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SUBJECT: Clarification Note No. 1 regarding ITB No.SEC/07/2011, Supply and

delivery of Spiral Welded Steel Pipes to Georgia

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In accordance with Section I - Instructions to bidder, Article 8 (Clarification of bidding documents), the OSCE wishes to inform potential Bidders of the following clarifications:

1. Question:

The bidder requested the OSCE to provide the information on a) material grade, b)wall thickness and c) standard (norms) of the required pipes.

1. Answer:

Please be informed that Section IV-"Technical specification and schedule of requirements" of the bidding documents, clearly specify, b) wall thickness and c) standard (norms). This information is indicated for both lots. The a) "material grade" is defined by the purpose of the pipes, which is specified in the bidding documents "purpose: for an irrigation system".

2. Question:

Potential bidder requested the OSCE to provide clarification on diameter of the pipe indicated in the bidding documents. According to the International Standard of Steel Pipes, the "dimensions and diameters table of steel pipes" shows that the real diameter of the pipe is 1219mm. However the bidding documents ITB SEC/07/2011 indicates 1220mm.

Please advise if this was done to avoid complexity, or to indicate and request a different diameter? The production line produce this spiral welded pipes according to the International Standard of Steel Pipes at 1219mm. In that regard please advise if this will be accepted or shall we write it in the offer as 1220mm?

2. Answer:

The offer should specify the exact outer diameter of the pipes. Pipes with an outer diameter of 1220 mm are required and they do exist in several standards (DIN, EN, BS, UNI, ZP, GOST, etc.). However, pipes produced according to API, ASTM and ASME standards with an outer diameter of 1219 mm may be eligible, considering that the deviation is minor.

3. Question:

Potential bidder requested the OSCE to provide clarification on which kind of steel OSCE requires for this bid (ST33,ST42,ST42-2,ST37) as all of the mentioned in the brackets are with standard DIN 1626.

3. Answer:

There are no restrictions regarding the properties of the steel. All kinds of steel are acceptable, provided that the given standards/parameters are met.

4. Question:

Please advise if the bidder is allowed to give an alternative for the external coating of the pipes against bitumen. If it is acceptable, potential bidder will be able to build an alternative offer for Polyethylene coating.

4. Answer:

The bidder may provide Polyethylene coating as an acceptable alternative for the external coating.

5. Question:

Potential bidder requested the OSCE to advise if there is any requirement for internal lining of the pipes.

5. Answer:

Internal lining is not required.