



**First Memorandum of Information European Tender 'Geotechnical Survey at the Doordewind (DDW) Wind Farm Zone' reference 202312051/ WOZ2240143/ WOZ2240144**

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In this Memorandum of Information, the Contracting Authority provides answers to the questions concerning the time schedule, scope of work and Annex 4a and 4b in the context of the above-mentioned Tender Document. This Memorandum of Information forms an integral part of the Tender Document.

***Please note: the documents "DDW\_20240415\_GT\_Annex 4a\_Lot1\_Rev2 and "DDW\_20240415\_GT\_Annex 4b\_Lot2\_Rev2" have been published on TenderNed with this Memorandum of Information. Please make sure to use the latest versions when submitting a tender.***

**Furthermore the price cap for lot 1 has been adjusted. Maximum price has been increased by 10% with the maximum price being 12.100.000 EUR for lot 1. Minimum price of 6.500.000 EUR has not been adjusted.**

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| nr. | Subject                            | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 1   | Annex 6 Section IV - Scope of Work | We note that RVO required integration of age dating and spectral gamma ray (SGR) results for the geological ground models for HWK VIII and Nederwiek (noord). It is not in the current specifications. To avoid confusion can you please confirm that no SGR logging is required for DDW.                                                                                                                                                                                        | Spectral Gamma Ray (SGR) is not included within the DDW SoW and is not required for DDW.                                                                                                                                 |
| 2   | Proces                             | With regard to the revised time schedule and the many questions and uncertainties we note that there is very little time between the issuing of the "Nota van Inlichtingen" on 29 April and the tender deadline only shifted to 17 May. There are quite some fundamental questions as well as problems with Annex 4 (wrongly linked cells, strange test amounts) to solve. Can we please put the deadline on 22 May, as we expect many changes to the PEP based on your answers. | The time schedule has been adjusted in accordance with request to adjust tender deadline. April 22, 2024 is the new closure round for questions. May 22, 2024 is the new deadline for providing proposals per TenderNed. |

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| 3 | Annex 4a rev1                    | We note the increase in age dating tests in Lot 1, Given that some high costs tests are 2.5 to 7 times more than for Lot 2 (OSL and Carbon dating tests) are you sure these amounts are correct. We definitely need 4 weeks additional time for the age dating report and could you increase the maximum cost cap for Lot 1 by at least 15% to also cover these additional cost | Quantities have been updated per Annex 4a Rev2. Please see Annex 4a rev2 and associated revision log.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4 | Extension of question deadline   | Can the deadline of the 10th April be extended till 24th April, this due to the very limited time to comment on the contract and all the annexes?<br>would very much appreciated                                                                                                                                                                                                | See answer to question 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5 | Pricing sheet for Lot 1 - issues | Regarding the pricing sheet for Lot , we've found two issues:<br>- How can the mobilization window start between 15/01/2025 and the 22/02/2025 when the first details of the plan will be shared the 15/01/2025 and there are a minimum of 28 days for the RVO to respond on the documents?                                                                                     | RVO will provide the first location plan per 1-10-2025. Annex 4a item 1b "RVO provision of first set of target coordinates of seabed CPTs/VCS" changed to 1-10-2024 (revision 1 per Annex 4a lot 1). Please see revision LOG Annex 4a, revision 1, associated with change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 6 | Pricing sheet for Lot 1 - issues | Regarding the pricing sheet for Lot , we've found two issues:<br>- Cell "I67" cannot be filled out, this is blocked                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Cell I67 has been unlocked. Please see revision LOG Annex 4a lot 1, revision 1. In Rev 1 this has become cell I69.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7 | Pricing sheet for Lot 2 - issues | Regarding the pricing sheet for Lot 2 , we've found a couple of issues:<br>- Cell "D42"; is with this cell the total downhole scope meant or is there a seabed part in Lot 2 as well?                                                                                                                                                                                           | The word "seabed" has been removed in Rev 1 of Annex 4b; only the lot 2 scope is referred to here (no seabed scope). Please see revision LOG Annex 4b lot 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8 | Pricing sheet for Lot 2 - issues | Regarding the pricing sheet for Lot 2 , we've found a couple of issues:<br>- Can the duration for Lot 2 be extended? As assumed now it is max 12. weeks                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Annex 4b lot 2 rev 2 has been adjusted in relation to the request. Instead of a maximum operational window of 13 weeks (1 week mobilisation followed by 12 weeks of operations) RVO has now provided a mandatory offshore completion date per the 31st of July 2025. We believe this provides Tenderers with the most flexibility to fill in Annex 4b lot 2. RVO needs CONTRACTOR to have completed offshore phase before the start of August in order to allow for timely feed-in of lab results into the GM scope. |

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| 9  | Pricing sheet for Lot 2 - issues     | Regarding the pricing sheet for Lot 2 , we've found a couple of issues:<br>- Cell "I45" cannot be filled out, this is blocked                                                                                                   | Cell I54 (RVO assumes I45 should be read I54) has been unlocked in Rev 1 of Annex 4b lot 2. Please see revision log of Annex 4b lot 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10 | Pricing sheet for Lot 2 - issues     | Regarding the pricing sheet for Lot 2 , we've found a couple of issues:<br>- If more vessels will be used, needs the mobilisation/demobilisation costs to be added of all vessel in cell "I83"?                                 | In case Tenderer offers more than one vessel, the sum of the mobilisation/demobilisation costs for both vessels can be entered in rates item 1.1. This is cell I84 (was I83 in initial version of Annex 4b). Note that for the duration of the mobilisation (cell I42 in Rev 1) the duration for only one vessel can be entered this should be done for the vessel that starts earliest, since this duration is used for calculating the key dates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11 | Pricing sheet for Lot 2 - issues     | Regarding the pricing sheet for Lot 2 , we've found a couple of issues:<br>- Can we increase the amount of port calls for the scope (as assumed 12 weeks or more), excluding WOW?                                               | Reference is made to Annex 6 Section IIIb_Remuneration, Section 2.10: "Rates, prices and percentages shall include but not be limited to:.... (ix) all port calls"; Reference is also made to Annex 6 Section IV_Scope of Work, Section 2.2.1: "RVO requires a port call every four weeks (as a minimum) for OCR crew changes". The unit rate requested under 2.1 in Annex 4b shall be for an additional/unscheduled port call requested by RVO. All 'regular' port calls shall be included in the other rates and prices and durations in Annex 4b lot 2.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12 | Annex 6 Section III a/b Remuneration | Annex 6 Section III b Clause 2.15 and 2.16.<br><br>We understand from clause 2.15 and 2.16 that payment for offshore and onshore laboratory testing will be according to the laboratory test rates in Annex 4b. Please confirm. | RVO confirms payment according to offshore and onshore laboratory rates per Annex 6 Section III a/b Clause 2.15 and 2.16.<br><br>Some offshore laboratory test/works are to be included in the offshore work rates provided per Annex 4a lot 1 and Annex 4b lot 2. This is as the execution of these tests offshore is considered normal industry practice when taking samples offshore. The Tenderer has to include the costs for these laboratory test offshore works as part of the offshore rates per Annex [4a] lot 1 item 2.11 - 2.13 and Annex 4b lot 2 item 2.6 -2.7. The rest of the remaining offshore tests and onshore tests, outside the description in SoW section 2.7.6. and 2.5.5., can be priced in Annex 4a and Annex 4b. |

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| 13 | Annex 6 Section III a/b<br>Remuneration                                           | Annex 6 Section III a - Clause 2.15 and 2,16<br><br>From clause 2.15/2.16 we understand that onshore and offshore laboratory testing will be charged according to the laboratory testing rates in Annex 4a. Can you confirm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | See answer to question 12.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 14 | Annex 6 Section IV -<br>Scope of work                                             | In section 2.5.2 page 29 It is stated that a minimum penetration of 20 meter for a seabed CPT is required per location. In addition it is stated that the OCR can request a retest per location at no cost to RVO. What are the criteria on which these free of charge additional tests can be requested, is this just reaching the minimum penetration depth. In annex 4a there is a bumpover rate foreseen in case a retest is required. Can you clarify.                                                                                      | Statement per SOW section 2.5.1. page 29: " <i>A minimum penetration of 20m is required per location and if requested by OCR, CONTRACTOR shall undertake a maximum of one (1) re-test per location at no cost to RVO.</i> " is incorrect and is hereby retracted. No minimum penetration of 20 meter per location is required. SoW to be updated to revision 01 where the cited text will be removed. At RVO request re-tests can be requested. Re-test and bump-over mean the same thing in the Scope of Work and Annex 4a lot 1 and annex 4b lot 2. RVO expects that for a total of 10% of locations in both lots a re-test / bumpover is required per RVO/OCR request. Annex 4a lot 1 contains two items to price for these re-tests / bump-overs: item 2.10 and item 2.13. Annex 4b lot 2 contains one item to price for these re-tests / bump-overs: item 2.3. In Scope of work section 2.4.5 - Repositioning on Location (Bump Over), provides a detailed breakdown of what a re-test/bump-over encompasses and which party is responsible for the costs. |
| 15 | Annex 6 Section IV -<br>Scope of work / Annex 6<br>Section IIIa/b<br>Remuneration | There is a contradiction between contractual binding Renumeration schedule in Annex 6 Section III a/b item 2.15 and 2.16 which clearly state that offshore laboratory testing will be paid according to the Annex 4 a/b price schedules and the Annex 6 section IV - Scope of work document section 2.5.5 (page 31) and 2.7.6 (page 42) which seem to imply that offshore testing can not be charged as per Annex 4. We assume that this is an error and the contractual remuneration schedule is correct and offshore tests will be chargeable. | Some offshore laboratory works are to be included in the offshore work rates provided per Annex 4a lot 1 and Annex 4b lot 2. This is as the execution of these tests offshore is considered normal industry practice when taking samples offshore. The Tenderer has to include the costs for these laboratory test offshore works as part of the offshore rates per Annex [4a] lot 1 item 2.11 - 2.13 and Annex 4b lot 2 item 2.6 -2.7. The rest of the remaining offshore tests and onshore tests, outside the description in SoW section 2.7.6. and 2.5.5., can be priced in Annex 4a and Annex 4b.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 16 | Annex 6 Section IV - Scope of work | Division of test locations Lot 1 and Borehole locations Lot 2. From the site description we understand that the site is split in two parts Doordewind I and Doordewind II. Can you indicate the amount and division of Seabed CPT Tests and VC samples (LOT 1) and BH's (LOT 2) for DDW site I and DDW site II. is the split 50/50% or different. Can you please advise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | At the moment RVO is unable to provide this information as the sites have not been provided to the public or RVO. Division will be based on ground conditions at the Investigation Area and the best division for ground characterisation, rather than 50/50 split over the two sites.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 17 | Annex 6 Section IV - Scope of work | From the scope of work we understand that the IGM contractor will select the test locations keeping in mind the site (clearance) conditions (slope angles, shallow gas hazards, CS_OOO compliant ALARP sites). As we understand as per Dutch law the IGM contractor will have to use the CS-OOO compliant geophysical data to make it possible for them to select the sites which they need. These sites can then subsequently be checked and signed of by a certified CS-OOO consultant. Is this the correct understanding. Part of the tender can also be read that the contractor needs to add the cost for a dedicated test site CS-OOO Geotechnical box clearance Geophysical survey (say 10*10 m) to be done at the locations selected by the IGM contractor. The survey completion is expected in Quarter 4 - 2024 according to the scope of work. However we understand that cost for this additional geophysical UXO survey in Q4 needs only to be added in Annex 4 if none CS-OOO compliant data is provided by RVO. Can you clarify. | <p>The future IGM contractor will select locations and provide a location plan based on the found geophysical data. RVO will provide this location plan, in combination with the found geophysical data to the geotechnical contractor. The geotechnical contractor will have to advise if the selected locations/location plan, can be cleared based on the available geophysical data gathered.</p> <p>The geophysical data will be gathered on board vessels with an assistant-OOO present, and a senior-OOO planning and overseeing the overall works.</p> <p>RVO has provided future geotechnical contractors with the possibility to price any additional clearance measures. This can range from an additional geophysical UXO survey or, hiring a certified CS-OOO consultant or any other action required per the geotechnical contractor.</p> |
| 18 | Annex 6 Section IV - Scope of work | In case Contractor has to carry out an in dependent UXO survey to be CS-OOO compliant could you please sent us the (draft) VC, CPT and BH test locations so we can prepare an appropriate line plan and cost estimate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | RVO does not have a location plan for lot 1 or lot 2 (see answer to question 17). These will be provided to the Geotechnical contractor per October 1, 2024. If the geotechnical contractor would not want to use the geophysical data gathered during previous campaigns and would want to perform an independent UXO survey, please use item 6.2 for both Annex 4a lot 1 and Annex 4b lot 2 (Any activities required for the purpose of seabed clearance measures in accordance with CS-OOO regulations for borehole locations to be included in the price) to provide an cost estimate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|    |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | If the Tenderer would want to choose to perform an independent UXO survey, the best estimate could be based on an even spread of geotechnical locations over the Investigation Area for both lot 1 and lot 2, in the current absence of location plan.                                                                                            |
| 19 | Annex 4b Lot 2 - rev 1<br>Comment IV.6            | Do we understand correctly that for item 2.8 and 2.9 the rate is for a 3 meter push or is it the price for a 2 meter push. From the clarification it is understood that the total amount is for 2 meter pushes only. If a 3 meter push is made we assume we will be reimbursed additional meter cost.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Annex 4b lot 2 quantities/unit for SCPT and CPT updated to meters rather than tests. Required length of each testing type is based upon quantity and depth of boreholes of each type and also based on the assumption of 20m Seabed CPT Penetration. Please see annex 4b lot 2 revision 2 and associated revision log for the associated changes. |
| 20 | Annex 4b Lot 2 - rev 1<br>item 2.10 Seismic Tests | We understand that a minimum of 800 m (2 meter pushes) to 1200 m (3 meter pushes) SCPT tests will be done. A maximum of 400 Seismic test will be done as per item 2.10. This averages as 1 test per 2 or 3 meter push. Can you confirm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Typo in Annex 4b lot 2, correct to reflect 1 seismic test per 1m penetration of SCPT, as per SoW. Please see annex 4b lot 2 revision 2 and revision log for the associated changes.                                                                                                                                                               |
| 21 | Start of mobilisation<br>window Lot 1             | Can the mobilisation window also be brought forward to, say, the end of 2023?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | RVO assumes Tenderer means to ask if mobilisation window can be brought forward to end of 2024. Unfortunately the mobilisation window cannot be brought forward to the end of 2024. An important factor is that the Geophysical works will be conducted before the end of 2024.                                                                   |
| 22 | Annex 4a - Lot 1                                  | In case the geophysical data are not CS-000 compliant and a separate UXO survey has to be executed can you clarify the following. Is it correct that the 32 Thermal Conductivity Test locations are co-located with the Vibrocore locations or will this be separate locations. Is it correct to assume that the SCPT test will be at separate locations from the normal CPT's. It is difficult to match the total number of tests with the 160 locations for clearance in item 6.2 in Annex 4 which seem to indicate that SCPT and TC tests are co-located. | RVO has updated quantity per item 6.2 from 160 to 192 in Annex 4a revision 2. SCPTs clearance (32 locations) were not yet included in Annex 4a revision 1. To provide more insight into the metrics behind item 6.2: Temperature conductivity and Vibrocore locations are to be co-located.                                                       |

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| 23 | Annex 6 Section IV - Scope of work       | Ref 2.3.3. With regard to the geophysical data provided by RVO for ALARP UXO clearance of the geotechnical sites according to the most recent CS-OOO legislation we understand that the geophysical data provided will be CS-OOO compliant. Please clarify. | See answer to question 17 and 18.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 24 | Extension of question deadline           | Please can the deadline of the 17th April be extended till 24th April, this due to the very limited time to comment on the contract and all the annexes?                                                                                                    | See answer to question 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 25 | Annex 6 Section IV - Scope of work - UXO | Can you inform how many individual locations there will be (of a box say 30 x 30m) required for Lot 1 and Lot 2, this for the UXO Clearance.                                                                                                                | <p>Per Annex 4a lot 1, 192 locations expected (CPT, SCPT and VC locations combined). See quantities stated per item 6.2 ("Any activities required for the purpose of seabed clearance measures in accordance with CS-OOO regulations for borehole locations to be included in the price"). The size of the required clearance box will be dependent on the geotechnical contractor, the particular solution offered to perform the works, expected positioning accuracy and potential other factors at play. As such, RVO is in no position to provide clearance box required. RVO advises Geotechnical Contractor to consult UXO contractor with possible offered solution.</p> <p>Per Annex 4b lot 2, 96 locations are expected. See quantities stated per item 6.2 ("Any activities required for the purpose of seabed clearance measures in accordance with CS-OOO regulations for borehole locations to be included in the price"). The size of the required clearance box will be dependent on the geotechnical contractor, the particular solution offered to perform the works, expected positioning accuracy and potential other factors at play. As such, RVO is in no position to provide clearance box required. RVO advises Geotechnical Contractor to consult UXO contractor with possible offered solution.</p> |
| 26 | Scope of Work UXO clearance              | For UXO clearance what box size will be required 30*30 or 10*10. Can you confirm.                                                                                                                                                                           | See answer to question 25.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| 27 | General       | Given the current cost increases the industry is facing we note that the current maximum price cap for this 2025 project appears to be partly based on 2023/24 cost rates. It would help us if the maximum price cap could be increased by about 10%. Hope you could take this into consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | The price cap for lot 1 has been adjusted. Maximum price has been increased by 10% with the maximum price being 12.100.000 EUR for lot 1. Minimum price of 6.500.000 EUR has not been adjusted. See annex 4a lot 1 revision 2 and the associated revision log.                             |
| 28 | Annex 4a & 4b | We note that the hidden worksheets in Excel workbooks DDW_20240319_GT_Annex 4a_Lot 1 and DDW_20240319_GT_Annex 4a_Lot 2 have referencing errors, does this need to be corrected by Buyer or are these sheets not used in the evaluation and can therefore be disregarded?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | The worksheets should no longer have been a part of Annex 4a lot 1 or Annex 4b lot 2. A revised Annex 4a lot 1 and revised Annex 4b lot 2 has been published. A note has been made in relation to this in the revision logbook.                                                            |
| 29 | Annex 4b      | We noted that in Annex 4b_lot 2 Cell I-54 (line 4g) is locked and the amount of days can not be filled. Could you sent us a version where this cell is unlocked                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | RVO confirms that some cells per Annex 4a lot 1 and Annex 4b lot 2 were locked that should have been unlocked. Revision 1 of both Annex 4a lot 1 and Annex 4b lot 2 has been published because of this. A note has been made in relation to this in the revision logbook for both annexes. |
| 30 | Annex 4a      | In annex 4a item 3.26 tot 3.34 staat de cost "/sample" Er zijn 6 VC samples tot 6 meter. Gezien het aantal wat is aangegeven is er dus 1 test per 6 meter sample. Klopt dit of is dit een typo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Annex 4a lot 1 has been changed. Annex 4a lot 1 revision 1 has adjusted quantities. A note has also been made in relation to this in the revision log tab of Annex 4a lot 1 revision 1.                                                                                                    |
| 31 | Annex 4b      | We note that in Annex 4b for Lot 2 a total drilling meter length of 4800 meter is foreseen. Over this length 2910 x 1 m Sample = 2910 m and then 840 x 3 m CPT Pushes = 2520 m and 400 x 3 m SCPT Pushes = 1200 m. So in total we have 6630 meter of sampling and CPT testing, but we only drill only 4800 meter. These amounts do not seem to match (we are 1830 m short on drilling). In a previous tender we noted that instead of a 3 m CPT per push amount was a typo and was rectified to be a 3 m CPT amount per meter. Obviously it will have a huge cost impact if we have to price for 2520 m CPT instead of 840 m CPT.<br>Can this be urgently clarified and or rectified and sent a revised Annex 4 b- Lot 2. | Assumptions have been provided per the provided quantities per Annex 4b lot 2 revision 1. Note IV.6 has been added as further explanation on quantities for items 2.6 - 2.9. Please see revision log Annex 4b lot 2 revision 1.                                                            |

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| 32 | Annex 4a      | Unfortunately we just found a similar error in Annex 4a - Lot 1 for the cell I-67 (Item 4w). This cell is locked and no amount can be filled in. Could you please urgently sent us an Annex 4a with an unlocked cell.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | See answer to question 29.                                                              |
| 33 | General       | We assume we can trust that the "Nota van Inlichtingen" with answers on our questions will be issued on/before 22 April. We still aim at a submission date of 15 mei (as requested earlier we would like a 3 working day extension because of Dutch Public Holidays on 9/10Mei). However if the "Nota van Inlichtingen" is delayed we will need to review if it is possible to meet the deadline of (hopefully) 15 mei. In order to speed up we have issued most of our questions already. We also hope that fully working Annex 4 for Lot 1 and Lot 2 can be issues as soon as possible (this is extremely urgent) so we can start finalizing all documents within a reasonable time frame | See answer to question 2.                                                               |
| 34 | Annex 4b rev1 | We just checked the link between cel L38 (item 2g) which is linked the wrong way with cel L41 (item 3a). When a date is filled in L41 automatically 28 days will be subtracted and filled in cell L38. This will then automatically turn the date L41 red. I have two screen shot examples attached. Whatever date you fill in in L41 it will turn red as it automatically fill in 28 days earlier in cel L38.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Updated as part revision 2 of Annex 4b lot 2. See revision log per Annex 4b revision 2. |

**End of first Memorandum of Information**