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ATTN Chairman

Malta Resources Authority,
Millennia, 2nd Floor,
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Malta

12th November 2013

RE: Tender Ref MRA/ENE/37/2013 Tender for the Provision of Verification Services on Security Oil Stock

Dear Mr Chairman,

Further to the communication we received from the MRA dated 8 November 2013, namely 'Notice of Intent to Award Departmental Tender' we would like to submit our objection on the following grounds:

1. Our letter dated 5 November 2013 has to date never received neither acknowledgement nor reply;
2. Subsequent to our letter above-captioned, we received the communication from MRA dated 8 November 2013 as above-captioned which made reference to the cancellation of the tender following definite recommendation by the Departmental Contracts Committee and as upon recommendations made by the MRA to this effect;
3. The series of events as they occurred suggests a strong causal link between our letter dated 5 November 2013 and the MRA communication dated 8 November 2013;
4. This is strengthened by the fact that nearly two months had elapsed since the publication of the schedule of offers on the 16 September 2013 which indicated PKF as cheapest bidder at Euro 13,710 and where throughout such interim period we had received no communication whatsoever in relation to the tender;
5. Outside of the indication of the causal link between the 5 and 8 November 2013 communications, it is unfortunate that the bidders were left in the dark for almost two months as to the fate of the tender's award or otherwise;

6. The consequence of this being that the waiting interval has cost us considerable losses in alternative use of intellectual resources owing to the fact that our partners namely independent Advocate Sarah Tua and expert Ing. Andre Cauchi had to be retained on hold and remain available in lieu of accepting other work for a duration that was unnecessarily prolonged and so exclusively to our detriment.

For the reasons outlined above we look forward to being remedied for our losses.

Regards,



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For and on behalf of
PKF Malta