



MALTA RESOURCES AUTHORITY

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**TENDER FOR GC-MS ANALYSIS OF POLISHED TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT AND GROUNDWATER**

**Question 1: We understand that there is no pre-defined list of compounds that need to be analyzed.**

Correct; but as indicated in the '*Tender Specifications and Conditions*', the analytical process must take particular reference to the content of emerging pollutants of concern such as halogenated hydrocarbons, pharmaceuticals, solvents and other compounds of industrial origin.

**Question 2: Please can you clarify how offers from the different tenderers will be assessed if not all will provide the same list of compounds, and thus different prices?**

It is noted that in the '*Tender Specifications and Conditions*', tenderers are requested (amongst others) to submit a detailed description of the analysis methodology (para. 8.3.1). This in order to provide sufficient proof that the tender adheres to the technical specifications quoted under para 8.4.2.

It is moreover noted that the purpose of this investigation is the determination/quantification of the content of volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds in the samples; and therefore the above quoted description should also include the range of compounds (library) which the analysis will consider. Thus, the tenderer is required to provide sufficient proof that the range of the analysis offered is such that it considers the compounds targeted by the investigation i.e. emerging pollutants of concern such as halogenated hydrocarbons, pharmaceuticals, solvents and other compounds of industrial origin.

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