

**Response to Queries**

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<b>Announcement Title:</b>	Development and Operation of a Batching Plant
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<b>Proposal Submission Venue and Deadline:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> September 2020. Time and Proposal Submission procedure will be shared with the registered parties.

Below please find the answers to the queries raised for the subjected proposal.

#	Queries	Response
1	Require water connection and water flow rate should be 1.5 liters /second. Can we get it?	Yes. water connection is possible and is subject to the capacity of MWSC utility lines in Hulhumalé'
2	Require sewer connection. Can we get it?	Yes. But tenant has to apply for their own connection using the service provision rules followed by Municipal Department of HDC.
3	Require 3 phase power supply 125 kva (200 amps). Can we get it?	Yes, but tenant has to bear the cost of connection and additional Ct panel if it is necessary and has to follow service provision procedure followed by Municipal department of HDC.
4	Need site plan with road access to plan to install the plant and allocate the material storage yard details.	Refer to location map and plot map attached in Annex 01 of the RFP.
5	There will be dust spreading during operation. Should we to cover our plant area with 10 m barrier?	Developer should ensure correct operational procedures are followed during operation of the plants to mitigate any spread of dust.
6	Are there any existing live services inside the plot?	It's an empty vacant plot? If so no services inside plot.
7	Will they allow our plant vehicles like transit mixers, back hoe loader and excavator etc., on nearby road sides?	No, the tenant's vehicles should be parked in the allocated parking space within the site
8	Can we get water and electricity for construction work under existing site condition?	Yes, can apply for temporary electricity connection and water connection for construction period. Permanent meters can be applied once the construction is complete as per approved drawing and usage permit is given.
9	Is there any space for material storage for construction works?	Material storage shall be done within the boundaries of the plot.



10	Can we use Manufacture sand for the concrete work and other work like masonry and screeding etc.?	As long as it doesn't contradict the purpose allocated by RFP. This will be considered at drawing approvals stage.
11	How many copies (bid documents) do we need to submit?	Only one copy of the Proposal shall be submitted by each proponent
12	Total lease period is 5 years, this is a very short term given that it includes the time to setup the plant as well. Would like to know if there is any chance of extending this lease period or longer lease period?	Lease period has been extended to 7 years; please refer to the addendum dated 24th August 2020.
13	As you might already have acquired the machinery and equipment for this operation. The finance required will not include the cost for these and therefore will not be part of the financing need. So, the proof of funds does not have to cover these expenditures, right?	Proof of funds shall be match with the submitted financial forecast and estimated project value by the proponent under Section IV, Clause 4 of the RFP.
14	There is a requirement to do an EIA if EPA requires it, wouldn't they already know developing and operating a batching plant on this site will need one from EPA?	Refer to Section III, Sub clause 2.10 of the RFP. It is a responsibility of the developer that if required by EPA, EIA shall be submitted to HDC within 30 (thirty) calendar days from the approval of the detailed drawings.
15	Looking into the current economic situation, the COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on Maldives. It will take at least two years to recover this, so kindly consider to make starting rent for land around 5 MVR or Maximum of 10 MVR. With this situation it will be difficult to pay 20 MVR.	The monthly lease rate has been reduced to minimum MVR.10 per square feet of the plot area. Please refer to the addendum dated 24th August 2020.
16	Equally the proposed CSR components for the services like this very high so we suggest to make this CSR component in to 1 Million MVR.	The CSR amount has been reduced to MVR 1,354,000, please refer to the addendum dated 24th August 2020.
17	Also, we suggest to go for a profit-sharing basis for this project, our proposal is 80% should give for Investor and remaining 20% should go for the owner.	Profit sharing is not applicable for this RFP.
18	With regard to the required bank statements of past 06 months, as far as we know earlier HDC inquire bank statements only for individual investors. As in our case 06 months bank statements from all our banks will consist of a lot of transections which would be a huge pile of paper bundle as well.	Please refer to the Section IV, Clause 4 which states as follows: (a) Bank statements of the past six (06) months of the Business Entity or the monthly balance or monthly average balance confirmation. The submitted statement shall be original, authorized and sealed by the Bank / Financial institution. Hence, original and authorized bank statements showing monthly balance, or monthly average balance confirmation, sealed and issued by the bank/financial institution shall suffice.



19	Could you please send us bid document word file as we have to fill the forms?	Word file will not be provided to any of the RFP's, but the formats are attached in the Annexes.
20	Does HDC gives exclusivity to awarded company to operating the batching plant in Hulhumalé and restrict the local/ foreign contractors from supplying to sites?	HDC will not give exclusivity on operating batching plants in Hulhumalé to the awarded companies under this RFP.
21	Will the lease period be extended after the stated lease period?	Lease period will not be extended after the 7 years lease duration given in the amended RFP announced on 24th August 2020.


