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**United Kingdom-Bristol: Armoured military vehicles  
2020/S 008-015192**

**Voluntary ex ante transparency notice**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2009/81/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Official name: Ministry of Defence, Land Equipment, Other

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Town: Bristol

NUTS code: 00

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

**I.5) Main activity**

Defence

**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title:**

Gen 3 HydroGas Project

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

35410000

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description:**

The Land Equipment Vehicle Support Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence intends to place a contract with Horstman Defence Systems Limited ("the Contractor") for the repair and conversion of 60 LH & 60 RH Hydrogas Suspension Units ("Units") used in connection with the Challenger II platform to Generation III build standard.

**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: 2 000 000.00 GBP

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

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

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: 00

Main site or place of performance:

Not specified / Other

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

The Land Equipment Vehicle Support Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence intends to place a contract with Horstman Defence Systems Limited ("the Contractor") for the repair and conversion of 60 LH and 60 RH Hydrogas Suspension Units ("Units") used in connection with the Challenger II platform to Generation III build standard.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criterion: Criterion 1 10

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

II.2.14) **Additional information**

**Section IV: Procedure**

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The Land Equipment Vehicle Support Team, part of the UK Ministry of Defence intends to place a contract with Horstman Defence Systems Limited ("the Contractor") for the repair and conversion of 60 LH and 60 RH Hydrogas Suspension Units ("Units") used in connection with the Challenger II platform to Generation III build standard. It is considered that this Contract can be placed using the Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication of a contract notice pursuant to Article 28(1)(e) of Directive 2009/81/EC (Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011) for technical reasons. This is because only the Contractor, as the Original Equipment Manufacturer for the Units has access to the technical specifications, design and technical information, expertise, knowledge and know-how necessary to repair and convert the Units to Generation III build standard and, as the Units are safety critical to the operation of the platform, the Units must be repaired and converted in accordance with the relevant technical specifications in order to meet operational safety requirements.

IV.1.3) **Information about framework agreement**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

**Section V: Award of contract/concession**

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

**V.2.1) Date of contract award decision:**  
01/01/2020

**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**

Official name: Horstman Defence Systems Limited

Town: Bath

NUTS code: 00

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [information@horstmangroup.com](mailto:information@horstmangroup.com)

Telephone: +44 1225423111

The contractor/concessionaire will be an SME: yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 2 000 000.00 GBP

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

**VI.3) Additional information:**

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

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**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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

**VI.4.3) Review procedure**

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

**VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:**

08/01/2020