

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI



ROADS AUTHORITY

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY AND DETAILED ENGINEERING
DESIGN**

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2

CLARIFICATIONS TO TENDER DOCUMENTS

Date of issue: 20th August 2026

Issued to:	All interested consultants
Assignment:	The circulate letter is issued with respect to the following procurements and responds to issues that have been raised by prospective bidders • Consultancy Services For Feasibility Study And Detailed Engineering Design For Periodic Maintenance / Rehabilitation Of Salima (Kaphatenga) - Balaka Market Section Of The Moos Road • Consultancy Services For Feasibility Study And Detailed Engineering Design For Periodic Maintenance/ Rehabilitation Of Mangochi- Monkey Bay (M10/S128) Road • Consultancy Services For Feasibility Study And Detailed Engineering Design For The Upgrading Of Thyolo - Khonjeni - Mulanje (T420) Road To Bitumen Standard

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1.	Please refer to the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the above-listed consultancy services issued by your esteemed office on 24" July 2026 and specifically, to Section 7. Terms of Reference (TOR). Chapter 5 of the Terms of Reference presents the list of key professional staff and their respective time inputs in man-months. From the three TORs the time inputs are summarised as follows: <table><tr><th></th><th>Description</th><th>Kaphatenga-Balaka Market</th><th>Mangochi - Monkey Bay</th><th>Thyolo - Khonjeni-Mulanje</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>149km</td><td>62km</td><td>25.5km</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Team Leader/ Highway Design</td><td>12</td><td>12</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Pavement /Materials Engineer</td><td>9</td><td>9</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Bridge/Structural Engineer</td><td>7</td><td>7</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Hydrologist</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Contract Documentation</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Transport Economist</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Environmental And Social</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Engineering Surveyor</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr></table> Just to make a few observations, it is noted that • Kaphatenga (Salima) - Balaka Market Road is more than twice as long as Mangochi - Monkey Bay Road section. • Kaphatenga (Salima) - Balaka Market Road is almost six times as long as Thyolo - Khonjeni Mulanje Road section. • Mangochi - Monkey Bay Road is more than twice as long as Thyolo - Khonjeni - Mulanje Road section. Considering the respective lengths, environment, geographical location, condition of the road sections and associated scope and amount of studies and investigations to be undertaken, the man months allocated for the following experts are considered inadequate		Description	Kaphatenga-Balaka Market	Mangochi - Monkey Bay	Thyolo - Khonjeni-Mulanje			149km	62km	25.5km	1	Team Leader/ Highway Design	12	12	6	2	Pavement /Materials Engineer	9	9	5	3	Bridge/Structural Engineer	7	7	4	4	Hydrologist	3	3	3	5	Contract Documentation	3	3	3	6	Transport Economist	2	2	2	7	Environmental And Social	3	3	3	8	Engineering Surveyor	3	3	4	The Man-Months of the following key experts have been revised as below: <table><tr><th rowspan="2">Key Expert</th><th colspan="3">District</th></tr><tr><th>Kaphatenga - Balaka Market</th><th>Mangochi - Monkeybay</th><th>Thyolo - Khonjeni - Mulanje</th></tr><tr><td>Hydrologist</td><td>6</td><td>4</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Environmental and Social</td><td>6</td><td>4</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Engineering Surveyor</td><td>6</td><td>4</td><td>3</td></tr></table>				Key Expert	District			Kaphatenga - Balaka Market	Mangochi - Monkeybay	Thyolo - Khonjeni - Mulanje	Hydrologist	6	4	3	Environmental and Social	6	4	3	Engineering Surveyor	6	4	3
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	4. Hydrologist 5. Contract Documentation Specialist 6. Transport Economist 7. Environmental And Social Expert 8. Engineering Surveyor for the Kaphatenga (Salima) - Balaka Market Road and Mangochi - Monkey Bay Road sections. It is from the above observation that we request the Client to consider reviewing the man months for the listed experts to reflect the magnitude of work they will respectively have to carry out on Kaphatenga (Salima) - Balaka Market Road and Mangochi - Monkey Bay Road sections.	
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2. Submission date

The submission date has been revised to 31st August 2026.

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