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**CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS no. 1**

**Strengthen capacities in water monitoring for specific pollutants**

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>1</b>	Dear Sirs Madams, in all tender dossier it is reported only the address of the final destination, but not the name of the laboratory. Please can you update some more detail in order to understand better what kind of analysis will be done?	<p><i>End-user laboratory within Serbian Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) performs analysis of water, air, sediment, soil samples from the environment. Water monitoring is in the accordance with laws and bylaws of the Republic of Serbia and Water Framework Directive (WFD) requirements.</i></p> <p><i>Equipment that will be procured under this Contract will be used for extension of SEPA's work to cover the list of parameters mentioned in adopted III Watch List under WFD.</i></p> <p><i>Specific organic pollutants – pharmaceuticals, hormones, herbicides, etc.</i></p>
<b>2</b>	Regarding the item o2 Total Organic Carbon (TOC) analyzer please we ask you to considerer acceptable this parameter: Autosampler (solids): 50 positions - please accept 48 positions regards.	<p><i>Please note that Technical Specifications will remain unchanged with regards to this issue.</i></p> <p><i>Namely, the end recipient of the equipment acquires an instrument for the analysis of total organic carbon and nitrogen in solid and liquid samples from the environment. Since a large number of solid samples are expected for the determination of total organic carbon, it is necessary for the auto sampler for solid samples to have at least 50 positions. Requested specification is defined so it can be met by multiple manufacturers.</i></p>

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3	In section 2.1 it is reported "control software in compliance with 21 CFR Part 11" This is a parameter usually requested for Pharmacological sector. Considering that the equipment will be used for water pollutant Analysis, please can you delete this parameter?	<p><i>End-user laboratory within Serbian Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) is accredited one, working in accordance with highest standards, TOC and TNb being parameters requiring regulated accessibility, and thusly requires compliance with 21 CFR Part 11.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, Technical Specifications will remain unchanged with regards to this particular issue.</i></p>
4	With reference to the Item 02 of the technical specification please can you clarify: 1) what kind of water you will test and what value of Organic Carbon you expect to find in your analysis (this need to be more accurate for the choice of the instrument) 2) can you update us about a range of Organic carbon value you expect to find?	<p><i>1) The end-user laboratory is involved in testing of all types of water found in environment, river water, sediments, surface water, sewage water, from clean to water contaminated by chemical incidents, e.g. samples of unknown origin and content.</i></p> <p><i>That is why the widest possible working range for C and N is required.</i></p> <p><i>2) Requested working ranges are defined so they can be met by multiple manufacturers.</i></p>
5	For each equipment, it is requested "unloading products at the place of delivery". Please clarify the situation for the unloading of the equipment. it is necessary a forklift? Can you describe the entrance of the final destination?	<p><i>The entrance for the building is without stairs. As SEPA does not possess a forklift, the Contractor is expected to organise the unloading of the truck manually in front of the building and then to transport the equipment in the rooms on ground and first floor. Furthermore, the building does not have elevator for transport of heavy equipment.</i></p>
6	In technical specification of item 02 - Total Organic Carbon TOC Analyzer, there is a missing information it is reported: "Working range, N: 0 – 100 mg/L NO or....". Please can you complete the technical specification?	<p><i>Please note that this was a typographical error. The specification should be read as "Working range, N: 0 – 100 mg/L NO".</i></p>

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7	<p>At point 10.2 of ITT it's reported: "An electronic version on CD/DVD should be provided At point 11, Part 2: financial offer it's reported "An electronic version of the financial offer should be submitted" We request the availability to supply the electronic version of the bid and financial offer with a cloud support (Google drive, Dropbox, iCloud and/or similar). Link to see the electronic version will be supplied in the hardcopy of bid. This to avoid the plastic consumption and to burn-on-a-disc files with a little dimension in comparison to the capacity of the CD/DVD.</p>	<p><i>As stated in Instructions to Tenderers, sections 10.2 and 11, together with the hardcopy of tender, electronic version including the financial offer should be provided on CD/DVD or alternatively on USB, as well.</i></p>