

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

Date: 16 April 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Request for Quotation for services: “Development of technological solutions for minimization of anthropogenic impact of ore gold mining and processing enterprises on environment”

Project: 00078317, Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem

Case reference: RFQ_GPSO_2013-057 (IWC-78317)

1. The United Nations Office for Project Services (hereinafter “UNOPS”) is pleased to invite you to submit a quotation for supply of the services described in Annex I to this Request for Quotation.
2. We would appreciate receiving your quotation on or before **04 May 2013 10:00 A.M. Irkutsk time** via e-mail DmitriP@unops.org (it must not exceed 8MB) or fax **+73012338030** to the attention of **Dmitry Popov**. Please specify above project and reference number on your quotation.
3. Any requests for clarification should be referred to:
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4. Your quotation shall include the following:
 - Brief approach and methodology as well as CV(s) of proposed staff/personnel in response to the Terms of Reference as per Annex I.
 - Fixed overall quotation in a single currency (see Annex II) with the following structure:

Name(s) of consultant(s)
Number of working days and daily fee
Daily subsistence allowance
Number of international travels and cost
Number of local travels and costs
Other costs
TOTAL
 - Completed Previous Experience Form (see Annex III)

5. UNOPS evaluates the quotations based on best value, i.e. best quality and cost-effectiveness of the proposed offers. The following aspects will be considered for the evaluation:
 - (a) Suitability of the approach and methodology including firm's capacity to undertake the services
 - (b) Qualifications and suitability of the staff/personnel proposed for the assignment including their previous experience with same type of assignment
 - (c) Cost-effectiveness of price quotation
6. A contract may be awarded to the bidder having submitted the quotation representing the best value for UNOPS. However, UNOPS reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation, and to cancel the process and reject all quotations, at any time prior to the award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the Bidders or any obligation to inform the Bidders of the grounds for such action.
7. UNOPS reserves the right to make multiple arrangements for any item or items.
8. In the event of a Contract the UNOPS General Conditions will apply. The conditions are available at <http://www.unops.org/english/whatweneed/Pages/Guidelinesforsuppliers.aspx> under "UNOPS general conditions of contract": UNOPS Conditions of Services - For contracts of a value of less than USD 50,000. (Annex IV)
9. **Supplier eligibility.** Suppliers shall not be eligible to submit an offer and to be awarded a contract when at the time of bid submission:
 - (a) Suppliers are already suspended by UNOPS, or,
 - (b) Supplier's names are mentioned in the UN 1267 list of Terrorists issued by the Security Council resolution 1267, which establishes a sanctions regime to cover individuals and entities associated with Al-Qaida and/or the Taliban, or,
 - (c) Suppliers are suspended by the UN Procurement Division (UN/PD), or,
 - (d) Suppliers have been declared ineligible by the World Bank.

Furthermore, as a condition of doing business with UNOPS it is necessary that suppliers, their subsidiaries, agents, intermediaries and principals cooperate with the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) of the United Nations, UNOPS Internal Audit and Investigations Group (IAIG) as well as with other investigations authorized by the Executive Director and with the UNOPS Ethics Officer (during preliminary reviews in line with UNOPS whistle blower policy) as and when required. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, the following: access to all employees, representatives, agents and assignees of the supplier; as well as production of all documents requested, including financial records. Failure to fully cooperate with investigations will be considered sufficient grounds to allow UNOPS to repudiate and terminate the contract, and to debar and remove the supplier from UNOPS's list of registered suppliers.

10. **Information regarding Bid Protest can be found at:**
<http://www.unops.org/english/whatwedo/services/procurement/Pages/Procurementpolicies.aspx>
11. UNOPS strongly encourages all Bidders to subscribe to the Tender Alert Service available on the United Nations Global Market Place (www.ungm.org). This will allow Bidders to be

notified automatically of all UNOPS business opportunities for the products and services for which they have registered. Instructions on how to subscribe to the Tender Alert Service can be found in the UNGM Interactive Guide for Suppliers.

12. UNOPS will effect payment within 30 days after receipt of original payment documentation.

We look forward to receiving your quotation.

Yours sincerely,
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ANNEX I - TERMS OF REFERENCES

Terms of Reference (TOR) for Local Service Contract

Development of technological solutions for minimization of anthropogenic impact of ore gold mining and processing enterprises on environment

Location:	Ulan-Ude, The Russian Federation
Application Deadline:	04-May-2013
Type of Contract:	Service Contract
Post Level:	Local
Languages Required:	English, Russian
Starting Date:	10-May-2013
Duration of Initial Contract:	10-May-2013 – 10- December- 2013
Expected Duration of Assignment:	7 months

Background:

The project's objective is to spearhead integrated natural resource management of Baikal Lake Basin and Hövsgöl Lake ensuring ecosystem resilience, reduced water quality threats in the context of sustainable economic development. The project has three primary components: elaborating a strategic policy and planning framework; strengthening institutional capacity for IWRM; and demonstrating water quality and biodiversity mainstreaming practice, including groundwater monitoring and protection.

This project builds upon a solid, decades-old baseline of bilateral cooperation between Russia and Mongolia on the transboundary waters of the Selenga River and by extension the Baikal Basin itself. To date, international support for environmental conservation and management in the Baikal Basin has not been transboundary in orientation; little support has been provided the two countries in strengthening their transboundary cooperation to manage sustainably the globally significant environmental benefits represented by the incomparable Lake Baikal and its transboundary Basin, at the top of which lies Mongolia's aquatic jewel, Lake Hovsgol. In addition to this solid baseline of transboundary cooperation are two rapidly growing economic baselines in mining and tourism, with mining being the biggest and fastest growing economic activity in the Baikal Basin and tourism a smaller but also rapidly growing sector in both the Russian and Mongolian portions of the Baikal Basin. Both of these sectors hold much promise in becoming better stewards of the Baikal Basin's aquatic ecosystems. In the absence of a GEF investment, these barriers are likely to continue hampering an effective transboundary response to the critical threats that are already impacting the ecosystem health and resilience of the Baikal Basin.

Successful implementation of a regional project like "Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem", to a large degree depends on effective implementation and ownership of project-inspired work at the national and local levels.

Justification:

The Output 3.1. of the Project document includes development of pilot project for alluvial/artesian gold mine as it is an object with high risk level of river bank erosion and surface/groundwater discharge of chemical substances. Waste waters of gold mining enterprises usually are complex mixtures of highly toxic pollutants (cyanides, heavy metals, organic reagents and others) what constitutes a serious threat to the Lake Baikal ecosystem, as well as to the man health. In most cases destructive mining practices have changed the river channels due to emergence of big amount of solids which act as sediments and thus change the river channels, emerge the river bank erosion, mud the spawning areas of key fish species and decrease their population.

Kholbinsky mine of JSC BuryatZoloto can act as a model object for implementation of such a project. Kholbinsky mine produces and processes gold ore for the purpose of gold and silver extraction. The enterprise is one of the largest stably performing and perspective ore mining organizations which operate in Zun-Kholbinsky ore gold deposit.

Development objective:

The purpose of this work is development of effective methods of waste waters / reused waste waters purification from pollutants (cyanides, thiocyanates and thiosulfates, as well as organic admixtures) typical for gold mining enterprises with the purpose of reduction of negative impact on environment including risks for biodiversity and mitigation of their consequences.

Immediate objective(s):

The following tasks are to be done within the scope of the work:

- To carry out geo-ecological research works on estimation of anthropogenic impact of gold mining and processing enterprise on environment in the Kholbinsky mine area;
- To analyze best existing technologies and modern tendencies of engineering development of water ecosystem protection at existing gold mining enterprises;
- To conduct modeling of processes of sanitation and neutralization of waste / reused waste polluted waters which emerge as a result of gold mining enterprise activity;
- To work out recommendations about methods of waste / reused waste waters purification from pollutants typical for gold mining.

Specific Deliverables:

The work is expected to deliver the following results:

- Recommendations about methods of waste / reused waste waters purification from pollutants typical for gold mining which can control threats to water ecosystem and biodiversity.

Expected Outputs, reports and related logistics:

- Detailed calendar plan for activities.
- Technical progress report with review of best existing technologies and methods of water ecosystem protection in gold mining.
- Final report with recommendations about methods of waste / reused waste waters purification from pollutants typical for gold mining which can control threats to water ecosystem and biodiversity.

Payment will be made in 3 installments based on the acceptance of the required deliverables by the Project Manager as specified below:

- 20% payment as a first installment upon the submission of detailed calendar plan - at the end of first 15 days.
- 40% remaining payment upon submission of the preliminary report - no later 15 August 2013.
- 40% remaining payment upon submission of the final report - no later 30 November 2013.

In the case that the conditions of the TOR are not met, the contract may be terminated and the consultancy fee reduced.

Budget: An indicative cost of USD 30,000 has been estimated for this service.

Приблизительный перевод на русский язык:

Разработка технологических решений по минимизации техногенного воздействия на окружающую среду предприятий по добыче и переработке рудного золота

Обоснование:

Итогом 3.1 Проектного документа предусмотрена разработка пилотного проекта, объектом которого должен быть аллювиальный/артезианский золотой прииск, т.к. он представляет собой объект с высоким уровнем риска эрозии берегов рек и сбросами химических веществ в поверхностные и подземные воды. Сточные воды золотодобывающих фабрик обычно представляют собой сложную смесь высокотоксичных загрязняющих веществ: цианидов, тяжелых металлов, органических реагентов и др., что представляет серьезную угрозу экосистеме бассейна Байкала, а также здоровью человека. В большинстве случаев деструктивные практики добычи изменили русла рек, за счет образования при добыче большого количества твердых частиц, которые в виде отложений меняют русла рек, вызывая эрозию берегов, заиливают нерестилища ключевых видов рыб, резко снижая численность популяций этих видов. Модельным объектом для выполнения такого проекта может служить рудник «Холбинский» ОАО «Бурятзолото», производственная деятельность которого связана с добычей и переработкой золотосодержащих руд с целью извлечения из них золота и серебра. Это предприятие является одним из самых крупных, стабильно работающих и перспективных предприятий горнорудного кластера, ведущих разработку Зун-Холбинского месторождения рудного золота.

Цель работы:

Целью работы является разработка эффективных методов очистки сбрасываемых, а также повторно используемых сточных вод от загрязняющих веществ, характерных для золотодобывающих производств: цианидов, тиоцианатов и тио-сульфатов, а также органических примесей, для снижения негативного воздействия на окружающую среду в том числе, рисков для биоразнообразия и смягчения их последствий.

Задачи:

В рамках выполнения данной работы необходимо:

- провести в районе рудника «Холбинский» геоэкологические исследования по оценке техногенного воздействия предприятия по добыче и переработке рудного золота;
- проанализировать наилучшие существующие технологии и современные тенденции развития инженерных методов защиты водных экосистем при эксплуатации существующих золотодобывающих предприятий;
- выполнить моделирование процессов очистки и обезвреживания сбрасываемых и повторно используемых загрязненных сточных вод, образующихся в результате деятельности золотодобывающего предприятия;
- разработать рекомендации по методам очистки сбрасываемых и повторно используемых сточных вод от загрязняющих веществ, характерных для золотодобывающих производств.

Конкретные результаты:

В рамках работы должны быть получены следующие результаты:

- рекомендации по методам очистки сбрасываемых и повторно используемых сточных вод от загрязняющих веществ, характерных для золотодобывающих производств, которые позволят сдерживать угрозы водным экосистемам и биоразнообразию;

Ожидаемые результаты, отчёты, сроки:

- детальный календарный план выполнения работ в течение первых 15 дней;
- промежуточный отчет, с обзором наилучших существующих технологий и методов защиты водных экосистем при эксплуатации существующих золотодобывающих предприятий -15 августа 2013 г.;
- окончательный отчет с рекомендациями по методам очистки сбрасываемых и повторно используемых сточных вод от загрязняющих веществ, характерных для золотодобывающих производств, которые позволят сдерживать угрозы водным экосистемам и биоразнообразию – 30 ноября 2013 г.

ANNEX II. FINANCIAL OFFER

Name(s) of consultant(s) (a)	Number of working days (b)	Daily fee (c)	Daily subsistence allowance (d)	Total (e)=(b)x((c)+(d))
GRAND TOTAL				

International/National travels (a)	Quantity (b)	Cost (c)	Currency (d)	Total (e)=(b)x(c)
GRAND TOTAL				

Other Costs (description)	Cost
GRAND TOTAL	

ANNEX III: PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FORM

Previous Experience				
Description of services/goods/works/	Country	Total amount of contract	Contract Identification and Title and Contact details of Client: (Name, Address, telephone, email, fax)	Year project was undertaken

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

ANNEX IV - UNOPS CONDITIONS OF SERVICES

1-Contractor's Status In all matters relating to this Contract, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Contractor nor its employees are the employees of UNOPS. The Contractor assumes all liabilities or obligations imposed by any law or regulation with respect to such employees. The Contractor shall not have the authority to create any obligation on behalf of UNOPS and shall not represent itself as an agent, employee or in any other capacity of UNOPS. The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees, who shall be expected to respect local customs and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

2-Damage to Persons and Property The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless UNOPS, its officers, agents, employees and servants from and against all suits, claims, demands, proceedings, and liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for injuries or damages to any person or any property whatsoever which may arise out of or in consequence of acts or omissions of the Contractor or its agents, employees, servants or subcontractors in the execution of this Contract.

3-Intellectual Property Rights All intellectual property and other proprietary rights, including but not limited to patents, copyrights and trademarks, in all countries, with regard to maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, manuscripts, records, reports, recommendations, estimates, documents and other materials, except pre-existing materials, publicly or privately owned, collected or prepared as a consequence of or in the course of the performance of this Contract, shall become the sole property of UNOPS. The Contractor shall hold harmless and fully indemnify UNOPS from and against all claims and proceedings for infringement of any patent rights, design trademark or name or other protected rights resulting from Contractor's performance.

4-Confidentiality All maps, drawings, plans, reports, documents and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of UNOPS, shall be treated as confidential and shall be delivered only to the duly authorized representative of UNOPS upon completion of the Services.

5-Advertising The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that it is performing, or has performed services for UNOPS or use the name, emblem or official seal of UNOPS or the United Nations or any abbreviation of the name of UNOPS or the United Nations for advertising purposes or any other purposes.

6-Modifications Any modification or change to this Contract shall require an amendment in writing between both parties duly signed by the authorized representatives of the Contractor and UNOPS.

7-Sub-contracting and Assignment of Contract The Contractor shall not sub-contract the Services or otherwise assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Contract or any part thereof or of any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under this Contract.

8-Termination UNOPS may terminate this Contract for cause or convenience in the interest of the UNOPS upon not less than fourteen (14) days written notice to the Contractor. Upon termination of this Contract, the Contractor shall take immediate steps to terminate his performance of the Contract in a prompt and orderly manner and to reduce losses and to keep further expenditures to a minimum. Unless such termination has been occasioned by the Contractor's breach of this Contract, the Contractor shall be entitled to be paid for the part of the Services satisfactorily completed as of the date of termination, plus substantiated costs resulting from commitments entered into prior to the date of termination as well as any reasonable substantiated direct costs incurred by the Contractor as a result of the termination, but shall not be entitled to receive any other or further payment or damages.

9-Privileges and Immunities Nothing in or relating to this Contract shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations of which the UNOPS is an integral part.

10-Settlement of Disputes Any controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with provision of this Contract or any breach thereof, shall, unless resolved through direct negotiation, be settled in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then in force. UNOPS and the Contractor shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy or claim.