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TO :	«List1251alMina_Remaining_Coastal _Sewer»	**FROM** :	COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION (C.D.R) BEIRUT - LEBANON
FAX NO. :	«FAX»	**FAX NOS.:**	(961-1) 981 252/3
SUBJECT :	El Mina remaining Coastal sewer collectors **Clarification No. (3)**	**REF.** :	2540/1
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Dear Sir,

In reference to the clarification concerning the requested work experience for the above mentioned bid, please note the following:

Question 1:

"Please confirm whether bidders are permitted to propose alternative technical solutions to the specified concrete U-shaped elements, subject to compliance with the project requirements and applicable standards".

Question 2:

"We anticipated that major existing underground utilities may hinder trench excavation and access at certain locations. Please confirm the required procedure in the event of clashes with existing utilities, and clarify whether any relocation, protection, modification, or other intervention related to such utilities is to be included in the Contractor's pricing.

Please note that we cannot directly intervene with certain types of utilities, such as concrete-encased telephone duct banks and MV/HV electrical lines, without obtaining the necessary approvals and coordination with the relevant authorities".

Question 3:

"We kindly request an extension of the bid submission deadline to allow sufficient time to review the project requirements, assess the site conditions and existing utilities, and prepare a competitive and comprehensive bid

Answer 1:

Alternative technical solutions are **not permitted**. In accordance with Volume 1&2 – Instructions to Bidders Clause 18.1, alternatives will not be considered, and in accordance

with Bidding Data Sheet Clause 20.6, bids containing reservation or rectification shall be rejected.

Bidders shall price the precast reinforced concrete structures "U-Shaped Elements" (Class C30, H = 3 m, 4 m and 5 m) as specified and as shown on the Standard Drawings, in accordance with Volume 5, Clause 2.027.3 and BOQ items 5.2003 to 5.2005.

Answer 2:

Procedure: The Contractor shall locate existing services before excavation and obtain an excavation permit from the Engineer (Volume 1&2 – Conditions of Contract, Appendix 1: CDR HSE Regulations, Clause 5.15.1). The Contractor shall coordinate with the concerned authorities
and owners and shall not interfere with any service without their consent (Volume 3, Clause 101.12.4). In case of a clash, the Contractor shall adjust the depth or route of the sewer; where this is impossible, he shall refer the matter to the Engineer for instructions (Volume 4, Clause 202.1.1).
Pricing: Supporting, protecting and maintaining existing services, temporary bypasses, coordination with the authorities and repair of any damage, and Temporary or permanent supports to sides of excavation shall be included in the unit rates, notably trench excavation (Volume 5, Clause 2.018; Volume 3, Clause 101.12.4). Trial pits and trenches are paid only when ordered in writing by the Engineer (Volume 5, Clauses 2.011 and 2.012). Existing utilities shall not be considered unforeseeable physical obstructions (COPA Sub-Clause 12.2), and bidders are deemed to have inspected the Site (Volume 1&2 - Instructions to Bidders Clause 8.1; COPA Sub-Clause 11.1).

Answer 3:

The deadline for submission of bids related to the subject tender is set on Wednesday October 28th, 2026 at 12:00 o'clock Beirut local time.

This fax shall be submitted duly signed with the Tender Documents and shall form an integral part of the Bidding Documents.

Best regards,

Council for Development
& Reconstruction

Mohammad-Ali Kabbani
President