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WHEN CALLING WITH REFERENCE  
TO THIS LETTER PLEASE ASK FOR

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03 November 2022

**To All Bidders**

Dear Sir/Madam

## **CLARIFICATION NO. 2 TO TENDER NO. ZETDC/INTER/13/2022 FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LINE DIFFERENTIAL RELAYS AND TELECOMMUNICATION CARDS**

The above subject matter refers.

Kindly find attached **Clarification No. 2** in response to queries raised by participating bidder for Tender No. ZETDC/INTER/13/2022 for the Supply and Delivery of Line Differential Relays and Telecommunication Cards.

Yours faithfully

**F. NYAMAKAMBO**  
**SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER**

**TENDER NO. ZETDC/INTER/13/2022 FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LINE DIFFERENTIAL PROTECTION RELAYS AND TELECOMMUNICATION CARDS**

**CLARIFICATION NO. 2**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description/Query from Bidder</b>	<b>ZETDC Response</b>
1.	<p>In the above tender document, the Accounting Officer (being his alter ego), made a declaration inter alia that the procurement is based on neutral and fair technical requirements and bidder qualifications.</p> <p>1.1 We wish to put it on record that your technical requirements for telecommunication cards are not neutral and fair as there are targeting TTC Marconi, to the extent of specifying the brand and model on page 29 of the RFQ.</p> <p>1.2 This product has only one supplier in Zimbabwe. Hence you are strategically limiting competition, which we believe to be criminal in nature.</p> <p>1.3 What boggles mind is why this brand when it is not the top range PFOT card on the market, and when we have many telecommunication cards that can do the job with the multiplexers you have in your network.</p>	<p>Please be advised that the Bulawayo protection system was based on pilot copper cables as medium of telecommunications. However, following extensive vandalism of these pilot copper cables, single mode optical fibre was installed linking all the distribution substations in the City of Bulawayo. Additionally, optical fibre multiplexers type TTC Marconi were installed and commissioned. These multiplexers use the telecommunications card named PFOT for differential protection purposes. Therefore, Suppliers that offer differential protection relays that <b>do not have</b> telecommunications functionality, are required to provide the PFOT card so as to enable the differential protection relays to communicate. However, Suppliers that offer differential protection relays that <b>do have</b> telecommunications functionality are exempt from this requirement of the PFOT cards. These Suppliers can supply the relays provided that such differential protection relays offer telecommunications functionality.</p>
2.	<p>We are of the opinion that you have misled your Accounting Officer into signing the declaration on page 31 of 35 of the RFQ stating that the specifications are neutral and fair for your malicious reasons.</p> <p>2.1 It is in line of the above and in consideration of our public procurement laws that we are requesting that you review the above technical requirement to neutral ones.</p>	
3.	<p>It is in view of the above that we humbly request your good office to investigate this matter seriously.</p>	

