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*Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers
in open competition "Preparation of the operational
plan of the railway" ID. No RBR 2017/19*

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions received until 5 September 2017 from the interested suppliers:

No	Question	Answer
1.	<p>Please clarify, how you want to ensure, that the procurement is an open procurement compliant with European Union procurement requirements with respect to the tool RailSys (e.g. 2.5.8, page 44) and its data formats.</p> <p>You request a format compatible with RailSys. While RailSys format is a proprietary, vendor specific format, you have to publish the specification of this format to ensure, that there is no discrimination of tenderers.</p> <p>So, please change the format requirements to a public format, that can be ensured by tenderers not using RailSys, e.g. RailML 2.2 or – alternatively – publish the RailSys data format specification.</p>	<p>RailSys train traffic modelling software is widely used among the infrastructure operators and managers, the approach and methodology of modelling is considered similar within different platforms.</p> <p>Contracting authority has procured train traffic modelling software in open competition where RailSys tool has been purchased.</p> <p>Part of the results of this study will be definition of typical passenger and freight fleets as well as developing a software model for the railway operation for every time period. Our intention is to also use and/or modify, if necessary, the supplied model and fleet information with RailSys inhouse.</p> <p>Timetable data can be imported in RailSys with the format railML 1.0 and 1.1. Infrastructure and Rolling stock are .xml files, but import is also possible from Excel files for some infrastructure parameters. In any case, the Contractor shall bear the responsibility for delivered data and model compliance with Railsys software.</p> <p>Due to lack of information about tools the interested suppliers are using, in the Technical Specification it is inefficient to cover the compatibility of all other file formats. It is advised to consult with RailSys (http://www.rmcon.de/railsys-en/) developers for solutions on resolving compatibility issues.</p>

2.	Is it possible to receive a les protected PDF document, that can be searched to ensure an efficient management of the procurement?	Searchable PDF version of open competition regulation is available at RB Rail AS web page http://www.railbaltica.org/tenders/open-competition-preparation-of-the-operational-plan-of-the-railway/
3.	<p>In chapter 2.5.8 (page 44 of the tender document), it is mentioned that solutions need to be compliant with Railsys format. Unfortunately, no more specifics on the required interfaces to get any data or information readable for Railsys are mentioned.</p> <p>Without an open definition of interfaces, we are afraid that only one company can fully comply with Tender Requirements which is the proprietary owner of Railsys codes. Please clarify this issue to ensure a competitive tender.</p>	Please see answer on question No 1.

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