

Procurement of Consulting Services Asset Management Technical Assistance for Water Supply and Sewerage Authority of Ulaanbaatar City (QCBS) Procurement ID: MCA-M/CF/WSSA/CS/13

ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS – Issue No. 1 August 15, 2024

Question 1:	In the terms of reference, the following is mentioned:
	"A Water Sector Sustainability Activity, to support policy reforms, capacity building, and technical assistance to improve the long-term sustainability of Ulaanbaatar's water supply".
	However, in order to manage water resources, it is necessary to understand the hydrogeological phenomena in the Ulaanbaatar watershed. Are you aware of the hydrogeological model or is the establishment of the model part of the expected offer?
Answer 1:	The Water Sector Sustainability Activity is a key component of the Mongolia Water Compact. However, this specific Terms of Reference (ToR) is focused on Asset Management Consulting Services, which aims to provide technical assistance for developing asset management policies, documents, plans, and implementing a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) to enhance the operational capabilities of the Ulaanbaatar Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (USUG). Given this focus, the inclusion of a hydrogeological model is not necessary under this specific assignment. While understanding hydrogeological conditions is important for overall water resource management, it is not directly relevant to the specific tasks of asset management consulting services as defined in the ToR. Therefore, the development or use of a hydrogeological model falls outside the scope of these objectives. For your information, USUG has a calibrated groundwater numerical model in place.