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## **708511450-PEDT/0041 Purchase of Katalco 51-8**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

708511450-PEDT/0041 Purchase of Katalco 51-8

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35512000 - Submarines

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Katalco 51-8 is used to support the Gas Management Plants (GMPs) and the Combined Oxygen Generating Systems (COGs) fitted to Royal Navy (RN) Submarines.

Both systems are Life preserving equipment's that have safety implications and are essential to maintaining life during operations.

Katalco 51-8 is required to Set to Work (STW), test and maintain this equipment.

#### **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: £1,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

Price

#### **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:

The Secretary of State for Defence (the “Authority”) intends to enter into a supply Contract (the “Contract”) with Critical Maritime Systems & Support Ltd (the Contractor) estimated to take effect on and from 30/11/2023 for a one-off purchase of 6 tonnes of Catalyst support of Gas Management Plants and the Combined Oxygen Generating Systems fitted to Royal Navy Submarines. The Contract has an estimated value of £1M (inc VAT).

In accordance with regulation 4 of The Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/697) this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 as amended (in particular by SI 2019/697 and SI 2020/1450). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the DSPCR 2011 for technical/exclusive rights reasons. It is confirmed by the supplier of the supplies, Johnson Matthey that they will only supply to the Contractor, and that therefore, competition is absent.

The Catalyst buy is required to support the current in-service equipment. This Catalyst is the only one available with the proven interoperability with the equipment and can be procured directly off the shelf from the manufacturer. It has been used for 30+ years to support Air Purification equipment. Johnson Matthey is the only supplier of the Catalyst that is tried and tested to support the Gas Management Plants and the Combined Oxygen Generating Systems fitted to Royal Navy Submarines for which the Contractor is the OEM. Both systems are Life preserving equipment's that have safety implications and are essential to maintaining life during operations.

The Contractor is the only economic operator who is able to procure this item via Johnson Matthey for use with the equipment. They have provided this for many years directly for use on in-service equipment, however the quantity required to continue support cannot be procured without a standalone Contract.

There are no other identified companies that could fulfil the supply, without unacceptably increasing the risk of the probability of single failure and impacting whole boat safety. In order to maintain the safety of the platform and personnel the Contract with Critical Maritime Systems & Support Ltd is essential.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

#### **Contract No**

708511450-PEDT/0041

#### **Title**

Purchase of Katalco 51-8

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

1 November 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**

Critical Maritime Systems & Support Ltd

Dolphin House, Williams Road,

Portsmouth,

PO3 5FP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

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: £1,000,000

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

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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