



T05/2014

9th October 2014

To all prospective bidders,

Ref. No. T05/2014 - Services Tender For the Analysis of the VOC Content of Paints

CLARIFICATION 1

Reference is made to the above-mentioned tender, for which the deadline for submission is on the 22nd October 2014, at 10:00am

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

Question 1: On page 38 (Tender No. T05/2014, point 4.1.1.) you mention: ISO 11890-2:1996 and ISO 11890-1:1997

We would like to point out that there are new standards available: ISO 11890-2:2006 and ISO 11890-1:2007

Do you really prefer analyses according the versions 1996/1997? Or is it also allowed to analyse according the new standards?

Answer 1: New standards are acceptable

Question 2: Section 1, point 6.1.2 requires accreditation for determination of the VOC content in solvent and water based paints. It is correct to assume that the laboratory must be accredited for ISO-11890: 2013?

Answer 2: According to clause 16.1.(b)(i), the tenderer should include:

“A copy of the laboratory’s accreditation certificate highlighting the scope of the accreditation for the relevant analysis mentioned in the Terms of Reference - Section 4.2 “

Section 4.2 states that the analysis shall be conducted on:

“A. Forty (40) water borne paints; and
B. Twenty-eight (28) solvent borne paints of which:
o Two (2) have a VOC content < 15%, and the rest have a VOC
content ≥ 15%;
o Four (4) out of the twenty-eight (28) solvent borne paints
having reactive diluents.”

These are to be analysed according to the standards in Section 4.1.1, i.e.
“· ISO 11890-2:1996 for paint products having a VOC content < 15% m/m;
· ISO 11890-2:1996 and ISO 11890-1:1997 for paint products having a VOC
content ≥15%;
· ASTM D 2369:2003 for paint products having reactive diluents.”

Therefore for a tenderer to qualify for the technical evaluation stage, the
laboratory must be accredited for ALL of these tests.

All other tender documents, conditions and requirements, which are not superseded by this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



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