

Questions & Answers 2

ITB : Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for Betano Refinery Project
Reference No : ITB/TG/ 015/002
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1. The EIA Terms of Reference for the Betano EIA (Appendix III of the ITB) includes reference to the Jetty and Refinery in the Suai Supply Base (SSB), specifically Project Description (Section 7a), specifically Figures 7.4 and 7.5 and Assessment & Evaluation (Section 7e), specifically Item 7 Marine and River Water Quality and Item 10 Marine Ecology and Fisheries. This implies that NDE is expecting further assessment of these project components (as otherwise, there would likely be no need for a marine assessment). This contradicts the instruction provided in the Pre-Bid Meeting where it was stated that these components were covered by the Environmental License for the SSB and no further analysis is required. Please clarify.

Answer: No, it is not required as it is already covered in the SSB license. Please just refer to the statement that is mentioned in the ITB package. The consultant is expected to follow the checklists (EIS and EMP) which were distributed with Addendum II on 12 August 2015. These documents are available in our web at www.timorgap.com

2. Please confirm if any component/length of the Products Pipeline and corridor between Betano-Suai has already been covered under the Environmental License for the Suai Supply Base.

Answer: No, it has not been covered yet. The pipeline is part of the Component 2 of this EIA study.

3. We understand that not all of the Previous Studies listed in Part B, Section 4 will not be made available during the bid process. However, we would like to request a copy of Item 9, Environmental and Social Economic Assessment for Highway Roads from Suai to Beaco. This will be useful in defining any gaps in information or analysis for the pipeline routing.

Answer: As for now we cannot provide you the copy. It is only available for the successful bidder.

4. The EIA Terms of Reference (Appendix III), Section 7g (Public Consultation) contains reference to stakeholders in Beaco. Please confirm that these can be omitted.

Answer: The Public Consultation for this EIA study will only cover the affected areas of project Component 1 and 2.

5. We would appreciate details of any affected villages (sucos/aldeias) located in the study areas associated with the water supply and/or pipeline route, as these were not previously assessed. How many affected communities? What is the population of these communities?

Answer: For details, please refer to the Project Documents (PD) which was distributed with Addendum II on 12 August 2015. These documents are available in our web at www.timorgap.com

6. During the pre-Bid meeting, it was confirmed that NDE has approved the Project Document and issued a Notice of Classification for the project. TIMOR GAP said a copy of both would be made available on the procurement website, but this has not occurred yet. May we have a copy in order to review any qualifications or other requirements included by NDE?

Answer: We have already circulated and posted the Project Documents on our website and, will post the Notice of Classification very soon.

7. Please confirm that NDE has approved the TOR in writing? If so, please provide a copy.

Answer: Yes, the TOR for both components has been approved by NDE and the copy of TOR was integral part of ITB Documents. For more details, please refer to Appendix-III.

8. Please confirm that the consultant is expected to price for arranging one (1) public meeting in each two (2) Districts?

Answer: Yes.

9. Please confirm that resettlement (i.e., Resettlement Action Plan/RAP) and the Impacts & Benefits Agreement (IBA) are excluded from the scope?

Answer: Yes, they are excluded from the scope.

10. Part D, Evaluation Criteria, Section II Key Personnel, Item B Chemical Engineer/Chemist – please describe the role envisioned for this personnel in preparation of the EIS?

Answer: The roles of the chemical engineer/chemist are much more relevant to the EMP.

11. Part D, Evaluation Criteria, Section II Key Personnel, Item D Ecologist/Zoologist – the required qualification for this position is listed as “Geoscience”, which would typically be associated with a geologist/geotechnical engineering role and not an ecologist/zoologist. Is this intended to be a separate/additional key personnel? And what would the correct qualification be for both positions?

Answer: We do not need the “Geoscience” or “Geologist”. The qualification for both positions is Bachelor of Science.

12. Please confirm that there will be a waste water treatment facility at the Betano Refinery and/or Nova Betano and that the discharge will be to ocean.

Answer: There will be a waste water treatment facility at the Betano Refinery and the discharge will be to the ocean. As for Nova Betano, it is not determined yet on waste water treatment and its discharge point as the study is only in the conceptual design phase.

13. We believe that Part B, Section 5, Table 2, Item 2 should read “Submit Four Separate Draft Reports...” in line with NDE procedures.

Answer: Yes it is a DRAFT as Item 2 will still be reviewed by the NDE.

14. Please confirm if there is any additional information on the proposed Nova Betano component beyond what was provided as part of the SEIA. According to Table 1 list of previous studies, only a soil investigation has been prepared in addition to the preliminary design provided in the ITB. If there is no additional project information available at this time, we do not believe there is sufficient basis to perform the assessment necessary to conduct an EIA on this component at this time. As such, we suggest that TIMOR GAP remove this component from the current scope of work.

Answer: As for now there is no additional information available. The Nova Betano is and will be part of the component 1 for this project.

15. Regarding the above subject tender, is it possible for us to know flow chart processing of Refinery which will be planned in this project? We only emphasize on flaring and waste discharge?

Answer: As for now we cannot provide you the flow chart. It is only available for the successful bidder.

16. 3 months' time frame for submission of EIS and EMP for components 1 and 2 as specified in TOR is considered not possible to prepare a good standard report taking into consideration that there will be extensive public participation and intensive field investigation and sampling although there are several studies reports available from Timor GAP. Those studies may not contain all essential environmental information necessary for the standard EIS and EMP reports. Appropriate time frame for the project should be 9-10 months. Therefore, we would like to request, if possible, the modification of TOR in ITB and extension of submission of the proposal. We will have a meeting among our experts to discuss in details and will submit our comments and suggestions to Timor GAP soonest. We would like to inform that we are interested to work in this interesting project for Timor GAP. We look forward to hearing from you and thanking you in advance for your kind consideration

Answer: We understand your concern and there has been similar question previously. However we will have to apologize as we cannot extend the timeline. You are requested to complete the studies within the proposed timeline as per ITB package.