

**PA5/0100/.01 Turnkey Tender for the restoration and conservation works of St Thomas Tower in Marsascala including finishing and related mechanical and electrical works for the conversion of the tower into a museum**

**Clarification Nos 1:**

**Minutes of clarification site meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**The following are the questions that were asked during the site clarification meeting and replies given by the representatives of the Contracting Authority**

1. Question – How shall the drainage be directed to external main sewer?

Answer – The tender includes for such work utilizing trenchless horizontal directional drilling

2. Question – Shall the drawbridge be operable? And what parts shall be salvaged from the existing mechanism?

Answer – Replacement of damaged elements and restoration of the timber draw bridge, as per detailed drawings issued in the tender package, and to include reconstruction for the following; drawbridge mechanism a' fleccie e catena', timber arms, counterweight, steel chains, as per detailed drawings. Bidders are referred to Item 32.08

3. Question – Does work include also for the replacement of the existing steel railing surrounding site?

Answer – The tender includes for removal of paint, and re-painting of railing.

4. Question – Are there any works related to the counterscarp?

Answer – Consolidation of friable rock at the counterscarp is included in tender, but no rock bolting is envisaged.

5. Question – How shall a contractor estimate for Embrasures works, since these are set as a lump sum in tender?

Answer – This work is included as a lump sum, since the actual location of the embrasures shall be determined once the existing walls are removed. Moreover, a calculation of the embrasures surrounding the battery platform can still be calculated and an estimate worked upon from the size of the Battery Platform.

6. Question- Have the original floor levels been established?

Answer - No the levels cannot be established as yet. Bidders are to note that existing stone flooring at ground floor will be kept and the raised flooring will be placed over this floor.

7. Question- Information was requested about the reservoirs of the Tower:

Answer- The Representative of the Contracting Authority informed those present that there is an existing water reservoir which shall be restored, and this is included in various items in tender. Bidders are to note that the contractor who will be awarded the tender shall be constructing a foul water lifting station in ditch as per Item 9.13.

8. Question - Information on the main door was requested.

Answer - Bidders are to refer to Item 32.07 of the BOQ.