

**State of Israel**  
**Ministry of Energy and Water Resources**

**15 October, 2012**

Dear Participant,

**Re: Tender No. 38/12 Consulting on Oil and Gas Policy and Regulation in Israel**

We have received several questions and requests for clarification arising from the Tender Documents for the aforesaid tender.

Pursuant to Section 1.9 of Part 1 of the Tender Documents, the clarifications made herein shall be deemed to form part of the Tender Documents. For the avoidance of doubt no provision of the Tender Documents shall be deemed to be amended by any statement made herein unless expressly stated. Unless otherwise stated, all defined terms used in this letter carry the meanings ascribed to them in the Tender Documents.

It is further stated that requests for answers that have not been answered herein were rejected by the Tender Committee.

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<b>Question 1</b>	The MEWR is asked to clarify whether the bidder is required to include in its Conflict of Interest Questioner the details of projects conducted in Israel by its Parent Company?
<b>Answer 1</b>	Yes. See details in Form 1, Section III
<b>Question 2</b>	The MEWR is asked whether the Conflict of Interest check only include work done for companies that are currently operating in Israel.
<b>Answer 2</b>	No. The check will include any business relations that are related directly or indirectly to activities in Israel during the last five Years. See details in Form 1, Section III.
<b>Question 3</b>	Under Paragraph 1.12: Does the statement "...with a total budget of no less than 1,500,000 US Dollars" refer to each project or all 3 projects combined?
<b>Answer 3</b>	The total budget of no less than 1,500,000 US Dollars refers to all three projects combined.
<b>Question 4</b>	Under Paragraph 1.4.1: " <i>D. A receipt from the Postal Bank evidencing the payment required pursuant to Section 1.2.4.</i> " There is no Section 1.2.4; are you referring to Section 1.3?
<b>Answer 4</b>	Yes. See updated version of the Tender in MEWR website.
<b>Question 5</b>	Paragraph 1.6.4 notes, " <i>The cost of a working day in Israel shall include</i>

*airfare, board, lodging and all other living expenses, and working hours in Israel.* Paragraph 13.1 notes, *"The amount of the Consideration is final and absolute and shall not be subject to any price increases or linkages. The Consultant shall not receive any other payment or benefit beyond such Consideration, including payments for telephone expenses, post, photocopies, printing, fax, board and lodging etc."* Which statement is correct?

**Answer 5** The Consideration for working days in Israel will include all travelling and living expenses and working hours, based on the Price Bid that will be submitted by the Bidder as referred to in Paragraph 1.6 and Form 7.

**Question 6** Page 15, Section 2.2.2; This Section is lettered, **a, b, c, e,**. We would like to confirm that the absence of an item **d.** is just a typographical error.

**Answer 6** Yes. See updated version of the Tender in MEWR website.

**Question 7** Page 15, Section 2.2.3; Please confirm the mis-alphabetizing of the items under 2.2.3 is a typographical error.

**Answer 7** Yes. See updated version of the Tender in MEWR website.

**Question 8** If the primary goal of this consulting task is regulatory as described in section 2.2 and is aimed at updating the laws governing the E&P activities why is there a need for all of these experts which mostly technical in nature ? The professional requirements are quite versatile and it is challenging to assemble a team that meets all requirements and has no conflicts.

**Answer 8** The requirements for this Tender were thoroughly considered and the MEWR regards all of them to be necessary for the successful completion of the consultancy tasks.

**Question 9** Is it possible for 2 entities to be the defined "Bidder" and co-bid

**Answer 9** No.

**Question 10** The MEWR is asked to consider reducing the notice period for cancellation of insurance from 60 days to 30 days? (Refer to section 11.D.1.(b) of the Agreement.)

**Answer 10** Yes. See updated version of the Tender in MEWR website.

**Question 11** The MEWR is asked to grant a dispensation of the requirement to provide "certificates evidencing the education and professional certification of each Designated Staff member and, where relevant, a certificate that the expert is a member in good standing of the Bar Association or the Order of Engineers of the jurisdiction in which he or she practices."?

**Answer 11** The MEWR will grant such dispensation on condition that the Bidder makes the following representation as part of the Bidder's Declaration in

Form 1.

"The Bidder hereby warrants that each Designated Staff Member's educational and professional certifications are as stated in such Designated Staff Member's CV that has been provided to the MEWR, and that each expert is a member in good standing of the Bar Association, Order of Engineers, or the equivalent thereof, of the jurisdiction in which he or she practices."

<b>Question 12</b>	Section 13.4 of the Form of Agreement refers to "the above 13.5". Could clarification be provided as to if 13.5 should in fact refer to section 13.3 of the Agreement.
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**Answer 12** Yes. See updated version of the Tender in MEWR website.

<b>Question 13</b>	The MEWR is asked whether it is envisaged that the scope of work defined in Section 2.2.1. will involve any amendment of the Petroleum Law or to provide for the replacement of the existing Petroleum Regulations.
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**Answer 13** At present, the MEWR does not intend to amend the Petroleum Law of 1953 or replace existing legislation, but the Ministry reserves the right to propose or implement legislative changes, as required. It is envisaged that the scope of work will involve drafting of new regulations, guidelines and instructions under the authority of the Petroleum Commissioner.

<b>Question 14</b>	Section 2.2.3 requires the consultant to produce, among other things, a quantitative resource estimate of discovered and undiscovered oil and gas fields offshore and onshore. Could MWER, in order to better enable Bidders to formulate a cost estimate, provide a brief description of the oil and gas fields.
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**Answer 14** A. Number of fields that are presently either producing, or under appraisal or development: 9 offshore and 1 onshore.  
B. Number of wells in the offshore and onshore fields that are presently either producing, or under appraisal or development : MariB=9, Noa=3, Or=1, Tamar=6, Dalit=2, Leviathan=3, Dolphin=1, Tanin=1, Shimshon=1, Meged=1.