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Borehole drilling technical specification
Annex A: Borehole Drilling Technical Specifications and Guidelines

1. **Scope of works**

The work consists of drilling boreholes and installation with hand pumps for community water supply.

The work includes drilling boreholes, installation of casings and screens; provision of gravel packing; development of the boreholes; test pumping; obtaining rock and water samples; water quality analysis; platform casting and hand pump or electric submersible pump installation; as specified hereinafter and as directed by the Supervisor.

2. **Drilling site**

The Contractor shall drill the borehole(s) at the exact location(s) designated by the Employer or the Supervisor in consultation with the VEDC, DESB, or Nam Saat. Tracks required for access of drilling plant, gear, camp and accessories to the borehole site shall be made by the Contractor, and should as little as necessary interfere with existing fences and cultivated land.

3. **Environmental protection of the site**

Care must be taken in the handling and storage of all drilling fluids, oils greases and fuel on site, to avoid any environmental degradation. The Contractor shall dispose of any toxic materials, drilling fluids and other additives, cuttings and discharged water in a manner approved by the Supervisor so as not to create damage to public and private property, and shall adhere to the set of "Environmental Guidelines for Drilling and Test pumping Operations" issued to him by the Employer. The Contractor's adherence to these guidelines will be closely monitored by the Supervisor, and any infringement by the Contractor may render unacceptable the particular portion of the Works to which it applies. The Contractor shall ensure that its personnel are aware of these Environmental Guidelines and the consequences of not adhering to them.

4. **Workmanship**

The Contractor is expected to carry out all works as instructed by the Supervisor in a thorough and workman-like manner, and up to today's professional standards. The Contractor shall carry out operations with due efficiency and dispatch in accordance with the terms of the contract and to the satisfaction of the Supervisor. For this purpose, the Contractor shall use suitable equipment, and supply efficient and experienced staff.

5. **Equipment and materials**

All necessary machinery, equipment and materials to carry out the drilling, test pumping, headwork construction, etc. as specified are to be mobilized for the works. Test pumping equipment should be independent from the drilling rig(s). Prior to mobilization the Supervisor will verify the specifications and state of repair of all major items of plant and transport, and shall have the right to order the removal and/or replacement of any items which in his opinion is insufficient or in unsatisfactory condition. Acceptance by the Supervisor of the Contractor's proposed plant and transport does not, however, relieve the Contractor of his obligations under this Contract, in case such plant and transport accepted by the Supervisor fails to successfully complete the required Works.

All machinery, equipment and materials to carry out the said Works shall be handled, transported and stored in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations to minimize deterioration.

6. **Supervision of the works**

The execution of the Works is to be supervised by the Employer's appointed Supervisor.
7. **Borehole depth and diameter**

The Contractor shall drill to the total appropriate depth depending on the geological formation and to a diameter that shall allow minimum borehole nominal diameter bore of 4 inches (103mm) at the completion of the borehole, including casing installation. In any case the minimum drilled depth should be 45 meters and maximum 100 meters, on average 60 meters’ depth.

8. **Drilling method**

The Contractor may use any rotary drilling technique that he feels applicable to achieve the depth and diameter required, provided that the techniques used are those specified in his proposal or are approved by the Supervisor. The use of bentonite mud, lost circulation agents or any form of plugging material that may ultimately affect the production capacity of the water bearing strata intersected may be used in exceptionally cases. Any drilling fluid additives must be approved by the Supervisor, and must be of low solids, non-toxic degradable type.

9. **Sampling**

Cuttings (min. 100 grams) of the strata penetrated shall be collected on site at every 1-meter interval and when required by the Supervisor, by whatever method is standard for the drilling technique in use and approved by the Supervisor. The Contractor shall take every possible precaution to guard against cutting contamination cuttings are not to be washed. Representative samples from the cuttings shall be put into approved containers supplied by the Contractor, labelled in a manner approved by the Supervisor with the borehole location, number and depth interval, and stored in a position where they will not be contaminated by site conditions or drilling operations.

10. **Temporary casing**

Installation and diameter of any temporary casing required for the successful construction of the boreholes will be at the discretion of the Contractor provided that the completed borehole meets the specifications and design required under this Contract and is approved by the Supervisor. The cost for supply, installation and removal of temporary casing shall be entirely for the Contractor. The Contractor cannot claim any casing left in the borehole that is not retrievable, from the Employer.

11. **Water supply for drilling**

The Contractor shall make his own arrangements for obtaining, storing, transporting and pumping of water, required for drilling purposes and for use by the drilling crew at their campsite.

12. **Borehole design**

The final design of the borehole shall be confirmed by the Supervisor in consultation with the Contractor during the drilling process, or immediately after drilling is completed. The standard borehole design is given below:

**Type A - Screened borehole with artificial gravel pack**

1. Percussion, air rotary or mud rotary through alluvial or unconsolidated rocks, minimum final drilling diameter is 6"1/2 (165 mm). Final diameter of 8" (203 mm) is recommended.
2. A minimum annular space of 1"1/2 (38 mm) between casing and borehole walls is required for gravel pack installation. Annular space of 2" or even 3" is recommended.
3. Installation of screen or slotted casing with minimum inner diameter 4" (102 mm).
4. Installation of gravel pack at least 3 meters above the top of the first screen, topped with a one-meter clay seal, with backfilling material and cementation of the top 5 meters.

Boreholes should be drilled at least 6 meters below any water bearing layers or fractures to allow sufficient space for sump. As far as possible, boreholes shall be drilled into the underlying bedrock or, if the depth to the bedrock is too deep, drilling should stop in an impervious formation underlying the aquifer - a clay layer for example.

The bottom of the hole acts as a sedimentation sump and a support for the casing and screen. The sump shall be a bottom plain casing of at least 1.5-meter length - 3 meters recommended, with the same diameter as the screen, and with its underside sealed with a bottom plug (wooden or PVC).
13 Casing and screens

Aquifer zones shall be completely or partly lined with uPVC screen as approved by the Supervisor. The uPVC casings and screens to be supplied by the Contractor shall have a minimum wall thickness of 6mm for 5" NO casing. The Supervisor however reserves the right to vary these specifications and reject materials if found substandard. The permanent casing shall comply with DIN 8061 and DIN 8062 or (ISO 161/1) standards. The casings shall be minimum 102 mm nominal diameter and shall have a minimum thickness of 6 mm and tensile strength of at least 45MN/m². The PVC pipes shall be joined by threads and the joints shall be water tight.

Screens shall be of slotted uPVC, complying with DIN 4925: 1981 and IS 12818: 1995. Sections of the screen shall be provided in maximum 3m length and joined water tight by either flush threaded connections or by an appropriate method recommended by the screen manufacturer or an equivalent standard, so that the resulting joint shall be strong and have the same structural integrity as the casings and screens.

In particular cases the lower end of the screen should be completed with a sump of minimum 0.5m and maximum 2m length. The bottom end should be sealed with an uPVC bottom cap in case of Design A.

14 Verticity

All boreholes shall be vertical, shall be drilled and cased straight, and all casings/screens shall be set round, plumb and true to line. If required by the Supervisor, the Contractor will make a verticity test during and after drilling by approved methods and at his own expense to demonstrate that the departure from the vertical does not exceed 3mm per 1,000 mm between ground level and the bottom of the borehole. If this departure is exceeded, the Contractor shall make the necessary corrections to the approval of the Supervisor, without additional payment. If the error cannot be corrected, then drilling shall cease, and a new borehole shall be drilled at a position nearby, indicated by the Supervisor. The abandoned borehole shall be backfilled and/or capped by methods approved by the Supervisor. No payment will be made for the re-drilling, the sealing/backfilling of the abandoned borehole, or for moving to the new site. Any materials (i.e. casing, screens, gravel pack, cement, etc.) lost in the abandoned borehole will be the Contractors cost.

15 Gravel pack

Suitable gravel pack shall be supplied by the Contractor. Gravel pack should consist of washed, well-rounded particles of a uniform grading of between 2.5 and 4.0 mm, shall comprise 90% siliceous material and must contain no clay, shale, silt, fines, excessive amounts of calcareous material or crushed rock.

In terms of grain size, 90% of the gravel pack material shall conform to the grading specified by the Supervisor prior to the commencement of the Works. Prior to delivery, the Contractor shall subject samples of the gravel to a grain size analysis at the Contractors expense and the results submitted together with a sample of the gravel to the Supervisor for approval. The Supervisor shall approve the gravel before its installation.

Sufficient gravel pack shall be installed to cover completely the uppermost screen, including an additional 2m length (to allow for settling). Emplacement should be by means of a conductor pipe, and a good supply of water should be introduced with the gravel to prevent "bridging". The tremie (conductor) pipe should be raised gradually as the level of the gravel builds up. The gravel pack should be capped with a clay seal to prevent contamination. The annular space above this seal can be back-filled with inert drill cuttings up to 3 meters below the ground level.

16 Sanitary seal

To provide an effective seal against the entry of contaminants, the upper 3 meters of the annular space between the casing and the borehole wall shall be grouted using cement slurry of 1.85-2.15 kg cement/iter. Grout shall be injected into the annulus in a single operation so that a complete and continuous seal is achieved, by a method approved by the Supervisor, however, the top 0.4 meters of the annulus shall be left, ungrouted but temporarily back-filled with inert drill cuttings, to allow for
installation of the hand pump pedestal.

17. **Yield estimates during drilling**

Yield estimates shall be made during the course of drilling using a method agreed upon by the Contractor and Supervisor. Preferably the calibrated bucket or velocity-area method should be used. Average yields shall be read as directed by the Supervisor, and recorded in the Daily Record (ref. Clause 23 below).

18. **Development and cleaning of boreholes**

The Contractor shall develop and clean the boreholes upon completion of the drilling and installation of casing, screens, grouting and filter pack are installed, in order to remove native silts, clays, loose rock particles and drilling fluid residues deposited on the borehole wall during the drilling process, if organic drilling fluids are used; they shall be broken down chemically according to manufacturer’s recommendations before or during development. Cleaning may be carried out by airlift pumping, surging, backwashing or jetting, to the approval of the Supervisor. Clay desegregation by means of Sodium Hexametaphosphate (“Calgon”) treatment may, in some cases, also be called for by the Supervisor.

The minimum requirement is the “air-lift” method until the ground water runs clean and turbidity free, but in any case, for a minimum of 3 hours. If this condition is not achieved after 6 hours, air-lift will be carried out until the water becomes limpid (clear), but up to a maximum of 12 hours with any extra hours on top of 6 hours to be invoiced accordingly. Upon completion of development, any accumulation of material shall be removed from the bottom of the borehole by airlifting.

19. **Test pumping**

The Contractor shall perform test pumping to establish the performance and yield of the borehole, and shall provide a suitable, self-contained, mobile test pumping unit, approved by the Supervisor, for this purpose. The method for varying the discharge rate of the pumps will depend on the type of pump used, but the Contractor shall ensure the provision of a suitable means of achieving the range of constant flow rates specified by the Supervisor.

Test pumping will be undertaken in each productive borehole, as assessed by the Supervisor from the yields indicated during drilling. The minimum daily sustainable yield from each borehole must be at least 5000 litres per day.

In the case of boreholes with indicative yields of between 500 and 1500 liters per hour, the borehole will be tested at a constant discharge rate of 1000 liters per hour for a minimum period of three (3) hours or until the water level stabilizes.

In the case of boreholes with an indicative yield of greater than 1500 liters per hour, the boreholes will be tested in the manner of a step-test, with the initial step being at 1000 liters per hour. The duration of each step shall be 90 minutes, and a minimum of three steps of increasing discharge will be undertaken. The final step should lower the dynamic water level to approximately three meters above the level of the pump. Discharge for each step should be kept constant. On completion of the final step, the recovery of water level should be monitored by the Contractor until 95% recovery has been achieved, or until advised by the Supervisor. It is anticipated that the maximum testing and recovery time per borehole should not exceed 6 hours for hand pumps and 24 hours for motorized (electric) boreholes.

Discharge shall be measured by volumetric methods, or by means of some other approved calibrated measuring device. During the test pumping, the discharged water must be handled and disposed of in an appropriate manner to a point of overland drainage sufficiently far from the borehole to prevent recharge. This distance shall be at least 100 m from the borehole, but may be reduced with the approval of the Supervisor if the pumped aquifer is confined.

During all testing operations, once the flow rate has been determined and preliminary adjustments made, the measured discharge rate shall be maintained within 5% of the required rate for the duration of the test or test stage. Persistent fluctuations beyond this tolerance will require abort ion of the test.

When continuous pumping at a uniform rate is specified, failure of the pump operation for a period greater than one percent of the elapsed pumping time shall also require abortion of the test.

Any test which is aborted due to the reasons above shall be repeated, after full recovery of the water
level. No payment shall be made to the Contractor for aborted tests, nor for standing time during water level recovery after aborted tests.

20 **Borehole disinfection**

All boreholes shall be disinfected after completion. This can be achieved by placing a chlorine solution into the well so that a concentration of at least 50 mg/l (0.005%) of available chlorine exists in all parts of the well at static conditions. All borehole parts above the water level should be completely flushed with the solution. The solution shall remain in the well a minimum of 12 hours before pumping the well to waste.

21 **Water level observations**

The Contractor shall supply appropriate electric contact water level gauges, suitably calibrated such that measurements can be made to an accuracy of 5mm, for measuring water levels in the boreholes. Water levels shall be measured during test pumping at pre-determined intervals, dependent on the nature of the test. The frequency of measurement shall be specified in an agreed test pumping data form or as otherwise determined by the Supervisor. Well head arrangements shall permit these gauges to be inserted and passed freely. Any other method of measuring water levels will be subject to approval by the Supervisor.

The contractor should have on the site at least 2 electric gauges suitable for a maximum depth of 100 m. The devices should fit into the % -1" observation pipes and should permit direct, convenient and accurate reading of depth of static and dynamic water levels.

22 **Electrical conductivity measurements**

The Contractor shall provide an operational Electrical Conductivity meter, and shall take electrical conductivity readings of the discharge water during test pumping.

23 **Records and reporting**

The Contractor shall keep daily activity records for each borehole. The records shall contain the information as specified below. In addition, separate records should be supplied for each borehole upon completion.

**Daily Record**

- Site name
- Reference number of borehole
- GPS Co-ordinates of borehole (latitude /longitude)
- Date of reporting
- Names of foreman and drillers
- Method of drilling
  - Make, model, type and size of drilling rig
  - Diameter of hole, and depth of changes in diameter
- Depth of hole at start and end of shift or working day
  - Depth and size of casing at start and end of shift or working day
  - Description of strata drilled with depth of transitions encountered
- Depth at which water is struck
  - Yield of air lifted water, when drilling or developing with air in liters per second.
  - Time log showing rate of penetration in minutes per meter, type of bit, standby time due to breakdown.
  - Depth intervals at which formation samples are taken
  - Records of components and quantities used or added to the drilling fluid or air.
  - Water level at the start of each working day
  - Electrical conductivity measurements during test pumping
- Problems encountered during drilling
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Details of installations in the borehole (if any) Depth, size and description of well casing Depth, size and description of well screens Aquifer depth and SWL after completion of well

A copy of the Daily Record shall be made available daily to the Supervisor, and should include any other pertinent data as may be requested by the Supervisor.

i) **Borehole Completion Record**

   As per standard Borehole Completion Form. Detailed drillers geological log.

   Borehole design and installation details (as-built drawing)

ii) **Monthly Contract progress report**

   The contractor shall submit a monthly progress report detailing progress on the contract. The month report shall include the progress of projects successfully completed, problems accounted that are hindering progress and remedial recommendations to accelerate contract progress.

iii) **End of Contract Report.**

   The Contractor shall prepare an end of Contract report, which should address at the minimum the following issues;

   1. The selected sites
      
      *(Suitability, accessibility)*

   2. The drilling /test pumping methodologies
      
      *(Type of drilling, designs used, test-pumping methods)*

   3. Contract schedules and duration
      
      *(Summarised diary of events and actual durations)*

   4. Summary of results and analysis
      
      *(Table showing locations, well numbers, depths, casing type and depths, driller's and test pumping yields, water quality and any other information necessary)*

   5. Casing /screens received and used on the Contract (if any)
      
      *(Table showing casings received, used, damaged and balances)*

   6. Problems encountered
      
      *(With accessibility, formations, equipment and community, etc)*

   7. Suggestion for improvement
      
      *(On supervision, documentation, durations, etc)*

   8. Borehole Completion Records,
      
      *(Original Drilling and test pumping logs bound separately from the report)*

   9. Any other information that the Contractor may deem important or necessary

   Two copies of the **End of Contract Report** (one without the Borehole Completion Records) shall be submitted to the Supervisor.

24 **Water sampling and quality testing**

   The Contractor shall take water samples for testing the physico-chemical and bacteriological quality at the end of the test pumping. For this purpose the Contractor shall supply and keep on site a minimum of 4 suitable two-litre capacity water containers, and shall collect water samples as directed by the Supervisor. Samples shall be tested at a certified laboratory, and the test results shall form part of the monthly and **End of Contract Reports**.
25 **Capping of borehole**

During borehole construction, installation, development and test pumping, the contractor shall use all reasonable measures to prevent entry of foreign matter into the borehole. The Contractor shall be responsible for any objectionable materials that may fall into the borehole and any effect it may have on the water quality or quantity until completion of the Works and acceptance by the Supervisor.

26 **Acceptance of boreholes**

The borehole shall only be acceptable by the Supervisor upon satisfactory completion of all drilling operations, installation of casing and screens, development works, and test pumping.

If the borehole drilled is not working at the required capacity the supplier must drill a new borehole until the borehole is working to the satisfaction of the Supervisor.

27 **Loss of equipment**

Any equipment lost down a borehole must be removed by the Contractor or the borehole will be considered a lost bore. A replacement borehole will have to be constructed and test pumped at the Contractor’s expense. The Contractor shall be entitled to NO payment for such tools or equipment.

28 **Lost bore**

Should any incident to the plant, behaviour of the ground, jamming of the tools, or casing, or any other cause prevent the satisfactory completion of the borehole, a borehole shall be deemed to be lost and no payment shall be made for that bore or for any materials not recovered there from, nor for any time spent during drilling or while attempting to overcome problems.

In the event of a lost bore, the Contractor shall construct a borehole at a site indicated by the Supervisor. The option of declaring any bore lost shall rest with the Contractor, subject to the approval of the Supervisor.

A lost bore shall be treated as follows:

(a) The Contractor may salvage as much casing and screen from the lost borehole as possible, and may use it if not damaged in a replacement borehole, with the approval of the Supervisor.

(b) Any material supplied by the Employer and salvaged damaged shall become the property of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall compensate the Employer accordingly.

(c) The lost bore shall be backfilled with native soil from the bottom upward and 2 of the last 3 meters shall be sealed by concrete, cement grout, or neat cement, which shall be placed by a method approved by the Supervisor that will avoid segregation or dilution of material.

(d) The upper 1 meter of the lost bore shall be backfilled with native top soil. Sealing of such abandoned boreholes shall be done in such a manner as to avoid accidents or subsidence, and to prevent it from acting as a vertical conduit for transmitting contaminated surface or subsurface waters into the water bearing formations.

29 **Clearing the site**

On completion of each borehole the site shall be left clean and free from all debris, hydrocarbons and waste, and all pits filled to the satisfaction of the Supervisor. A site not delivered clean may render the borehole unacceptable. The borehole shall be numbered as specified by the Supervisor and the number marked on the casing with indelible ink or in such a way that the marking is permanent.

30 **Platform construction**

The Contractor shall construct a concrete platform for each successful borehole carrying out the following activities in order (see section 5 Layout and Drawing Designs):

(i) Excavate square pit 760x760x400mm deep around casing pipe.

(ii) Place stand assembly (pedestal) over casing pipe, ensuring third leg (corresponding to the water tank spout pipe position) faces the proposed direction of the drain.
Making sure the pedestal is vertical, construct concrete in layers of 100 mm up to top of legs.

Cover stand assembly with a cover plate and, level the ground around the pump pedestal.

Lay the mild steel shuttering (molds) and cast platform in mass concrete (mix 1:2:4/20mm aggregate) conforming to the dimensions and other specifications shown in drawing No. 1

Cure concrete for 3 days and protect it from evaporation (using gunny bags, thorny bushes, etc).

Plaster platform and drain in cement screed (mix 1:3) to a smooth finish, then engrave the borehole details provided by the Supervisor on the platform as instructed.

31. **Hand or Electric pump installation**

The Contractor shall install Afridev hand pumps supplied by Coffey or install other pumps and equipment provided by Coffey as the case may be, as spelled out in the drawings and Bill of Quantities in the main contract.

At school sites with electricity supply available the Contractor shall supply and install Lucky Pro submersible pumps as shown on the Drawings and in the Bill of Quantities or install other pumps and equipment items provided by Coffey as the case may be, as spelled out in out in the Drawings and Bill of Quantities the main contract. All electrical wiring, equipment, installations and workmanship must be safe and comply with all the relevant electrical standards and codes of practice in Lao PDR.

32. **Personnel**

a) The Contractor will provide an experienced project Coordinator to oversee the drilling and testing to be carried out under this Contract. The name and work resume of the project Coordination will be included in the tender.

b) The Contractor will maintain a full crew on each drilling unit and test pump unit. If a member of crew quits for personal reasons or must leave because of illness or injury, the Contractor will replace him as soon as possible with a worker of similar experience.

c) If the Client is dissatisfied with the performance of members of the crew, such members shall be informed of their shortcomings and warned by the contractor. If no change results within a reasonable period, the Contractor will be notified and requested to take necessary measures on the unsatisfactory crewmember.

d) If the Client wishes to operate drilling equipment more than one shift per day, the Contractor shall increase the size of the drilling crew as required. However, in the percussion drilling, the rig will be operated for a maximum of 20 hours a day.

e) In the case of absence of one or more members of the drilling crew the decision of whether to proceed with drilling operations will be at the discretion of the Engineering Supervisor.

**Environmental guidelines and code of conduct**

Groundwater exploration and development work should be conducted in an environmentally and socially sensitive and responsible manner. These guidelines are intended to ensure that all parties are aware of the potential impacts of their activities, and carry out the work in an appropriate way.

These guidelines are a written statement of intent for Contractors to adhere to, and to which recourse can be made in the event of a perceived undesirable impact. Contractors are required to familiarize all employees with the content and spirit of these guidelines. This document will also be made available to relevant Lao PDR authorities for their use in similar work.

1. **Camps**

If and where field camps are needed, their construction and removal should be carried out along the following lines:

   Permission for camp areas must be obtained in writing from the relevant local authorities.
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Suitable latrines and other sanitary arrangements at the camps and sites where work is in progress should be availed to the crew.

Access roads and the camp area should be sited to cause minimum disturbance. No trees should be cut down, the use of firewood must be restricted to dead wood only and should not conflict with the needs of the residents of the area.

No permanent structures should be built at the camp.

The camp should be removed; the site cleared and cleaned free of all debris, waste and hydrocarbons at end of the Contract and local authorities should be shown the cleared site.

- All rubbish (except for oils and other mechanical or chemical waste) should be buried or removed.
- Waste oils, chemical and mechanical waste should be stored and removed to Government/Municipal designated dumping sites or recycling plants.

2. Human Relations

People, water, land and livestock must be respected.

- Access routes should not normally transgress gardens. But if found necessary, permission to enter the gardens must be sought from the owner. Work should be done with minimal damage to fences, trees or crops.
- All conflicts/disagreements and any agreements (use of water supply etc.) no matter how trivial, must be logged and dated, with details of persons involved and subject matter, in a book for this purpose at the base camp.

3. Drilling Sites

- Each drilling site should be completely cleared of all waste after use. Drilling waste (chippings and mud) should be buried. Rubbish, waste oil and chemicals should be returned to the main camp for disposal as outlined in one (1) above.
- No spillage of oils or fuels should occur.
- On completion of each borehole the site must be left clean and free from all debris, hydrocarbons and waste, and all pits filled to the satisfaction of the Supervisor.

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