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ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested suppliers
Contact: Sela Soakai-Simamao <selas@sprep.org>
Subject: Request for tenders: **Asbestos Ban**

Question 1:

We note that the tender request is focused on legislative bans for asbestos and asbestos containing materials. Is it correct to assume that with this project PacWastePlus is focusing on preventing the entry of asbestos and asbestos containing materials into participating countries (to prevent hazardous waste and health impacts) rather than seeking to deal with legacy asbestos waste issues (i.e. asbestos already in-country)?

Response:

Yes, the focus of this legislation is to prevent the entry of asbestos and ACM into PICs.

Question 2:

We note that the successful tenderer is expected to deliver all required actions remotely and not to travel given uncertainties over COVID-19 restrictions. Is the intention that the deliverables are produced on the basis of desktop research alone or it is expected that tenderers will be conducting consultation with in-country stakeholders?

Response:

One can conduct consultations if one believes it is needed to produce the deliverables. However, no travel is envisioned or will such costs be reimbursed for this work.

Question 3:

As a professional services company, the delivery of this RFP is well within our technical expertise and we can prepare a policy note to meet the requirement of the TOR. However, our insurances do not cover legal advice and as such we can't prepare a draft legislation. As required in the TOR under **Policy Note** on page 7, we can recommend a set of principles to be applied when drafting the legislative instruments, for use as a guidance to the legal department of PWP participating countries. Will this be sufficient to meet the TOR?

Response:

The ToR is clear, we are not requesting a draft legislation.

Question 4:

Does SPREP have documentation on asbestos users and uses available for background research

Response:

No, such background research, if needed, is the prevue of the consultant undertaking this work.