

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS FROM SUPPLIERS
regarding the planned procurement procedure

**„RAIL BALTICA MAINLINE CONSTRUCTION IN LATVIA ENGINEERING AND
CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION SERVICES”**

No.	Supplier's questions	Answer
1.	Are there planned to construct any tunnels in Rail Baltica project in Latvia?	No, construction of tunnels is not planned in the scope of Rail Baltica mainline construction procurement.
2.	When will be announced the tender for the first stage of engineer and supervision services?	It is expected to announce the first stage of the procurement of engineer and supervision services in first part of December 2021.
3.	Will the tendering be organized online in public procurement system of Latvia https://www.eis.gov.lv	Yes, all these type and amount tenders will be organized using e-tender system of Latvia EIS – www.eis.gov.lv . Direct link to the publication of engineer and supervision services procurement will be available when the procurement will be actually published.
4.	Can companies which have already participated in the Latvia mainline design contracts also participate in the construction supervision bid?	According to the construction regulatory enactments of the Latvia, there is conflict of interest for designer to also perform technical supervision services. Regarding company groups, there might be a theoretical possibility that other company of the group which wasn't involved in the design stage is participating, however each case shall be reviewed and assessed separately. Therefore, the advice is to address this question to your company lawyer and evaluate respective legislation and risks related.
5.	How are the overall interfaces with ENE and CCS subsystems are being managed? Is there an overall system integrator?	There are two aspects: 1) Technical design solutions; 2) Contractual. In designs the designers are providing ENE and CCS systems in concept level.

		<p>As well ENE engineer procurement was organized by RB Rail AS and the contract signed April 2021 and CCS engineer contract also will be signed in closest time. Both contracts include preparation of concept design and supervision of DTD and construction.</p> <p>The scope of mainline construction works doesn't include works related to ENE and CCS construction.</p> <p>It is possible that there will be some interaction if mainline construction works in exact section will not be finished and CCS and ENE construction contractor will want to start works in this section. According to actual time plan both works should be done at the same time. But there a lot of planning works ongoing.</p>
6.	Whether major construction supply items (rails, ballast etc.) will be issued by RB Rail?	Consolidate procurements for supply of major materials are already launched, please follow the information on https://railbaltica.org/ homepage.
7.	When tender will be announced for the construction phase?	The procurement for Rail Baltica mainline construction works is already announced on 14 th November 2021, please follow information on EIS homepage: https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/Procurement/60093
8.	Both 1st PQ phase and 2nd bidding phases will all be online e-tendering, right?	Yes, both phases will be organized using the Latvian e-tender's system EIS.
9.	Is there an overall construction schedule in place, to understand the phases of construction works implementation? Will it be part of the tender documentation?	<p>At the moment it is not clear when designs for whole track will be ready and approved.</p> <p>The exact time schedule when the construction works in each Building permit shall be finished will not be given in the procurement documentation</p> <p>It is planned that on Phase 1 of main construction works 4 (four) Building permits will be included in contract as committed sections, where construction works can start by signing contract.</p>
10.	Will these design phases and permits, expected to reflect in pre-scheduled duration, delays?	Design stage is ongoing, and designs will be ready by sections according to actual time schedule.

		Chosen procurement strategy for mainline construction works allows to start construction works according to the readiness of designs, land acquisition status and availability of funds.
11.	Even if the design approvals are not yet in place, is there a resource where we can find any details?	Some information is publicly available in construction portal of Latvia https://bis.gov.lv/ . Mainly this information is Building designs in minimal composition – layout plans. Other information is not publicly available at the moment.
12.	When is the 1st PQ stage tender expected?	It is expected to announce the first stage of the procurement of engineer and supervision services in the first part of December 2021.
13.	When and how will you be sharing the today's ppt and notes, if so?	Presentation and summary of this webinar will be shared on EDZL homepage and sent directly to each participant of this webinar.
14.	When will be started and ended the land acquisition phase on the south and north sections? What in case of long procedure (Cabinet of Minister)?	The land acquisition process is already started, but it doesn't mean that the process is started in every Building permit or in every land plot. There is option not to proceed with works in scope of Building permit where land acquisition is not finished. Also, there are territories with state owned land plots in which construction works can be started sooner.
15.	Are the special bridges and viaducts possible to offer alternative solutions while bidding?	In the Rail Baltica mainline construction procurement it will not be allowed to offer alternative solutions during procurement stage, but it is expected from the mainline construction work contractor to bring alternative solutions in Early contractor involvement stage. The discussion is ongoing to share CAPEX saving with construction contractor based on value of economical improvement of constructions.
16.	Will schedule of planned commitment of construction sections / building permits be presented before the engineer's price proposal submission?	Committed sections will be known before the price submission. The schedule of commitment of next sections will be given as indicative.
17.	Could you give us some details about the requirements for the pre-qualification?	Qualification requirements will be disclosed when engineer and supervision procurement documentation will be published.

	In particular in terms of technical capabilities (references, experts or others)?	As example, please see requirements in the Rail Baltica mainline construction procurement, requirements for engineer and supervision procurement might be based on similar principles.
18.	Are licenses / certifications for staff required during tender stage?	There will not be requirements for personnel certification in Stage One of the procurement. Requirements will be set in the contract, and it is preliminary planned that certification of personnel should be provided during mobilization phase. In the documentation of Stage Two some evaluation criteria for personnel certification could be included, but it will not be a qualification criterion in Stage One of the procurement.
19.	Will you provide the draft of the contract in pre-qualification phase in order to know the contractual conditions from the beginning?	Draft of the contract will be included in the documentation of Stage Two of the procurement. Some indicative information also will be given in the documentation of First Stage of procurement. Additional indicative information can be found publicly on EIS system on already finished EDZL procurements.
20.	Can you confirm that the Technical Supervisor works will be procured in just 1 contract for the whole 255 km line (excluding some minor parts next to the borders and in Riga section) and not divided in sections? Therefore, there will be just one Construction Supervisor for the overall 255 km line?	For engineer and technical supervision works it is planned to have one contract for whole mainline ~ 220 km, excluding section in Riga city borders and cross border sections. It is expected that during contract performance there will be several different engineer teams for different Building permits.
21.	Are there at least Milestones in the Tender included, for instance starting civil construction, track work, power / OCS, telecom, signalling etc.? And is there an expected date for starting T&C and operation?	Exact timeline and milestones are not known yet. Taking into account the fact that different parts of construction work of Rail Baltica project will be procured separately (for example, construction of ENE and CCS systems), it is hard to predict exact timeline and milestones. But the general plan is to complete construction works on 2030 (to be finalized Rail Baltica project in whole Latvia, including ENE and CCS works and be ready

		to be operated for passenger and commercial purposes).
22.	Conflict of interest of designer of different section in other contracts/sections (borders, Riga city etc.)?	See answer to the question No. 4.
23.	Will the design scrutiny be part of Engineer services?	Design scrutiny will be responsibility of the mainline construction work contractor. Engineer will be responsible for coordination – collection of information from employer, designer and to provide it to the mainline construction work contractor. It will be requested from mainline construction work contractor to provide scrutiny report for each Building Permit.
24.	For foreign company, to participate in Pre-qualification stage, local partner collaboration is mandatory?	No, from the regulatory enactment view of Public Procurement Law of Latvia it is not mandatory.
25.	When you refer to „general Management” and „Regional Management” works for North and South sections, are you considering three different contracts for these works or they are going to be internal works developed by EDZL?	General management team is expected to have office in Riga city and to be responsible for implementing of works over whole period of construction works. It is expected to involve several, different engineer teams to manage works on North and South construction sections.

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