

BIDDING DOCUMENTS

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ON THE LOWER ELEVATION OF LE MORNE
BRABANT MOUNTAIN

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Summary Description

These Standard Bidding Documents for Procurement of non-Consultancy services apply either when a prequalification process has taken place before bidding or when a prequalification process has not taken place before bidding (provided alternative documents are selected as applicable). A brief description of these documents is given below.

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Summary

PART I – BIDDING PROCEDURES

Section I: Instructions to Bidders (ITB)

This Section provides relevant information to help Bidders prepare their bids. Information is also provided on the submission, opening, and evaluation of bids and on the award of Contracts. **Section I contains provisions that are to be used without modification.**

Section II. Bidding Data Sheet (BDS)

This Section consists of provisions that are specific to each procurement and that supplement the information or requirements included in Section I, Instructions to Bidders.

Section III: Bidding Forms

This Section contains the forms which are to be completed by the Bidder and submitted as part of his Bid.

PART II – ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Section IV. Activity Schedule

This Section contains the activity schedule.

Section V. Performance Specifications and Drawings

This section contains Specifications that are intended only as information for the Employer or the person drafting the bidding documents. **They should not be included in the final documents.**

PART III – CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS

Section VI. General Conditions of Contract (GCC)

This Section contains the general clauses to be applied in all contracts. **The text of the clauses in this Section shall not be modified.**

Section VII. Special Conditions of Contract

The contents of this Section supplement the General Conditions of Contract and shall be prepared by the Employer.

Section VIII: Contract Forms

This Section contains forms which, once completed, will form part of the Contract. The format of **Advance Payment Guarantee, Performance Security, Letter of Acceptance and Contract.**

Part I – Bidding Procedures

Section I. Instructions to Bidders

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Instructions to Bidders

A. General

1. **Scope of Bid**
 - 1.1 The Public Body referred to herein after as the Employer, as defined in the **Bidding Data Sheet (BDS)**, invites bids for the Services, as described in the **BDS**. The name and identification number of the Contract is **provided in the BDS**.
 - 1.2 The successful Bidder will be expected to complete the performance of the Services by the Intended Completion Date **provided in the BDS and the SCC Clause 2.3**.
2. **Public Entities Related to Bidding Documents and to Challenge and Appeal**
 - 2.1 The public entities related to these bidding documents are the Public Body, acting as procurement entity(Employer), the Procurement Policy Office, in charge of issuing standard bidding documents and responsible for any amendment these may require, the Central Procurement Board in charge of vetting bidding documents, receiving and evaluating bids in respect of major contracts and the Independent Review Panel, set up under the Public Procurement Act 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).
 - 2.2 Unsatisfied bidders shall follow procedures prescribed in Regulations 48, 49 and 50 of the Public Procurement Regulations 2008 to challenge procurement proceedings and award of procurement contracts or to file application for review at the Independent Review Panel.
 - 2.3 Challenges and applications for review shall be forwarded to the addresses indicated **in the BDS**;
3. **Corrupt or Fraudulent Practices**
 - 3.1 The Government of the Republic of Mauritius requires that bidders/suppliers/contractors, participating in procurement in Mauritius, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and execution of contracts.
 - 3.2 Bidders, suppliers and public officials shall be aware of the provisions stated in sections 51 and 52 of the Public Procurement Act which can be consulted on the website of the Procurement Policy Office (PPO) : ppo.govmu.org.
 - 3.3 The Employer will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or

obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;

For the purposes of this Sub-Clause:

(i) “corrupt practice”¹ is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;

(ii) “fraudulent practice”² is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;

(iii) “collusive practice”³ is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;

(iv) “coercive practice”⁴ is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;

(v) “obstructive practice” is deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede an investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation.

3.4 The Public Body commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent fraud and corruption and ensures that none of its staff, personally or through his/her close relatives or through a third party, will in connection with the bid for, or the execution of a contract, demand, take a promise for or accept, for him/herself or third person, any material or immaterial benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to. If the Public Body obtains

¹ For the purpose of this Contract, “another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the procurement process or contract execution.

² For the purpose of this Contract, “party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the procurement process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the procurement process or contract execution.

³ For the purpose of this Contract, “parties” refers to participants in the procurement process (including public officials) attempting to establish bid prices at artificial, non competitive levels.

⁴ For the purpose of this Contract, “party” refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.

information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a criminal offence under the relevant Anti-Corruption Laws of Mauritius or if there be a substantive suspicion in this regard, he will inform the relevant authority(ies) and in addition can initiate disciplinary actions. Furthermore, such bid shall be rejected.

4. Eligible Bidders

4.1 Subject to ITB 4.4, a Bidder, and all parties constituting the Bidder, may have the nationality of any country except in the case of open national bidding where the bidding documents may limit participation to citizens of Mauritius or entities incorporated in Mauritius, if so qualified in the BDS. A Bidder shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the Bidder is a citizen or is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country. This criterion shall also apply to the determination of the nationality of proposed subcontractors or service providers for any part of the Contract.

4.2 All bidders shall provide in Section III, Bidding Forms, a statement that the Bidder (including all members of a joint venture and subcontractors) is not associated, nor has been associated in the past, directly or indirectly, with the consultant or any other entity that has prepared the design, specifications, and other documents for the Project or being proposed as Project Manager for the Contract.

4.3 (a) A Bidder that is under a declaration of ineligibility by the Government of Mauritius in accordance with applicable laws at the date of the deadline for bid submission or thereafter, shall be disqualified.

(b) Bids from service providers appearing on the ineligibility lists of African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Inter-American Development Bank Group and World Bank Group shall be rejected.

Links for checking the ineligibility lists are available on the PPO's website: ppo.govmu.org.

4.4 A firm shall be excluded if by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, Mauritius prohibits any import of goods or contracting of works or services from a country where it is based or any payment to persons or entities in that country.

- 4.5 Government-owned enterprises in the Republic of Mauritius shall be eligible only if they can establish that they:
- (i) are legally and financially autonomous;
 - (ii) operate under commercial law, and
 - (iii) are not a dependent agency of the Purchaser.
- 4.6 Bidders shall provide such evidence of their continued eligibility satisfactory to the Employer, as the Employer shall reasonably request.
- 5. Qualification of the Bidder**
- 5.1 All bidders shall provide in Section III, Bidding Forms, a preliminary description of the proposed work method and schedule, including drawings and charts, as necessary.
- 5.2 (a) In the event that prequalification of potential bidders has been undertaken **as stated in the BDS**, only bids from prequalified bidders shall be considered for award of Contract, in which case the provisions of sub-clauses 5.3 to 5.6 hereafter shall not apply. These qualified bidders should submit with their bids any information updating their original prequalification applications or, alternatively, confirm in their bids that the originally submitted prequalification information remains essentially correct as of the date of bid submission. The update or confirmation should be provided in Section IV.
- (b) If, after opening of bids, where prequalification has not been undertaken, it is found that any of the document listed in 5.3 and 5.4 is missing the Employer may request the submission of that document subject to the bid being substantially responsive as per clause 27. The non-submission of the document by the Bidder within the prescribed period may lead to the rejection of its bid.
- 5.3 If the Employer has not undertaken prequalification of potential bidders, all bidders shall include the following information and documents with their bids in Section IV, unless otherwise **stated in the BDS**:
- (a) copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business;
 - (b) written power of attorney of the signatory of the Bid or any other acceptable document to commit the Bidder and as otherwise **specified in the BDS**.

- (c) total monetary value of Services performed for each of the last five years;
 - (d) experience in Services of a similar nature and size for each of the last five years, and details of Services under way or contractually committed; and names and address of clients who may be contacted for further information on those contracts;
 - (e) list of major items of equipment proposed to carry out the Contract;
 - (f) qualifications and experience of key site management and technical personnel proposed for the Contract;
 - (g) reports on the financial standing of the Bidder, such as profit and loss statements and auditor's reports for the past five years;
 - (h) evidence of adequacy of cash-flow for this Contract (access to line(s) of credit and availability of other financial resources);
 - (i) authority to the Employer to seek references from the Bidder's bankers;
 - (j) information regarding any litigation, current or during the last five years, in which the Bidder is involved, the parties concerned, and disputed amount; and
 - (k) proposals for subcontracting components of the Services amounting to more than 10 percent of the Contract Price.
- 5.4 Bids submitted by a joint venture of two or more firms as partners shall comply with the following requirements, unless otherwise stated in the **BDS**:
- (a) the Bid shall include all the information listed in ITB Sub-Clause 5.3 above for each joint venture partner;
 - (b) the Bid shall be signed so as to be legally binding on all partners;
 - (c) the Bid shall include a copy of the agreement entered into by the joint venture partners defining the division of assignments to each partner and establishing that all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the Contract terms; alternatively, a Letter of Intent to execute a joint venture agreement in the event of a successful bid shall be

signed by all partners and submitted with the bid, together with a copy of the proposed agreement;

- (d) one of the partners shall be nominated as being in charge, authorized to incur liabilities, and receive instructions for and on behalf of any and all partners of the joint venture; and
- (e) the execution of the entire Contract, including payment, shall be done exclusively with the partner in charge.

5.5 To qualify for award of the Contract, bidders shall meet the following minimum qualifying criteria, **unless otherwise specified in the BDS**:

- (a) a minimum average annual financial amount of work over the period **specified in the BDS**.
- (b) experience as prime contractor in the provision of at least two service contracts of a nature and complexity equivalent to the Services over the last 5 years (to comply with this requirement, Services contracts cited should be at least 70 percent complete) **as specified in the BDS**;
- (c) proposals for the timely acquisition (own, lease, hire, etc.) of the essential equipment **listed in the BDS**;
- (d) a Contract Manager with five years' experience in Services of an equivalent nature and volume, including no less than three years as Manager; and
- (e) liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, of no less than the amount specified in the **BDS**.

A consistent history of litigation or arbitration awards against the Applicant or any partner of a Joint Venture may result in disqualification.

5.6 The figures for each of the partners of a joint venture shall be added together to determine the Bidder's compliance with the minimum qualifying criteria of ITB Sub-Clause 5.5(a), (b) and (e); however, for a joint venture to qualify the partner in charge must meet at least 40 percent of those minimum criteria for an individual Bidder and other partners at least 25% of the criteria. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in rejection of the joint venture's Bid. Subcontractors' experience and resources will not be taken into account in determining the

Bidder's compliance with the qualifying criteria, unless otherwise **stated in the BDS**.

6. Conflict of Interest

6.1 A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. All Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. A Bidder may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this bidding process, if :

- (a) they have a controlling partner in common; or
- (b) they receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from any of them; or
- (c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this bid; or
- (d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the Bid of another Bidder, or influence the decisions of the Employer regarding this bidding process; or
- (e) a Bidder participates in more than one bid in this bidding process. Participation by a Bidder in more than one Bid will result in the disqualification of all Bids in which the party is involved. However, this does not limit the inclusion of the same subcontractor in more than one bid; or
- (f) a Bidder or any of its affiliates participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the contract that is the subject of the Bid.

7. Cost of Bidding

7.1 The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his Bid, and the Employer will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs.

8. Site Visit/Pre-bid Meeting

8.1 (a) The Bidder, at the Bidder's own responsibility and risk, is encouraged to visit and examine the Site of required Services and its surroundings and obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing the Bid and entering into a contract for the Services. The costs of visiting the Site shall be at the Bidder's own expense.

(b) A pre-bid meeting shall be held if so indicated **in the BDS** to allow bidders to obtain clarifications on the bidding documents. Any information given in the course of the meeting that may have an incidence in the preparation of the bids shall be issued by the Public Body as addendum after the meeting, as

per ITB 11.2, to form part of the Bidding Documents.

B. Bidding Documents

9. Content of Bidding Documents

9.1 The set of bidding documents comprises the documents listed in the table below and addenda issued in accordance with ITB Clause 11:

Section I	Instructions to Bidders
Section II	Bidding Data Sheet
Section III	Bidding Forms
Section IV	Activity Schedule
Section V	Scope of Service and Performance Specifications
Section VI	General Conditions of Contract
Section VII	Special Conditions of Contract
Section VIII	Contract Forms

9.2 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the bidding documents. Failure to furnish all information required by the bidding documents or to submit a bid not substantially responsive to the bidding documents in every respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of its bid. Sections III and IV should be completed and returned with the Bid in the number of copies specified in the **BDS**.

10. Clarification of Bidding Documents

10.1 A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may notify the Employer in writing or by facsimile at the Employer's address indicated in the invitation to bid. The Employer will respond to any request for clarification received earlier than 14 days (21 days for international bids) prior to the deadline for submission of bids and by the date indicated in **the BDS**. Copies of the Employer's response will be forwarded to all purchasers of the bidding documents, including a description of the inquiry, but without identifying its source.

11. Amendment of Bidding Documents

11.1 Before the deadline for submission of bids, the Employer may modify the bidding documents by issuing addenda.

11.2 Any addendum thus issued shall be part of the bidding documents and shall be communicated in writing or by cable to all purchasers of the bidding documents. Prospective bidders shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in writing to the Employer.

- 11.3 To give prospective bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Employer shall extend, as necessary, the deadline for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 21.2 below.

C. Preparation of Bids

12. Language of Bid

- 12.1 The bid prepared by the Bidder, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Employer shall be written in English. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Bidder may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified in the Bidding Data Sheet, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, the translation shall govern.
- 12.2 Notwithstanding the above, documents in French submitted with the bid may be accepted without translation.

13. Documents Comprising the Bid

- 13.1 The Bid submitted by the Bidder shall comprise the following:
- (a) The Form of Bid (in the format indicated in Section III);
 - (b) Bid Security or Bid Securing declaration (where applicable);
 - (c) Priced Activity Schedule;
 - (d) Qualification Information Form and Documents;
 - (e) Alternative offers where invited;

and any other materials required to be completed and submitted by bidders, as **specified in the BDS**.

- 13.2 Bidders bidding for this contract together with other contracts stated in the IFB to form a package will so indicate in the bid together with any discounts offered for the award of more than one contract

14. Bid Prices

- 14.1 The Contract shall be for the Services, as described in Appendix A to the contract and in the Specifications, Section IV, based on the priced Activity Schedule, Section V, submitted by the Bidder.
- 14.2 The Bidder shall fill in rates and prices for all items of the Services described in Section IV-the Scope of Service and Performance Specifications and listed in Section V the Activity Schedule, Items for which no rate or price is entered by the

Bidder will not be paid for by the Employer when executed and shall be deemed covered by the other rates and prices in the Activity Schedule.

- 14.3 All duties, taxes, and other levies payable by the Service Provider under the Contract, or for any other cause, as of the date 28 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids, shall be included in the total Bid price submitted by the Bidder.
- 14.4 If **provided for in the BDS**, the rates and prices quoted by the Bidder shall be subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract in accordance with and the provisions of Clause 6.6 of the General Conditions of Contract and/or Special Conditions of Contract. The Bidder shall submit with the Bid all the information required under the Special Conditions of Contract and of the General Conditions of Contract.
- 14.5 For the purpose of determining the remuneration due for additional Services, a breakdown of the lump-sum price shall be provided by the Bidder in the form of Appendices D and E to the Contract.

15. Currencies of Bid and Payment

- 15.1 The lump sum price shall be quoted by the Bidder separately in the following currencies:
 - (a) for those inputs to the Services which the Bidder expects to provide from within the Republic of Mauritius, the prices shall be quoted in Mauritian Rupees; and
 - (b) for those inputs to the Services which the Bidder expects to provide from outside the Republic of Mauritius, the prices shall be quoted in up to any three hard currencies.
- 15.2 Bidders shall indicate details of their expected foreign currency requirements in the Bid.
- 15.3 Bidders may be required by the Employer to justify their foreign currency requirements and to substantiate that the amounts included in the Lump Sum are reasonable and responsive to ITB Sub-Clause 15.1.

16. Bid Validity

- 16.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period **specified in the BDS**.
- 16.2 In exceptional circumstances, the Employer may request that the bidders extend the period of validity for a specified additional period. The request and the bidders' responses shall be made in writing or by facsimile. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting the Bid Security. A Bidder agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to otherwise modify the Bid, but will

be required to extend the validity of Bid Security/Bid Securing Declaration for the period of the extension, and in compliance with ITB Clause 17 in all respects.

16.3 In the case of contracts in which the Contract Price is fixed (not subject to price adjustment), if the period of bid validity is extended by more than 60 days, the amounts payable in local and foreign currency to the Bidder selected for award, shall be increased by applying to both the local and the foreign currency component of the payments, respectively, the factors specified in the request for extension, for the period of delay beyond 60 days after the expiry of the initial bid validity, up to the notification of award. Bid evaluation will be based on the Bid prices without taking the above correction into consideration.

17. Bid Security

17.1 The Bidder shall furnish, as part of the Bid, a Bid Security or a Bid-Securing Declaration, if required, as **specified in the BDS**.

17.2 The Bid-Securing Declaration shall be in the form of a signed subscription in the Bid Submission Form.

17.3 The Bid Security shall be in the amount **specified in the BDS** and denominated in Mauritian Rupees or a freely convertible currency, and shall:

- (a) be issued by a reputable overseas bank located in any eligible country or any commercial bank operating in Mauritius selected by the Bidder
- (b) be substantially in accordance with the form of Bid Security included in Section III, Bidding Forms;
- (c) be payable promptly upon written demand by the Employer in case the conditions listed in ITB Sub-Clause 17.5 are invoked;
- (d) be submitted in its original form; copies will not be accepted;
- (e) remain valid for a period of 30 days beyond the validity period of the bids, as extended, if applicable, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 16.2;

17.4 If a Bid Security is required in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 17.1, any bid not accompanied by a substantially responsive Bid Security in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 17.1, shall be rejected by the Employer as non-responsive.

17.5 The Bid Security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as

promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the Performance Security pursuant to ITB Clause 35.

17.6 The Bid Security shall be forfeited or the Bid Securing Declaration executed:

- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form, except as provided in ITB Sub-Clause 16.2; or
- (b) if a bidder refuses to accept a correction of an error appearing on the face of the Bid; or
- (c) if the successful Bidder fails to:
 - (i) sign the Contract in accordance with ITB Clause 34; or
 - (ii) furnish a Performance Security in accordance with ITB Clause 35.

17.7 The Bid Security or Bid- Securing Declaration of a JV must be in the name of the JV that submits the bid. If the JV has not been legally constituted at the time of bidding, the Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration shall be in the names of all future partners as named in the letter of intent to constitute the JV.

17.8 If a bid security is **not required in the BDS**, and

- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid Form, except as provided in ITB 16.2, or
- (b) if a bidder refuses to accept a correction of an error appearing on the face of the Bid; or
- (c) if the successful Bidder fails to:
 - (i) sign the Contract in accordance with ITB Clause 34; or
 - (ii) furnish a Performance Security in accordance with ITB Clause 35.

The Bidder may be disqualified to be awarded a public contract in the Republic of Mauritius for a period of time to be determined by the PPO.

18. Alternative Proposals by Bidders

18.1 **Unless otherwise indicated in the BDS**, alternative bids shall not be considered.

- 18.2 When alternative times for completion are explicitly invited, a statement to that effect will be **included in the BDS**, as will the method of evaluating different times for completion.
- 18.3 Except as provided under ITB Sub-Clause 18.4 below, bidders wishing to offer technical alternatives to the requirements of the bidding documents must first submit a Bid that complies with the requirements of the bidding documents, including the scope, basic technical data, graphical documents and specifications. In addition to submitting the basic Bid, the Bidder shall provide all information necessary for a complete evaluation of the alternative by the Employer, including calculations, technical specifications, breakdown of prices, proposed work methods and other relevant details. Only the technical alternatives, if any, of the lowest evaluated Bidder conforming to the basic technical requirements shall be considered by the Employer. Alternatives to the specified performance levels shall not be accepted.
- 18.4 When bidders are **permitted in the BDS** to submit alternative technical solutions for specified parts of the Services, such parts shall be described in the Specifications (or Terms of Reference) and Drawings, Section V. In such case, the method for evaluating such alternatives will be as **indicated in the BDS**.

19. Format and Signing of Bid

- 19.1 The Bidder shall prepare one original of the documents comprising the Bid as described in ITB Clause 11 of these Instructions to Bidders, bound with the volume containing the Form of Bid, and clearly marked "ORIGINAL." In addition, the Bidder shall submit copies of the Bid, in the number **specified in the BDS**, and clearly marked as "COPIES." In the event of discrepancy between them, the original shall prevail.
- 19.2 The original and all copies of the Bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder, pursuant to Sub-Clauses 5.3(a) or 5.4(b), as the case may be. All pages of the Bid where entries or amendments have been made shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.
- 19.3 The Bid shall contain no alterations or additions, except those to comply with instructions issued by the Employer, or as necessary to correct errors made by the Bidder, in which case such corrections shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.

D. Submission of Bids

- 20. Sealing and Marking of Bids**
- 20.1 The Bidder shall seal the original and all copies of the Bid in two inner envelopes and one outer envelope, duly marking the inner envelopes as “ORIGINAL” and “COPIES”.
- 20.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall
- (a) be addressed to the Employer at the address **provided in the BDS;**
 - (b) bear the name and identification number of the Contract as **defined in the BDS** and Special Conditions of Contract; and
 - (c) provide a warning not to open before the specified time and date for Bid opening as **defined in the BDS.**
- 20.3 In addition to the identification required in ITB Sub-Clause 20.2, the inner envelopes shall indicate the name and address of the Bidder to enable the Bid to be returned unopened in case it is declared late, pursuant to ITB Clause 22.
- 20.4 If the outer envelope is not sealed and marked as above, the Employer will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the Bid.
- 21. Deadline for Submission of Bids**
- 21.1 Bids shall be delivered to the Employer at the address specified above no later than the time and date **specified in the BDS.**
- 21.2 The Employer may extend the deadline for submission of bids by issuing an amendment in accordance with ITB Clause 11, in which case all rights and obligations of the Employer and the bidders previously subject to the original deadline will then be subject to the new deadline.
- 22. Late Bids**
- 22.1 Any Bid received by the Employer after the deadline prescribed in ITB Clause 21 will be returned unopened to the Bidder.
- 23. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids**
- 23.1 Bidders may modify or withdraw their bids by giving notice in writing before the deadline prescribed in ITB Clause 21.
- 23.2 Each Bidder’s modification or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked, and delivered in accordance with ITB Clauses 19 and 20, with the outer and inner envelopes additionally marked “MODIFICATION” or “WITHDRAWAL,” as appropriate.
- 23.3 No Bid may be modified after the deadline for submission of

Bids.

- 23.4 Withdrawal of a Bid between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified in the BDS or as extended pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 16.2 may result in the forfeiture of the Bid Security or execution of the Bid Securing Declaration pursuant to ITB Clause 17.
- 23.5 Bidders may only offer discounts to, or otherwise modify the prices of their bids by submitting Bid modifications in accordance with this clause, or included in the original Bid submission.

E. Bid Opening and Evaluation

24. Bid Opening

- 24.1 The Employer will open the bids, including modifications made pursuant to ITB Clause 23, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the time and in the place **specified in the BDS.**
- 24.2 Envelopes marked "WITHDRAWAL" shall be opened and read out first. Bids for which an acceptable notice of withdrawal has been submitted pursuant to ITB Clause 23 shall not be opened.
- 24.3 The bidders' names, the Bid prices, the total amount of each Bid and of any alternative Bid (if alternatives have been requested or permitted), any discounts, Bid modifications and withdrawals, the presence or absence of Bid Security/subscription to Bid Securing Declaration, and such other details as the Employer may consider appropriate, will be announced by the Employer at the opening. No bid shall be rejected at bid opening except for the late bids pursuant to ITB Clause 22; Bids, and modifications, sent pursuant to ITB Clause 23 that are not opened and read out at bid opening will not be considered for further evaluation regardless of the circumstances. Late and withdrawn bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.
- 24.4 The Employer will prepare minutes of the Bid opening, including the information disclosed to those present in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 24.3.

25. Process to Be Confidential

- 25.1 Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation, and comparison of bids and recommendations for the award of a contract shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process. Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Employer's processing of

bids or award decisions may result in the rejection of his Bid.

25.2 If, after notification of award, a bidder wishes to ascertain the grounds on which its bid was not selected, it should address its request to the Employer, who will provide written explanation. Any request for explanation from one bidder should relate only to its own bid; information about the bid of competitors will not be addressed.

26. Clarification of Bids

26.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation, and comparison of bids, the Employer may, at the Employer's discretion, ask any Bidder for clarification of the Bidder's Bid, including breakdowns of the prices in the Activity Schedule, and other information that the Employer may require. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing via e-mail or facsimile, but no change in the price or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted except as required to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Employer in the evaluation of the bids in accordance with ITB Clause 28.

26.2 Subject to ITB Sub-Clause 26.1, no Bidder shall contact the Employer on any matter relating to its bid from the time of the bid opening to the time the contract is awarded. If the Bidder wishes to bring additional information to the notice of the Employer, he should do so in writing.

26.3 Any effort by the Bidder to influence the Employer in the Employer's bid evaluation or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of the Bidder's bid.

27. Examination of Bids and Determination of Responsiveness

27.1 Prior to the detailed evaluation of bids, the Employer will determine whether each Bid (a) meets the eligibility criteria defined in ITB Clause 4; (b) has been properly signed; (c) is accompanied by the required securities; and (d) is substantially responsive to the requirements of the bidding documents.

27.2 A substantially responsive Bid is one which conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the bidding documents, without material deviation or reservation. A material deviation or reservation is one (a) which affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Services; (b) which limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the bidding documents, the Employer's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the Contract; or (c) whose rectification would affect unfairly the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.

27.3 If a Bid is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by the

Employer, and may not subsequently be made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the nonconforming deviation or reservation.

- 28. Correction of Errors**
- 28.1 Bids determined to be substantially responsive will be checked by the Employer for any arithmetic errors. Arithmetical errors will be rectified by the Employer on the following basis: if there is a discrepancy between unit prices and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail, and the total price shall be corrected; if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; if there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words will prevail.
- 28.2 The amount stated in the Bid will be adjusted by the Employer in accordance with the above procedure for the correction of errors and, with the concurrence of the Bidder, shall be considered as binding upon the Bidder. If the Bidder does not accept the corrected amount, the Bid will be rejected, and the Bid Security shall be forfeited or the Bid Securing Declaration exercised and in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 17.6(b).
- 29. Currency for Bid Evaluation**
- 29.1 The Employer will convert the amounts in various currencies in which the Bid Price, corrected pursuant to ITB Clause 28, is payable (excluding Provisional Sums but including Daywork where priced competitively) in Mauritian Rupees at the selling rates on the closing date, established for similar transactions by the Bank of Mauritius.
- 30. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids**
- 30.1 The Employer will evaluate and compare only the bids determined to be substantially responsive in accordance with ITB Clause 27.
- 30.2 In evaluating the bids, the Employer will determine for each Bid the evaluated Bid price by adjusting the Bid price as follows:
- (a) making any correction for errors pursuant to ITB Clause 28;
 - (b) excluding provisional sums and the provision, if any, for contingencies in the Activity Schedule, Section IV, but including Day work, when requested in the Specifications (or Terms of Reference) Section V;
 - (c) making an appropriate adjustment for any other acceptable variations, deviations, or alternative offers submitted in accordance with ITB Clause 18; and

- (d) making appropriate adjustments to reflect discounts or other price modifications offered in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 23.5.

30.3 The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any variation, deviation, or alternative offer. Variations, deviations, and alternative offers and other factors, which are in excess of the requirements of the bidding documents or otherwise result in unsolicited benefits for the Employer will not be taken into account in Bid evaluation.

30.4 The estimated effect of any price adjustment conditions under Sub-Clause 6.6 of the General Conditions of Contract, during the period of implementation of the Contract, will not be taken into account in Bid evaluation.

- 31. Preference for Domestic Bidders**
- 31.1 Margin of Preference shall not be applicable.

F. Award of Contract

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| 32. Award Criteria | <p>32.1 Subject to ITB Clause 33, the Employer will award the Contract to the Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be substantially responsive to the bidding documents and who has offered the lowest evaluated Bid price, provided that such Bidder has been determined to be (a) eligible in accordance with the provisions of ITB Clause 4, and (b) qualified in accordance with the provisions of ITB Clause 5.</p> <p>32.2 If, pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 13.2 this contract is being let on a “slice and package” basis, the lowest evaluated Bid Price will be determined when evaluating this contract in conjunction with other contracts to be awarded concurrently. Taking into account any discounts offered by the bidders for the award of more than one contract.</p> |
| 33. Employer’s Right to Accept any Bid and to Reject any or all Bids | <p>33.1 Notwithstanding ITB Clause 32, the Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to cancel the bidding process and reject all bids, at any time prior to the award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or bidders.</p> |
| 34. Notification of Award and Signing of Agreement | <p>34.1 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Employer shall, for contract amount above the prescribed threshold, notify the selected bidder of the proposed award and accordingly notify unsuccessful bidders. Subject to challenge and Appeal the Employer shall notify the selected Bidder, in writing, by a Letter of Acceptance for award of contract. It will state the sum that the Employer will pay to the Service Provider in consideration of the execution of the services by the Service Provider as prescribed by the Contract (hereinafter and in the Contract called the “Contract Price”). Within seven days from the issue of Letter of Acceptance the Employer shall publish on the Public Procurement Portal (publicprocurement.govmu.org) and the Employer’s website, the results of the Bidding process.</p> <p>34.2 The issue of the Letter of Acceptance will constitute the formation of the Contract.</p> <p>34.3 The Contract, in the form provided in the bidding documents, will incorporate all agreements between the Employer and the successful Bidder. It will be signed by the Employer and sent to the successful Bidder along with the Letter of Acceptance. Within 21 days of receipt of the Contract, the successful bidder shall sign the Contract and return it to the Employer, together</p> |

with the required performance security pursuant to Clause 35.

35. Performance Security

- 35.1 Within 21 days after receipt of the Letter of Acceptance, the successful Bidder shall deliver to the Employer a Performance Security in the amount and in the form of a Bank Guarantee **stipulated in the BDS**, denominated in the type and proportions of currencies in the Letter of Acceptance and in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract.
- 35.2 If the Performance Security is provided by the successful Bidder in the form of a Bank Guarantee, it shall be issued either at the Bidder's option, by a commercial bank located in the Republic of Mauritius or a foreign bank through a correspondent commercial bank located in the Republic of Mauritius.
- 35.3 Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirements of ITB Sub-Clause 35.1 shall constitute sufficient grounds for cancellation of the award and forfeiture of the Bid Security.

36. Advance Payment and Security

- 36.1 The Employer will provide an Advance Payment on the Contract Price as stipulated in the Conditions of Contract, subject to the amount **stated in the BDS**.

37. Adjudicator

- 37.1 The Employer proposes the person **named in the BDS** to be appointed as Adjudicator under the Contract, at an hourly fee **specified in the BDS**, plus reimbursable expenses. If the Bidder disagrees with this proposal, the Bidder should so state in the Bid. If, in the Letter of Acceptance, the Employer has not agreed on the appointment of the Adjudicator, the Adjudicator shall be appointed by the Appointing Authority designated in the Special Conditions of Contract at the request of either party.

38. Debriefing

- 38.1 The Employer shall promptly attend to all requests for debriefing for the contract, made in writing, and within 30 days from the date of the publication of award or date the unsuccessful bidders are informed about the award, whichever is the case, by following regulation 9 of the Public Procurement Regulation 2008 as amended.

Section II. Bidding Data Sheet

This section should be filled in by the Employer before issuance of the bidding documents. The insertions should correspond to the information provided in the Invitation for Bids

A. General	
ITB 1.1	<p>The Employer is Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund</p> <p>The name and identification number of the Procurement is conservation and restoration of forests on the lower elevation of Le Morne Brabant Mountain</p>
ITB 2.3	<p>(a) Challenges shall be addressed to:</p> <p>The Chairman of Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund, Tel: 214 2830 Fax: 451 5759 E-mail: lemorneheritage@gmail.com</p> <p>(b) Application for Review shall be addressed to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Chairman Independent Review Panel, 9th Floor, Wing B Emmanuel Anquetil Building Pope Hennessy Street Port Louis Tel : 2013921</p>
ITB 4.1	limited to citizens of Mauritius
ITB 5.2	Pre-qualifications have not been carried out.
ITB 5.3	The Qualification Information and Bidding forms to be submitted are as follows: None
ITB 5.3(b)	<p>No written evidence is required.</p> <p>In the case of Bids submitted by an existing or intended JV an undertaking signed by all parties (i) stating that all parties shall be jointly and severally liable, if so required in accordance with ITB 5.4, and (ii) nominating a Representative who shall have the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the parties of the JV during the bidding process and,</p>

	in the event the JV is awarded the Contract, during contract execution.”]
	Note: The power of Attorney or other written authorization to sign may be for a determined period or limited to a specific purpose.
ITB 5.4	The information needed for Bids submitted by joint ventures is as follows: None
ITB 5.5	The qualification criteria in Sub-Clause 5.5 are modified as follows: None
ITB 5.5(a)	The minimum required annual volume of Services for the successful Bidder in any of the last 2 years shall be 2 times the annual contract amount payable to the selected bidder for the contract.
ITB 5.5(b)	The experience required to be demonstrated by the Bidder should include as a minimum that he has executed during the last 5 years the following: Bidders should submit client reference.
ITB 5.5(c)	The essential equipment to be made available for the Contract by the successful Bidder shall be necessary protective equipment and as per scope or works and requirement.
ITB 5.6	Subcontractors’ experience will be taken into account.
B. Bidding Data	
ITB 9.2 and 19.1	The number of copies of the Bid to be completed and returned shall be two.
C. Preparation of Bids	
ITB 13.1	The additional materials required to be completed and submitted are: All necessary materials required to complete the works.
ITB 14.1	Local inputs shall be quoted in Mauritian Rupees
ITB 14.4	The Contract is not subject to price adjustment in accordance with Sub-Clause 6.6 of the Conditions of Contract.
ITB 16.1	The period of Bid validity shall be 90 ninety days after the deadline for Bid submission specified in the BDS.
ITB 17.1	No Bid Security is required; or
ITB 17.3	Not Applicable
ITB 18.1	Alternative bids are not permitted.

ITB 18.2	Not Applicable
ITB 18.4	Not Applicable
D. Submission of Bids	
ITB 20.2	<p>The Employer's address for the purpose of Bid submission is [insert the receiving address provided in the Invitation for Bids. The receiving address should be an office that is staffed during normal working hours by personnel authorized to certify time and date of receipt and assure safe-keeping until Bid opening. A post office address is not satisfactory].</p> <p>For identification of the bid the envelopes should indicate:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contract: Conservation and Restoration of forests on the lower elevation of Le Morne Brabant Mountain</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bid Number: LMHTF/OAB/01 of 2019-20</p>
ITB 21.1	The deadline for submission of bids shall be Monday 2 nd March 2020 at 12 00 hours.
E. Bid Opening and Evaluation	
ITB 24.1	Bids will be opened at 13 00 hours of the day 2 nd March 2020 at the following address 9 th Floor, Hennessy Court, Pope Hennessy Street, Port Louis.

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Bid Submission Form

The Bidder must prepare the Service Provider’s Bid on stationery with its letterhead clearly showing the Bidder’s complete name and address.

Note: All italicized text is for use in preparing these forms and shall be deleted from the final document.

Date: _____
 Bidder’s Reference No.: _____
 Procurement Reference No.:.....

To:

We, the undersigned, declare that:

- (a) We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Documents, including Addenda issued in accordance with Instructions to Bidders (ITB) Clause 11;
- (b) We offer to execute the [name and identification number of Contract] in accordance with the Conditions of Contract, Scope of Service and Performance Specifications, and Activity Schedule accompanying this Bid.
- (c) The total price of our Bid, after discounts offered in item (d) below is:

Currency	Amount payable in currency	Inputs for which foreign currency is required
(i)		
(ii)		

- (d) The discounts offered and the methodology for their application are: _____;
- (e) Our bid shall be valid for a period of _____ [insert validity period as specified in ITB 16.1.] days from the date fixed for the bid submission deadline in accordance with the Bidding Documents, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period;
- (f) If our bid is accepted, we commit to obtain a Performance Security in accordance with the Bidding Document;
- (g) We, including any subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract, do not have any conflict of interest in accordance with ITB 6;
- (h) We are not participating, as a Bidder in more than one bid in this bidding process.
- (i) Our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries, including any Subcontractors or Suppliers for any part of the contract, has not been declared ineligible under the laws of Mauritius;

- (j) We are not a government owned entity / We are a government owned entity but meet the requirements of ITB 4.5;⁵
- (k) We understand that this bid, together with your Letter of Acceptance, shall constitute a binding contract between us, until a formal contract is prepared and executed;
- (l) We have taken steps to ensure that no person acting for us or on our behalf will engage in any type of fraud and corruption as per the principles described hereunder, during the bidding process and contract execution:
 - i. We shall not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer, promise or give to any of the Public Body’s employees involved in the bidding process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material or immaterial benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.
 - ii. We shall not enter with other Bidders into any undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of bids or any other actions to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelisation in the bidding process.
 - iii. We shall not use falsified documents, erroneous data or deliberately not disclose requested facts to obtain a benefit in a procurement proceeding.

We understand that transgression of the above is a serious offence and appropriate actions will be taken against such bidders.

- (m) We hereby confirm that we have read and understood the content of the Bid Securing Declaration attached herewith and subscribe fully to the terms and conditions contained therein, if required. We understand that non-compliance to the conditions mentioned may lead to disqualification.
- (n) Commissions or gratuities, if any, paid or to be paid by us to agents relating to this Bid, and to contract execution if we are awarded the contract, are listed below:

Name and address of agent	Amount and Currency	Purpose of Commission or gratuity
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
(if none, state “none”)	_____	_____

- (o) We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest evaluated bid or any other bid that you may receive; and

⁵ Use one of the two options as appropriate.

(p) If awarded the contract, the person named below shall act as Contractor's Representative: _____

Name: _____

In the capacity of: _____

Signed: _____

Duly authorized to
sign the Bid for and on
behalf of: _____

Date: _____

Seal of Company _____

Appendix to Bid Submission Form

Bid Securing Declaration

By subscribing to the undertaking in respect of paragraph (m) of the Bid Submission Form:

I/We* accept that I/we* may be disqualified from bidding for any contract with any Public Body for the period of time that may be determined by the Procurement Policy Office under section 35 of the Public Procurement Act, if I am/we are* in breach of any obligation under the bid conditions, because I/we*:

- (a) have modified or withdrawn my/our* Bid after the deadline for submission of bids during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Bid Submission Form; or
- (b) have refused to accept a correction of an error appearing on the face of the Bid; or
- (c) having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the (insert name of public body) during the period of bid validity, (i) have failed or refused to execute the Contract, if required, or (ii) have failed or refused to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

I/We* understand this Bid Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid (a) in case I/we am/are the successful bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the contract signed by you and the Performance Security issued to you by me/us ; or (b) if I am/we are* not the successful Bidder, upon the earlier of (i) the receipt of your notification of the name of the successful Bidder; or (ii) thirty days after the expiration of the validity of my/our* Bid.

In case of a Joint Venture, all the partners of the Joint Venture shall be jointly and severally liable.

Qualification Information

- 1. Individual Bidders or Individual Members of Joint Ventures**
- 1.1 Constitution or legal status of Bidder: [attach copy]
- Place of registration: [insert]
Principal place of business: [insert]
Power of attorney or other acceptable document of signatory of Bid: [attach]
- 1.2 Total annual volume of Services performed in five years, in the internationally traded currency specified in the BDS: [insert]
- 1.3 Services performed as prime Service Provider on the provision of Services of a similar nature and volume over the last five years. The values should be indicated in the same currency used for Item 1.2 above. Also list details of work under way or committed, including expected completion date.

Project name and country	Name of employer and contact person	Type of Services provided and year of completion	Value of contract
(a)			
(b)			

- 1.4 Major items of Service Provider's Equipment proposed for carrying out the Services. List all information requested below. Refer also to ITB Sub-Clause 5.5(c).

Item of equipment	Description, make, and age (years)	Condition (new, good, poor) and number available	Owned, leased (from whom?), or to be purchased (from whom?)
(a)			
(b)			

- 1.5 Qualifications and experience of key personnel proposed for administration and execution of the Contract. Attach biographical data. Refer also to ITB Sub-Clause 5.5(e) and GCC Clause 4.1.

Position	Name	Years of experience (general)	Years of experience in proposed position
(a)			
(b)			

1.6 Proposed subcontracts and firms involved. Refer to GCC Clause 4.1.

Sections of the Services	Value of subcontract	Subcontractor (name and address)	Experience in providing similar Services
(a)			
(b)			

1.7 Financial reports for the last three years: balance sheets, profit and loss statements, auditors’ reports, etc. List below and attach copies.

1.8 Evidence of access to financial resources to meet the qualification requirements: cash in hand, lines of credit, etc. List below and attach copies of support documents. We certify/confirm that we comply with eligibility requirements as per ITB Clause 4.

1.9 Name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of banks that may provide references if contacted by the Employer.

1.10 Information regarding any litigation, current or within the last five years, in which the Bidder is or has been involved.

Other party(ies)	Cause of dispute	Details of litigation award	Amount involved
(a)			
(b)			

1.11 Statement of compliance with the requirements of ITB Sub-

Clause 4.2.

1.12 Proposed Program (service work method and schedule). Descriptions, drawings, and charts, as necessary, to comply with the requirements of the bidding documents.

2. Joint Ventures

2.1 The information listed in 1.1 - 1.11 above shall be provided for each partner of the joint venture.

2.2 The information in 1.12 above shall be provided for the joint venture.

2.3 Attach the power of attorney or other acceptable document of the signatory (ies) of the Bid authorizing signature of the Bid on behalf of the joint venture.

2.4 Attach the Agreement among all partners of the joint venture (and which is legally binding on all partners), which shows that

(a) all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the Contract terms;

(b) one of the partners will be nominated as being in charge, authorized to incur liabilities, and receive instructions for and on behalf of any and all partners of the joint venture; and

(c) the execution of the entire Contract, including payment, shall be done exclusively with the partner in charge.

3. Additional Requirements

3.1 Bidders should provide any additional information required in the BDS and to fulfill the requirements of ITB Sub-Clause 5.1, if applicable.

Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)

.....Bank's Name and Address of issuing Branch or Office.....

Beneficiary: Name and Address of Public Body.....

Date:

BID GUARANTEE No.:

We have been informed thatname of the Bidder..... (hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted to you its bid dated..... (hereinafter called "the Bid") for the execution ofname of contract under Invitation for Bids No.....IFB number ("the IFB").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a bid security.

At the request of the Bidder, wename of Bank hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount ofamount in figures..... (......amount in words.....) upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Bidder is in breach of its obligation(s) under the bid conditions, because the Bidder:

- (a) has modified or withdrawn its Bid after the deadline for submission of its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) has refused to accept a correction of an error appearing on the face of the Bid; or
- (c) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Public Body during the period of bid validity, (i) has failed or refused to sign the contract Form, if required, or (ii) has failed or refused to furnish the performance security, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

This guarantee shall expire: (a) if the Bidder is the successful bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the contract signed by the Bidder and the performance security issued to you upon the instruction of the Bidder; or (b) if the Bidder is not the successful bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy of your notification to the Bidder of the name of the successful bidder; or (ii) thirty days after the expiration of the Bidder's Bid.

Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at the office on or beforePublic Body to insert date.....

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 758. (Applicable to overseas bidders only).

.....Bank's seal and authorized signature(s).....

Part II – Activity Schedule

Section IV. Activity Schedule

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
A	Maintenance weeding (1.0001 Hectares)	sum	
B.	Initial Weeding (1.0001 Hectares).	Sum	
	TOTAL		

Section V. Scope of Service and Performance Specifications

-2020

Conservation & Restoration of Forest of Le Morne Brabant
Specifications & Performance Requirements for Bidders



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Conservation and Restoration of Forests on the lower Elevations Le Morne Brabant Specifications and Performance Requirements for Bidders (2019-2020)

1.0 Location of works

The works are located on the lower elevations (50-250m above sea level) of Le Morne Brabant Brabant. The identified conservation areas are located on West and South of the Mountain.

- South: **Conservation plot 3(Phase 2)**
- The Southern East: **Conservation plot 5 (phase 2)**

Note: Work areas are accessible only by 4-wheel drive pick-up or on foot for southern flank. Difficulty is of category 4 for the Southern flank (Scale 1-5). Northern flank is accessible by any vehicle.

Map



Satellite map showing Conservation Plot 3 (Phase 2)



satellite map showing Conservation Plot 5 (Phase 2)

The exact location of work areas will be indicated by the Client on site. The contractor will be required to carry out site visits with the client to clearly identify indicated locations and mark areas spotted for restoration and conservation works. The contractors should cater for their own transport facilities to carry out site visits.

1.1 Scope of work

- **Maintenance weeding Conservation plot 3 (Phase 2)** of 10001m² (1.0001 hectare) by **cut stump herbicide treatment** and **ring barking/girdling** methods for woody species and **uprooting method** for both woody and herbaceous species.
- **Initial Weeding Conservation Plot 5 (Phase 2)** of 10001m² (1.0001 hectare) by **cut stump herbicide treatment** and **ring barking/girdling** methods for woody species and **uprooting method** for both woody and herbaceous species.

1.2 Density of weeds

Note: Density of weeds is estimated on a density scale as follows: - Very Low-Low-Moderate-High-Very high-Compact (Scale 1-6)

- **Maintenance weeding Conservation plot 3 (Phase 2);** density of weeds per square meter varies from low to moderate, except in areas where edge effect occurs the density can be moderate to high.
- **Initial Weeding Conservation Plot 5 (Phase 2);** density of weeds per square meter varies from moderate to very high density.

1.3 Instruction to bidders

A. Experience in identification of endemic/Indigenous plants

Bidders should have a good knowledge of plants in order to differentiate between exotic and indigenous plants. Tenderers should provide proof of experience. Otherwise they should mention if they are inexperienced in identification.

B. Manner of executing weeding

The works shall be executed in the manner set out in the specifications mentioned below or where NOT set to the satisfaction of the Forestry Service officers and all reasonable variations on site be carried out in accordance with such directives.

Cut stump herbicide treatment

What is cut stump herbicide treatment?

Cut stump herbicide treatment is a simple way to control woody invasive plants. An herbicide solution is applied directly to the stump top immediately after cutting down the plant. The herbicide kills the stump and prevents new growth that would normally occur after cutting alone.

Equipment to be used

For larger stems/trunk a lightweight chainsaw is recommended. A handsaw/pruning shears or sharp machete is adequate for smaller stems. Cut stump herbicide treatments are most easily applied with backpack sprayers or handheld pressurized spray bottles, can also be applied using a paintbrush.

Note: Herbicide mixture will be provided by Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund

Procedure for cut stump method

- All woody invasive alien species with trunk/stem diameter ranging from **1cm to 25cm** will be targeted by this method.
- All woody invasive alien species will have to be cut down **1-5cm** close to the ground for maximum efficiency of herbicide treatment.
- Cut shall be approximately horizontal/even cut for best efficiency and NOT a slant cut.
- Herbicide mixture to be applied all over the cut stump just after cut is made.

Illustration of cut stump



Ring barking method

What is ring barking?

Girdling, also called ring-barking is the complete removal of living tissue (cambium layer) till the sapwood from the entire circumference of a trunk.

Equipment to be used

A chainsaw or axe is imperative for this method. Herbicide is to be applied using a 2 inch paint brush all over the wound.

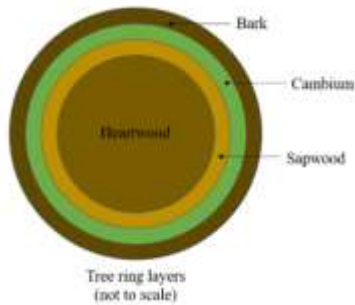
Note: Herbicide mixtures will be provided by Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund

Procedure for ring barking

- All woody invasive alien species with trunk diameter greater than 15cm (>15cm) will be targeted.
- Exotic trees of smaller diameter can be directly felled
- The ring shall be made all around the circumference having a **width of 15cm** and the cambium layer removed till the sapwood. All living tissue must be scraped off till the sapwood is reached. The woody invasive species shall be girdled at a height of approximately 1m above ground level.
- The bark and cambium layer shall imperatively be removed to increase kill efficiency.
- Herbicides are to be applied all over the exposed bark just after the trunk is ringed

Illustration of Ring Barking





The bark and cambium layer (Brown & Green) should be removed till the Sapwood (Yellow)

Uprooting

Uprooting is a weeding method where a plant is pulled out from the ground.

All invasive alien herbaceous plants and woody plants having a diameter ranging from **1 to 5cm** shall be uprooted.

C. Tools, equipment & Materials

- Appropriate tools and equipment are to be provided by the successful bidder.
- Herbicide mixture shall be provided by LMHTF.

D. Safety exigencies

- Contractor shall abide by the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2005
- Protective equipment (boots, goggles, gloves, hard hat, fluorescent vest etc) are to be provided as required
- Proper training given to power tools operators e.g chainsaw
- A fully equipped First aid kit is imperative
- A notion in first aiding will be a plus
- Only experienced drivers for rugged terrain are recommended for transportation
- Evacuation plan to be set accordingly in the case of severe injuries or health problems
- All emergency contact numbers (Helicopter squadron, La Gaulette police station, Fire Rescue Services and Ambulance Service) are to be readied
- Adequate drinking water for workers is to be provided

E. Transportation

- The successful bidder shall cater for all transportation facilities to the work place and site visits
- 4 wheel drive vehicles are imperative
- Only experienced drivers on rugged terrain
- Distance to work place is about 2.5km from entrance of access to the southern flank of the mountain.

1.4 Deliverables

- Completion of **10,001 m²/1.0001 Hectares** maintenance weeding conservation plot 3 (Phase 2)
- Completion of **10,001 m²/1.0001 Hectares** initial weeding conservation plot 5 (phase 2)
- All invasive alien species are to be removed/weeded out
- Works shall be delivered within **14 days**

1.5 Timeline

The Maintenance weeding program at conservation plot 3 (phase 2) has been scheduled for **4 days** of work.

The Initial weeding program at conservation plot 5 (phase 2) has been scheduled for **10 days** of work.

The totality of the work shall be delivered within 14 days of work.

Note: The starting date will be communicated to the selected bidder.

1.6 Working Hours

- **The works should be carried out between 08 00 hours and 15 00 hours.**
- **No work should be carried out during weekends and public holidays.**

1.7 Site Visit

A site visit shall be organised on request of tenderers for a visual experience of the work areas before submitting their quotes.

A pre-bid meeting and site visit has been scheduled for **Monday 17 February 2020 at 10.00 am to discuss the contents of the bidding documents and for a visual experience of the work areas before submitting their quotes.**

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1.8 Quality of Work and Site exigencies

- Weeding shall be carried out as described in **section 1.2B**
- Weeding shall be done systematically. All weeds are to be removed.
- Efficient application of herbicide application for maximum elimination of weeds
- Herbicides are to be applied within 5 mins after the weed is cut or ring barked.
- The contractors shall abide by occupational health and safety act 2005
- The site shall be kept tidy and no materials/refuse are to be left behind at the end of the works
- Trees/branches felled are to be stacked in rows at intervals of 5-8 metres apart
- Care should be taken not to damage or trample native plants
- Punctuality is an exigence

1.9 Conditions of contract regarding site work

- No amendments shall be made once the contract is awarded to the contractor.
- Contractor shall cater for all transportation for site visits and to route workers to and from site of work.
- Delivery of specified works as per the timeframe.
- The contractor shall deliver quality of work to the satisfaction of LMHTF/ Forestry Service
- All works will be supervised on a daily basis by LMHTF and Forestry Services.
- The LMHTF and the Forestry Services reserves the right to stop works if weeding is inappropriately done.
- Training to differentiate native plants from exotics shall be dispensed by Forestry Services at the beginning of the weeding program.
- LMHTF and Forestry Services reserve the right to disallow recalcitrant workers accordingly.
- Completed works will be subjected to verification and approval by Forestry services and LMHTF.
- Health and safety regulations are imperative; not abiding to it is an offence
- Punctuality is an exigence. Any lateness shall be covered to round up the 6 daily hours of work.
- Contractors shall present a fully equipped first aid kit, an evacuation plan in case of injury or health problems and the list of emergency contact numbers once contract is awarded.
- All litter (e.g plastic bags, plastic bottles etc) are to be carted away and disposed in a bin. The work site should remain tidy.
- No plants or plant materials are to be taken from the forests
- The LMHTF reserves the right to terminate. the contract if conditions are not abided.

Part III – Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

Section VI. General Conditions of Contract

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Section VI. General Conditions of Contract

A. General Provisions

1.1 Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:

- (a) The Adjudicator is the person appointed jointly by the Employer and the Contractor to resolve disputes in the first instance, as provided for in Sub-Clause 8.2 hereunder.
- (b) “Activity Schedule” is the priced and completed list of items of Services to be performed by the Service Provider forming part of his Bid;
- (c) “Completion Date” means the date of completion of the Services by the Service Provider as certified by the Employer
- (d) “Contract” means the Contract signed by the Parties, to which these General Conditions of Contract (GCC) are attached, together with all the documents listed in Clause 1 of such signed Contract;
- (e) “Contract Price” means the price to be paid for the performance of the Services, in accordance with Clause 6.2;
- (f) “Dayworks” means varied work inputs subject to payment on a time basis for the Service Provider’s employees and equipment, in addition to payments for associated materials and administration.
- (g) “Employer” means the party who employs the Service Provider
- (h) “Foreign Currency” means any currency other than the currency of the country of the Employer;
- (i) “GCC” means these General Conditions of Contract;
- (j) “Government” means the Government of the Republic of Mauritius;
- (k) “Local Currency” means Mauritian Rupees;
- (l) “Member,” in case the Service Provider consist of a joint venture of more than one entity, means any of these entities; “Members” means all these entities, and “Member in Charge” means the entity specified in the SCc to act on their behalf in exercising all the Service Provider’ rights and obligations towards the Employer under this Contract;

- (m) “Party” means the Employer or the Service Provider, as the case may be, and “Parties” means both of them;
- (n) “Personnel” means persons hired by the Service Provider or by any Subcontractor as employees and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof;
- (o) “Service Provider” is a person or corporate body whose Bid to provide the Services has been accepted by the Employer;
- (p) “Service Provider’s Bid” means the completed bidding document submitted by the Service Provider to the Employer
- (q) “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented;
- (r) “Specifications” means the specifications of the service included in the bidding document submitted by the Service Provider to the Employer
- (s) “Services” means the work to be performed by the Service Provider pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A; and in the Specifications and Schedule of Activities included in the Service Provider’s Bid.
- (t) “Subcontractor” means any entity to which the Service Provider subcontracts any part of the Services in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Clauses 3.5 and 4.

1.2 Applicable Law The Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of Mauritius.

1.3 Language This Contract has been executed in English, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

1.4 Notices Any notice, request, or consent made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, or facsimile to such Party at the address **specified in the SCC**.

1.5 Location The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in Appendix A, in the specifications and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in Republic of Mauritius or elsewhere, as the Employer may approve.

1.6 Authorized Representatives Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Contract by the Employer or the Service Provider may be taken or executed by the

officials **specified in the SCC.**

1.7 Inspection and Audit by the Public Body

The Service Provider shall permit the Employer to inspect its accounts and records relating to the performance of the Services and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Employer, if so required by the Latter.

1.8 Taxes and Duties

The Service Provider, Subcontractors, and their Personnel shall pay such taxes, duties, fees, and other impositions as may be levied under the Applicable Law, the amount of which is deemed to have been included in the Contract Price.

2. Commencement, Completion, Modification, and Termination of Contract

2.1 Effectiveness of Contract

This Contract shall come into effect on the date the Contract is signed by both parties or such other later date as may be **stated in the SCC.**

2.2 Commencement of Services

2.2.1 Program

Before commencement of the Services, the Service Provider shall submit to the Employer for approval a Program showing the general methods, arrangements, order and timing for all activities. The Services shall be carried out in accordance with the approved Program as updated.

2.2.2 Starting Date

The Service Provider shall start carrying out the Services thirty (30) days after the date the Contract becomes effective, or at such other date as may be **specified in the SCC.**

2.3 Intended Completion Date

Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Sub-Clause 2.6, the Service Provider shall complete the activities by the Intended Completion Date, as is **specified in the SCC.** If the Service Provider does not complete the activities by the Intended Completion Date, it shall be liable to pay liquidated damage as per Sub-Clause 3.10. In this case, the Completion Date will be the date of completion of all activities.

2.4 Modification

Modification of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification of the scope of the Services or of the Contract Price, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties.

2.5 Force Majeure

2.5.1 Definition

For the purposes of this Contract, "Force Majeure" means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party and which makes

a Party's performance of its obligations under the Contract impossible or so impractical as to be considered impossible under the circumstances.

2.5.2 No Breach of Contract

The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations under the contract shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event (a) has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures in order to carry out the terms and conditions of this Contract, and (b) has informed the other Party as soon as possible about the occurrence of such an event.

2.5.3 Extension of Time

Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

2.6 Termination

2.6.1 By the Employer

The Employer may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the Service Provider, to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Sub-Clause 2.6.1:

- (a) if the Service Provider does not remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations under the Contract, within thirty (30) days after being notified or within any further period as the Employer may have subsequently approved in writing;
- (b) if the Service Provider become insolvent or bankrupt;
- (c) if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Service Provider is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days; or
- (d) if the Service Provider, in the judgment of the Employer has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the Contract.

For the purposes of this Sub-Clause:

- (i) “corrupt practice”⁶ is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;
- (ii) “fraudulent practice”⁷ is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;
- (iii) “collusive practice”⁸ is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;
- (iv) “coercive practice”⁹ is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;
- (v) “obstructive practice” is
 - (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede an investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation.

(e) In case the liquidated damage reaches the maximum as per sub-clause 3.10.1.

(f) Notwithstanding the above the Employer may terminate the contract for its convenience after giving a prior notice of 30 days.

2.6.2 By the

The Service Provider may terminate this Contract, by not less than

⁶ For the purpose of this Contract, “another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the procurement process or contract execution. In this context, “public official” includes World Bank staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing procurement decisions.

⁷ For the purpose of this Contract, “party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the procurement process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the procurement process or contract execution.

⁸ For the purpose of this Contract, “parties” refers to participants in the procurement process (including public officials) attempting to establish bid prices at artificial, non competitive levels.

⁹ For the purpose of this Contract, “party” refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.

Service Provider thirty (30) days' written notice to the Employer, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Sub-Clause 2.6.2:

- (a) if the Employer fails to pay any monies due to the Service Provider pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clause 7 within forty-five (45) days after receiving written notice from the Service Provider that such payment is overdue; or
- (b) if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Service Provider is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.

2.6.3 Payment upon Termination Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Sub-Clauses 2.6.1 or 2.6.2, the Employer shall make the following payments to the Service Provider:

- (a) remuneration pursuant to Clause 6 for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;
- (b) except in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), (d) of Sub-Clause 2.6.1, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incident to the prompt and orderly termination of the Contract, including the cost of the return travel of the Personnel.

3. Obligations of the Service Provider

3.1 General

The Service Provider shall perform the Services in accordance with the Specifications and the Activity Schedule, and carry out its obligations with all due diligence, efficiency, and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe methods. The Service Provider shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful adviser to the Employer, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Employer's legitimate interests in any dealings with Subcontractors or third parties.

3.2 Conflict of Interests

3.2.1 Service Provider Not to Benefit

The remuneration of the Service Provider pursuant to Clause 6 shall constitute the Service Provider's sole remuneration in connection with this Contract or the Services, and the Service Provider shall not accept for their own benefit any trade

from Commissions and Discounts.	commission, discount, or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations under the Contract, and the Service Provider shall use their best efforts to ensure that the Personnel, any Subcontractors, and agents of either of them similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.
3.2.2 Service Provider and Affiliates Not to be Otherwise Interested in Project	The Service Provider agree that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Service Provider and its affiliates, as well as any Subcontractor and any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works, or Services (other than the Services and any continuation thereof) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.
3.2.3 Prohibition of Conflicting Activities	<p>Neither the Service Provider nor its Subcontractors nor the Personnel shall engage, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) during the term of this Contract, any business or professional activities in the Republic of Mauritius which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract; (b) during the term of this Contract, neither the Service Provider nor their Subcontractors shall hire public employees in active duty or on any type of leave, to perform any activity under this Contract; (c) after the termination of this Contract, such other activities as may be specified in the SCC.
3.2.4 Integrity Clause	<p>The service provider shall take to ensure that no person acting for it or on its behalf will engage in any type of fraud and corruption during the contract execution.</p> <p>Transgression of the above is a serious offence and appropriate actions will be taken against such service provider.</p>
3.3 Confidentiality	The Service Provider, its Subcontractors, and the Personnel of either of them shall not, either during the term or within two (2) years after the expiration of this Contract, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Project, the Services, this Contract, or the Employer's business or operations without the prior written consent of the Employer.
3.4 Assignment	The Service Provider shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Contract or any part thereof, or any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under this Contract except

with the prior written consent of the Employer.

3.5 Indemnification

The Service Provider shall indemnify, hold and save harmless, and defend, at its own expense, the Employer, its officials, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands, and liability of any nature or kind, including their costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the Service Provider, or the Service Provider's employees, officers, agents or sub-contractors, in the performance of this Contract. This provision shall extend, inter alia, to claims and liability in the nature of Employer's liability and Workmen's compensation, products liability and liability arising out of the use of patented inventions or devices, copyrighted material or other intellectual property by the Contractor, its employees, officers, agents, servants or sub-contractors. The obligations under this clause do not lapse upon termination of this Contract.

3.6 Insurance to be Taken Out by the Service Provider

- (a) The Service Provider shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of this Contract.
- (b) The Service Provider shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate Employer's Liability and Workmen's compensation insurance, or its equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury or death in connection with this Contract.
- (c) The Service Provider shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death or bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising from or in connection with the provision of services under this Contract or the operation of any vehicles, or other equipment owned or leased by the Service Provider or its agents, servants, employees or sub-contractors performing work or services in connection with this Contract.
- (d) Except for the Employer's Liability and Workmen's compensation insurance, the insurance policies under this clause shall:
 - (i) Name the Employer as additional insured;
 - (ii) Include a waiver of subrogation of the Service Provider's rights to the insurance carrier against the Employer;
 - (iii) Provide that the Employer shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or

change of coverage.

- 3.7 Service Provider's Actions Requiring Employer's Prior Approval** The Service Provider shall obtain the Employer's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following actions:
- (a) entering into a subcontract for the performance of any part of the Services,
 - (b) appointing such members of the Personnel not listed by name in Appendix C ("Key Personnel and Subcontractors"),
 - (c) changing the Program of activities; and
 - (d) any other action that may be **specified in the SCC**.
- 3.8 Reporting Obligations** The Service Provider shall submit to the Employer the reports and documents specified in Appendix B in the form, in the numbers, and within the periods set forth in the said Appendix.
- 3.9 Documents Prepared by the Service Provider to Be the Property of the Employer** All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, and other documents and software submitted by the Service Provider in accordance with Sub-Clause 3.8 shall become and remain the property of the Employer, and the Service Provider shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents and software to the Employer, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Service Provider may retain a copy of such documents and software. Restrictions about the future use of these documents, if any, shall be **specified in the SCC**.
- 3.10 Liquidated Damages**
- 3.10.1 Payments of Liquidated Damages** The Service Provider shall pay liquidated damages to the Employer at the rate per day **stated in the SCC** for each day that the Completion Date is later than the Intended Completion Date. The total amount of liquidated damages shall not exceed the amount **defined in the SCC**. The Employer may deduct liquidated damages from payments due to the Service Provider. Payment of liquidated damages shall not affect the Service Provider's liabilities.
- 3.10.2 Correction for Over-payment** If the Intended Completion Date is extended after liquidated damages have been paid, the Employer shall correct any overpayment of liquidated damages by the Service Provider by adjusting the next payment certificate. The Service Provider shall be paid interest on the overpayment, calculated from the date of payment to the date of repayment, at the rates specified in Sub-

Clause 6.5.

3.10.3 Lack of performance penalty

If the Service Provider has not corrected a Defect within the time specified in the Employer's notice, a penalty for Lack of performance will be paid by the Service Provider. The amount to be paid will be calculated as a percentage of the cost of having the Defect corrected, assessed as described in Sub-Clause 7.2 and **specified in the SCC.**

3.11 Performance Security

The Service Provider shall provide the Performance Security to the Employer no later than the date specified in the Letter of acceptance. The Performance Security shall be issued in an amount and form and by a bank acceptable to the Employer, and denominated in the types and proportions of the currencies in which the Contract Price is payable. The performance Security shall be valid until a date 28 days from the Completion Date of the Contract.

4. Service Provider's Personnel

4.1 Description of Personnel

The titles, agreed job descriptions, minimum qualifications, and estimated periods of engagement in the carrying out of the Services of the Service Provider's Key Personnel are described in Appendix C. The Key Personnel and Subcontractors listed by title as well as by name in Appendix C are hereby approved by the Employer.

4.2 Removal and/or Replacement of Personnel

(a) Except as the Employer may otherwise agree, no changes shall be made in the Key Personnel. If, for any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Service Provider, it becomes necessary to replace any of the Key Personnel, the Service Provider shall provide as a replacement a person of equivalent or better qualifications.

(b) If the Employer finds that any of the Personnel have:

(i) committed serious misconduct or have been charged with having committed a criminal action, or

(ii) have reasonable cause to be dissatisfied with the performance of any of the Personnel,

then the Service Provider shall, at the Employer's written request specifying the grounds thereof, provide as a replacement a person with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Employer.

(c) The Service Provider shall have no claim for additional costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement

of Personnel.

5. Obligations of the Employer

- 5.1 Assistance and Exemptions** The Employer shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Government shall provide the Service Provider such assistance and exemptions as **specified in the SCC.**
- 5.2 Change in the Applicable Law** If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost of the Services rendered by the Service Provider, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Service Provider under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the amounts referred to in Sub-Clauses 6.2 (a) or (b), as the case may be.
- 5.3 Services and Facilities** The Employer shall make available to the Service Provider the Services and Facilities listed under Appendix F.

6. Payments to the Service Provider

- 6.1 Lump-Sum Remuneration** The Service Provider's remuneration shall not exceed the Contract Price and shall be a fixed lump-sum including all Subcontractors' costs, and all other costs incurred by the Service Provider in carrying out the Services described in Appendix A. Except as provided in Sub-Clause 5.2, the Contract Price may only be increased above the amounts stated in Sub-Clause 6.2 if the Parties have agreed to additional payments in accordance with Sub-Clauses 2.4 and 6.3.
- 6.2 Contract Price** (a) The price payable in local currency is **set forth in the SCC.**
 (b) The price payable in foreign currency is set **forth in the SCC.**
- 6.3 Payment for Additional Services, and Performance Incentive Compensation** 6.3.1 For the purpose of determining the remuneration due for additional Services as may be agreed under Sub-Clause 2.4, a breakdown of the lump-sum price is provided in Appendices D and E.
- 6.4 Terms and Conditions of Payment** 6.4 Payments will be made to the Service Provider according to the payment schedule **stated in the SCC. Unless otherwise stated in the SCC,** the advance payment (Advance for Mobilization, Materials and Supplies) shall be made against the provision by the Service Provider of a bank guarantee from a bank operating in Mauritius for the same amount, and shall be valid for the period **stated in the SCC.** Any other payment shall be made after the

conditions **listed in the SCC** for such payment have been met, and the Service Provider have submitted an invoice to the Employer specifying the amount due.

6.5 Interest on Delayed Payments

6.5 If the Employer has delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in the SCC, interest shall be paid to the Service Provider for each day of delay at the rate stated in the SCC.

6.6 Price Adjustment

6.6.1 Prices shall be adjusted for fluctuations in the cost of inputs only if **provided for in the SCC**. If so provided, the amounts certified in each payment certificate, after deducting for Advance Payment, shall be adjusted by applying the respective price adjustment factor to the payment amounts due in each currency. A separate formula of the type indicated below applies to each Contract currency:

$$P_c = A_c + B_c \frac{L_{mc}}{L_{oc}} + C_c \frac{I_{mc}}{I_{oc}}$$

Where:

P_c is the adjustment factor for the portion of the Contract Price payable in a specific currency “c”.

A_c , B_c and C_c are coefficients specified in the SCC, representing: A_c the nonadjustable portion; B_c the adjustable portion relative to labor costs and C_c the adjustable portion for other inputs, of the Contract Price payable in that specific currency “c”; and

L_{mc} is the index prevailing at the first day of the month of the corresponding invoice date and L_{oc} is the index prevailing 28 days before Bid opening for labor; both in the specific currency “c”.

I_{mc} is the index prevailing at the first day of the month of the corresponding invoice date and I_{oc} is the index prevailing 28 days before Bid opening for other inputs payable; both in the specific currency “c”.

If a price adjustment factor is applied to payments made in a currency other than the currency of the source of the index for a particular indexed input, a correction factor Z_o/Z_n will be applied to the respective component factor of p_n for the formula of the relevant currency. Z_o is the number of units of currency of the country of the index, equivalent to one unit of the currency payment on the date of the base index, and Z_n is the corresponding number of such currency units on the date of the current index.

6.6.2 If the value of the index is changed after it has been used in a calculation, the calculation shall be corrected and an adjustment made in the next payment certificate. The index value shall be deemed to take account of all changes in cost due to fluctuations in costs.

6.7 Dayworks

6.7.1 If applicable, the Daywork rates in the Service Provider's Bid shall be used for small additional amounts of Services only when the Employer has given written instructions in advance for additional services to be paid in that way.

6.7.2 All work to be paid for as Dayworks shall be recorded by the Service Provider on forms approved by the Employer. Each completed form shall be verified and signed by the Employer representative as indicated in Sub-Clause 1.6 within two days of the Services being performed.

6.7.3 The Service Provider shall be paid for Dayworks subject to obtaining signed Dayworks forms as indicated in Sub-Clause 6.7.2

6.8 Labour Clause

6.8.1(a) The remuneration and other conditions of work of the employees of the Service Provider shall not be less favourable than those established for work of the same character in the trade concerned-

- (i) by collective agreement applying to a substantial proportion of the employees and employers in the trade concerned;
- (ii) by arbitration awards; or
- (iii) by Remuneration Orders.

(b) Where remuneration and conditions of work are not regulated in a manner referred to at (a) above, the rates of the remuneration and other conditions of work shall be not less favourable than the general level observed in the trade in which the contractor is engaged by employers whose general circumstances are similar.

6.8.2 No Service Provider shall be entitled to any payment in respect of work performed in the execution of the contract unless he has, together with his claim for payment filed a certificate:

- (a) showing the rates of remuneration and hours of work of the various categories of employees employed in the execution of the contracts;
- (b) stating whether any remuneration payable in respect of work done is due;
- (c) containing such other information as the Chief

Executive Officer of the Public Body administering the contract may require to satisfy himself that the provisions under this clause have been complied with.

- 6.8.3 Where the Chief Executive Officer of the Public Body administering the contract is satisfied that remuneration is still due to an employee employed under this contract at the time the claim for payment is filed under subsection 1, he may, unless the remuneration is sooner paid by the Service Provider, arrange for the payment of the remuneration out of the money payable under this contract.
- 6.8.4 Every Service Provider shall display a copy of this clause of the contract at the place at which the work required by the contract is performed.

7. Quality Control

7.1 Identifying Defects

The principle and modalities of Inspection of the Services by the Employer shall be as **indicated in the SCC**. The Employer shall check the Service Provider's performance and notify him of any Defects that are found. Such checking shall not affect the Service Provider's responsibilities. The Employer may instruct the Service Provider to search for a Defect and to uncover and test any service that the Employer considers may have a Defect. Defect Liability Period is as **defined in the SCC**.

7.2 Correction of Defects, and lack of Performance Penalty

- (a) The Employer shall give notice to the Service Provider of any Defects before the end of the Contract. The Defects liability period shall be extended for as long as Defects remain to be corrected.
- (b) Every time notice of a Defect is given, the Service Provider shall correct the notified Defect within the length of time specified by the Employer's notice.
- (c) If the Service Provider has not corrected a Defect within the time specified in the Employer's notice, the Employer will assess the cost of having the Defect corrected, the Service Provider will pay this amount, and a Penalty for Lack of Performance calculated as described in Sub-Clause 3.10.3

8. Settlement of Disputes

8.1 Amicable Settlement

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes

arising out of or in connection with this Contract or its interpretation.

8.2 Dispute Settlement

8.2.1 If any dispute arises between the Employer and the Service Provider in connection with, or arising out of, the Contract or the provision of the Services, whether during carrying out the Services or after their completion, the matter shall be referred to the Adjudicator within 14 days of the notification of disagreement of one party to the other.

8.2.2 The Adjudicator shall give a decision in writing within 28 days of receipt of a notification of a dispute.

8.2.3 The Adjudicator shall be paid by the hour at the rate **specified in the BDS and SCC**, together with reimbursable expenses of the types **specified in the SCC**, and the cost shall be divided equally between the Employer and the Service Provider, whatever decision is reached by the Adjudicator. Either party may refer a decision of the Adjudicator to an Arbitrator within 28 days of the Adjudicator's written decision. If neither party refers the dispute to arbitration within the above 28 days, the Adjudicator's decision will be final and binding.

8.2.4 The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the arbitration procedure published by the institution named and in the place **shown in the SCC**.

8.2.5 Should the Adjudicator resign or die, or should the Employer and the Service Provider agree that the Adjudicator is not functioning in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, a new Adjudicator will be jointly appointed by the Employer and the Service Provider. In case of disagreement between the Employer and the Service Provider, within 30 days, the Adjudicator shall be designated by the Appointing Authority **designated in the SCC** at the request of either party, within 14 days of receipt of such request.

Section VII. Special Conditions of Contract

Clauses in brackets are optional; all notes should be deleted in final text.

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
1.1(d)	The contract name is Conservation and Restoration of forests on the lower elevation of Le Morne Brabant Mountain
1.1(g)	The Employer is Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund.
1.1(l)	The Member in Charge is [name of Member Leader of the Joint Venture].]
1.1(o)	The Service Provider is [insert name]
1.4	<p>The addresses are:</p> <p>Employer: <u>Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund</u></p> <p>Attention: <u>Mrs Sinatambo</u></p> <p>Facsimile: _____</p> <p>Service Provider: _____</p> <p>Attention: _____</p> <p>Facsimile: _____</p>
1.6	<p>The Authorized Representatives are:</p> <p>For the Employer: Jean Francois</p> <p>For the Service Provider: _____</p>
2.1	The date on which this Contract shall come into effect is as per letter of award.
2.2.2	The Intended Starting Date for the commencement of Services is seven days as from handing over of site.
2.3	The Intended Completion Date is 14 (fourteen) days as from start of works.
3.2.3	Activities prohibited after termination of this Contract are: To collect plants without authorization.
3.10.1	<p>The liquidated damages rate is Rs3,000/-per day.</p> <p>The maximum amount of liquidated damages for the whole contract is 10 percent of the final Contract Price.</p>

3.10.3	The percentage [of the cost of having a Defect corrected] to be used for the calculation of Lack of performance Penalty/(ies) is 10% of the total contract price
5.1	The assistance and exemptions provided to the Service Provider are: As per scope of works.
6.2(a)	The amount in local currency is
6.2(b)	Not applicable
6.5	Payment shall be made within 30 days of receipt of the invoice and the relevant documents specified in Sub-Clause 6.4.
6.6.1	Price adjustment is not to be applied in accordance with Sub-Clause 6.6.
7.1	The principle and modalities of inspection of the Services by the Employer are as follows: Daily inspection.

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Letter of Acceptance

[date]

To: [name and address of the Service provider]

This is to notify you that your Bid dated [date] for execution of the [name of the Contract and identification number, as given in the Special Conditions of Contract] for the Contract Price of the equivalent of [amount in numbers and words] [name of currency], as corrected and modified in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders is hereby accepted by our Agency.

Note: Insert one of the 3 options for the second paragraph. The first option should be used if the Bidder has not objected the name proposed for Adjudicator. The second option if the Bidder has objected the proposed Adjudicator and proposed a name for a substitute, who was accepted by the Employer. And the third option if the Bidder has objected the proposed Adjudicator and proposed a name for a substitute, who was not accepted by the Employer.

We confirm that [insert name proposed by Employer in the Bidding Data],

or

We accept that [name proposed by bidder] be appointed as the Adjudicator

or

We do not accept that [name proposed by bidder] be appointed as Adjudicator, and by sending a copy of this letter of acceptance to [insert the name of the Appointing Authority], we are hereby requesting [name], the Appointing Authority, to appoint the Adjudicator in accordance with Clause 37.1 of the Instructions to Bidders

You are hereby instructed to proceed with the execution of the said contract for the provision of Services in accordance with the Contract documents.

Please return the attached Contract dully signed

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Agency: _____

Form of Contract

LUMP-SUM REMUNERATION

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the “Contract”) is made the [day] day of the month of [month], [year], between, on the one hand, [name of Employer] (hereinafter called the “Employer”) and, on the other hand, [name of Service Provider] (hereinafter called the “Service Provider”).

[**Note:** In the text below text in brackets is optional; all notes should be deleted in final text. If the Service Provider consist of more than one entity, the above should be partially amended to read as follows: “...(hereinafter called the “Employer”) and, on the other hand, a joint venture consisting of the following entities, each of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Employer for all the Service Provider’s obligations under this Contract, namely, [name of Service Provider] and [name of Service Provider] (hereinafter called the “Service Provider”).]

WHEREAS

- (a) the Employer has requested the Service Provider to provide certain Services as defined in the General Conditions of Contract attached to this Contract (hereinafter called the “Services”);
- (b) the Service Provider, having represented to the Employer that they have the required professional skills, and personnel and technical resources, have agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract at a contract price of.....;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this Agreement, and the priority of the documents shall be as follows:
 - (a) the Letter of Acceptance;
 - (b) the Service Provider’s Bid
 - (c) the Special Conditions of Contract;
 - (d) the General Conditions of Contract;
 - (e) the Scope of Service and Performance Specifications;
 - (f) the Priced Activity Schedule; and
 - (g) The following Appendices: [**Note:** If any of these Appendices are not used, the words “Not Used” should be inserted below next to the title of the Appendix and on the sheet attached hereto carrying the title of that Appendix.]

Appendix A: Description of the Services

Appendix B: Schedule of Payments

Appendix C: Key Personnel and Subcontractors

Appendix D: Breakdown of Contract Price in Foreign Currency

Appendix E: Breakdown of Contract Price in Local Currency

Appendix F: Services and Facilities Provided by the Employer

2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Employer and the Service Provider shall be as set forth in the Contract, in particular:

- (a) the Service Provider shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and
- (b) the Employer shall make payments to the Service Provider in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of [name of Employer]

[Authorized Representative]

For and on behalf of [name of Service Provider]

[Authorized Representative]

[**Note:** If the Service Provider consists of more than one entity, all these entities should appear as signatories, e.g., in the following manner:]

For and on behalf of each of the Members of the Service Provider

[name of member]

[Authorized Representative]

[name of member]

[Authorized Representative]