rise) Podețe dreptunghiulare, 2,0 m x 2,0 m, (travee x mărime)	pcs	2.00
50104.3	Box Culverts, 2,5 m x 2,0 m , (span x rise) Podețe dreptunghiulare, 2,50 m x 2,0 m, (travee x mărime)	pcs	1.00
50104.4	Box Culverts, 2,5 m x 2,0 m , (span x rise) /elevated pipe/ Podețe dreptunghiulare, 2,50 m x 2,0 m, (travee x mărime) / cu elmennt ridicat/	pcs	1.00
50104.6	Box Culverts, 2 x (2,5 m x 2,0 m) , (span x rise) Podețe dreptunghiulare, 2 x (2,5 m x 2,0 m), (travee x mărime)	pcs	1.00
50104.7	Box Culverts, 2 x (2,5 m x 2,0 m) , (span x rise) /elevated pipe/ Podețe dreptunghiulare, 2 x (2,5 m x 2,0 m), (travee x mărime) / cu elmennt ridicat/	pcs	1.00
50104.8	Box Culverts, 2 x (2,0 m x 2,0) m, (span x rise) Podețe dreptunghiulare, 2 x (2,0 m x 2,0) m, (travee x mărime)	pcs	2.00
50104.9	Box Culverts, 1,0 m x 0,5 m, (span x rise) Podețe dreptunghiulare, 1,0 m x 0,5 m, (traveee x mărime)	pcs	2.00
50104.11	Box Culverts, 1,0 m x 1,0 m, (span x rise) Podețe dreptunghiulare, 1,0 m x 1,0 m, (traveee x mărime)	pcs	4.00
50104.12	Box Culverts, 1,60 m x 1,00 m, (span x rise) Podețe dreptunghiulare, 1,60 m x 1,00 m, (traveee x mărime)	pcs	2.00

Please provide the execution details and bill of quantities (BOQ), as they are not included in the documentation provided.

Answer 33

Please refer to the Addendum No. 1 which includes an updated link to the drawings where the execution details are provided. The Bill of Quantities (BoQ) was issued to all Participants as part of the Tender Documents in a compressed (ZIP) format.

Question 34

For **Bill No. 500, DRAINAGE STRUCTURES / Lista Nr. 500, STRUCTURI DE DRENAJ** chapter:

Cimislia Clarifications No 1

PAVED WATERWAYS / CANALE CONSOLIDATE			
50301	Construction of spillway on embankment slope made of precast concrete units B-6 Construcția canalului pe taluzul rambleului din elemente prefabricate de beton B-6	Linear meter	921.00
50304	Consolidation of channel Type V, h=0.50 (accordance with the technical drawings) Consolidarea rigolelor de Tip 1 h=0.50 (conform desenelor tehnice)	Linear meter	1,564.00
50302	Consolidation of trapezoidal channel Type1/ Consolidarea rigolelor trapezoidale de Tip 1		
50302.1	Consolidation of trapezoidal channel Type1, by grassing Consolidarea rigolelor trapezoidale de Tip 1 prin insamintarea cu iarbă	Linear meter	2,050.00
50302.3	Consolidation of trapezoidal channel Type1, b=0,4, h=0.4 (1:1/1,5) (accordance with the technical drawings) Consolidarea rigolelor trapezoidale de Tip 1 b=0,4, h=0.4 (1:1/1,5) (conform desenelor tehnice)	Linear meter	75.00
50302.4	Consolidation of trapezoidal channel Type1, b=0,4, h=0.5 (1:1/1,5) (accordance with the technical drawings) Consolidarea rigolelor trapezoidale de Tip 1 b=0,4, h=0.5 (1:1/1,5) (conform desenelor tehnice)	Linear meter	4,173.00
50302.5	Consolidation of trapezoidal channel Type1, b=0,5, h=0.5 (1:1,5) (accordance with the technical drawings) Consolidarea rigolelor trapezoidale de Tip 1 b=0,5, h=0.5 (1:1,5) (conform desenelor tehnice)	Linear meter	240.00
50302.6	Consolidation of trapezoidal channel Type1, b=0,6, h=0.5 (1:1/1,5) (accordance with the technical drawings) Consolidarea rigolelor trapezoidale de Tip 1 b=0,6, h=0.5 (1:1/1,5) (conform desenelor tehnice)	Linear meter	624.00
50303	Consolidation of trapezoidal channel Type2/ Consolidarea rigolelor trapezoidale de Tip 2		
50303.1	Consolidation of trapezoidal channel Type 2 , b=0.50, h=0.60 (1:1,5) Consolidarea rigolei trapezoidal de Tip 2 b=0.50, h=0.60 (1:1,5)	Linear meter	1,128.00
50303.2	Consolidation of trapezoidal channel Type 2 , b=0.60, h=0.60 (1:1,5) Consolidarea rigolei trapezoidal de Tip 2 b=0.60, h=0.60 (1:1,5)	Linear meter	6,512.00
50307	Construct chute entry gulley, single sided Construcția gurii de scurgere dintr-o singură parte la intrarea în casiu	pcs	131.00
50306	Construct chute entry gulley, double sided Construcția gurii de scurgere din 2 părți la intrarea în casiu	pcs	4.00
50310	Construct of the junction between embankment chute and side drain or ditch Construcția racordării dintre casiu și rigola	pcs	106.00
50311	Construction of water accumulation basin for water at the chute from the slope Construcția unui bazin de acumulare a apelor la casiu de pe taluzul rambleului	pcs	32.00

We kindly request the detailed measurements for a more precise estimation of all work items.

Answer 34

The file was uploaded in the Addendum No 1

Question 35

In Section V – Qualification Forms, please remove Form F-3: Cash Flow Projection and Form BOQ-1-A: Breakdown of BoQ items, as financial information regarding the value of past works

performed by bidders cannot be presented within the qualification forms.

Answer 35

The Qualification Forms are required to be submitted as part of the TDs; therefore, Form F-3: Cash Flow Projection and Form BoQ-1-A: Breakdown of BoQ Items shall not be removed.

Question 36

Regarding **Form FIN-4-A: Cash Flow on Current Contract Commitments and Pending Awards and Form FIN-5: Self-Assessment Tool for Participant's Compliance to Financial Resources**, please confirm that the currency to be used for quotation is **Euro**.

Answer 36

The currency for financial forms (including FIN-4-A and FIN-5) shall be consistent with the currency of the Tender, which is Euro (EUR), as indicated in the Tender Documents.
All financial data shall be presented in a clear and consistent manner, using EUR as the base currency.

Question 37

Regarding **Bill No. 800, ENGINEERING SERVICES**, please provide the execution details, technical specifications, and bills of materials for the works related to: Arrangement of Power Lines, Road Illumination, Arrangement of Communication Lines, Arrangement of Protective Case, and Arrangement of underground gas pipeline (diam. 110mm), as these are missing from the provided documentation

Answer 37

Please refer to the Addendum No.1.

Question 38

Regarding the Bills of Quantities for the following bridges: **PC 189+67, PC 217+69, PC 226+90, PC 239+07, and PC 255+21**, please provide the execution details, technical specifications, and detailed measurements.

Answer 38

Please refer to the Addendum No.1 for the requested BoQs.

Question 39

According to **Bill No. 200, EARTHWORKS**, Geogrid Type 1 (Rc min = 100kN/m) is specified, while Drawing DE 21 mentions Geogrid RC = 50kN. Please specify where in the Bills of Quantities (BOQ) the RC = 50kN geogrid is quoted, as it is stated that the Tc min 100kN geogrid is to be installed between Chainage (PC) 191+25 and PC 195+25.

Answer 39

The Geogrid Type 1 will be considered Tc min 100 kN/m for all layers in the typical cross sections. Also, in the BoQ, the Geogrid Type 1 will be considered Tc min 100 kN/m.

Question 40

Regarding Bill No. **700, ROAD MARKING AND SIGNING**, please provide the road signage and marking plans.

Answer 40

Please refer to the Addendum No.1 for the requested information.

Question 41

In the BoQ Section 200 “THE EXECUTION OF THE EARTHWORKS”, Item 20104 (Finishing and trimming of cut and fill slopes) is indicated with a quantity of S = 317,227 m², while in the subsequent section “SHAPING AND PLANTING OF SLOPES AND EXCAVATED SURFACES” the quantity is stated as S = 250,583 m².

Please clarify the scope and relationship between these items and confirm that the same works are not duplicated in the BoQ, and that the respective quantities refer to different stages of construction and/or different sections of the road alignment.”

Answer 41

In the TDs, Bill of Quantities, Bill 200 [EARTHWORKS], Bill 200 Earthworks Item 20104 relates to the Finishing and Trimming of cut and fill slopes. However, from the section titled “Shaping and Planting of Slopes and Excavated Surfaces” and subsequent sections, Item 20104 has been revised and replaced with Item 20401.1

Please refer to the Addendum No.1 for the revised BoQ.

Question 42

We would like to draw your attention to a significant inconsistency in the tender documents concerning the financial reporting periods:

1. In **Section IV: Eligibility and Qualification Criteria – Table 2: Financial Situation**, it is explicitly stated: *"The information shall be provided for the period of 2022 to 2024."*
2. Consistently, in **Section V: Qualification Forms – Form FIN-2: Average Annual Turnover**, the provided format includes rows and columns only for the years **2022, 2023, and 2024**.
3. However, **Footnote 2 of Section IV: Eligibility and Qualification Criteria – Table 2: Financial Situation** states: *"The last 3 (three) years means the 2023 – 2025 years."*

Under the Turkish Commercial Code and Financial Reporting Standards, audited financial statements for the 2025 fiscal year will not be finalized until August 2026. Given the submission deadline of May 4, 2026, it is legally and practically impossible to provide audited figures for 2025 at this time.

In light of the above, and considering the headings of Section IV, Table 2: Financial Situation, as well as Form FIN-2 (which are also aligned with national regulations and the availability of audited financial statements), kindly confirm whether it would be acceptable to submit financial data for the period 2022–2024.

Answer 42

It was anticipated at the commencement of this procurement process that by the date of deadline there will be no audited financial statements available. Considering this, the procurement documents require the latest audited financial reports for the year 2024.

However, at the same, considering that tender proposals will be submitted at a time significant advanced in the year 2026, it would be appropriate to have an impression on the financial results for the 2025 (even unaudited) so as to be able to consider the trend of the financial results as compared to the latest audited period (2024) and whether such trends indicate a positive evolution of the participant's results.

Therefore, participants are urged to include unaudited financials for the years 2025 as well.

Question 43

With reference to the ongoing tender preparation process and the project documentation received to date, we would like to inform you of the following matters:

Firstly, upon review of the documents available on our side (as per the attached content list/screenshot and as also shown in the attached drawing content), we confirm that only the following documents have been received:

- Road Works (Book 1 I Cartea 1)
- Road Works - Main Road Cross Sections (Book 2 I Cartea 2)

However, the remaining documents listed in the referenced content list have not yet been received. We would therefore kindly request you to share the missing project documents at your earliest convenience to allow us to complete our review properly.

Secondly, due to the Easter holidays in Moldova, we have not been able to carry out detailed coordination with our suppliers and subcontractors in a timely manner. As a result, we are currently

unable to finalize our tender evaluations within the original timeframe.

In this regard, we kindly request an extension of time of one (1) month in order to complete all necessary technical and commercial evaluations in a comprehensive and accurate manner.

We would appreciate your kind consideration and approval of both our document request and extension of time.

Answer 43

Please refer to Addendum No.1 to the Tender Documents as this includes an updated link to the referenced drawings.

The bid submission date has been extended – refer Articles 2 & 3 of Addendum No 1.

Question 44

The participant intends to submit a Tender Security issued by a bank of the Employer's country. The bank is going to issue the guarantee within the financial instruments of joint international financial institutions. The guarantee instruments of all banks participating in this guarantee transaction cannot have an open expiration date, as they are bound by exact terms: the validity period of the counter guarantee and Stand-by Letter of Credit must exceed the validity period of the guarantee by at least 15 days. Considering the above argumentation, and referring to the previous precedents when such a request was satisfied, is it possible to add to the text of the Tender Security the exact date of its validity expiration, provided that the date shall not be earlier than the expected date of submission of performance Guarantee by the successful tenderer, in accordance with all Tender Documents' set provisions and in case the tendering process is delayed, the participant will ensure the extension of the guarantee?

Answer 44

It is acceptable to indicate the expiration date assuming that the date shall not be earlier than the expected date of submission of Performance Guarantee by the successful Participant, in accordance with all provisions set forth in the Tender Documents. Moreover, in case the tendering process is delayed, the Participant shall ensure the extension of the guarantee, otherwise such proposal shall be subject to disqualification.

Question 45

We kindly request your clarification regarding Sub-Factor 2.2 (Average Annual Turnover) in Section IV: Eligibility and Qualification Criteria.

According to the requirements, the Average Annual Turnover shall be calculated as the total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed within the last three (3) years, with a footnote indicating the period as 2023–2025.

However, the required Form FIN-2 provided in Section V: Qualification Forms refers to the period 2022–2024.

Kindly clarify which specific three-year period should be used for the calculation of the Average Annual Turnover.

In case the period 2023–2025 is to be applied, please clarify what supporting documentation for the year 2025 would be considered acceptable, given that audited balance sheets for 2025 are not yet available at the time of tender submission.

Answer 45

Participants shall follow requirements in the Section IV: Eligibility and Qualification Criteria.

The Forms included in the Section V: Qualification Forms are only templates to be used by the participants and adjusted to meet the requirements of the Section IV.

Question 46

In the BoQ Section 200 “THE EXECUTION OF THE EARTHWORKS”, Item 20104 (Finishing and trimming of cut and fill slopes) is indicated with a quantity of $S = 317,227 \text{ m}^2$, while in the subsequent section “SHAPING AND PLANTING OF SLOPES AND EXCAVATED SURFACES” the quantity is stated as $S = 250,583 \text{ m}^2$.

Please clarify the scope and relationship between these items and confirm that the same works are not duplicated in the BoQ, and that the respective quantities refer to different stages of construction and/or different sections of the road alignment.

Answer 46

Please refer to the answer to question 41.

Question 47

MATERIAL SOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Based on the material report, the granite quarry is indicated as Soroca, and it is emphasized that, in line with environmental policies (including emission reduction and sustainability principles), materials such as subbase ballast, basecourse crushed stone, and asphalt aggregates shall be sourced from local suppliers.

Considering that the only granite quarry in Moldova is located in Soroca, please confirm: Whether all asphalt layers will be constructed using aggregates supplied exclusively from the Soroca quarry.

In addition, the ESMP mentions Soroca, Vatra and Goiana quarries. Please clarify: The annual production capacities of these quarries, Whether these capacities are sufficient to meet the total project demand within the construction period.

Answer 47

Bidders are to source and use materials complying with the Technical Specification requirements, and where possible the use of local suppliers is preferred, however where there are single source suppliers and concerns about the availability of the required materials Bidders will not be prevented from sourcing alternate external supplies. This is a commercial decision for the Bidder.

In regard to production capacities of different quarries it is the bidder's task to obtain such data.

Question 48

DRAWING INCONSISTENCY (CULVERT DIAMETER)

At km 23+388:

- The drawing list indicates a culvert diameter of Ø 1.2 m,
- While the cross-section shows Ø 1.0 m.

Please confirm that the correct diameter is Ø 1.0 m.

Answer 48

The Culvert shall be constructed according to the drawings for a 1.0m diameter Culvert.

Question 49

GEOTEXTILE SPECIFICATION CLARIFICATION

The following BoQ items are all defined as "Geotextile Type 2", but with different mechanical properties:

- 90105.1- Type 2 (Geolon PP80)
- 90105.2 - Type 2 (Rc-16/16 kN/m)
- 90105.3 - Type 2 (Rc-29/30kN/m)

This creates ambiguity.

Please clarify:

How all these materials are classified under the same "Type 2" despite having different strength properties;

Whether these represent different performance classes within Type 2;

And provide the detailed technical classification and application areas for each.

Answer 49

Type 2 geotextiles generally refer to a medium-strength classification (often Class II, such as AASHTO

M288) rather than a distinct physical type. These can be either **woven** (e.g., 250ST) for stabilization/high strength or **non-woven** (e.g., needle-punched) for filtration, tailored to specific tensile strength and elongation requirements.

90105.1 - Geotextile Geolon PP80 is woven geo-fabric made from 100% polypropylene (PP). It is used for reinforcement of retaining structures, linear constructions, landfills, drainage systems. PP80 designates the tensile strength of the fabric.

90105.2 - Type 2 (Rc-16/16 kN/m) & 90105.3 - Type 2 (Rc-29/30kN/m). These Geotextiles are made from Needle-punched non-woven polypropylene or polyester.

It is the bidder's task to locate and source commercial suppliers of the products.

Question 50

ESMP & ENVIRONMENTAL

Please clarify which ESMP requirements are deemed included in unit rates and which will be paid separately.

Who is responsible for obtaining environmental permits related to borrow pits, waste disposal and construction camps?

Are there any specific requirements for noise barriers, dust control, or waste management that will be measured and paid separately?

Answer 50

BoQ Bill 000 – Item 01601 is for Compliance with Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plan (C-ESMP) Requirements. There will be no separate payments made outside of Item 01601 for Environmental compliance.

The Participant / Contractor is responsible for obtaining all environmental permits.

There will be no separate payment made for noise barriers, dust control, or waste management. These are the Contractor's tasks for responsible construction practices.

Question 51

CONTRACTUAL/ENGINEER AUTHORITY

To what extent can the Engineer modify specifications, and will such changes be treated as Variations under the Contract?

In case of conflicting requirements between drawings, specifications, and BoQ, which document shall prevail?

Answer 51

The Engineer has no authority to "modify" a Contract specification. Participants are referred to the GCC Sub-Clause 1.5 and PCC part B.

Question 52

BILL OF QUANTITIES

Could you please confirm whether a detailed BOQ list related to the project will be provided?

Answer 52

The BOQ has been issued to Participants as a part of the tender documents.

Question 53

Tender Security

With reference to the Tender Documents for "Construction of M3 Cimislia Bypass (km 18+700 - km 26+138)", we kindly request clarification regarding the Form of Tender Security provided in Section V.

The current form includes several placeholders and optional fields (e.g.Type of Guarantee, Form of Presentation, optional wording, etc.) and does not appear to be presented as a final executable format suitable for direct issuance by a bank.

In order to avoid any discrepancies or risk of non-compliance, we kindly request the Client to provide:

A finalized and complete version of the Tender Security form, and Confirmation that the form must be issued by the bank strictly in the exact wording provided, without any modification.

This clarification will ensure that all Participants submit fully compliant Tender Securities in line with the Employer's expectations.

Answer 53

The fields to be completed relates to information about the guarantor or participant. The respective fields shall be filled in by the participant and its bank.

Participants are urged to follow the form of guarantee in the tender documents.

Question 54

The BoQ does not appear to include any items related to external road lighting. Furthermore, no drawings for utility networks have been provided.

Please confirm whether the project does not include the construction of road lighting.

Alternatively, please confirm whether BoQ Item 80101.1 includes such Works.

Answer 54

Please refer to the Addendum No.1.

Question 55

BoQ Items 20101 and 20101.1 indicate significant volumes of earthworks.

In addition, the BoQ includes substantial earthworks quantities for the construction of ramps/interchanges at km 18+965, 22+686, and 25+521, with a total volume of approximately 293,000 m³.

Please clarify and confirm that the earthworks quantities for the main road and for the ramps/interchanges are not duplicated across different sections of the BoQ.

Answer 55

The quantities are not duplicated. Participants should price based on estimated BOQ tender quantities.

Question 56

We kindly request you to provide the complete and updated documentation related to the utility relocation works, as follows:

- documentation regarding the relocation of electrical lines;
- documentation regarding the relocation of gas networks;
- technical documentation related to passage structures (including designs, execution details, approvals, and any other relevant documents).

Answer 56

Please refer to the Addendum No.1 for the requested information.

Question 57

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?

5. The status of our request for the missing documents, and the expected timeline for their issuance;
6. The status of our request for an extension of time of one (1) month, considering the incomplete documentation and the constraints experienced during the holiday period.

Answer 57

1. Please refer Question / Answer No 6.
2. Please refer Question / Answer No 6
3. Please refer Question / Answer No 6
4. To avoid any potential conflict of interest the Employer's designer is not allowed to be involved with any subsequent project design issues. Please refer Question / Answer No 6 regarding selection of a designer (where required).
5. Refer link provided in Addendum No 1 for missing documents.
6. Refer Addendum No 1 Articles 2 & 3.