

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

- 1 After the conclusion of the RFP briefing session, prospective applicants and interested parties may only communicate with the NLC/ the Board through the Virtual Data Room (“VDR”).
- 2 Prospective applicants must submit all inquiries and requests for additional information regarding the RFP, technical interpretation of the RFP and other matters requiring clarification online via the VDR.
- 3 The NLC/ the Board may only respond to prospective applicants’ queries via the VDR. All responses will be logged electronically.
- 4 Where a question asked by a prospective applicant is not confidential to that applicant’s proposal, the Board may decide to publish the answer to the question to all registered applicants. The VDR has a functionality for “frequently asked questions” which may be accessed by all registered applicants.
- 5 The Board should not respond to enquiries:
 - 5.1 the answer to which may place a prospective applicant at a competitive advantage;
 - 5.2 where the enquiry is of a confidential nature, unless the prospective applicant explicitly indicates its proprietary rights thereto.
- 6 The NLC/ the Board has a duty to keep the questions in the VDR of prospective applicants confidential, unless the question falls within the category of “frequently asked questions” or where the information provided will benefit all prospective applicants.
- 7 Where a prospective applicant or interested party (including a key contractor to an applicant) makes an attempt to canvass any Board member/ employee/ official/ advisor of the NLC or the Minister to influence the award of the Licence, the relevant applicant may be disqualified.
- 8 Any attempt by a prospective applicant to communicate outside the medium of the VDR must be regarded as serious and may lead to disqualification. This does not apply to site visits initiated by the NLC.
- 9 Applicants may not make any media contact, issue press releases or distribute other promotional material and/or stage promotional events from 31 August 2023 up until the Minister announces the successful applicant.
- 10 The NLC/ the Board may disqualify prospective applicants who behave in a manner contrary to this communication protocol.
- 11 Applicants found to be in collusion with one another will automatically be disqualified and be prohibited from applying for a lottery licence in the future.
- 12 The NLC/ the Board may elect in its discretion not to respond to specific queries and does not have to provide reasons for a decision not to respond.