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Chakupat, Lalitpur
Amendment No. 1 to Bidding Document (ACCESS-DOR-W-BGC-ICB-02 (LOT 3))

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Bidding Document for Upgrading of Gorusinghe – Chandrauta (GC) section of the East-West Highway and associated bridges [Ch. 640+000 Km to Ch. 659+200 Km]; Contract No.: ACCESS-DOR-W-BGC-ICB-02 (LOT 3) has been amended as per the provision of the ITB-8 of the bidding document as follows:

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A) Specific Procurement Notice			
1.	Request for Bid (Notice) Paragraph 7	The Bidder may submit the Bid either in hard copy or electronically. Bids, both the Technical Part and the Financial Part, must be submitted to the address below on or before 12:00 hours (Nepal Standard Time), 4th May 2026 . Late bids will be rejected. For electronic bid submission, the bidder may inspect and or submit the bids by visiting the electronic procurement portal http://www.bolpatra.gov.np of Public Procurement Monitoring Office (PPMO) of the Government of Nepal. Bidders shall deposit the fee of bidding document in the revenue account given above, and the scanned copy of the bank deposit voucher shall be uploaded at the time of e-bid submission. For e-submission, in the case of a Joint Venture, the lead	The Bidder may submit the Bid either in hard copy or electronically. Bids, both the Technical Part and the Financial Part, must be submitted to the address below on or before 12:00 hours (Nepal Standard Time), 14th May 2026 . Late bids will be rejected. For electronic bid submission, the bidder may inspect and or submit the bids by visiting the electronic procurement portal http://www.bolpatra.gov.np of Public Procurement Monitoring Office (PPMO) of the Government of Nepal. Bidders shall deposit the fee of bidding document in the revenue account given above, and the scanned copy of the bank deposit voucher shall be uploaded at the time of e-bid submission. For e-submission, in the case of a Joint Venture, the lead



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B) Bid Data Sheet			
2	ITB 18.1	The Bid shall be valid until: 1st October 2026	The Bid shall be valid until: 11th October 2026
3	ITB 19.1	A Bid Security shall be required. A Bid-Securing Declaration shall not be required. The amount and currency of the bid security shall be: USD 1.1 million , or equivalent Nepalese Rupees or any other convertible currency calculated on the basis of the selling exchange rate of the Nepal Rastra Bank on the date 28 days prior to the initial/original date of bid opening .	A Bid Security shall be required. A Bid-Securing Declaration shall not be required. The amount and currency of the bid security shall be: USD 1.10 million , or equivalent Nepalese Rupees or any other convertible currency calculated on the basis of the selling exchange rate of the Nepal Rastra Bank on the date 06 April 2026 .



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4 4 cont..	ITB 22.1	<p>For Bid submission purposes only, the Employer's address is:</p> <p>Attention: Project Director, Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia Project (ACCESS)- Nepal Phase 1</p> <p>Street Address: Chakupat</p> <p>Floor/Room number: 2nd Floor</p> <p>City: <i>Lalitpur</i></p> <p>ZIP Code: 44700</p> <p>Country: Nepal</p> <p>The deadline for the Bid submission is:</p> <p>Date: 04th May 2026</p> <p>Time: 1200 Hours, Nepal Standard Time (NST)</p> <p>Bidders shall have the option of submitting their Bids electronically through the e-GP website at https://www.bolpatra.gov.np.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>i. The standard time for e-submission is Nepal Standard Time as set out on the server of PPMO.</p> <p>ii. The e-procurement system will not accept any submission of bid after the deadline for submission of bid specified above.</p> <p>The Electronic Bid Submission Procedures: The electronic Bid (through e-GP) submission procedures shall be as follows:</p>	<p>For Bid submission purposes only, the Employer's address is:</p> <p>Attention: Project Director, Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia Project (ACCESS)- Nepal Phase 1</p> <p>Street Address: Chakupat</p> <p>Floor/Room number: 2nd Floor</p> <p>City: <i>Lalitpur</i></p> <p>ZIP Code: 44700</p> <p>Country: Nepal</p> <p>The deadline for the Bid submission is:</p> <p>Date: 14th May 2026</p> <p>Time: 1200 Hours, Nepal Standard Time (NST)</p> <p>Bidders shall have the option of submitting their Bids electronically through the e-GP website at https://www.bolpatra.gov.np.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>i. The standard time for e-submission is Nepal Standard Time as set out on the server of PPMO.</p> <p>ii. The e-procurement system will not accept any submission of bid after the deadline for submission of bid specified above.</p> <p>The Electronic Bid Submission Procedures: The electronic Bid (through e-GP) submission procedures shall be as follows:</p>



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C) Bill Of Quantities (BOQ)			
2.2.7 Median Kerbs and Footpath			
6	BOQ Item No. 2.2.7 (7)	<p>BOQ Description:</p> <p>Providing and laying M20 grade Interlocking Concrete Block of 60mm thick as required for footpath confirming Nepal Standard over 50mm thick stone dust bed in footpath including sand bedding, as per design drawings, technical specification and to the satisfaction of Engineer all complete. [SS/SP1400]</p>	<p>BOQ Description:</p> <p>Providing and laying min M25 grade multi blended Interlocking Concrete Block of 60mm thick with tactile blocks as required for footpath confirming NS standard over 50mm thick stone dust bed in footpath including excavation for sand bedding, as per design drawings, technical specification and to the satisfaction of Engineer all complete. [SS/SP1400]</p>
2.2.8 Road Furniture and Traffic Safety Measures			
7	BOQ Item No. 2.2.8 (11)	<p>BOQ Item Description:</p> <p>Providing and Fixing Reinforced cement concrete M15 grade Kilometer Post including painting and printing, as per design drawings, technical specification and to the satisfaction of Engineer all complete. [SS/SP 1500]</p> <p>a) Standard Fifth kilometer post</p>	<p>BOQ Item Description:</p> <p>Providing and Fixing Reinforced cement concrete M20 grade Kilometer Post including painting and printing, as per design drawings, technical specification and to the satisfaction of Engineer all complete. [SS/SP 1500]</p> <p>a) Standard Fifth kilometer post</p>
8	BOQ Item No. 2.2.8 (12)	<p>BOQ Item Description:</p> <p>Providing and Fixing Reinforced cement concrete M15 grade Kilometer Post including painting and printing, as per design drawings, technical specification and to the satisfaction of Engineer all complete. [SS/SP 1500]</p>	<p>BOQ Item Description:</p> <p>Providing and Fixing Reinforced cement concrete M20 grade Kilometer Post including painting and printing, as per design drawings, technical specification and to the satisfaction of Engineer all complete. [SS/SP 1500]</p>



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		b) Standard one Kilometer post	b) Standard one Kilometer post
9	BOQ Item No. 2.2.8 (22)	<p>BOQ Item Description:</p> <p>Providing and fixing of Reinforced cement concrete M15 grade boundary pillars of standard design Drawing(top 150mm dia, bottom 200 mm dia having 1.05 m height, 300mm above ground and 750 mm below ground with 6mm dia bar two main bar having 1.84m length each and 5 stirrups fixed in position including finishing and lettering but excluding painting as per Drawing and Technical Specifications. [SS/SP 403]</p>	<p>BOQ Item Description:</p> <p>Providing and fixing of Reinforced cement concrete M20 grade boundary pillars of standard design Drawing(top 150mm dia, bottom 200 mm dia having 1.05 m height, 300mm above ground and 750 mm below ground with 6mm dia bar two main bar having 1.84m length each and 5 stirrups fixed in position including finishing and lettering but excluding painting as per Drawing and Technical Specifications. [SS/SP 403]</p>
2.3.1 Foundation			
10	BOQ Item No. 2.3.1 (6)	<p>(6) Providing machine mixed Cement Concrete M35/20 for Pile, with crushed stone aggregate, and placing of concrete using hopper, tremie pipes, crane, compaction, curing, testing and necessary lead, as per design drawings, technical specification and to the satisfaction of Engineer all complete.[SS/SP 2000] Quantity= 7848.55 cum</p>	<p>The quantity of BOQ item no. 2.3.1 (6) has been broken down into following two items.</p> <p>Providing machine mixed Cement Concrete M35/20 for Pile, with crushed stone aggregate, and placing of concrete using hopper, tremie pipes, crane, compaction, curing, testing and necessary lead, as per design drawings, technical specification and to the satisfaction of Engineer all complete.[SS/SP 2000] Quantity= 1340.59 cum</p> <p>Providing machine mixed Cement Concrete M40/20 for Pile, with crushed stone aggregate, and placing of concrete using hopper, tremie pipes, crane, compaction, curing, testing and necessary lead, as per design drawings, technical specification and to</p>



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			<p>the satisfaction of Engineer all complete.[SS/SP 2000] Quantity= 6507.96 cum</p> <p>The item no. 2.3.1 (7) to 2.3.1 (11) of Original Bill of Quantities have been renumbered accordingly in the Amended Bill of Quantities.</p>

2.3.4 River Training and Protection Works

11	BOQ Item No. 2.3.4 (2)	<p>BOQ Item Description:</p> <p>Providing and filling stone/boulder in gabion boxes/mattress etc. Including dressing, bedding, bonding, as per design drawings, technical specification and to the satisfaction of Engineer all complete. [SS/SP 2400]</p>	<p>BOQ Item Description:</p> <p>Supply and Transportation of Machine Made Mechanically selvedged double twisted hexagonal mesh type 100mm x 120 mm Gabion boxes / mattresses with diaphragms, with binding wire 2.4 mm, mesh wire 3.0 mm and selvedged wire 3.90 mm, placing in position including stretching, forming compartments; tying with bracing wires and tie wires; tying down the lid, providing and filling stone / boulder in gabion boxes / mattresses etc. including dressing, beding, bonding etc. all complete as per special specification and drawings.[SS-2402]</p>
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Note: As a result of above amendments, the e-GP system has automatically revised the numbering of all heads and subheads for different civil work items except Provisional Sums.

Bidders are however requested to note that although the numbering of heads and subheads has changed, the language and technical content of the individual items remain unchanged, except for those items that have been explicitly modified, or renumbered as part of the amendment, in a manner already explained earlier.



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CLARIFICATION NO. 1

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As per the provision of Instruction to Bidders (ITB) Clause-7.0, queries submitted by the different construction firms are listed below. The clarifications for each query are also presented in tabular format hereunder:

S.N.	Subject title/Item	Query/ Clarification Requested	Clarification
1	Timeline for Phase 2 (1%) Performance Security: The current clause requires both securities (7.5% and 1%) to be submitted within 28 days of the Letter of Acceptance (LOA). However, Phase 2 (PBM) only starts years after signing.	Given that Phase 2 is a distinct phase starting after approx. 2.5 years of construction plus the DNP, would the Employer accept that the 7.5% Performance Security is provided as contract commencement of Phase 2? This prevents the Contractor from incurring unnecessary bank commission charges for a security that is not active during the construction period.	Provision of Performance Security remains unchanged.
2	Price Adjustment for Provisional Sums: The contract includes substantial Provisional Sums for long-term items. The value of PRPs (is also linked to Sub-clause 13.7	Could the Employer confirm that all payments made against Provisional Sums (BOQ Section 1) and the Monthly Lump Sum for PBM (Phase 2) will be subject to the Price Adjustment provisions under Sub-Clause 13.7 of the Conditions of Contract?	Price Adjustment is applicable to the Monthly Lumpsum item of PBM (Phase 2), and not applicable to the Provisional Sum items. However, please take a note that the Payment Reduction Points (PRP) are subject to price adjustment in a manner as described in Clause 13.7 for Phase 2 works.
3	Indices applicable during Extension of Time (EOT):* The final paragraph of 13.7 uses a “freeze” on indices if the Contractor “fails to complete” within the time frame.	Q1: If an EOT is granted for reasons not attributable to the Contractor (example, Employer's Risk, Exceptional Events, or third-party delays), please confirm that price adjustment will be calculated using the actual current indices at the time of execution, and the 49-day freeze will not apply. Q2: Please confirm that the "49-day freeze" on indices mentioned in Sub-Clause 13.7 only applies to cases of culpable delay by the Contractor.	It will be as per the Condition of Contract.
4	Currency Conversion for Tax Payments on USD Portion: Fixed rates are set for the contract, but Nepalese VAT law mandates tax invoices use the NRB Real-Time Exchange Rate on the transaction date.	Query: For the foreign currency payment portion, who shall bear the financial liability resulting from the difference between the fixed exchange rate established in the Contract (Table C) and the mandatory Real-Time Exchange Rate required by the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) for the calculation and remittance of taxes (VAT)?	The ITB Clause 15.1 (b) does not stipulate a fixed-date exchange rate; rather, it requires the bidder to specify the amount/exchange rate themselves in arriving at the local currency equivalent, and the percentage(s) mentioned shall be specified by the Bidder in the Appendix to Bid - Table C and shall apply for all payments under the Contract. Any exchange gain/ loss, if at all, for settling taxes shall be at the Contractor's responsibility.



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5	Relocation of Electrical Works (Responsibility): There is ambiguity between the Provisional Sum for relocation and the Contractor's coordination role.	Q1: Will the Contractor be responsible for the full execution of relocation works, or will the utility owners (example, NEA) execute the works with the Contractor's role limited to coordination and payment? Q2: If the utility owners carry out the work, will delays in their shifting schedule entitle the Contractor to an Extension of Time (EOT) and associated prolongation costs?	NEA is responsible for the relocation of the electric poles, and the coordination with NEA has already started. However, for other utilities the contractor is responsible for the relocation and paid through the provisional sum.
6	Final Statement and Bio-engineering Retention: 50% of payment is retained until the end of DNP, but care/maintenance for trees lasts 5 years.	Q1: Does the issuance of the Final Statement and Final Payment for Phase 1 (Sub-Clause 14.13) have to wait until the 5-year maintenance period for trees is complete, or can it be issued after the 1-year DNP? Q2: If plants fail due to Exceptional Events (drought/flood) or third-party damage during the 5-year period, will re-establishment be paid as a Variation?	1) The Bio-engineering BoQ items for Phase 1 shall be paid strictly in accordance with Clause 2815 Measurement and Payment of the Technical Specifications. As per this provision: •50% of the BoQ rate is payable upon completion of the bio-engineering works in accordance with the Specifications and to the satisfaction of the Engineer. •The remaining 50% is payable at the end of the Defect Notification Period (DNP), after completion of aftercare and maintenance obligations deemed included in the quoted rate and accepted by the Engineer. Accordingly, Final Payment for Phase 1 (under Sub-Clause 14.13) will be issued after completion of the 1-year DNP, in line with the Conditions of Contract. 2) In case of exceptional event, it will be dealt as per the Contract Provision.
7	Maximum Cumulative Payment Reduction (Phase 2): The document mentions a monthly limit of 200% of the monthly lump-sum amount.	Query: Please clarify if the 200% limit implies that the Contractor could lose the entire monthly payment plus pay an additional 100% fine. Furthermore, is there a global "cap" or "stop-loss" on total Payment Reduction Points (PRPs) for the entire 5-year Phase 2 period to prevent unlimited liability?	Please refer clause 2915 (2) Payment Reduction. It is clarified that for accumulated OSL non-conformances within any one-km section, the maximum cumulative payment reduction in one month shall, however be limited to 200 percent of the monthly lump-sum amount for Maintenance Services payable for that one km of road. There is no other "cap" on total Payment Reduction Points (PRPs).
8	Right of Access and Tree Felling: Access is 60% at start, but felling of 4,762 trees is required for roadway widening.	Query: Does "Right of Access" mean the land is handed over fully cleared of trees? If the Contractor is delayed because the Forest Department has not yet cleared the felling of the 4,762 trees listed in the BoQ, will this be treated as an Employer-risk delay entitling the Contractor to an EOT?	The Employer has already started the process for approval of tree cutting. The tree cutting is the responsibility of the contractor and will be paid and included in the BoQ.

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9	GIS Data Creation Requirements: The clause requires submission of as-built drawings in a GIS (*.shp) format.	Query: Please provide a detailed data schema or template for the required GIS data (coordinate systems, attribute fields, etc.) to ensure the Contractor can budget for the specialized software and personnel required.	The Contractor shall comply with the stated requirement by: Submitting the data in standard GIS-compatible format (ESRI Shapefile *.shp); Ensuring the data is properly geo-referenced using an appropriate coordinate system applicable in Nepal; Providing complete and usable spatial data representing the works, acceptable to the Engineer & Employer
10	Annual Price Adjustment for PBM Phase: Phase 2 spans 5 years (60 months).	Query: Please confirm that the Monthly Lump Sum payment for Phase 2 will be subject to annual price adjustment under Sub-Clause 13.7 for the entire 5-year duration to account for multi-year inflation in labor and material costs.	Applicable for both payment and payment reduction points. Also refer to Clarification no. 2.
11	Maintenance Liabilities due to Traffic Overloading: Contractor is responsible for the road being "Pot Hole Free."	Query: If the road pavement suffers structural failure or accelerated distress during the 5-year PBM period due to traffic loads exceeding the design axle load (overloading), will the cost of structural repairs be treated as a "Variation" or "Emergency Work," rather than a routine maintenance obligation?	It will be treated as per the contract.
12	Specialist Subcontractor for Pile Testing (PDA): The clause requires a specialist with 5 years' experience.	Query: Can the "specialist sub-contractor" for PDA testing be an international firm or an internal specialized unit of the Contractor's group, provided they meet the experience requirements? Or must the firm be registered locally in Nepal?	The specialist sub-contractor for PDA testing may be either an international firm or a national firm; however, in all cases, the firm shall meet the specified experience requirements.
13	Insurance Scope for 5-Year Maintenance Phase: The care of works spans the entire contract.	Query: Please clarify the insurance requirements for Phase 2 (PBM). Will the Contractor be required to maintain a full "Contractor's All Risk" (CAR) policy for the road assets for 5 years, or will the requirement during Phase 2 be limited to "Third-Party Liability" and "Workmen's Compensation"?	Please refer to FIDIC Condition of Contract 19.2.1 and Special Specification Clause 119.
14	Quarry site	As per the ESIA document, certain locations are proposed for Quarry Site. But during the site visit, we notice that rivers/kholas do not contain material suitable for respective project. Q: The quantities of the materials in the certain locations of the proposed Quarry Site (municipality) may not be enough to satisfy the construction of the Project. Can the contractor extract materials from other rivers at different municipality which are not mentioned in ESIA document?	The potential sources of construction materials are identified in the project's ESIA/IEE report are only indicative. Bidders are solely responsible to assess the potential sites and alternative material sources, provided that all required environmental, social, and statutory approvals are obtained from the relevant government authorities by the bidders themselves. The Employer will facilitate the Contractor in the process of obtaining the necessary approvals.



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15	Quarry site	Usually, the extraction of construction materials for embankment filling as per ESIA is from Pirapani, Arghakhanchi (depth 20m), Buddhabhumi (depth 2m) and Shivraj (depth 1.5m) from agricultural land. Q1) If the agricultural land is privately owned, will the contractor have to pay double money, i.e. one as royalty to local authority and another for land owner? Q2) Does the government law allow to extract soil up to 20m depth at Pirapani, Arghakhanchi and 2m depth at Buddhabhumi?	The contractor shall comply and act in accordance with the regulations of the local municipalities/ authority.
16	Tree cutting	As per site condition, road alignment lies in community forest and there is provision of tree cutting in BOQ item. Also BOQ S.N. 3 has provision of compensatory tree plantation, it seems the Employer has already received necessary approval from the relative authorities. Q: Has the necessary approval procedure from relative authorities for tree cutting been finalized or not?	Approval procedure from the relevant authorities is ongoing and intended to be completed before the Date of commencement.
17	Right of Way	As per the Bidding Document, the right of way for the structures is 50m wide. Q: Has the land acquisition within the right of way been completed by Employer? It is observed at site that many houses/existing structures within the right of way are still not demolished and removed. When will the demolishing be completed and the whole required land handed over to the contractor?	There is no need for land acquisition. The process for compensation and removal of affected structures is in progress.
18	Relocation of public utilities	As per BOQ S.N. 10, there is provision of relocation of public utilities. Q: It has been noticed and shared from earlier Asian highway projects that permission and relocation of existing utilities is a huge challenge. Has the Employer already coordinated or received approval with respective authority for relocation of existing utilities? It is very time consuming and hectic after commencement of work.	Process for the shifting of the utilities and electric poles is in progress with the concerned offices and NEA. Also, please refer to clarification S.N. 5.

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19	Discrepancy in main report and drawing	The attached link in bid document for main report and drawing is not complete and has discrepancies. Q1: There are 76 culverts in the main report (7 pipe culverts, 69 box culverts), but it also indicates 64 box culverts, which is contradictory. Please clarify. Q2: In the main report, box culverts differ from plan & profile drawings (63 shown). Chainage of culverts also differs, and in some drawings minor bridges are shown instead of box culverts at the same chainage. Please clarify this discrepancy.	Q1. In Section 11.2 of the Main Report, the list of proposed box and pipe culverts includes a total of 76 numbers, along with their chainages. <i>This comprises:</i> 7 pipe culverts (to be widened), and 69 box culverts {including: 1 two-cell box culvert (New), and 68 single-cell box culverts (New after dismantling existing culverts)} Q2. The shop drawings (plan and profile) shall incorporate 76 numbers of culverts, with chainages determined based on actual site conditions as required. The term “Minor Bridges” shall be ignored where the span of culverts is less than 6 meters.
20	Subgrade Filling material in RE wall	Q: As mentioned in bid document, design and construction of RE wall section is sole responsibility of contractor. Is the quantity of filling material in RE wall incorporated in BOQ item of subgrade filling (item no.)?	The structural backfill / reinforced zone material (cu.m) shall be deemed to be included in the RE wall BOQ item rate (Item No. 2.2.3 (5) in sq.m), along with <i>all associated components as specified in the BOQ description</i> , including the cost for ground improvement and its design. The unreinforced zone earthfill shall be measured and paid separately under BOQ Item No. 2.2.2 (3) in cu.m: Construction of Embankment with Suitable Soil.
21	Incomplete drawing	In the attached drawing link in bid document, detailed drawings for box culverts are missing. Please attach the detailed drawings for box culverts.	Incorporated; all necessary drawings and designs have been uploaded.
22	Geotechnical report	Geotechnical report is missing in the attached link in bid document. Please attach geotechnical report as well.	Incorporated; all necessary drawings and designs have been uploaded.
23		While submitting the financial documents in hard copy, can we use the BoQ provided in the eGP system and fill in the rates in the same excel-generated file, then sign, stamp, and submit it? Or is it mandatory to fill in the rates by hand only in the purchased documents? Kindly clarify.	Both methods are acceptable, as long as the integrity of the BOQ details (description, quantity, and unit) remains unchanged.
24		What are the actual ground conditions, especially for drainage and subgrade?	Please refer to the main report.
25		Is there any issue of land acquisition or site clearance pending?	There is no issues regarding land acquisition; the site clearance work is ongoing.
26		Availability of quarry sites and borrow areas?	Please refer to clarification S.N. 14 and 15.



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27	JV Lead Member and E-Submission	In case of a Joint Venture (JV), since international partners may not be familiar with the PPMO e-GP system, there is a risk of errors during bid submission. Kindly clarify whether any guidance or flexibility will be provided in this regard. Furthermore, we request the Employer to please allow JV partners (other than the Lead Member) to upload documents in the PPMO system to facilitate accurate and efficient submission	The provision shall remain unchanged.
28	Land Acquisition and Encroachment Issues	Kindly clarify whether there are any land acquisitions or encroachment issues pending along the project alignment. In this regard, please specify the extent and locations of such issues, the current status of resolution, and any anticipated timelines for clearance. Furthermore, please confirm whether any sections of the alignment are currently under dispute or subject to legal proceedings that may affect timely access to the site	Please refer to clarification S.N. 17 and 25.
29	Right of Way (ROW) Availability	Kindly confirm whether the entire Right of Way (ROW) is fully available for the execution of the works. If not, please indicate the specific chainages where ROW is not yet available, the reasons for such unavailability, and the expected timeline for handing over the remaining sections. Additionally, please clarify whether any restrictions exist within the available ROW that could limit construction activities, such as width constraints or access limitations.	Please refer to clarification S.N. 8, 17 and 25.
30	Site Restrictions and Constraints	We would appreciate it if the Employer could provide detailed information on any restrictions or constraints arising from community forests, settlements, or existing utilities such as electric poles, pipelines, and telecommunication lines. Please clarify whether any permissions or clearances are required for working within community forest areas and who will be responsible for obtaining them. Additionally, kindly indicate whether relocation of utilities will be carried out by the Employer or the Contractor, along with the expected timelines and any coordination requirements with concerned authorities.	Please refer to clarification S.N. 5 and S.N. 8.



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31	Quarry and Borrow Sources	Kindly provide detailed information on approved quarry and borrow sources for construction materials, including their exact locations, approximate haul distances from the project site, and the current status of environmental approvals and permits. Please also clarify whether these sources have sufficient capacity to meet project requirements and whether the Contractor is permitted to propose alternative sources if required. In such cases, kindly specify the procedure for approval and the responsibilities related to obtaining environmental clearances and paying royalties or other applicable fees.	Please refer to clarification S.N. 14 and 15.
32	Bid Submission Modality	Kindly confirm whether submission of bids is permitted in both hard copy and electronic (e-submission) formats. If both modes are allowed, please clarify which submission will prevail in case of discrepancies. Additionally, we request details regarding the submission procedure, including platform requirements for e-submission, deadlines for each mode, and any specific instructions to ensure compliance with the bidding requirements.	Please note that the bidder shall submit the bid either in hard copy or electronically. Kindly refer to the ITB 4.3, as well.
33	202 Dismantling Culverts, Bridges, Other Structures and Pavements	Kindly clarify whether the materials obtained from the dismantling of existing structures are to be considered the property of the Employer, and whether the Contractor is permitted to utilize such materials free of cost. Furthermore, please confirm if any charges, credits, or deductions shall be applied for the use of such salvaged materials, or if any portion is required to be returned to the Employer.	Materials from dismantled structures can be reused if it meets the requirements as stipulated in the Special Specification clause no. 202.
34	BDS-ITB 15.1	Please clarify the allowable proportion and applicable currencies for foreign currency payments, and confirm whether a detailed currency-wise price breakdown is required in accordance with a prescribed format.	Bidders shall price the Bill of Quantities in local currency only and shall indicate in the "Appendix to Bid- Table C" the percentage expected for the payment in foreign currency or currencies. Both the proportion of the currencies and exchange rates are to be proposed by the bidder. Please refer to BDS ITB 15.1 and Appendix to Bid - Table C for more clarity.




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35	Borrow/Quarry Sites	<p>“Ten percent (10%) of all payments due to the Contractor in respect of the construction of embankment using borrow material or which are due under any other item of the Bills of Quantities in respect of material won from borrow pits, gravel pits or quarries shall be withheld until the sites of the borrow pits, gravel pits or quarries to which such payments relate have been completely reinstated to the full satisfaction of the Engineer and in accordance with the Specification provisions.”</p> <p>Q: Could you kindly clarify under which specific BOQ item number the supply and placement of this borrowed material will be measured and paid?</p>	<p><u>BOQ Item No. 2.2.2 (3) – Construction of Embankment with Suitable Soil (in cu.m)</u></p> <p>This item covers the construction of embankment using suitable soil, including: Roadway excavated materials, and/or Borrow soil, provided that all materials meet the specified engineering and quality requirements as per the contract specifications.</p>
36	122 Shop Drawings of Intersections	<p>Kindly clarify whether intersection designs are required under the contract, and if so, how the payment for such designs will be processed, given that no separate BOQ items for intersection design are included.</p>	<p>Detailed layouts and provisions are presented in the Miscellaneous Drawings and the Typical Minor Junction Drawings, which shall be read in conjunction with the contract documents.</p> <p>Furthermore, in accordance with Clause 122 (1) to (5) of the Contract Specifications, the scope, measurement, and payment provisions for “Shop Drawings of Intersections” are explicitly defined. These requirements are deemed to be fully covered under the relevant contractual provisions, and no separate or additional payment shall be made beyond what is specified therein.</p>
37	BOQ-2; 2.3.4 River Training and Protection Works	<p>With reference to the BOQ item “Providing and filling stone/boulder in gabion boxes/mattresses,” it is not explicitly stated whether the gabion boxes/mattresses shall be supplied by the Employer (PIU) or by the Contractor. Kindly clarify whether the Contractor is required to provide the gabion boxes/mattresses as part of this item, or if these will be supplied by the Employer.</p>	<p>Please refer to the amendment.</p>
38	2.2.7 Median Kerbs and Footpath	<p>The Specification Clause 1408 requires the concrete grade for footpath paving to be M25/20, while the Bills of Quantities (BOQ) Item 2.2.7.7 specifies the concrete grade as M20, which is inconsistent with the specification requirement.</p>	<p>Please refer to the amendment.</p>

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39	2.2.8 Road Furniture and Traffic Safety Measures BOQ No. 19; Bus Bay	As per the road alignment plan drawings, there are 12 locations identified for bus bays. However, the BOQ includes provision for only 3 bus shelters. Q: (i) How will measurement and payment for concrete and reinforcement works for all bus locations be carried out? (ii) Are bus shelters required to be constructed at each bus bay location, or only at the 3 locations specified in BOQ?	Bus shelters are not proposed at all identified bus bay locations. Instead, shelters are planned only at selected locations—primarily within town areas—where passenger demand and pedestrian activity are relatively higher. Please refer to the Main Report, Table 9-16, for details of the proposed bus shelters (3 Nos) and bus bay locations. In total, 21 bus bay locations have been identified. For bus shelter design details, please refer to the relevant drawings. BoQ Item 2.8.12 clearly specifies that all works shall be completed in accordance with the design drawings and to the satisfaction of the Engineer, including all components as per specifications [SS/SP 907, 2000, 2200].
40	2.3 Bridge Underpass Overpass and Wildlife Crossing – 2.3.1 Foundation BOQ No. 6 ; Concrete for Pile Foundation	As per the bid design drawings for the two major bridges, the specified concrete grade for piles is M40/20. However, the BOQ indicates the concrete grade as M35/20 for the same work. Kindly clarify this discrepancy and confirm which concrete grade shall be adopted for construction and measurement/payment purposes.	Please refer to the amendment.
41	2.2.8 Road Furniture and Traffic Safety Measures BOQ No. 11, 12, 22; Concrete for KM Stone and Boundary Pillars	As per the bid design drawings, the specified concrete grade for KM stones and boundary pillars is M20. However, the BOQ indicates the concrete grade as M15 for the same items. Kindly clarify this discrepancy and confirm which concrete grade shall be adopted for construction and for the purpose of measurement and payment.	Please refer to the amendment.
42	Validity of the drawings	The drawings attached by you in the bid documents (GC_Highway Drawings.pdf) (hereinafter referred to as the former) were provided initially. Later, on April 3, 2026, you updated the drawings (Highway Drawings.pdf) (hereinafter referred to as the latter). There are the following differences between the two sets of drawings: • The former has signatures and seals, while the latter does not. • Regarding the "TYPICAL CROSS SECTION" drawings, the annotations for the pavement structure layers in the two sets of drawings are completely different. • The drawing date in the former set of drawings is September 2025, while the drawing date in the latter set is December 2024.	Please refer to the drawings that has signature and seals. Furthermore, we request that you refer the updated drawings (provided in the Google drive).

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43	Unclear information regarding the retaining wall structure in TCS-02A	In the TCS-02A section of TYPICAL CROSS SECTION, only the presence of a retaining wall is shown, but the type of foundation, detailed construction and methods are not specified. Please clearly specify the detailed construction and methods of this retaining wall, or provide relevant drawings.	Please refer to the Special Specification SS 301, where it is clearly stated that the contractors are responsible for designing the Reinforced Earth (RE) wall. For further clarity, the walls that you have indicated are Concrete Facias, not typical retaining walls.

