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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT

1. Introduction

In order to improve coverage and quality of service to its customers, Murang'a West Water and Sanitation Company, a public water utility based in Murang'a County, intends to undertake a project through a blended loan concept under the K-WASH programme towards rehabilitation and extension of small distribution lines of sizes DN 25mm to DN 110mm covering approximately 150KM length. The project covers our different schemes Kangema and Kahuro sub-counties i.e. Kanyenya-ini, Murarandia, Kahuro and Kangema. Being last mile focused, the lines are planned to be laid on county roads along the existing road reserves. To ensure compliance with environmental and K-WASH programme regulations, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required.

2. Objective

The objective of this consultancy is to conduct an EIA for the proposed rehabilitation and extension project under Murang'a West Water & Sanitation Company to ensure compliance with the Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act, (EMCA) of 1999 amended in 2015, Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003 and any other statutory requirements in line with section 18 of the EIA regulations.

3. Scope of Work

The consultant will undertake the following tasks:

3.1. Conduct a detailed desk review of existing documentation and previous EIA/ESIA reports developed for the area.

3.2. Undertake a detailed study of the proposed works and describe the project location, geographical, ecological and the general layout of associated infrastructure.

3.3. Collect, collate and present baseline information on the environmental characteristics of the proposed project site.

3.4. Identify and describe the pertinent regulations and standards governing the environmental quality, health and safety, protection of sensitive areas, land use control at the national and local levels and ecological and socio-economic issues.

3.5. Determine the potential impacts of the project facilities and activities on occupational health and safety.

3.6. Identify and develop environmental and social management plans.

3.7. Prepare a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan that recommends a set of mitigation, monitoring and institutional measures to eliminate, minimize or reduce to acceptable levels of adverse environmental impacts and/or maximize socio-economic benefits.

3.8. Develop a monitoring plan.

4. Qualifications and Experience

The consultant should have the following qualifications and experience:

4.1. A bachelor degree in environmental science, engineering, or a related field.

4.2. At least five years of experience in conducting EIAs in Kenya.

4.3. Registration as an EIA expert by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to practice in Kenya.

4.4. Demonstrated knowledge, skills, and experience in EIA for wastewater treatment facilities.

4.5. Strong analytical, communication, and report writing skills.

4.6. Ability to work independently with little or no supervision.

5. Deliverables

The consultant will deliver the following:

5.1. A detailed EIA report that meets the requirements of NEMA and other relevant authorities.

5.2. A comprehensive Environmental Management Plan.

5.3. A monitoring plan.

6. Duration of the Consultancy

The consultancy is expected to be completed within two months from the date of signing the contract.

7. Application Procedure

Interested consultants should submit their applications, including a detailed CV, a cover letter, and a technical and financial proposal to tm@mwewasco.co.ke and copied to info@mwewasco.co.ke by 6th July, 2026. The technical proposal should include a detailed methodology, a work plan, and a list of relevant experience. The financial proposal should include a detailed breakdown of the proposed consultancy fee, including any travel and subsistence costs.

8. Selection Criteria

The selection of the consultant will be based on the following criteria:

8.1. Technical competence and experience in conducting EIAs for water infrastructure development.

8.2. Registration as an EIA expert by NEMA.

8.3. Demonstrated analytical, communication, and report writing skills.

8.4. Price competitiveness.

9. Confidentiality

The consultant shall maintain confidentiality of all information provided by the client and shall not disclose any information to third parties without the prior written consent of the client.

10. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising from this consultancy shall be resolved through negotiation and mutual agreement between the consultant and the client. If the dispute cannot be resolved through negotiation, it shall be resolved through arbitration in accordance with the rules of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

11. Governing Law

This contract shall be governed by the laws of Kenya.

12. Amendments

Any amendments to this contract shall be in writing and signed by both parties.

13. Entire Agreement

The winning bidder will sign a contract which will constitute the entire agreement between the client (MWEWASCO) and the consultant and shall supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings, and agreements between the parties.

14. Effective Date

This contract shall be effective from the date of signing by both parties.