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## **Closed Full Ocean Depth / Hadal Rated Benthic Chamber Lander**

APUC Limited on behalf of Scottish Association for Marine Science

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04cf0d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

APUC Limited on behalf of Scottish Association for Marine Science

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Stirling

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10402](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10402)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Closed Full Ocean Depth / Hadal Rated Benthic Chamber Lander

Reference number

CS-SAMS-35433

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 34930000 - Marine equipment

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The equipment will set out to explore the prevalence of dark oxygen production at the deep seafloor. To do this, we will require benthic chamber lander platforms that can measure seafloor oxygen fluxes. This types of lander platform required is where the benthic chamber remains closed during the deployment. The benthic chamber lander requires three chambers, including stirrers and syringe samplers, with all components rated to 12,000m.

It is well known within the industry (deep-sea biogeochemistry) that this niche closed benthic chamber lander platform can only be supplied by K.U.M. Kiel GmbH.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: 952,224 EUR

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 34930000 - Marine equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

CS-SAMS-35433

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 January 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

K.U.M. Kiel GmbH

Wischhofstr. 1-3, Bldg 15-16

Kiel

24148

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DEF02 - Kiel, Kreisfreie Stadt

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 952,224 EUR

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=787475](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=787475).

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Oban Sherrif Court

Oban

Country

United Kingdom