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Subject

Qualification HSL-Zuid Transport Contracts



Consortium Startrac Attn. Mr. T. Kienhorst Pompstertocht 14 9791 JJ Ten Boer

Dear Mr. Kienhorst,

Thank you for returning the Request for Qualification. Parts A, B, C1-3 of the Request for Qualification provided by you and your partners, is now being evaluated. Parts C4, D and E will be assessed after 2 October 2000. The assessment will be done by a number of teams from the Ministries of Transport and Finance and other external experts. These teams will advise both the Ministers of Transport and Finance.

Currently we are in the midst of assessing the exclusion and minimum requirements. Concerning your Request for Qualification, we have a few remarks and or questions. You will find these in the accompanying annex. The requested information (original and 4 copies) should be submitted to us before 2 October 2000 before 10.00 hrs local time (Attn. of Mr Roel Testroote).

We would like to inform you that we have received a total of 4 applications:

- 1. Arriva Nederland Deutsche Bahn Reise & Touristik AG;
- 2. ConneXXion SJ International CGEA Connex;
- Stagecoach Holdings Plc¹;
- 4. NS Reizigers BV KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines)2.

On the 27th of October we will announce the consortia that have been qualified. The Invitation to Tender will be send to you in November 2000.

Yours sincerely,

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Bas van Os

Project Manager HSL-Zuid Transport Contracts

Appendix: Request for clarification

Date
25 September 2000
Your reference
HSL-Zuid U-129583

Our reference

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¹ In the cover letter of the Request for Qualification it was mentioned that: "We are currently exploring the possibility of adding a minority partner to our bidding team from one of the Dutch bus companies ...".

² In the cover letter of NS to the Request for Qualification it was mentioned that: "...NS Reizigers and KLM have agreed on a Memorandum of Understanding with National Express Group PLC.".

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Request for clarification (Appendix to our letter of 25 September 2000, our reference HSL-Zuid U-129583)

Question 1

Fill in Part B1 of the Request for Qualification for CGEA SA.

B 1	Details of the company				
	Registered name				
	Current trading name				
	(if different) Previous trading name				
	Registered address		,		
	Authorised Officer				
	Telephone				
	Facsimile				
	E-mail				
	Type of organisation				
	Country of registration				
	Registered number	!	Year of registration		

I/We confirm that the authorised officer named in A 3 is authorised to act as the principal contact person on behalf of this/these companies in dealings with the State related to the tender of the HSL-Zuid transport contracts, as set out in this Qualification Document.

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Question 2

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Fill in Part B1 of the Request for Qualification for Swedcarrier.

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Question 3

Mr. Anker was designated for Connexxion NV, but did not sign the application. The forms for Connexxion NV were signed by officers that were designated for Connexxion Holding only. Please confirm that Mr. Bruggink and Mr. Koerhuis are authorised to sign on behalf of Connexxion NV as well.

On behalf of the Startrac consortium, I confirm that Mr. Bruggink and Mr. Koerhuis are authorised to sign on behalf of Connexxion NV.					
Name	T. Kienhorst				
Signature					

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Submit annual reports of: CGEA and ConneXXion of last 3 accounting years.