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## **ON SITE MINE WATER TREATMENT SCHEME MANAGEMENT AND SAMPLING**

### **Questions and Official Responses**

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## **Questions raised which have elicited an official response**

A question was asked regarding pricing schedules for the scope of works. As the answer to this is relevant to all bidders the question and response given are detailed below.

**Q: How will the costings be submitted? There is no pricing schedule within the documentation provided.**

A: Regarding the costing schedule and pricing matrices we have left that rather to you to develop depending on the particular route and plan on how to manage the scheme. We've tried to leave it more open in order to encourage innovative bids and suggestions. It would be unfair to determine that we want an exact fixed costing per on site labourer / supervisor, a costing for each sample window etc or scope of work if one bidder intended to automate practices or use some degree of telemetry which would mitigate the cost of certain aspects.

The scheme as currently operated is very labour intensive and very manual in its operation, while we're happy to accept bids in a similar vein we're also happy to look at proposals that would be far more technology driven which, understandably, would have a very different schedule of charges.

The simplest method therefore would just be for you to draft out a spreadsheet with the charges listed along with a suggested indicative value for labour, sampling, expected repair and M&E maintenance etc. Maintenance work should be separate from suggested improvements, updates or "growth" work on site but should all be represented.

**Q: What are the core elements of the scheme against which the contract's success or failure will ultimately be judged?**

A: Basically we have three core elements against which the success or failure of the contract will be measured;

1. Safety – the site is publically accessible so must remain safe for the public.
2. Below ground levels – if the levels rise too high it will compromise the interconnected underground workings and therefore compromise the underground tour. If this happens it may limit, restrict or prevent the unique selling point of the museum causing a significant risk to its continued operation.
3. Consent – the MWTS must be managed in such a way to ensure that the consent is not breached. If remedial work, maintenance or other actions need to be taken then it should be taken. If outside factors impact on the consent or have potential to cause a breach then these must be highlighted so again they can be rectified.

If any further questions are asked which may inform the development of tender bids we will again share them with all engaged bidders at the earliest opportunity. Any questions will additionally be added to this record and logged online.