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Project Name: Regional Project for the Improvement of the Performance of the Douala–Ndjamena Rail/Road Corridor (PCDN)

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Assignment Title: External Engineering Supervision for the Monitoring of the Supply of Reinforced Concrete Twin-Block Sleepers and Railway Ballast

Reference No.: CM-CAMRAIL-439553-CS-QCBS (as per the Procurement Plan): Plan approved on 14 November 2025

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

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1. The Government of the Republic of Cameroon has received financing from the World Bank to support the cost of the Regional Project for the Improvement of the Performance of the Douala–Ndjamena Rail/Road Corridor (PCDN). CAMRAIL, Concessionaire of Cameroon Railways and Implementing Agency of the rail component, intends to apply part of the proceeds to consulting services.

2. The consulting services (“the Services”) concern the supervision and control of the execution of the following supply contracts:

- **Supply of reinforced concrete twin-block sleepers with elastic fastening systems (including rubber pads, screws, shoulders, Nabla clips, and trapezoidal stops);**
- **Supply of 25/50 mm railway ballast.**

The Consultant is expected to bring the necessary technical expertise in the field of quarry aggregate production and the manufacture of reinforced concrete twin-block sleepers to ensure that the normative, environmental, social, health and safety, and GBV/SEA-related requirements set out in the bidding documents are strictly observed.

Specifically, the Consultant will be responsible for:

- **Stage 1:** Project launch and engineering.
- **Stage 2:** Verification of calibration of testing and measurement equipment, on-site production testing, and acceptance.
- **Stage 3:** Inspection and control of supplies during unloading at stations in Cameroon.
- **Stage 4:** Monitoring of unloading, storage, and acceptance of supplies on-site in Cameroon.

The Consultant’s assignment will have a maximum duration of forty-six (46) months starting from the second half of 2026 and will require an estimated level of effort of approximately 58.3 person-months for key personnel. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this Request for Expressions of Interest.

3. CAMRAIL now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants must provide

information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are as follows

- Be a consulting firm in the field of Civil Engineering with a minimum of five (05) years’ experience in the supervision of aggregate and/or concrete product manufacturing.
- Have provided, within the last five (05) years:
 - At least two (02) supervision assignments for concrete product supply contracts; and
 - At least two (02) assignments for quarry aggregate production.
- Have references in the supervision of supply contracts in Sub-Saharan Africa, particularly concerning environmental and regulatory aspects.

Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

4. Interested Consultants are reminded of the provisions of Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers,” Seventh Edition, September 2025, which outline the Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Furthermore, in the interest of fairness and transparency, Consultants and their affiliated service providers competing for a consulting assignment must not derive a competitive advantage from past consulting services related to this assignment. To this end, CAMRAIL, as the implementing agency of the rail component, will provide all shortlisted Consultants with any relevant information concurrently with the Request for Proposals.

5. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but must clearly state whether the association is in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all members shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Investment Project**

Financing (IPF) Seventh Edition, September 2025, Section VII, paragraph 7.3.

7. Further information can be obtained at the address below from Monday to Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (local time)

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8. Expressions of interest, written in French, must be submitted in four (04) printed copies, including one (01) original and three (03) copies clearly marked as such. Submissions must be delivered to the above address no later than **Wednesday, 03 December 2025 at 9:00 GMT (10:00 a.m. local time)** and clearly marked:

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Where applicable, submissions may also be sent electronically to cm004-infos.pq2@camrail.net

Please note: The original submission deadline of Tuesday, 18 November 2025 has been extended to Wednesday, 03 December 2025.

Done in Douala, on _____

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR