



CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE TENDER FOR PROPOSED REHABILITATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF THE 60 KM NORTHERN COLLECTOR TUNNEL WATER PIPELINE TO KONZA TECHNOPOLEIS:

TENDER NO. TDA/NCT-WORKS/008/2026-2027.

7TH SEPTEMBER 2026

	CLARIFICATION FROM BIDDERS	RESPONSE FROM THE EMPLOYER
1	60 KM Scope versus 11 KM BOQ Quantity The tender title refers to rehabilitation, testing and commissioning of approximately 60 km of pipeline, whereas the BOQ indicates approximately 11,000 metres of DN250 PN20 HDPE pipeline. Kindly confirm the exact scope of the 60 km system and whether only 11 km is intended for new pipeline works/replacement while the balance is mainly testing and rehabilitation.	The subject 11KM in the BoQs is for the installation of a completely new pipeline infrastructure which is completely damaged, while the other 49km are for possible rehabilitation after of the entire line subject to undertaking pressure testing to identify possible areas requiring rehabilitation.
2	Extent of Existing Pipeline Rehabilitation Kindly clarify the anticipated extent of repairs/replacement to the existing pipeline following pressure testing. Are condition-assessment reports, failure records or preliminary quantities available?	The extent of the repairs will be determined after finalization of the pressure testing and condition assessment.
3	Existing Pipeline Technical Information Kindly provide, where available, the existing pipeline as-built drawings, pipe sizes, materials, pressure ratings, age, route information, previous test results and maintenance/failure history.	The existing pipeline is carbon steel of PN40 and DN250. The pipeline was installed in late 1980s but its well protected inside by concrete cover and outside by tar.
4	JV – NCA Water Works Requirement For a Joint Venture comprising two firms, kindly confirm whether each JV member must independently hold NCA Category 2 or above for Water Works, or whether compliance by the lead/member responsible for the water works is sufficient. The mandatory requirement presently specifies NCA Category 2 and above for Water Works.	Compliance for the tender requirements by either partner in the Association will be sufficient. In this case any JV member with NCA 2 will qualify. It is not mandatory therefore for all the JV members to have NCA 2, but one of them must have the requirements.

5	JV – Similar Project Experience MR16 requires evidence of at least three similar projects completed within the last eight years. Kindly confirm whether the experience of both JV members may be combined to satisfy the three-project requirement, or whether one JV member must independently satisfy the requirement.	For a Joint Venture (JV), any one of the JV partners shall be required to demonstrate the requisite similar project experience specified under MR16 of the Tender Document. The experience of any one JV partner may therefore be used to satisfy the requirement. The experiences may not be necessarily combined, at least one member MUST have the requirements as per the bid document.
6	Definition of “Similar Project” Kindly clarify what will qualify as a similar project for MR16. For example, will experience in bulk water transmission pipelines, sewer pipelines, pumping stations, water infrastructure, pipeline rehabilitation and related civil/electromechanical works be considered acceptable?	Similar Projects shall mean successfully completed contracts involving the rehabilitation, testing and/or commissioning of major water transmission pipelines, bulk water supply pipelines, raw water pipelines or comparable water conveyance infrastructure, of similar nature, complexity and magnitude to the subject tender.
7	KSh 100 Million Financial Capacity – JV For MR7 and MR15, kindly confirm whether the required KSh 100 million liquid assets/credit facility may be demonstrated by one JV member on behalf of the JV, or whether each member must individually demonstrate this financial capacity.	The requirement of KES 100 million in liquid assets and/or an available credit facility may be demonstrated by at least one member of the Joint Venture (JV) member. It is not a requirement for each JV members to individually demonstrate the full KES 100 million financial capacity.
8	MR7 and MR15 Bank Documentation Kindly confirm whether one bank letter specifically confirming availability of a credit line of at least KSh 100 million can satisfy both MR7 and MR15, or whether separate supporting documents are required for each criterion.	Bidders are required to provide both documents i.e. Line of Credit from its Bank and a availability of Liquid assets other than the Letter from the bank as specified under the respective requirements of MR7 and MR15. The Tender Document requires separate financial instruments to satisfy both requirements.
9	Advance Payment Kindly confirm the percentage of mobilization/advance payment applicable to this contract, the required advance-payment guarantee, timing of payment and the applicable recovery/amortization mechanism.	The applicable advance payment, advance payment guarantee, timing of payment and recovery mechanism shall be discussed, addressed and agreed upon at the Contracting stage.
10	Pumping System Configuration The BOQ provides for four pumping units with an overall design duty of	Bidders are encouraged to consider these high level information/requirements for the purposes of bidding,

	approximately 3,000 m ³ /day at 170 m TDH. Kindly confirm the duty/standby configuration, required individual pump duty, motor ratings, operating philosophy and redundancy requirements.	however, this shall be determined and confirmed during the detailed engineering design stage.
11	Electrical Supply and SCADA Kindly provide further information regarding the existing/proposed power supply, SCADA architecture, communication protocol, PLC/instrumentation requirements and integration with the existing water-system controls.	Bidders are encouraged to consider these high level information/requirements for the purposes of bidding, however, this shall be determined and confirmed during the detailed engineering design stage.
12	Mombasa Road Crossing Kindly confirm whether a preferred construction methodology has been established for the Mombasa Road pipeline crossing—such as HDD, thrust boring or open trench—and whether the necessary KeNHA wayleave/approval has already been initiated or will be entirely the contractor's responsibility.	These will be detailed after the Engineering detailed design is done. The required engagement with KeNHA and other relevant Agencies will be established during implementation.
13	Design Responsibility and 5% Design Cost The Grand Summary provides for an addition of 5% Design Cost. Kindly clarify the exact design scope expected from the contractor, required professional approvals/deliverables, and whether the 5% is to be applied as a fixed percentage in the tender summary.	The Detailed Engineering Design Consultant shall be nominated by the Client. A Provisional Sum equivalent to five percent (5%) of the Contract Price has been provided for the design-related services, which shall cover the review and development of the designs, as applicable and project supervision during implementation.
14	Provisional Sums Kindly confirm how bidders should treat provisional-sum items where quantities/details are to be finalized after testing or detailed design, particularly regarding overheads and profit.	The Provisional Sums provided in the BOQ shall be carried forward by the bidders to the Main Summary of the Bill of Quantities without alteration. The applicable overheads, profits and other associated costs shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of the Tender Document and shall be applied where expressly provided .
15	Completion Period and Sectional Commissioning Kindly confirm the intended contract completion period and whether sectional completion/commissioning will be permitted to maintain water supply during execution.	There shall be no sectional completion and/or handover under the Contract. Bidders are therefore required to propose a suitable construction period for completion of the Works, taking into consideration the scope, site conditions, construction methodology, testing and commissioning requirements.

16	Clarification We also note that the tender document refers to a clarification deadline of “Tuesday 8th June 2026”, whereas the tender submission is in September 2026. Kindly confirm the correct clarification deadline applicable to this tender.	Deadline The deadline is Today Monday 7th September 2026.
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