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## Restoration of St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral

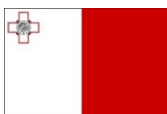
*TENDER FOR THE WATERPROOFING WORKS FOR THE CHURCH TERRACES AT ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN PRO-CATHEDRAL*

### CLARIFICATION

#### NOTE 1

##### SITE VIST

St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral, Independence Square, Valletta.



Operational Programme I – European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020  
"Fostering a competitive and sustainable economy to meet our challenges"  
Project is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund  
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**Site Visit WP04.W TENDER FOR WATERPROOFING WORKS AT THE CHURCH ROOF TERRACES OF ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN PRO-CATHEDRAL 06<sup>th</sup> September 2023 10.00am**

The Contracting Organisation explained that the project is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, having specific timeframes and procedures. It was highlighted that the project is reaching the end of the funding stream (by the end of 2023), and therefore, the works need to take place in a tight budget and tight deadline. It was explained how the tender consists of three main parts, that of the waterproofing, timber works and that of the rainwater pipe works.

Access to the site was shown and explained that the hoarding and scaffolding belongs to a different contract and thus coordination between the WP04.W and WP02 contracts is essential. It was explained that it is very important that on one of the cornices a temporary safety railing is to be placed since there is not access from one side of the church to the other. It was also emphasised how protection of the terraces must be made to ensure that the waterproofing works can proceed in rainfall. The internal structure was shown, and the Contracting Organisation explained how there is need for a temporary platform on the internal structure to be able to access any rainwater pipes than need replacement. It was emphasised that two of the four terraces must be worked on at the same time, therefore adequate material for the works, platforms and protection must be taken into consideration.

**1. Clarification sought:**

Where is the designated area for loading and unloading of material.

**Clarification Reply:**

The current designated area will be found on West Street.

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**2. Clarification sought:**

Is there access to the timber beams from below so that a platform could be placed to ensure no damage is made to any historical fabric.

**Clarification reply:**

There is no access to the beams due to the historical lath and plaster soffit that cannot be removed, it is up to the contractor to ensure that the lath and plaster remains undamaged.

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**3. Clarification sought:**

Does the existing build-up comprise of a screed or stone slabs (*ciangatura*), and could this be clarified for both the existing and proposed solution?

**Clarification reply:**

The existing build-up is described in drawing C00667.00\_W004. Stone slabs (*xorok*) rest on timber beams. A layer of *torba*, screed and torch-welded membrane are located above the stone slabs. The proposal includes for the removal of the layered build-up, and a new build-up of *torba*, *deffun* mix, and an overlay of polyurethane liquid

membrane. It is important that adequate time is given to the *deffun* mix to ensure proper curing.

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**4. Clarification sought:**

Could the parvis be loaded?

**Clarification reply:**

No, it is most probably Stone Slabs (*Xorok*)

**5. Clarification sought.**

Will there be a snagging period outside of the four (4) weeks that the works are supposed to be finished in?

**Clarification Response:**

No, the snagging period is to be included within the four (4) weeks.

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**6. Clarification sought:**

In the case of a cavity in the wall construction (as is apparent at the right-side small terrace – overlooking the corner of West Street and Old Theatre Street), are we to retain the existing pipework path or could this be changed?

**Clarification Response:**

We do not necessarily need to retain the existing path but could establish the best path for the outlet.

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**7. Clarification sought:**

Does the roof terrace at the corner between West Street and Independence Square have an existing pipe in the rainwater outlet?

**Clarification Response:**

This was evident through preliminary investigations; however, the contractor is to confirm that all outlets are in fact complete with rainwater pipes.

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**8. Clarification sought:**

Is there connecting access between the large terraces overlooking Independence Square?

**Clarification Response:**

Yes, these are interlinked through a small door as is described in C00667.00\_R013

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**9. Clarification sought:**

What is the intent for the missing gutters?

**Clarification response:**

These are to be replaced permanently if missing.

**10. Clarification sought:**

Is there making good of masonry included in this contract?

**Clarification Response:**

Kindly refer to Volume 5 Bill of Quantities (BoQ) Bill C *Making Good of Masonry*.

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**11. Clarification sought:**

Is it required to work on all four (4) terraces simultaneous?

**Clarification Response:**

The tender document requests that two (2) terraces are to be worked on simultaneously. This means that adequate material for the works, platforms and rain protection must be provided for two terraces at the same time.

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**12. Clarification sought:**

Do we have all the information sent to us, including the BoQ, Drawings and Standards.

**Clarification Response:**

Yes, all the information has been sent out in the package requested from the Project Administrator.

**Reminders:**

Bidders are reminded that the deadline for submission is 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10:30am