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Re: **NOTICE #2 TO PARTICIPANTS**
TENDER NO. 42001

This notice (the “**Notice**”) is hereby being furnished to Bidders in accordance with the provisions of Section 18.3 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Tender Documents.

Capitalized words and terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Tender Documents.

Explanatory Note

For the removal of doubt, with respect to any question or request not specifically addressed in this Notice, the Tender Documents remain unchanged and fully binding.

It is hereby further clarified that throughout the Tender Process, ISR shall only be bound by information submitted by ISR in writing, and no oral or other non-written response or information will bind ISR for any purpose whatsoever.

Furthermore, all bidders are asked to review all amended documents in order to see the changes made to the documents in light of the clarifications found here bellow.

Clarifications

1. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify which tests or requirements are to be performed during the preselection phase as established in the Tender docs,

Answer: It is hereby clarified that section 2.4 establishes that the pre-selection phase shall be based on the documents that show that the brake shoes meet all of the technical requirements as set forth in the technical specifications. .

2. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify section 2.1 of the Interchangeable Brake Shoe Specification-CH01-00891, pertaining to the Locomotive friction performance RP-599 is required in the documentations, however UIC equivalents are given, which standard has to be applied in such a situation.

Answer: ISR hereby clarifies that the bidders are referred back to section 2.2 of the technical specifications.

3. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify what type of brake shoe is used in which type of CAR series.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that for the G12 Locomotives- V753, JT Locomotives-W620.

4. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify the meaning of the value average mileage, whether or not it refers to the life time of block or mileage per year?

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the meaning of value average mileage refers to the life time of the block.

5. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify whether section 2.4 of the technical specification means that the shape given in UIC leaflet 541-4, 5th ed. Or EN 16452 can be offered?

Answer: It is hereby clarified that yes it can be offered.

6. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify whether cast iron blocks can be replaced by composite material brake blocks with the same friction characteristics, acc. UIC 541-4/ resp. EN 16452?

Answer: It is hereby clarified that it is not possible to replace brake blocks from cast iron with brake blocks made of composite material.

7. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify whether the alternative brake block have to include a cast iron insert.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the alternative brake block does not have to include a cast iron insert.

8. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify how must the whole year's quantity is to be delivered, whether it is one delivery or partial deliveries.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the deliveries would be on average twice a year.

9. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify where ISR takes care of the customs release procedures and payment to customs agent.

Answer: IT is hereby clarified that ISR takes care of custom release; all other payments are to be borne by the suppliers.

10. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify when is the sample given as established in section 2.4.1.

Answer: Sample is to be given one there is an eligible potential winner.

11. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify what the legal acts binding in Israel regarding the description of the regulations pertaining to hazardous substances.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that all bidders must advise with their respective legal counsel.

12. Question: ISR has been ask to clarify whether the results of the tests performed in accordance with test program A1_a in the case of brake shoe type K and according to test program A2_a in the case of brake shoes type LL as per UIC 541-4 is acceptable for ISR for the assessment of friction properties of the offered brake shoes.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the tests are accepted however there must as well be test drive conducted.

13. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify how the fulfillment of the requirements of the Coefficient of friction will be assessed.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the assessment is done in accordance with the standards.

14. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify whether it would be possible for a bidder to offer brake shoes that are slightly different in their dimensions while ensuring the assimilability of the offered brake shoes.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that ISR has reviewed the request and has decided to reject it.

15. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify the annual need of the different types of brake shoes.

Answer: Bidders are hereby referred to the amended tender documents.

16. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify whether a company which is not the manufacture but represents the manufacturing company.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the request has been reviewed and accepted. Bidders are referred back to the modified tender documents.

17. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify whether domestic Israeli companies representing foreign companies can submit a bid on behalf of the foreign company, while being the one responsible for the manufactures bank guarantees.

Answer: Bidders are referred back to the amended tender documents.

18. Questions: ISR has been asked to clarify whether a company which meets the requirements of production of composite material brake shoes but not of molded steel brake shoes as of the years 2017, can submit a bid proposal.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the request has been reviewed and ISR has decided to reject the request.

19. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify what kind of banks does ISR accept as an issuer of the bank guarantee.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that all Class A banks are recognized and accepted by ISR.

20. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify whether bidders can propose a block that does not include an insert, as the insert is used for heat control, however blocks with 250 mm length do not heat up as much.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that ISR has reviewed the request and has decided not to accept it; all bids must be submitted in accordance with the technical specifications.

21. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify what would be the correct reading of this specification.

Sited standard EN 16452 applies to K, L and LL brake blocks and does NOT treat requirements for cast iron brake blocks. Will ISR still need cast iron AF-2 and DX-2 brake blocks (cf. 2.2)?

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the brake shoes made of cast iron meet the standards of UIC Leaflet 832/

Furthermore, ISR will still need cast iron AF-2 and DX-2 brake blocks.

22. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify which cast iron brake blocks it requires.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that ISR requires the brake blocks to meet the standards and requirements set forth in the technical specifications.

23. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify whether the UIC standard be used for all needed brake shoes instead of the AAR standard.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the request has been reviewed and has been approved.

24. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify whether a UIC certificate will be needed or whether its adherence to the UIC performance standards is enough.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the request has been reviewed and has been approved

25. Question: ISR has been asked to clarify whether the Life Cycle Costs a point that is considered in the tender? (E.g. a Brake Shoe that can be used for a significantly longer time (x2), can also be offered for a higher price point)

Answer: It is hereby clarified that there is no technical scoring mechanism in this tender.

26. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify whether ISR will accept a proposal of a company which produces high and low friction composition brake show, low friction brake shoes which have replaced cast iron brakes.

Answer: ISR has reviewed the request and has decided to reject it.

27. Question: ISR has been requested to amend section 14.1 of the agreement.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that ISR has reviewed the request and has decided to reject it.

28. Question: ISR has been requested to delete section 17.2 of the agreement.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that ISR has reviewed the request and has decided to reject it.

29. Question: ISR has been requested to delete section 3.2 of the Tender Documents.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that ISR has reviewed the request and has decided to reject it.

30 Question: ISR has been requested to amend the time of delivery and supply of the Brake Shoe and the DAP criteria.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that ISR has reviewed the request and has decided to accept it and has changed the delivery and supply time to 4 months.

31 Question: ISR has been requested clarify if due to the three year duration of the agreement, the prices will not change throughout the duration of the agreement.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that the prices will be set for two years and then would be subject to HICP index.

32 Question: ISR has been requested to amend the agreement pertaining to the suppliers obligation to pay liquidated damages.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that ISR has reviewed the request and has decided to reject it.

33 Question: ISR has been requested to clarify the meaning of the following statement:

Supplier confirms and warrants to ISR that for a period of six (6) months from the installation of the relevant Brake Shoes or a period of twelve (12) months from the Acceptance of the relevant Brake Shoes (whichever is later) all Brake Shoes and any part thereof (as well as any materials, system embedded in the Brake Shoes).

Answer: It is hereby clarified that which ever happens later.

34. Question: ISR has been requested to clarify whether the product must be AAR certified or UIC.

Answer: It is hereby clarified to follow that which is set forth in section 2.3.1 of the technical specifications.

35 Question: ISR has been requested to clarify whether AAR RP-559 shall be taken into preferential consideration.

Answer: It is hereby clarified that ISR has reviewed the request and has decided to reject it.

Please see the **amended documents as appeared on ISR's website** for further information.

Please confirm receipt of this notice by returning email to the undersigned at: netanelk2rail.co.il.

Sincerely Yours,

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& Contracting