Dear Sir/Madam,

The Government of Uzbekistan wishes to attract a qualified private operator to finance, construct, equip, operate and deliver radiotherapy services in four regions of Uzbekistan under a long-term public-private partnership (PPP) agreement (the "Project"). Their objective is to increase access to quality radiotherapy care and to attract private sector investment and expertise. The Project is of high priority for the Government, as part of its strategy to improve the quality of public healthcare for oncology patients in all regions of the country.

International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, was appointed as the Lead Transaction Advisor to assist with the preparation and structuring of the PPP Project and with selecting a private partner through a competitive tender process in line with the Uzbekistan PPP Law. IFC, together with the team of Project's specialized technical and legal consultants, the Ministries of Health and Finance and the PPP Development Agency, are currently determining the market interest in the transaction. Following the Project structuring, the Government intends to launch a tender.

The Project has been approved by the Government to proceed to tender and the invitation to Expressions of Interest (EOI) has been published.

We would appreciate if you share below information with parties who might be interested:

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan ("GoU"), through the Ministry of Health ("MOH") and the Ministry of Finance ("MOF"), plans to undertake a Public Private Partnership ("PPP") project for the construction, supply and installation of equipment, capital financing, operation (medical and non-medical services) and maintenance of four outpatient radiotherapy centers in four regions of the Republic of Uzbekistan, covering an estimated minimum of 90,000 radiotherapy fractions per year (the "Project"). The concept of the Project was approved by the GoU on January 24, 2022.

To assist with the selection of a private partner through a competitive tender process, the GoU retained the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, as its lead advisor. Specialized consultants for the Project are Rebel Group (Netherlands), Pinsent Masons (UK) and Kosta Legal (Uzbekistan).

GoU hereby invites all interested parties with experience in radiotherapy care to submit a preliminary and non-committal indication of potential interest in the Project using below contact details by end of Friday, 18th of February 2022. The formal prequalification process is expected to be launched in March 2022.

Following launch of the Project and pursuant to an international transparent tender process, the GoU will select a winning bidder and sign a long-term PPP Agreement (minimum term is 12 years). The tender is expected to be conducted in two stages, in line with the PPP Law of Uzbekistan. In the first stage, private companies will be required to submit prequalification applications. In the second stage, prequalified companies will submit technical and financial proposals.

To indicate your organisation's potential interest in the Project and for further information please send an enquiry to the below email addresses by 18th February 2022. Interested parties are welcome to submit, on a voluntary basis, a brief company information or a company presentation in either English, Russian or Uzbek languages. Please submit your interest to the following email: <u>UZradiotherapy@ifc.org</u>. Tel.: + 7-701 -220-8299, + 998-78 120 24 45,

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