Dear Madam/Sir,

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ) has commissioned us with consulting work within the aforementioned project. The project is concerned with the following:

The Governments of the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Namibia have shown interest in the joint cooperation for the management and utilisation of water resources of Cuvelai River basin as demonstrated in the signed Agreement that established the Cuvelai Watercourse (CUVECOM) on 16 September 2014. The CUVECOM shall serve as an advisor to the Parties on matters relating to the equitable and reasonable utilization, sustainable development and efficient management of the water resources of the Cuvelai Watercourse. GIZ is supporting both countries in the institutional development of the CUVECOM.

The Cuvelai River is seasonal and consequently unreliable water source; a considerable portion of population in its catchment relies on Kunene River as the water supply. Indeed, Kunene River is the major potential reliable source of water supply for the entire population in the Cuvelai River basin and therefore equitable and sustainable water resource management initiatives in Cuvelai River basin cannot be undertaken without considering Kunene River basin. Groundwater resources play an increasingly important part for water security. The Ohangwena aquifer therefore needs to be taken into account.

Should you be interested in implementing the tasks according the Specifications (Annex 2), we request you to submit a bid consisting of 2
originals to arrive at the GIZ by **9 September 2016, 15:00 hrs.**
Please send your bid by courier to

GIZ Botswana and SADC
Deutsche Gesellschaft für
Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Private Bag X12 (Village)
1st Floor, Morula House
Plot 54358, New CBD
Gaborone, Botswana.

Detailed instructions what information your bid should contain and how it
should be presented are given in the attached specifications (bidding
conditions/local) and TOR. If you have any further questions in this
connection, please contact the responsible desk officer **Ms. Dimpho
Keitseng, Senior Procurement Officer**, +267 3959615 / 3957400,
at the GIZ Office Gaborone.

Bids are to be submitted using the two-envelope procedure; i.e. we request
that you submit the prices for your inputs in a separate, sealed envelope
addressed as follows: “Price quotation for bid, reference **CUVECOM**” which
is to be placed inside the envelope containing the bid. Please use the
financial offer form (Annex 5). All copies of the bid must be submitted by
post in letter form. The above formal requirements regarding envelopes and
marking also apply to further copies, of the bid.

The bids received shall be evaluated by the GIZ with regard to their technical
content and to their price (cf. Assessment Grid for the Technical Evaluation
of Bids, Annex 4).

The evaluation of the bids is scheduled to be completed by 16 September
2016; whereupon the bidders shall be priority rated. Contractual negotiations
are generally commenced with the first bidder on the list. Should these
negotiations not be successful, the second bidder on the list shall be invited
to commence negotiations.

The work is scheduled to commence on 1 November 2016. Thus, the
contract should be awarded by not later than 7 October 2016. Your bid is
binding until that date. If you do not receive an order in writing within two
weeks of expiry of the deadline for the award of contract, your bid has not
been accepted. **You shall not receive separate notice to this effect.**

Kind regards
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Annexes:

1. Bidding Conditions (local)
2. Specifications (TOR)
3. General terms and conditions of contract (‘Terms and Conditions’) for supplying services and work
4. Assessment Grid for the Technical Evaluation of Bids
5. Financial offer