

**Tender No.: ESERA/RFP/13/2019-2020**  
**Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority**

**Request for Qualification**

**Procurement of New Generation Capacity in Eswatini  
(Second Tranche Procurement Programme)**

**Briefing Note No. 05**



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This Briefing Note ("**Briefing Note No. 05**") is issued pursuant to the Request for Qualification for the procurement of new generation capacity in Eswatini under the Second Tranche Procurement Programme launched by the Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority ("**ESERA**") on 07 August 2020 with Tender No.: ESERA/RFP/06/2020-2021 (the "**RFQ**") and is subject to all the terms and conditions contained therein.

Terms defined in the RFQ and used in this Briefing Note with capitalized initial letters, bear the meanings given to them in the RFP, unless otherwise defined herein.

Item No.	Request for Clarification	ESERA Response
1	<p>In Briefing Note 01, Item 03 we note that the electricity to be generated from the Projects is not intended for own consumption. In this regard, please clarify the following: -</p> <p>i) Can the electricity generated be used to power equipment within the power plant such as crushers, pumps, fans etc. which are part of the power plant operations?</p> <p>ii) Can the electricity generated be used to power other operations within the plant site or adjacent to the power plant site?</p> <p>iii) Are there any restrictions in the usage of the steam from the power plant (i.e. can it be used for processes within the power plant site and/or exported to be used for processes in adjacent sites).</p>	<p>ESERA's responses to the issues raised are as follows:</p> <p>i) ESERA confirms that the electrical equipment within the plant, which is required for the operation of the power plant (i.e. the auxiliary loads) can be supplied from the electricity produced by the power plant.</p> <p>ii) ESERA wishes to clarify that the Maximum Export Capacity (MEC) that is committed to the EEC must be available for dispatch by the EEC at all times. If electrical power is to be utilised to supply other loads within or adjacent to the power plant site such as sawmills (i.e. own consumption) it must not reduce the MEC committed to the EEC.</p> <p>iii) It should be noted that additional steam from the power production process can be utilised for other processes either on the same site or adjacent sites provided that it does not compromise the electrical power supply committed to the EEC.</p>
2	<p>In the RFQ it is stated that the plants must be capable of baseload operation, and that they will be dispatched at EECs discretion when needed.</p> <p>Can ESERA confirm whether the EEC will commit to a minimum offtake from the Projects?</p>	<p>ESERA understands the importance of having a degree of predictability to the plant dispatch in order to secure financeable feedstock supply arrangements. On the other hand, it is important that the EEC has sufficient flexibility to be able to economically dispatch the plant based on the demand-supply balance at any point in time.</p> <p>The dispatch arrangements (including any minimum dispatch levels) will aim to achieve a balance between the predictability of dispatch while providing sufficient flexibility for the EEC to achieve economic dispatch. The details of the dispatch arrangements will be set out in the RFP.</p> <p>Bidders should also be aware that the two-part tariff will allow fixed costs associated with the feedstock supply to be included in the capacity payment component of the tariff.</p>