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Consultant's Questions & Entity's Clarifications

Project: Review and Audit of Feasibility Study of Aynak Copper Mine Project

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No	Bidders' Questions	Entity's (MOMP) Responses	Added clarification to the RFP
Following our initial review of the available project documents for the Review and Audit of the Feasibility Study of the Aynak Copper Mine Project, we have identified a number of technical points that require clarification to ensure a comprehensive and accurate assessment in line with the TOR requirements. We would appreciate your support in providing the requested information or facilitating access to the relevant documents at your earliest convenience.			
1	What is the annual production capacity of the mine?	The annual production capacity of Aynak central is **4M ton/year** and Aynak west is **7M ton/year**	Clarification
2	What is the processing plant capacity?	It's equal to **11M ton/year**.	Clarification
3	What is the production plan over the mine life?	LOM of Aynak Central is **37.1 year** and LOM of Aynak west is **38.4 year**.	Clarification
4	Does the feasibility study include a project management plan?	Not applicable	
5	Does it include a project execution plan?	Yes, the project execution plan is available.	Clarification
6	Does it include operational readiness planning?	Not applicable	
7	Does it include a commissioning plan?	Not applicable	

8	Is a geological model available?	Yes, the geological modal is available.	Clarification
9	What mining method is proposed?	There are three below mining method proposed: a- CUT – AND – FILL mining with pointed pillars, b- Large diameter long hole open stopping with post filling (LHOS), c- Sub – level – open stopping with post filling.	Clarification
10	Is a mine development design and schedule available?	Yes, mine development design and schedule are available.	Clarification
11	Is a mine ventilation system defined?	Yes, a diagonal ventilation system is proposed for Aynak central and west.	Clarification
12	Is a geotechnical assessment included?	Geotechnical report is included but geo-mechanical assessment is not available.	Clarification
13	Are metallurgical test results available?	Yes, metallurgical tests are available.	Clarification
14	Is a process flowsheet defined?	Yes, the process flowsheet is defined.	Clarification
15	Are process design criteria included?	Yes, process design criteria are included.	Clarification
16	What are the recovery rates?	Recovery rate of ore body in every mining method is different: a. In **Cut – and - Fill** mining method the recovery rate is equal to 75% and losing rate is 25%, b. In (**LHOS**) mining method the recovery rate is 92% and loss rate is equal to 8%, c. In **Sub – Level - Open Stopping** method the recovery of ore body is 88% and loss is 12%.	Clarification
17	Is power supply and distribution defined?	Yes, power supply is defined.	Clarification
18	Is water supply and management included?	Water supply is included; however, water management is not.	Clarification
19	Are surface and underground infrastructure designs available?	Yes, surface and underground infrastructure designs are available.	Clarification

20	Is a material handling system defined?	Not applicable	
21	Are automation and utilities included?	Not applicable	
22	Is an environmental and social impact assessment available?	Yes, environmental and social impact assessment is available.	Clarification
23	What is the status of permits and approvals?	Not applicable	
24	Is a stakeholder analysis included?	Not applicable	
25	Are sustainability aspects addressed?	Not applicable	
26	Are capital cost estimates available?	Yes, the capital cost is available.	Clarification
27	Are operating cost estimates available?	Not applicable	
28	Is a financial model available?	Not applicable	
29	Is a tailings storage facility design available?	Tailings storage facility design is not available.	Clarification
30	Is a backfill system design included?	Yes, the backfilling design is included with a different strength. it is **1Mpa – 4Mpa**.	Clarification
31	Is a geological block model available and in what format?	Yes, Mine development schedule is included.	Clarification
32	Is a resource and reserve report available?	In this feasibility the geotechnical report is include but stability model is not existing.	Clarification
33	Is a mine plan and 3D model available?	No, mine plan and 3D models are not available.	Clarification
34	Is a mine development schedule available?	Not applicable	

35	Are geotechnical and stability models available?	Not applicable	
36	Are ore testing results available?	Not applicable	
37	Is the selected processing flowsheet available?	Yes, selected processing flowsheet is available.	Clarification
38	Are rock strength and stress test results available	Yes, Rock stress and strength test results are included.	Clarification
39	Is a hydrogeological model available?	No, hydrogeological model is not available.	Clarification
40	Is groundwater impact on stability assessed?	Not applicable	
41	Is a ventilation system design available?	Yes, Ventilation system design is available.	Clarification
42	Are rock support standards and drawings available?	No, Rock support standards and drawing is not included.	Clarification
43	Are backfill strength requirements defined?	No, backfill strength requirements are not defined.	Clarification
44	Is a tailings storage design available?	The tailings storage design is not available.	Clarification
45	Are backfill material studies available?	No, backfill material studies is not available.	Clarification
46	What format is the data available in?	Not applicable	
47	What level of detail is provided (conceptual, pre-feasibility, feasibility)?	Not applicable	
48	Are there any data gaps or limitations?	Not applicable	
49	We transparently disclose that Daira Sabz Consulting and Engineering Group previously conducted the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Aynak Copper Mine Project. We understand that the current assignment requires an	Regarding conflict of interest, the relevant instruction is provided under ITC Clause (3) of the RFP (Refer to the Page No. 5-6 of RFP). Further decision in this regard will be made during the Technical Evaluation stage.	Clarification

	independent review and audit of the feasibility study, including technical, financial, environmental, social, and risk-related aspects. To ensure professional independence and avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest, Daira Sabz will not use or nominate the previous Aynak ESIA team for this assignment. The proposed team for the current assignment will consist of independent senior experts, as mentioned in the TOR, who were not involved in preparing the Aynak ESIA. Kindly confirm whether Daira Sabz (DS) Consulting & Engineering Company, based in Germany, as lead consultant, with Daira Sabz Company based in Kabul, Afghanistan, with active sectors mining & environmental consulting and construction and road building as local implementation partner, remains eligible to submit a proposal under this arrangement, provided that the prior Aynak ESIA assignment is fully disclosed and conflict-of-interest mitigation measures are clearly included in the proposal. We would appreciate your written confirmation for our records and proposal planning. Also, it would be our honour to take an active part in the development and sustainability of mining projects in Afghanistan. At the end, I would like to share with you the documentary of the Aynak project produced during our studies.			

50	We also kindly request clarification regarding the language and logistical arrangements for the training course required under the assignment. Could you please confirm whether the training should be delivered in English, or in local languages such as Dari and Pashto? This clarification is important for determining the appropriate team composition, including whether to include national consultants, interpreters, or bilingual training specialists in the proposal. In addition, we kindly request confirmation on whether the Client will provide the training venue and basic training facilities, such as a meeting room, a projector, internet access, a sound system, stationery, printing support, and participant coordination. Please also clarify whether the Consultant should include costs for refreshments, lunch, tea breaks, training materials, venue rental, participant logistics, or any other training-related expenses in the Financial Proposal. If these costs are expected to be covered by the Consultant, we would appreciate confirmation of the expected number of participants, the training location, the daily duration, and any specific logistical standards to be considered.	We confirm that all training courses under this assignment shall be delivered in **English**. Furthermore, all logistical arrangements related to the trainings shall be the **full responsibility of the Consultant**. This includes, but is not limited to, provision of the training venue, required equipment (such as projector, internet access, and sound system), stationery, printing support, participant coordination, as well as all costs associated with refreshments, lunch, tea breaks, training materials, and any other related expenses. Accordingly, the Consultant is required to include all such costs in the **Financial Proposal**. The following two training components are included: 1. **On-the-Job Training:** ○ To be conducted for **10 participants** during the evaluation of the Feasibility Study ○ Duration: **Approximately three (3 to 4) hours per day** ○ Timeline: Throughout the evaluation period 2. **Formal Training Program:** ○ A **one-week training** for **20 staff members of MoMP** at the end of evaluation. ○ Content: Review of methodology applied, key findings, and lessons learned. **Venue**: Kabul The Consultant is expected to plan and budget for both training components accordingly, including all associated logistical and operational requirements.	Clarification
51	Could you please also confirm whether contract payments can be transferred to a German bank account, or whether payments must be made to an Afghanistan-based bank account? If a foreign transfer is not possible, please confirm whether payment can be made to the authorized Kabul bank account of Domestic Partner, Afghanistan, while German Partner remains the lead consultant and contractually responsible party.	Considering the current situation in the country, MOMP will make payments through one of the following possible arrangements: • The Consultant may establish an account with a domestic bank, and payments will be made accordingly; • In the case of a Joint Venture (JV), payments may be made to the account of the domestic partner, subject to written confirmation from the foreign partner; • Payments may be made to the account of a domestic sub-consultant or locally designated representative, subject to written confirmation from the foreign lead consultant; • Through diplomatic channels; • Any other feasible method in accordance with the financial and banking regulations of Afghanistan.	Clarification