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**SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM BIDDERS FOR TENDER NO SAQA 001/2023 – APPOINTMENT OF A QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DATA SUBMISSION AND VALIDATION TOOL FOR THE AUTOMATION PROJECT FOR 48 MONTHS**

No	Bidder's Question/Request	SAQA's Response
1	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>This email refers,</p> <p>Gijima hereby request an extension for Tender SAQA 001/2023 for an Appointment of a qualified Service Provider for the Development and Implementation of the Data submission and Validation tool for the automation project for 48 months. . Gijima would like to offer an undivided attention to this Bid thus committing to a good quality solution that can meet your standards supplier development requirements, Gijima is asking for a 2 weeks extension.</p>	<p>1. Unfortunately, the request for extension cannot be granted because this project must run parallel with the automation project which is ongoing and there is high dependency and risks. Therefore, the service provider must be appointed urgently.</p>
2	<p>Good day</p> <p>Kindly find a few clarification questions below.</p>	

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	<p>1. How many different data file inputs do you have?</p> <p>2. In what format do the various institutions/data providers provide their data formats?</p> <p>3. Are you changing the current data structure model and database?</p> <p>4. Are any validations applied upfront?</p> <p>5. Is the current NQF MIS (NLRD) on-prem or is it also moving onto the cloud, or hybrid?</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	<p>1) There are 10 data file inputs.</p> <p>2) All data providers submit “.dat” format.</p> <p>3) Data structure of the NLRD will not change however staging environment models may be changed as per new implementation requirements.</p> <p>4) In the current process certain validations are applied on the client's side.</p> <p>5) The current NLRD is on-prem and is moving to hybrid.</p>

**Approval of Bid responses:**

**Signature** : *RMathibe*

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**Date** : 24 February 2023

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