



MALTA RESOURCES AUTHORITY

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Clarification Note 9

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Tender: Acquisition of an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV)

Question 1: Assuming the mini ROV supplied will be an "off the shelf" product, how does the client intend to certify the ROV once delivered?

Will the acceptance certificate be issued upon delivery to stores? Or will this be done in field conditions? If, the latter is the case, what period of time will elapse between delivery to stores and field tests? And if such field tests are done, can the supplier witness them?

Reply 1: As customary with 'off the shelf' equipment, the equipment will be tested by Authority officials once delivered.

The acceptance certificate will therefore be based on two criteria:

- (i) All the equipment listed is included on delivery to the Authority's offices; and
- (ii) The equipment supplied satisfies all the operational specifications under field conditions.

Such testing would normally be undertaken within a maximum period of one month of the delivery. The Authority does not object should the supplier wish to participate in this testing exercise.

Question 2: Can you confirm that the specified ROV can be supplied by at least 2 manufacturers?

Reply 2: It is noted that the specifications quoted in the tender document were developed following an analysis of the uses which the Authority envisages for the ROV, namely:

- (i) investigations in inland karstic groundwater sources; and
- (ii) investigations on coastal subsurface groundwater discharge.

Since no specific manufacturers were contacted during this process, the Authority is not in a position provide an answer to this question.