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IRON OCHRE SETTLEMENT LAGOON DESLUDGE AND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME

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1. Purpose and Scope of Document

The purpose of this document is to explain the future opportunity, detail how to declare your interest and the expected timescales of decision and delivery.

2. Introduction

Thank you for showing an interest in our future opportunity notice for our Iron Ochre Settlement Lagoons Desludge Project.

The National Coal Mining Museum for England is seeking to liaise with a contractor to provide the requirements, answer any questions ahead of a full tender being posted and develop a robust plan of action going forward helping to inform on the development of our programme ready for potential implementation in Q4 2017 on a date to be determined.

3. Background

The National Coal Mining Museum for England aims to keep coal mining alive by collecting and preserving the industry's rich heritage, creating enjoyable and inspiring ways to learn for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

In 1988 the Yorkshire Mining Museum opened at Caphouse Colliery. It was established with funding from West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire Metropolitan County Councils, Wakefield and Kirklees Metropolitan District Councils and technical support and assistance from British Coal.

The Museum was granted national status in 1995. Following this the Department for Culture, Media and Sport carried out a detailed study into the Museum, and in 1998 provided funding which secured its long-term future. In 2001 the Museum received a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant of just over £4.5 million. The Museum raised just under £2 million to complement this grant. Work carried out using this money included restoring buildings, new gallery areas and the store for large machinery. In 2002 additional Grant-in-Aid funding enabled free admission to the Museum for all visitors.

The National Coal Mining Museum for England is funded by Grant-in-Aid from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport through the National Museum of Science and Industry along with additional funding from the Coal Authority and charitable donations from members of the public. The National Coal Mining Museum for England takes pride in its achievements, quality and motivation of staff, and is focused on delivering its high level objectives.

4. Sustainability & Innovation

The National Coal Mining Museum for England expects its suppliers to work collaboratively and be supportive of its approach to continually improve performance and efficiencies, through the selection of sustainable products and solutions, innovative thinking and the employment of best practice to meet its objectives and targets.

The National Coal Mining Museum for England recognises that improving its performance is an ongoing process and that its suppliers are important partners in our aim to become more sustainable.

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Our commitment to innovation and sustainability can be seen in the on-going conservation and development of the buildings at Hope Pit, along with the installation of a state-of-the-art environmentally sound water treatment scheme. Suppliers should be aware of the need to ensure viable, long term solutions that are sustainable, ethical and in keeping with the stated objectives and commitments of the National Coal Mining Museum for England.

5. Objective of Proposed Project

The National Coal Mining Museum for England is aware of the need to manage our waste effectively, efficiently and in an environmentally friendly manner. In line with our objectives we will look to appoint a contractor to assist in the extraction of waste ochre from the settlement lagoons on site at Caphouse Colliery, Overton, Near Wakefield, WF4 4RH. The waste must be removed from the settlement lagoons with the minimum level of disruption on site and with the minimum level of impact aesthetically, functionally and environmentally.

As the site is part of the National Coal Mining Museum for England visitors and guests may be on site so any solution must bear that in mind.

We will welcome proposals involving the removal of waste ochre sludge in liquid, semi-liquid or solid forms. Any engagement at this stage may determine if one solution is deemed more preferable or high scoring than others however initially we are open to suggestions from suppliers, contractors and interested parties.

We invite suppliers, contractors and interested organisations to advise us as to costs, expected achievements and translation estimates – grounded in factual analysis and projections – of what could be expected through any desludge programme thus undertaken.

It would be the intention to conduct any desludge operation at regularly scheduled intervals until any future policy or programme is instituted to replace it. Due to other developments and trials on site Details will be included in the full tender documentation.

6. Planned Tender Process

We project to run a restricted tender with a prequalification phase. Any applicant must hold correct licences to transport, manage and safely dispose of waste products of coal mine activities. Any applicant must also have experience managing the collection, transport and disposal of similar waste products. The National Coal Mining Museum for England reserves the right to change the scope and terms of the prequalification stage at any point up to the official start of the tender phase.

Until an official process is conducted and awarded nothing is to be considered binding or guaranteed; at this stage this is purely an information gathering process to inform upon and gauge interest in the upcoming tender.

The tender will compose of an initial ITT which will be posted online. The scoring criteria, restrictions, enhancements and method of application such as required in the tender will be detailed in the ITT documents which will be posted online. A prequalification phase will be detailed alongside the information documents and applicant questionnaire.

The site will be made available for interested parties to visit and view the lagoons and the site access, to review their processes and how they could best fulfil the requirements of the tender. Details of availability for this will be posted within the ITT documents.

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The process will follow our standard procurement process involving both a tender and award phase. Any applicants wishing to contest the decision will be afforded the opportunity post-award.

7. Contact Details

Please contact the National Coal Mining Museum for England with any information or queries at this stage directly by email in the first instance. Posted, hard copy documents may be accepted at the discretion of the National Coal Mining Museum for England. Telephone correspondence is welcomed however confirmation in writing, preferably by email, would be required before anything would be considered agreed or binding.

8. Deadline for Queries and Responses

The deadline for receipt of any queries in response to this future opportunity notice is 3rd November 2017 at 16:00 (local time) – any responses received after this may not be included, discussed or accepted at the discretion of the National Coal Mining Museum for England but may be lodged again once the ITT has been posted online.

9. Scheduled ITT Date

The National Coal Mining Museum for England anticipates posting the ITT on the 6th of November 2017 at 12:00. Due to the immediacy of the need we would invite any interested parties to forward their questions and queries during this future opportunity window.

Both the date and time of the anticipated ITT are subject to change at the discretion of The National Coal Mining Museum for England.