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**ITT NUMBER & TITLE: Sting Ray Mid Life Upgrade (SRMLU) Assessment Phase Contract
706125450**

1. On behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence, I hereby give you notice of the information or assets connected with, or arising from, the referenced Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) that constitute classified material.
2. Aspects that constitute 'SECRET Matter' for the purpose of the DEFCON 659A Security Clause and OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE for the purpose of DEFCON 660 are specified within the attached Appendix A Security Grading Matrix. These aspects must be fully safeguarded. The enclosed Security Condition Appendix B Official and Official-Sensitive Contractual Security Conditions outlines the minimum measures required to safeguard OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE assets and information.
3. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Official Secrets Act 1989 and the National Security Act 2023. In particular you should take all reasonable steps to make sure that all individuals employed on any work in connection with this ITT have notice of the above specified aspects and that the aforementioned statutory provisions apply to them and will continue to apply should the ITT be unsuccessful.
4. Will you please confirm that:
 - a. This definition of the classified aspects of the referenced Invitation to Tender has been brought to the attention of the person directly responsible for security of classified material.
 - b. The definition is fully understood.
 - c. Measures can, and will, be taken to safeguard the classified aspects identified herein in accordance with applicable national laws and regulations. [The requirement and obligations set out above and in any contractual document can and will be met and that

the classified material shall be protected in accordance with applicable national laws and regulations.]

d. All employees of the company who will have access to classified material have either signed an OSA/NSA Declaration Form in duplicate and one copy is retained by the Company Security Officer or have otherwise been informed that the provisions of the OSA/NSA apply to all classified information and assets associated with this ITT.

5. If you have any difficulty either in interpreting this definition of the classified aspects or in safeguarding them, will you please let me know immediately.
6. Classified Information associated with this ITT must not be published or communicated to anyone without the approval of the MOD Contracting Authority.
7. Any access to classified information or assets on MOD premises that may be needed will be subject to MOD security regulations under the direction of the MOD Project Security Officer (PSyO) in accordance with DEFCON 76.
8. If you require access to information or assets classified SECRET or above at the tender stage you must provide the MOD Contracting Authority with the personal details of the other members of your company to whom you need to disclose information classified SECRET or above in order to complete your Tender. The number of such other individuals should be restricted to the fewest possible, and they should not in any case be allowed access to information or assets classified SECRET or above until they have been granted the appropriate security clearances.
9. Contact details for the MOD Project Security Officer (PSyO) (responsible for the co-ordination of effective security measures throughout the Project/Programme) are included below:

Yours faithfully

REDACTED – TMS Chief Engineer

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Appendix A - Security Grading Matrix

Appendix B - Official and Official Sensitive Contractual Security Conditions