

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN BUSINESS COMPETITION

1. The Competition Promoter:

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(hereinafter referred to as “Promoter”)

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3. Subject-Matter of the Open Business Competition:

Name of the Open Business Competition (hereinafter referred to as “**Competition**”): Standard laboratory testing of steel materials from gas-pipeline

Competition ref. no.: 26-0127-OVS

The subject-matter of this Competition comprises of standard material tests of specimens from a gas-pipeline for the purposes of repurposing the natural gas transmission infrastructure to hydrogen (H₂), as an input for a Fitness-For-Service (FFS) analysis.

The subject-matter of this Competition includes the following activities that will be performed on specimens taken from an existing gas-pipeline:

- 1) Metallographic analysis on 14 segments with circumferential welds (base material, heat-affected zone – HAZ and weld metal) including hardness mapping, determination of chemical composition by OES method (or other applicable equivalent method) and material cleanliness;
- 2) Mechanical properties of the base material, weld metal and heat affected zone (HAZ) of 14 segments with circumferential weld through tensile and Charpy impact testing.
- 3) Ranking the 14 segments with circumferential welds, based on the results of tests performed according to paragraphs 1) and 2), from the best to the worst according to prescribed criteria.
- 4) Hardness test analysis on 3 segments of longitudinal weld joints (HAZ, weld metal), which includes the hardness mapping and ranking thereof from the best to the worst based on the measured hardness.
- 5) Manufacturing and preparation of material specimens from pipe segments to be prepared by the Promoter and handed over to the Contractor after signing the Contract.
- 6) Chain-of-custody and traceability
- 7) Assessment and final report on the performed tests.
- 8) Contractor’s cooperation in the preparation and assessment of subsequent tests in the Hydrogen, and in developing the Repurposing plan as well, to the extent actually required (estimated at 25 hours), in particular in clarifying technical questions regarding the test results being the Subject of procurement within this Competition.

The detailed specification of the Subject-Matter of the Competition is provided for in the Tender Specifications.

4. Type Of Contract To Be Signed And Other Commercial Terms:

A contract for provision of services (hereinafter referred to as "**Contract**")

The commercial and contractual terms and conditions related to the Subject-Matter of the Competition, including the specification thereof, are specified in the Tender Specifications.

5. Method Of Requesting For Tender Specifications:

This Competition is being carried out in an electronic way through the e-auction portal PROebiz.

The Tender Specifications, including all information related to this Competition, shall be provided for upon relevant request of an applicant, delivered to the e-mail addresses of the Promoter's contact persons listed in paragraph 2 hereof.

In the request for provision of the Tender Specifications, this competition has to be clearly and unambiguously identified upon specifying its name and reference number as per paragraph 3 hereof, and also the economic operator requesting for provision of the Tender Specifications has to be identified therein along with its identification data used in business dealings (min. to the extent: business name, address of registered office or place of business, name and position of a contact person, his/her phone number and e-mail address).

Upon the applicant's request, the Promoter shall provide applicant with access to the Tender Specifications no later than on the second business day after such request delivery, and this in form of an electronic invitation for participation sent from PROebiz system. Within such invitation, also information needed for registration of an applicant with the PROebiz system, which is required for accessing the Tender Specifications by applicant, will be included. The registration and also access to the Tender Specification as well are free of any charge.

The Tender Specifications shall be provided for till the expiration of the Period For Submission Of Bids specified in paragraph 8 hereof.

6. Method Of Bid Submission:

Bids may be submitted only electronically through the e-auction porta PROebiz. Details on bid submission are specified in the Tender Specifications.

Only the applicants registered with the PROebiz system will be allowed to submit their bids into this Competition.

7. Conditions Of Participation In The Competition:

The conditions of participation in the Competition are specified in the Tender Specifications. Bidders are obliged to submit all documents required in the Tender Specifications for demonstrating the compliance with the participation conditions.

The Promoter reserves right to disqualify a bidder from the Competition who has committed a breach of its contractual obligation under a preceding contract signed with the Promoter.

8. Period For Submission Of Bids:

Bids must be submitted into the Competition no later than by expiry of the period for bid submission which shall expiry on: **October 05, 2026 at 13:00 hour CEST**.

9. Period For Announcing The Accepted Bid:

The Promoter will announce the accepted bid no later than on January 31, 2027.

The Promoter reserves right to prolong the aforementioned period for announcing the accepted bid.

10. Bid Bond:

The Promoter requires no bid bond.

11. Method Of Bid Selection:

The Promoter will sign the Contract with the bidder who will meet all Promoter's requirements specified in the Tender Specifications and whose bid will be assessed as the most advantageous upon the prescribed criteria.

The Promoter reserves right to limit the number of bidders after the bids have been submitted, and invite so selected bidders to individual negotiations on terms of the contract.

The Promoter reserves right to negotiate with bidders on their bids within several subsequent phases with an option to invite bidders for submitting their updated bids after each phase of negotiation. The Promoter also reserves right to invite the bidders for updating their bids by means of an electronic auction.

In accordance with Article 283 of the Commercial Code, the Promoter reserves right to change the published terms and conditions of this Competition, or to cancel this Competition, even without giving any reason.

The Promoter reserves right to reject all submitted bids.

Further terms and conditions of this Competition, including criteria and method of the most advantageous bid selection, are provided for in detail in the Tender Specifications.

12. Reimbursement Of Costs Related To Bid Preparation:

The Promoter does not reimburse any costs to bidders, related to their participation in this Competition. Bidders bear in full their costs related to their participation in this Competition.