**Clarification Questions and Answers**

**Contract Ref: C22-0411-1733**

**Title: Simple ARD Processing**

Q1. Output 1- Could you please define what will be the case if the script needs to be modified or it´s modified? Is JNCC expecting some maintenance of the algorithm?

A1. JNCC is in the process of updating the software and tools used in the workflow to the latest versions and will provide the updated workflow to the successful bidder. It is therefore unlikely that it would need to be updated again in the near future. If modifications to ARCSI are required, these could be requested from the developers or sent to them via a GitHub pull request.

Q2 Output 2 – Is there any requirement to submit a proposal from a company perspective? Will JNCC accept proposals from academia or institutions?

A2 Proposals from academia or institutions could be acceptable provided that the organisation in question has the capacity to deliver the service consistently and within the required processing timeframes for at least three years.

Q3. Output 3 – Could you please clarify that the Quality Control will be all automatic or is it required to be manual?

A3. Manual quality control will be required for an initial period to ensure data consistency following the transition to a new processing environment. Manual QC could be reduced and then stopped once the supplier is confident of data quality, after which only automated checks would be carried out.  It is up to the bidder to propose the level and duration of QC they would deliver within the budget.

Q4. Output 4 – will you release the rest of the questions and the answers from other parties interested in this process?

Q4. Releasing Q&A from other parties is standard practice and will update Contracts Finder with all questions and answers.