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Clr P. Lotriet  
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**Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality**

Dear Councillor Lotriet

**RESPONSE TO RULE 38 QUESTION. RENOVATION OF ARTHUR NATHAN SWIMMING POOL.**

Your letter dated 19 May 2022, with regard to the above-mentioned matter refers

**Question 1:**

**Has any further consideration been given to the renovation of the swimming pool?**

Response: Yes.

**If no, what would be the main reason? If the answer is yes, will you please elaborate on the following:**

**Question 1(a):**

**Has any consulting work on behalf of the Metro commenced on the nature and scope of the restoration? If yes, what were their findings? Is there a report from the consultants available? If so, can this report be made available to the public?**

Response: Yes. Consultants were appointed and have compiled a set of bid documents for the renovation.

**Question 2:**

**Who were the consultants appointed by the Metro?**

Response: Nala Consulting and Boitseanape Quantity Surveyors.

**How much was spent to date on the consultancy work?**

Response: To date, a total of R 7 994 504.10 has been spent on the professional fees during the course of the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years (Boitseanape: R 3 172 785.79 and Nala Consulting: R 4 821 718.31).

**Question 2(a):**

**How (from which budget) was this expense funded?**

Response: USDG.

**Were there sufficient funds available to pay the consultants?**

Yes.

**Have the consultants been paid fully?**

Response: The consultants have been paid for the stages of the work completed so far.

**If so, when?**

Response: Payment was made at the end of each stage.

**Question 2(b):**

**Has a final decision been made on the nature and scope of the renovations?**

Response: Yes.

**If yes, what are they? Will you make this public?**

Response: A presentation by the consultants can be arranged for this purpose.

**Question 2(c):**

**What is the estimated cost for the renovation project?**

Response: R58.1M

**Question 2(d):**

**Has this project been placed out on tender?**

Response: Yes.

**If yes, when was this done?**

Response: 15 October 2021.

**Have you received any tenders?**

Response: Yes.

**Have you awarded a tender (s).**

**No. If yes, to what amount? To whom was the tender awarded?**

Response: Not applicable.

**Question 2(e):**

**How is Mangaung going to pay for this expense?**

Response: The project is to be funded from USDG.

**Are we going to have to borrow money for this project?**

Response: No.

**If yes, from who, and have you already acquired these funds?**

Response: Not applicable.

**Question 2 (f):**

**If this project is to be financed from a national grant, which grant will be used?**

Response: USDG.

**Is this grant project specific?**

Response: Yes.

**Is the money ringfenced?**

Response: Enquiries will be at Finance to made to establish same.

**Question 2 (g):**

**When will this project officially commence and when will it end?**

Response: Construction will commence after the appointment of the contractor, signing of contract documents, and site hand-over. The bids have been adjudicated through the SCM process and we are currently awaiting the appointment of the successful bidder. The construction is expected to be completed 12 months after commencement.

**Is there a timeline of the completion of different phases available to the public?**

Response: The appointed contractor will be expected compile a construction programme.

**Question 2 (h):**

**Has a contract been signed between the Metro and the successful bidder?**

Response: No.

**If so, when was this done and is this contract available for pursual by the public?**

Response: Not applicable.

**Question 2 (i):**

**Do the renovations planned have the official approval of Free State Heritage Foundation?**

Response: Yes.

**Question 2 (j):**

**The swimming pool was built in yards. International swimming standards are measured in metres. Will you consult with SA Swimming on the modern specifications pertaining to requirements to which the pool must comply?**

Response: Final specifications (for the length of the pool) were considered, and it was deemed to be unfeasible to extend the pool due to site constraints and costs. This pool will only be used for training and recreational purposes. The Stadium swimming Pool caters for official swimming events.

**Question 2 (k):**

**Which Department will be responsible for this project?**

Response: Planning.

Yours faithfully



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**Acting City Manager**

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