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## **Supply of 'Green' Steel Rail Trial**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03f580

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

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

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Buyer's address

[www.networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk](http://www.networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk)

**I.6) Main activity**

Railway services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Supply of 'Green' Steel Rail Trial

Reference number

36709

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 34946000 - Railway-track construction materials and supplies

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

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

Trial supply of one trainload of steel rail manufactured using Electric Arc Furnace (Green Steel)

#### **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: £826,098.17

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Delivery shall be made to the Long-Welded Rail Depot at Eastleigh, UK.

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

The provision of a one-off trial supply of R260 (60E2 profile) steel rails, produced using Electric Arc Furnace (Green Steel), for the purpose of research and development

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Form of Tender and Compliance Statements / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Price - Weighting: 100

#### **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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The contract involved is purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development under the conditions stated in the directive
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Primarily Regulation 50 (1) (b) where a contract is purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development and not for the purpose of securing a profit or of recovering research and development costs, and insofar as the award of such contract does not prejudice the competitive award of subsequent contracts which do seek, in particular, those ends. The award of this contract meets this criteria because in order for the contracting authority to meet its intended carbon reduction requirements, it needs to understand the technical differences between EAF and non-EAF steel particularly from a welding perspective. The contracting authority also needs to validate a viable logistics supply chain to our welding plant at Eastleigh. The contracting authority requires this green steel rail to demonstrate if fully 'green' track renewals can be a viable option in the future. The goods are being supplied at cost.

Secondarily Regulation 50 (1) (c) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for the following reason—

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons - detailed market engagement carried out in the context of Network Rail's overall steel sourcing strategy has confirmed that Saarlöhle is the only manufacturer currently supplying "green" steel in Europe that has been manufactured using an electric arc furnace.

Future supplies of steel rail both EAF and non-EAF will be secured under advertised competitive tender where possible.

#### 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**

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### **Title**

'Green' Steel Rail Trial

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 August 2023

#### **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**

Saarstahl Rail SAS

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NUTS code

- FR - France

National registration number

08391575354

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: £826,098.17

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court

7 Rolls Building, Fetter Lane

London

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#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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