



QT16/2014

9th October 2014

To all prospective bidders,

Ref. No.: QT16/2014 - Call for Quotations for the Provision of 47mm PTFE Membrane Filters used for PM2.5 & PM10 Air Monitoring Gravimetric Analysis

CLARIFICATION 1

Reference is made to the above-mentioned call for quotations, for which the deadline for submission is on the 22nd October, at 10:00am

Hereunder, please find a set of clarifications which are construed to form an integral part of the Call for Quotations Document.

Question 1: Would filters having a support ring of polyethylene be accepted rather than polypropylene? This also offers excellent chemical resistance.

Answer 1: As indicated in Article 13 - Minimum Requirements, the support ring should be chemical resistant polypropylene. Polyethylene is not acceptable.

Question 2: Would a maximum of 2 weeks be accepted as a delivery date?

Answer 2: Article 13 - Minimum Requirements, states that "this equipment must be delivered in full within five (5) weeks, from receipt of Purchase Order", therefore, a delivery of 2 weeks is acceptable.

Question 3: It is being stated in the published specifications that Filter Pore Size should be 2µm maximum. Please advise more specifically which pore size is required: 0.2 µm or 0.45 µm or 1 µm?

Answer 3: **CORRIGENDUM:** Kindly note that the 'Filter Pore Size' specification listed in Article 13 - Minimum Requirements, which currently reads '2µm maximum', should in fact read '2 µm'.

Question 4: Please note that the specifications requested refer to filters suitable for PM2.5 particulate monitoring. As for PM 10 particulate monitoring, other products are available with completely different specifications.

Another product is capable of monitoring both PM2.5 and PM 10, but specifications are also different from those requested.

- (i) Is your end use for PM2.5 only or for both PM2.5 and PM10?
- (ii) Would you consider alternative products with different specifications but capable of monitoring both PM2.5 and PM10

Answer 4:

- (i) Yes the end use is for both PM2.5 and PM 10
- (ii) Filters with different specifications are not acceptable. Since PM2.5 is part of PM10, the requested filters are suitable for both PM fractions.

All other documents, conditions and requirements, which are not superseded by this Clarification, remain in place.



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