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Clarification No.1

Query 1: *What is the maximum borehole depth?*

Answer 1: Point iv of paragraph 7.4.2, “measurement of the depth of the groundwater source”, means the distance from the groundwater to the wellhead. Moreover, it should be clarified further that the Call for Quotations document is intended for the measurement of the relatively shallower groundwater sources, the so-called “spieri”. These measurements shall not exceed 70metres.

Query 2: *Please clarify the term "reading the height above the mean sea level of the groundwater source;"*

Answer 2: Height above mean sea level (AMSL) is the elevation (on the ground) of the wellhead of the groundwater source relative to the average sea level datum. It should be clarified that a GPS measurement is not suitable for this purpose.

Query 3: *Please clarify Item 3 in the "Schedules of prices and rates".... What does this refer to when inspections in Malta and Gozo have already been offered in Items 1 and 2... Does it mean that possibly only 5 inspections in total can be requested?*

Answer 3: As specified in the Call for Quotations document, the inspections shall have specific aims. Moreover, as specified in paragraph 7.4.4, solely for adjudication purposes, in this Call for Quotations document, the number of inspections which shall include measurement of the depth of the groundwater source and respective reporting is being indicatively set at five (5) inspections throughout the performance of the Contract. However, the Contracting Authority shall not bind itself by this figure and reserves the right to hold as many such tests as it deems fit.

Query 4: *Please clarify the minimum number of expected inspections.*

Answer 4: In this Call for Quotations document, the Contracting Authority is not binding itself with a minimum number of inspections.