

Responses to queries and issues raised at the Bokamoso Ba Rona Programme Manager RFQ clarification session

A number of queries and issues were raised at the Bokamoso Ba Rona Programme Manager RFQ clarification session on 12 October 2018. Responses are provided in the table below.

Query/issue	Response
Clarity was sought on how the Bokamoso Ba Rona RFQ relates to the earlier RFI.	<p>The RFI was issued in October 2017 as the basis of gauging interest in the establishment of agri-industrial activity in areas of the West Rand District surrounding the Sibanye-Stillwater mining operations, as well as to learn about the value propositions, capabilities and modalities of involvement that interested stakeholders envisaged. Based on the responses obtained strong interest was confirmed in pursuing agricultural ventures, and, considering prior experiences with agri-industrial initiatives, the need to pursue a structured approach was identified.</p> <p>The principals have therefore determined that it would be preferable to establish a strategically planned and enabling framework that serves the socio-economic development requirements in the district and within which commercial participants in the Bokamoso Ba Rona agri-industrial programme can succeed on a sustainable basis. In particular, it is important to establish an effective agri-industrial value chain with planned related activities, to ensure access to critical resources and support structures, and to facilitate financing and access to markets.</p> <p>The current RFQ process is therefore targeted at identifying and appointing a suitably qualified and experienced programme manager to provide strategic leadership to the implementation of the Bokamoso Ba Rona programme under the oversight of the principals. Once appointed, the programme manager will be responsible for leading structured processes to secure participation by the wide range of role players required to give effect to the strategic scope of the Bokamoso Ba Rona programme. Responses to the original RFI that expressed interest in conducting activities relevant to the Bokamoso Ba Rona programme will be considered as the programme progresses into implementation.</p>
Clarity was sought on the land parcels that would be made available for development and implementation of the Bokamoso Ba Rona programme.	Additional information on the land parcels earmarked for the Bokamoso Ba Rona programme has been posted in the Bokamoso Ba Rona sections on the web sites of the principals. Certain adjustments to the land area may potentially be effected as the programme is more fully scoped and structured in consultation with the programme manager to optimise the socio-economic impact and effectiveness of the programme.
A request was made for the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the	The Memorandum of Understanding is not a public document, and all salient information required for preparation of RFQ responses has been included in the RFQ document.

<p>principals to be made available.</p>	<p>The principals warrant their commitment to discharge the roles and functions as set out in the RFQ documentation, and intend to establish an appropriate legal structure under their governance through which to give effect to the Bokamoso Ba Rona programme implementation.</p>
<p>A request was made to extend the timeframe for submission of RFQ responses.</p>	<p>After due consideration, the steering committee considers that sufficient time should be available for respondents to prepare submissions that meet the RFQ information requirements. RFQ respondents are encouraged to focus on providing a clear statement of their qualifications that position them to undertake the role of Bokamoso Ba Rona Programme Manager as the basis of evaluation for shortlisting purposes. Additional time is available prior to the RFQ respondent interviews for shortlisted respondents to develop refinements that the steering committee will be able to take into account in the selection of the preferred respondent.</p>