THE STATE OF ISRAEL

MINISTRY OF FINANCE MINISTRY OF ENERGY THE WATER AUTHORITY

THROUGH THE SEA-WATER DESALINATION

INTER-MINISTERIAL TENDER COMMITTEE

November 3rd, 2026

The Pre-Qualification Participants

Re: Invitation for Pre-Qualification

"Emek Hefer" Desalination Facility

Addendum PQ no.1

1. Pursuant to the Invitation for Pre-Qualification published on August 26th, 2026, and in accordance with the provisions thereof, the attention of all Participants is drawn to **Appendix "I"** attached herein.

2. In accordance with the provisions of the Invitation, you are kindly requested to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum, no later than two (2) days following receipt thereof, by a written notice to the Tender Committee, in the form attached herein as **Appendix "II"**.

Respectfully Yours,

Gal Lando

Chairman of the Tender Committee

CC: Members of the Tender Committee

APPENDIX "I"

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AMENDMENTS, CLARIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

#	Amendments / Clarifications / Modifications	Section
1.	Participants are advised that National Infrastructure Scheme (TATAL) No.143 has not yet been approved and is currently at the objections stage. Thirty objections have been submitted, and the examiner appointed to review them held hearings in June-July 2026. The examiner's recommendations are expected to be issued in the upcoming weeks. Participants are advised to continue following the status of the plan at: https://mavat.iplan.gov.il/SV4/1/99005339090/310	1.7(b)
2.	Participants are advised that the "Emek Hefer" Regional Council has filed an administrative petition (no. 51977-09-26) against the Tender Committee, the State of Israel - the Ministry of Finance, the Governmental Authority for Water and Sewage, and the National Infrastructure Committee. The Council seeks the cancellation or suspension of the Pre-Qualification Process pending a final determination of the objections to National Infrastructure Scheme No.143, and has also applied for an interim injunction suspending the process pending such determination or a final ruling on the petition. The Council argues, *inter alia*, that advancing the Pre-Qualification Process before completion of the statutory planning process is premature, may create third-party reliance interests and place improper pressure on the planning authorities, thereby undermining their independent discretion and the Council's rights as an objector. On October 18th, 2026, the Respondents filed a response opposing the application for an interim injunction (and the petition). They maintained, *inter alia*, that the Pre-Qualification Process only assesses potential Bidders' financial and professional qualifications, does not create a commitment to continue the tender process or to implement the project, and does not constrain the independent planning authorities or prejudice the Petitioner's objections.	1.7(b)

	They argued that conducting a Pre-Qualification Process before final planning approval is an established practice and falls within the Tender Committee's discretion. They further submitted that the interim order should be denied because the petition has low prospects of success, the requested order overlaps with the principal relief sought, and that delaying preparations for a nationally significant desalination project would harm the public interest in securing Israel's water supply. The Tender Committee will provide further updates on this matter, as appropriate, in light of any relevant developments.	
3.	Section 5.4.4 (Financial Pre-Qualification Requirements; Private Investment Fund) shall be amended as follows: "...Without derogating from the foregoing, as shall further be elaborated in the Tender Documents, a Member which is a Private Investment Fund shall be required to demonstrate that, as of the last day of its most recent Financial Statements true to the Bid Submission Date, the amount of Unutilized Commitments under its management is not less than NIS 9,000,000 ~~27,000,000~~, for each one percent (1%) of its holdings in the Bidder."	5.4.4
4.	In Section 5.4.7 (No Going Concern), the following paragraph shall be added: "A Major Subcontractor that is neither a Member nor a Guarantor, that is not legally required to prepare (audited) Financial Statements, and that does not have (audited) Financial Statements (nor "reviewed" financial statements), is required to submit, at least 30 days prior to the Pre-Qualification Submission Date, a specific request to the Tender Committee for instructions on how to demonstrate compliance with the "No Going Concern" requirement. the Tender Committee will consider each request on a case-by-case basis, at its sole discretion, and may issue an Addendum as a result thereof."	5.4.7