

Department of Contracts
Notre Dame Ravelin
Floriana

To Ministries and
Heads of Department

09 December 2008

Rectangular Precast Hollow Concrete Blocks

1. Ministries, Heads of Department and Accounting Officers are hereby informed that the contract for the supply and delivery to Government Departments and Parastatal Bodies of Rectangular Precast Hollow Concrete Blocks in the sizes, grades and prices shown hereunder, as and when required has been awarded to:

Blokrete Ltd
Mosta Road
Lija BZN 09

Tel: 21433953
VAT No.: 1009-5807

Item 1 – Grade A, Double 230mm thick at €1.08,5 each;
Item 2 – Grade B, Single 230mm thick at €1.02,5 each;
Grade B, Single 150mm thick at €0.90,5 each;
Item 3 – Grade C, Single 115mm thick at €0.89c5 each;

2. Prices are inclusive of all charges and taxes, including VAT at 18%.
3. Payments can be made direct to contractor.
4. User Departments are to ensure that the blocks supplied to them are of the same quality as per certificates accompanying the tender. Certificates can be viewed at the Contracts Department.
5. This contract shall run from the 02 January 2009 up to the 31 December 2009.
6. The Specifications and Conditions regulating this contract are attached. User departments are to ensure that these conditions are strictly adhered to especially Clause 6.
7. This contract is also governed by the usual 'General Conditions for Supply of Goods and Materials under a Running Period Contract.'

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Director General (Contracts)

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**SPECIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PRECAST
RECTANGULAR HOLLOW CONCRETE BLOCKS**

1. Scope of Contract

This contract provides for the supply and delivery inclusive of Value Added Tax, Customs Import Duty, ECO Contribution (if any) and other charges as applicable to Government Departments and Parastatal Bodies in Malta only, as and when required, of Rectangular Precast Hollow Concrete Blocks as described in the attached schedule. Supply shall be made in accordance with the attached General Conditions of Contract for the Supply of Goods and Materials under a running (Period) contract insofar as these are not inconsistent with these specifications and special conditions.

2. Period of completion

This contract shall run from 02 January 2009 and terminates on 31 December 2009. However the Government reserves the right to extend the contract for a further period of two (2) calendar months after the due termination date.

3. Quantities

Notwithstanding any other clauses regarding quantities in the attached General Conditions, the quantities shown on the schedule are only indicative. However, Government reserves the right not to order any of the quantities shown against each item and the Government would not by doing so be held liable to any damages or other costs whatsoever. Moreover the successful contractor shall be bound to continue supplying up to the end of the contract period should the amount indicated be exceeded.

4. Certificates

With their offers, tenderers are to provide:

- a) An authentic test certificate/s from an independent laboratory showing that the material being offered complies to the specifications indicated in clause 7. The testing and date of such certificate should not be older than 6 months from the closing date of the tender.
- b) Tenderers offering material with non-British standard, have to furnish 2 copies in English of the relative standard to which the material offered is manufactured and also the test certificate/s requested in 4a.
- c) Failure to comply with conditions (a) and (b) above before the closing date and time fixed for the submission of the tender will invalidate the tender.

5. Samples

After the award of the contract, the Head of Department or his representative reserves the right to take as many samples and make any tests of any material that are deemed necessary on the materials being supplied. The expense involved in sampling and tests of any material that does not reach the minimum standards specified in Clause 7 will be charged to the supplier.

6. Deliveries

a. A supply shall be made on receipt of a Requisition or Order from the Head of Department concerned or his representative and the material delivered within the time specified which at no time shall be less than 24 (twenty four) hours unless otherwise agreed to by the supplier. Government will not accept liability for verbal orders and will not meet claims for any value thereof even though the material may have been supplied and made use of by the Department concerned.

b. The Head of Department shall have the power to reject any consignment or part thereof, should it not be to his satisfaction or should the material not be in accordance with the specifications issued for the award of this contract.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

a. Binders

The binder used for the manufacture of blocks shall be ordinary Portland cement complying to B.S. 12 or the equivalent European standard.

b. Aggregates

The blocks shall be made of 10mm aggregate and sand complying to B.S. 882 : 1983 or the equivalent European standard.

c. Materials

All blocks supplied shall not be delivered to site before the required strength is achieved.

d. Sizes

The blocks shall be made to the following dimensions:

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| Length | - | 460 mm |
| Height | - | 260mm |
| Thickness | - | 63, 115, 150 and 230 mm |

e. Dimensional Deviations

Blocks of thickness 75mm or greater shall be tested for dimensional deviations in accordance with Appendix A of BS 6073:Part 1:1981 or the equivalent European standard. The maximum dimensional deviations for blocks shall be as follows:

| Dimensions | Maximum dimensional deviation for blocks |
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| Length | + 3mm - 5mm |
| Height | + 3mm - 5mm |
| Thickness | + 2mm - 2mm |
| | Average |
| | + 4mm - 4mm at any individual point |

f. End and Bedding Surfaces

The faces and ends of hollow blocks shall be perpendicular to each other within the dimensional deviations specified in clause 7e.

g. Compressive strength.

Blocks of thickness 75mm or greater shall be tested for compression strength in accordance with Appendix B of B.S. 6073:Part 1: 1981 or the equivalent European standard, but in exception to following conditions which must be satisfied:

i) The average compressive strength of 10 blocks (of each type) shall not be less than:

8 N/mm² for Type A

7 N/mm² for Type B1 and Type B2 (all values based on the gross area of the blocks)

5 N/mm² for Type C

ii) The corresponding lowest crushing strength of any individual block shall be not less than 80% of the minimum permissible average crushing strength given in (i).

h. Transverse strength

Blocks of thickness less than 75mm (Type D) shall be tested for transverse strength in accordance with Appendix C of BS 6073:Pt:1:1981 or the equivalent European standard. For compliance with this part, the average transverse strength of five blocks shall be not less than 0.65N/mm².