GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Republic of Mozambique
Fund for African Private Sector Assistance (FAPA)

Nacala Corridor Business Linkages Technical Assistance Project

1. **The Republic of Mozambique** has applied for a grant from the African Development Bank's Fund for African Private Sector Assistance to finance the Mozambique: Nacala Corridor Business Linkages Technical Assistance Project. Disbursement in respect of any contract signed will be subject to approval of the financing by the Bank.

2. The overall goal of the Technical Assistance (TA) project is to complement the AfDB funded Nacala Rail and Port Project in order to support inclusive growth along the Nacala Corridor in Mozambique. The main goal of the TA project is to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of local businesses in the Nacala Corridor for accelerated economic and social growth. The specific objectives are: (i) to strengthen the business management skills, industry knowledge and know-how of selected Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the construction industry to enable them take advantage of business opportunities provided by the Nacala rail and port project and other investments and (ii) to provide institutional capacity building, knowledge, expertise and tools to SME support institutions to enable them continue supporting SMEs in construction industry at the end of the TA.

3. The project includes the following interventions and activities:

   - **Scoping and Initial Assessment**: The objective is to undertake initial assessment work that will provide a basis for the design of the proposed TA interventions. This will include the identification of partner companies in the business linkages’ program, identification of SMEs to be supported, identification and training of the stakeholders, including BDS providers and the training and selection of the qualifying SMEs that will be the ultimate beneficiaries.

   - **Capacity Building: (Business Diagnosis, Improvement Plan and Networking)** – The objective is to strengthen the business management and technical skills of the SMEs through a number of activities including training, coaching, mentorship etc. The activities are aimed at helping SMEs attain competencies required to satisfy requirements and standards of larger partner companies in the construction sector under a business linkages programme. Apart from the training and mentorship, the intervention will include networking sessions with partner companies, financial institutions and other ecosystem stakeholders.

   - **Project Management, Co-ordination and Institutional Building**: The aim is (i) to build capacities of selected SME institutions to support the business linkages model and program; and (ii) build strong networks and platforms for continuous dialogue with the government, banks, insurance, tax administration, training institutions and the large private sector operators on various aspects that will further business growth in the ecosystem of the corridor.

4. Procurement under the project will include: Services of a consulting firm to support project implementation, individual consultants to support the project management unit under the project, audit services to be provided by an audit firm; monitoring and evaluation services to be provided by an individual consultant and; office equipment and software. The Centro de Promocao de Investimentos (CPI) will be responsible for project coordination and monitoring.

6. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should indicate their interest, by contacting:

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