

**Pre-Bid Tender Meeting: Removal and disposal of asbestos contaminated material (ACM) on
Banaba Island, Kiribati**

Date: 23 February 2023

12:00pm

Platform: Zoom

Lance Richman introduced participants to the tender and Banaba. Banaba is located East of Nauru and West of the main islands of Kiribati. Formerly known as Ocean Island, the population ranges between 300-500 people, with people mainly living next to the coast.

This tender will be addressing 3 key activities which include the removal and disposal of ACM from 3 main sites – Banaba Hospital, Primary School and the Secondary School. The development of a case study based on the abatement work that will be carried out, and the final activity will be the development of a strategic plan for addressing remaining ACM on island.

Lance, discussed the recent assessment of Banaba undertaken a few months ago, which has been attached as a resource under the tender documents.

Questions and Answers

- 1. One of the attachments included correspondence with EQUAPAC Trading, is there an expectation to partner with this organisation? If a tenderer decides not to partner with EQUAPAC, will this impact evaluation?**
 - There is no expectation that EQUAPAC is to be utilised and will not have an impact on evaluation if a tenderer does not utilise EQUAPAC.
- 2. Is there a landing craft to Banaba?**
 - There is a landing craft, a high-tide landing craft, in which can be used to access the island.
- 3. What would you envisage is the most efficient way to access Banaba Island to get resources, equipment and personnel on island?**
 - There are several small ships that can be used to ferry resources and people onto Banaba, these ships can be accessible from Tarawa (main port) or Nauru, which is the closest port, approximately 150 nautical miles away.
- 4. Can you confirm the availability on island in terms of accommodation and meals for crews?**
 - Regarding accommodation , this can be arranged through the island council, meals however are recommended to be provided by the contractor as there is usually a shortage of supplies on island.
- 5. A clarification on scope please, in the tender documentation there is a table specifically identifying the required remedial work – is there an expectation beyond these requirements, to include collection of any residual material or stockpiles outside of the identified table?**

- No, this is a pilot scale effort and there is no expectation for contractors to undertake an island-wide clean up. Required works is restricted to sites identified in the tender documentation.
- 6. Are any of the buildings identified, currently in use? And if so, what measures will be undertaken to ensure health and safety of those involved and those using the buildings?**
- None of facilities are in use, if they are, we will ensure people are not around when work is deployed.
- 7. In regards to the component on training and awareness, would there be on-island support from leaders/government officials to help with facilitation ?**
- Yes, not only are there leaders from the island council but ample work force on Banaba, who are available to provide required support.
- 8. Is there ability to have a key contact list for on island resources?**
- Yes – this will be developed and included as a resource.
- 9. What equipment/plant is available on site for power generation or moving packaged material ? to minimize manual handling.**
- There are 2 trucks on island being used for student transport, there are 3-tonne trucks with a top canopy at the rear of the vehicle and is available for use. In terms of generators, there are only a few small, portable 1200 watt units used by the Island Council.
- 10. Is South Tarawa landfill a disposal option for this activity – or is the expectation for other countries such as Papua New Guinea or Australia?**
- In line with MEA requirements, ensuring disposal is undertaken appropriately and in line with whichever country is being used. We are not confident South Tarawa has the appropriate facilities to enable disposal, so PNG or one of the metropolitan countries as a final destination for disposal is our recommendation.