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Dear Tenderer

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION NO.3**SCOPE: INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF NON-STATUTORY AUDIT SERVICES FOR ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, OVER A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS. TENDER REF: MWP1264CX**

This letter serves to respond to enquiries raised as per the Invitation to Tender Process above:

1. Clarification request on the quality report (technical)

“Please advise regarding the EQCR report. IRBA had last inspected our firm more than 5 years ago. IRBA only reviews selected auditors on an annual basis. We have not been reviewed since. Will the old report older than 5 years be acceptable together with a letter of good standing from IRBA? Response: Our criteria states, not older than 5 years. If older than 5 years, no points to be awarded. We can’t now change criteria or relax criteria.”

With respect to the above, this requirement has been applied as per old rules that was changed years ago. Before the review was to be done every five years however this has been changed. How is it fair to not award points when the review is beyond our control? We cannot force IRBA to come for a review. Please give this some thought. Response: That is a requirement, and 5 years is the max. To ensure quality, we need to ensure that the firms on this panel who will be auditing compliance against legislation and policy are up to standard with all the changing and new requirements in the commercial and finance environment. Not only those but more important new Audit and King requirements. Therefore, we cannot relax on these requirements.

2. “Will trainees and professionals registered with SAIPA be accepted? Our firm has SAIPA professionals as well as SAIPA trainees? Response: Our gatekeeper states that as part of the Eskom team you need to be a IIA OR SIACA. As part of Capacity of the firm you can belong to SAIPA”

Please confirm my understanding of the above. If we propose 10 members to work on the Eskom account, then all of these 10 members must be SAICA or IIA registered. We will however still score points under capacity for other individuals in our firm that are on SAIPA and other qualifications? Response: The understanding is interpreted correctly as we stated/replied previously.

3. Concerning the above-mentioned RFP reference no, with the regards to the requirement for all team members to be registered with IISA, does this requirement also apply to CA(SA) team members? *Response: Correct, the Eskom team members must be registered/membership of IIA or SIACA. CA(SA) If part of the Eskom team they must also have either IIA or SIACA Membership*
4. On the final NSA Panel Technical Evaluation scoring they mentioned of 'Audit firms'. Is registration as audit firm a mandatory requirement? The company is not a registered audit firm, but a Consulting firm and the directors are registered with IRBA(Auditors) and SAICA. *Response: They can be a consulting firm. If the Directors or the Eskom responsible team members must be registered with IIA OR SIACA.*
5. On page 4 of 50 point 6.11 requires us to complete Annexure M and submit by deadline but, when we refer to the document it requires us to complete this annexure at award stage. *Response: NEC contract is required to by tender closing to in order for it to be evaluated but, conclusion and sign-off by all parties is required at the end of the procurement process for award.*

Yours sincerely,

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