Q1. Key Expert 1 - Senior Environmental expert is required to have, amongst other qualifications, an engineering degree in electrical power. Please confirm the requirements of electrical engineering expertise of the Environmental expert.

EBRD: It is preferable, but not mandatory. There should be a sufficient amount of technical expertise related to thermal power operations and technologies.

Q2. Key expert 3 - Environmental specialist with preferably 10-year experience in conducting BAT assessments with a particular emphasis on water use, effluent and cooling water management. Please confirm that a thermal power plants specialist qualifies for this position, as under the key experts no technical position(s) are foreseen.

EBRD: As long as the thermal power specialist has an experience related to BAT assessment and relevant expertise in technologies for reducing the air emissions, the amount of effluent and wastewater, that should suffice.

Q3. In the TOR, following tasks are required: Review the Client’s current operations, ongoing and planned modernisation projects and investments against relevant provisions of BAT and identify operations and assets/facilities that could be associated with potentially significant environmental risks and impacts and face challenges with regard to achieving compliance with the IED due to their age, technical status, current load, location, etc. and require urgent decommissioning. However, the listed documentation to be reviewed is solely related to environmental and social (EIA, SEP, ESAP, ESDD).

As the Consultant must be prepared to request and review further documentation on the subsidiaries and ongoing projects, please confirm that technical design plans and related technical documentation of the ongoing projects which are in the scope of this assessment will be available for review as well.

EBRD: The technical design and plans will need to be made available by the Client. EBRD currently is not in possession of the original technical design documents and drawings; however the environmental and social due diligence reports on related investment projects contain some description of the process, which should provide initial background information.

Q4. In the publication of the service request it is stated that the assignment is expected to start in October 2020 and has an estimated overall duration of 12 months. The TOR however requires a Draft BAT Assessment report – within 10 weeks of the Assignment Start Date and the Final BAT Assessment Report within 10 days from receiving EBRD comments (estimated to take 10 days). This would imply an estimated overall project duration of 14 weeks, please clarify.

EBRD: The overall duration of the project takes into account potential delays in obtaining the required data, organising site visits, requesting clarifications, time required by EBRD staff to
review the reports, etc., etc. Given current travel restrictions, we will allow flexibility in structuring the assignment. Given the current situation, we propose that the assignment starts with desktop review of information and data and video and phone interviews; and the submission of the Inception Report/Desktop Review Report within 8 weeks from the commencement of assignment. The submission of the draft BAT Assessment Report is 10 weeks \textit{after the site visit}; in our view 10 weeks should provide sufficient time to compile site visits findings, request additional data and clarifications and prepare the report. Due to the ongoing uncertainties with the international traveling, the Consultants should propose a robust methodology for the assignment, including a suitable timing for the site visit and a contingency for the combination of remote and on-site activities. It should also be noted that the timing of the assignment could be further extended if dictated by circumstances and deemed necessary for the adequate implementation of the assignment.

\textbf{Q5.} Please confirm if all ten sites require review and comment within five weeks of contract signing? The ToR states that the overall project length is approximately 3 months whereas procurement portal indicates a contract duration of 12 months.

\textbf{EBRD:} Please refer to question 4.

\textbf{Q6.} Please confirm if the proposal is required to be submitted in English and Russian as per the ToR and the project deliverables are to be submitted in English only?

\textbf{EBRD:} The proposal should be submitted in English only, while the Final report should be translated into Russian.

\textbf{Q7.} Reference to the above mentioned consultancy services project and to appraise the required time of our key experts to deliver the tasks as specified in the scope of work, we would like to understand whether the ongoing and planned operations and investment projects at TashTES include the following data/technologies/methodologies/systems/applications:

- Water demineralization/circulation.
- Physical and chemical characteristics of waste water demineralization.
- Noise pollution preventing system for the reduction of the noise of the turbines.
- Filtration or air pollution remediation.
- Control system/filtration of nitrogen oxide (NOX) and other air pollution parameters.
- Distance between the power plants location and residential and commercial centers.
- Water cooling and recycling system.
- Local consideration of environment (law, regulations, and standards).
- Existing data of noise, and NOx emissions.
- Health and safety law, regulations, and standards.
- ISO 9001, 18001, and 14001 certifications.

\textbf{EBRD:} The existing environmental and social due diligence reports on related investment projects contain some information on the last 4 bullet points. Other information will need to be requested directly from the Client once the consultancy services contract for the assignment is signed.

\textbf{Q9.} Can you please confirm that the BAT review and recommendations is needed for all JSC subsidiary plants, and not just the Tashkent Thermal Power Plant (TashTES)?
EBRD: That is correct. BAT Assessment is needed for all subsidiaries; the priority should be given to the old power plants and those subject to modernisation and expansion.