Clarifications and Responses

Project Title: Supply and Delivery of Pen 60/70 Bitumen
BUILTE/INFRA/2026-27-14

Date: 28th October 2026

The following clarification request regarding the RFQ:

ITEM	Clarification	Response
1	Eligibility: the RFQ references "invited tenderers only." Please confirm whether uninvited suppliers may submit a quotation, and if so, how to register.	We confirm that this procurement opportunity is open to all bidders.
2	Density specification: please confirm the required density value and test method, as the stated figure appears inconsistent with standard Pen 60/70 specifications.	Design Bulk Density: 1.010 – 1.060 kg/m³ (ASTM D70/D70M – 21 pycnometer method).
3	Packaging and delivery: please confirm the required packaging (drums or bulk, container size), delivery point and Incoterm, and required delivery date.	Delivery Method: The 40 tons of bitumen must be delivered in insulated; bulk liquid bitumen containers (standard ISO bitumen tank container 20-foot long) equipped with functional heating systems (burners).

NB* All Bidders should refer the attached updated Specifications.

Date: 10th November 2026

ITEM	Clarification	Response
4	Kindly confirm whether an Iran-based supplier and Iranian-origin bitumen are eligible under the applicable procurement and sanctions requirements.	The Iran (Sanctions) (Nuclear) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, as amended, provide that: • Regulations 31J and 31K, prohibit the importation and acquisition of Iranian-origin oil and petroleum products, subject to applicable exceptions and licences.

		• Schedule 1F includes petroleum bitumen under commodity code **2713**. The above rules apply to Montserrat through "Article 2 of the 2020 Overseas Territories Order". Therefore, GOM cannot accept Iranian-origin bitumen for this procurement unless a valid licence or exception has been granted. If the above does not apply, kindly, provide supporting documents for verification before proceeding. The links to legislation as follows: 1. Regulations 31J and 31K – importation and acquisition restrictions = https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/461/part/5/chapter/2B 2. Schedule 1F – oil and petroleum products = https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/461/schedule/1F 3. 2020 Overseas Territories Order – application to Montserrat = https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1563/made NB* This restriction concerns the "origin of the goods" only, and it does not mean that the supplier is sanctioned.

Date: 11th November 2026

ITEM	Clarification	Response
5	Port and import charges: Under CIF Port Little Bay, should Montserrat port handling, customs clearance, duties and taxes be borne by the Ministry, or included in our price?	The Montserrat Port Handling, Customs Clearing Duties and taxes would be borne by the Ministry.
6	Delivery point: The RFQ lists CIF Port Little Bay, and also the PWD Asphalt Plant Site in Brades. Is delivery complete at Port Little Bay, or should we include trucking to the plant site?	Delivery is complete at Port Little Bay, Montserrat.

7	Density: Clarification No. 1 gives density as 1.010–1.060 kg/m³. Can you confirm this should read g/cm³ (1,010–1,060 kg/m³)	The Density is 1,010–1,060 kg/m³
8	The base schedule requires 2-4 weeks from award, while the update asks for each bidder's best delivery date; which delivery requirement governs evaluation?	The delivery time that the bidder provides governs the evaluation.
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10	Must a Montserrat registered importer or local representative be appointed before submission?	No, this is not needed.
11	Tax Compliance Certificate: As a US company, would a US IRS tax compliance letter or equivalent be acceptable?	The Tax Compliance Certificate is only required for locally based companies.
12	Submission: Is an upload via mytenders.co.uk fully acceptable in place of a hard copy delivered to Brades?	Yes, bidders can upload via the myTenders portal at https://www.mytenders.co.uk/
13	Payment: Could you confirm the payment terms and method, for example bank transfer after delivery and acceptance?	Payment would be made via bank transfer. As per the Payment Terms section 80% of the proposed sum would be paid on proof of shipment of the goods and 20% on acceptance of the goods when they arrive in Montserrat.
14	ISO tanks: Should the empty tanks be returned promptly after discharge, and what discharge timeframe should we plan for at the plant?	Once the tanks, clear customs and arrive at the plant they would be unloaded and delivered back to the port for return by 21 calendar days.
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12	Non-resident withholding-tax provision; please identify the official guidance for its application to an overseas goods supplier.	The withholding tax provision would not apply for this aspect providing the successful bidder only supplies and delivers the goods without having to come on island to execute any duties associated with the contract.