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Direzione degli Armamenti Terrestri – Land Armaments Directorate (DAT)

Ministry of Defense of the Italian Republic

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Ministry of Defense of the Italian Republic

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Subject:

Letter of Mandate for Procurement of Combat Clothing.

Respected Major General,

In accordance with the Implementing Arrangement between the Ministry of Defense of Montenegro (MNE MOD) and the Ministry of Defense of the Italian Republic (ITA MOD) in force since 11. December 2023, we hereby authorize the Direzione degli Armamenti Terrestri – Land Armaments Directorate (DAT) to proceed with the procurement of Combat Clothing for the Armed Forces of Montenegro. This mandate is issued according to the provisions outlined in Article 2.1 of our Arrangement.

The procurement includes tactical jackets, trousers, boots, gloves, and other equipment, complied to the technical specifications for material composition, durability, and environmental adaptability as stated in Annex 1 and estimated quantities as stated in Annex 2. It is imperative that the Combat Clothing is made in "multicam" camouflage colors, what is minimum of compatibility with our existing military equipment colors and suitable for a variety of terrains and climates.

We emphasize the importance of a comprehensive logistic support plan, which should include detailed strategies for packaging, transportation, handling, and any necessary storage of equipment. A contingency plan for any potential delays or disruptions in supply chains is also expected to be part of the logistic plan.

Regarding financial aspects, the value of this mandate is estimated at € 6.2 million, comprehensive of the admin costs. The contract should clearly outline payment terms, including any installment plans, advance payments, or post-delivery settlements. We also expect the inclusion of appropriate financial safeguards or guarantees to ensure contract fulfillment.

The delivery of the Combat Clothing should be executed over a specified period, with the first delivery expected by a predetermined date. The exact quantities of each item and a detailed delivery schedule will be finalized in the forthcoming contract, after the price validation procedure by DAT, aligning delivery milestones with payment schedules.

In compliance with Article 2.3 of the Implementing Arrangement, we would appreciate if you could provide us with a draft contract before finalization in order to ensure alignment with this mandate. MNE MOD reserves the right to communicate any discrepancies or concerns immediately.

As per Article 4.4, funding for this procurement is assured by MNE MOD, according to the outlined financial provisions. Additionally, in line with Article 6.1, we will ensure that the delivered Combat Clothing is exempt from taxes, levies, or VAT in Montenegro.

This procurement is a crucial step in enhancing the operational readiness of the Montenegro Armed Forces, and we anticipate a successful partnership with DAT in this critical endeavor. For this reason we authorize DAT to anticipate the Call for Payments for the estimated celling amount, considering the provisions of article 4.7 regarding unspent financial resources.

We appreciate your attention to this mandate and look forward to the implementation of this important procurement process.

Respectfully,

Colonel-Vladan Martic, PhD

Director General for Logistics

Italian Dismounted Soldier Clothing System

R. ITEMS PRICE TAB

A. ITEM	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TOTAL QUANTITY NR.
1	T-SHIRT S/S FR	
2	BOXER FR	*
3	T-SHIRT S/S INSERT	5.775
4	BOXER	5.775
5	T-SHIRT LONG SLEEVE FR	5 *
6	LONG UNDERPANTS FR	##X
7	T-SHIRT LONG SLEEVE	5.775
8	LONG UNDERPANTS	5.775
9	BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM IR	3.850
10	BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM FR	7 × ×
11	COMBAT SHIRT FR	
12	COMBAT SHIRT	3.850
13	FLEECE	3.850
14	PADDED JACKET	1.925
15	SOFT SHELL JACKET	1.925
16	HARD SHELL JACKET FR	A pp ji
17	HARD SHELL PANTS FR	=
18	HARD SHELL JACKET	1.925
19	HARD SHELL PANTS	1.925
20	ECW JACKET	1.925
21	ECW PANTS	1.925
22	RIP-STOP NY/CO HAT	1.925
23	CAP	1.925
24	SUMMER COMBAT BOOTS	1.925
25	WINTER COMBAT BOOTS GTX	1.925
26	INSIGNIA	48.125

^{*}subject to price conformity verification to be finalized by Italian DAT (Land Armaments Directorate)