



Ministry of Natural Resources

Metolong Programme Implementation Unit

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Metolong Programme Implementation Unit issues Request for Proposals for the Metolong Dam Project

On Tuesday 4th November 2008, the Metolong Programme Implementation Unit (MPIU) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seven international consulting firms for the Metolong Dam Project. The services required include preparation of dam designs, preparation of tender documents for dam construction, and dam construction supervision. The actual dam construction will be a subject of a separate procurement process.

The MPIU had earlier received expressions of interest for the dam design services from ten international consulting firms. Following a rigorous evaluation exercise, seven firms were shortlisted as follows:

Lead Consultant	Country	Other Firms	Country
1. Arcus Gibb Holdings (Pty) Ltd (<i>trading as Gibb Africa</i>)	South Africa	Consolidated Consultants for Engineering and Environment Ltd	Jordan
2. Coyne-et-Bellier	France	a) Goba (Pty) Ltd b) Coyne-et-Bellier-Zimbabwe c) Comete Engineering d) Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) e) Jones & Wagener	a) South Africa b) Zimbabwe c) Tunisia d) South Africa e) South Africa
3. BKS Group (Pty) Ltd	South Africa	a) Africon Engineering International (Pty) Ltd b) Pan Arab Consulting Engineers W.L.L c) S.M. Consulting Engineers	a) South Africa b) Kuwait c) Lesotho
4. Ninham Shand (Pty) Ltd	South Africa	a) ARQ (Pty) Ltd b) Studi International c) Al-Obaid Engineering Consultants	a) South Africa b) Tunisia c) Kuwait
5. Knight Piesold (Pty) Ltd	South Africa	Peter Hancock & Associates	Lesotho
6. Ingerop South Africa (Pty)	South Africa	Ingema	Morocco

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7. Consulting Engineering Center-Sajdi & Partners (CEC)	Jordan	a) Mott MacDonald Ltd b) GWC Consulting Engineers (Pty) Ltd	a) United Kingdom b) Lesotho

Proposals (bids) are expected to be submitted by 11:00am Lesotho time on Tuesday 13 January 2009. Bids will be opened publicly immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders or their representatives who chose to attend. Following this, the proposals will be evaluated and a Consultant selected in accordance with the Procurement Guidelines for loans of The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (Kuwait Fund) and The Arab Fund of Economic Development in Africa (BADEA). While the dam design is expected to commence in March 2009, the actual construction of the Metolong Dam is expected to start at the end of 2009.

The Metolong Dam Project is part of the Metolong Dam and Water Supply Programme (MDWSP) which is being implemented by the Government of Lesotho to increase access to water and to improve the reliability of water supply to the lowland areas of Lesotho. The MDWSP comprises the construction of the Metolong Dam, and associated infrastructure comprising a water treatment works, a conveyancing system and advanced infrastructure, to deliver treated water for domestic and industrial use to Maseru and the neighbouring towns of Teyateyaneng, Roma, Mazenod and Morija.

The MDWSP is being implemented following rigorous environmental and social guidelines.

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