

## CLARIFICATIONS FOR TENDER XAPA 02 – UPGRADING WORKS TENDER

The following are replies to the queries made during the site meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July and to the queries received online.

### Query Number 1

Please let us know if the travertine slabs are required to have open or closed pores.

With what material are the open pores in the travertine slabs to be filled?

*As detailed in the tender document, open pores are to be closed off to prevent dust and dirt from accumulating. Pores are to be filled with a material which is compatible with travertine and which provides a long-lasting finish when used in external spaces. A coloured cementitious grouting is being recommended, however other options suggested by the bidders shall be considered. The colour of the grouting material shall match the colour of the travertine.*

### Query Number 2

Kindly confirm the width of the travertine slabs for the steps.

*The width of the travertine slabs used in the steps will vary, given the configuration of the steps. However prospective tenderers shall assume an approximate minimum width of 1.5 metres.*

### Query Number 3

During the site meeting, it was determined that the tender document will also include travertine slabs to be used as risers for the steps. Kindly let us know the dimensions required and also confirm if the design is to be as seen on the proposed section plan that was included with this tender.

*The profile design, including the height of the proposed steps shall be an exact replica of the existing, however using travertine. The design is shown in the proposed section; however the contractor shall be expected to copy the profile design from the existing steps.*

*The items related to the steps are A.1.18, A1.1.19 and B.1.18. These are quoted in linear metres and include both the going and the riser as per profile design shown in the proposed section.*

### Query Number 4

Item 2 states that monitoring of works by a qualified monitor approved by the SHC is to be carried out and as stipulated in the approved MEPA conditions. This item is rated as a lump sum. Is continuous monitoring being envisaged requiring the monitor to be present on site during excavation works only or during the other works as well? What are the approved MEPA permit conditions?

*The monitoring conditions are enlisted in the document attached with these clarifications.*

#### Query Number 5

Item 9 deals with removal of material under tiles and carting away. Quantity is rated per sq.m without any indication of depth of excavation. What is the envisaged depth of excavation?

*Item 9 has been reworded and is to be rated per cubic metres rather than per square metre. Kindly refer to attached revised Civil Works section of the BOQ. Changes made to the BOQ are shown in red for ease of reference.*

#### Query Number 6

With reference to Item 14, what type of membrane is required?

*Kindly refer to specifications WW – General Specifications for Waterproofing Works. The minimum thickness of the waterproofing to be used shall be 4mm.*