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Decision on awarding of the public contract number 06-2011 for purchase of the Pilot scale bioreactor

The Public contract number 06-2011 for purchase of the Pilot scale bioreactor published in Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia on 4 February 2011 (no. JN1107/2011) was awarded to bidder Sartorius Stedim System GmbH, Schwarzenberger Weg 73-79, D-34212 Melsungen, Germany. The company Sartorius Stedim System GmbH offered a pilot scale bioreactor BIOSTAT® Dplus 150L. The price of the system was 167.000,00 EUR without value added tax.

Three bidders have submitted a tender for the contract by open procedure for the purchase of a pilot scale bioreactor. Three offers arrived in time before the deadline: February 18, 2011, 10:00 hours. The bidders were three companies:

- Sartorius Stedim System GmbH, Schwarzenberger Weg 73-79, D-34212 Melsungen, Germany, for pilot scale bioreactor BIOSTAT® Dplus 150L produced by Sartorius Stedim System GmbH. The price was 167.000,00 EUR without value added tax,
- Diachrom Biotechnology SA, Via Francesco Borromini 20, CH-6850 Mendrisio, Switzerland, for pilot scale bioreactor DIA-FERM 150L produced by Diachrom Biotechnology SA. The price was 149.100,00 EUR without value added tax,
- Mediline d.o.o., Perovo 30, p.p. 5,1241 Kamnik, Slovenija, for pilot scale bioreactor BioFlo 610 produced by New Brunswick. The price was 164.424,00 EUR without value added tax.

The estimated value of the contract by the open procedure was up to 167.000,00 EUR without the value added tax. Variant offers were not permitted.

The bidder Sartorius Stedim System GmbH offered pilot scale bioreactor BIOSTAT® Dplus 150L produced by Sartorius Stedim System GmbH, Schwarzenberger Weg 73-79, D-34212 Melsungen, Germany meets all "Technical requirements" specified in the third point of the contract by the open procedure no. JN1107/2011.

The bidder Mediline d.o.o. offered the pilot scale bioreactor BioFlo 610 produced by New Brunswick which doesn't meet all "Technical requirements" specified in the third point of the contract by the open procedure no. JN1107/2011. From the enclosed technical documentation it was found out that the pilot scale bioreactor BioFlo 610 doesn't have 4 integrated peristaltic pumps and has a stirring system allowing only 500 rpm and not 700 rpm as it was required in the »Technical requirements«. The exhaust gas analyzer system doesn't have the requested measurement range for CO₂ and O₂.

The bidder Diachrom Biotechnology SA offered the pilot scale bioreactor DIA-FERM 150L. From the enclosed technical documentation it could be established that the bioreactor DIA-FERM 150L is not equipped with an appropriate exhaust gas analyzer as the analyzer does not have the required measurement range, as it is requested in the third point of "Invitation to tender". Therefore the pilot scale bioreactor DIA-FERM 150L is not fulfilling all "Technical requirements" specified in the third point of the contract by the open procedure no. JN1107/2011 and further variants are also not permitted.

In addition, the pilot scale bioreactor DIA-FERM 150L produced by Diachrom Biotechnology SA is equipped with a less powerful stirring system which actually reaches the required velocity of 700 rpm, however, the tangential velocity only reaches 5 m/s. The pilot scale bioreactor BIOSTAT® Dplus 150L produced by Sartorius Stedim System GmbH is equipped with stirring system where the tangential velocity reaches 6 m/s. Higher tangential velocity represents significant added value in the use of bioreactors in industrial processes with dense media.

Because of the above mentioned reasons the selection board selected pilot scale bioreactor BIOSTAT® Dplus 150L produced by Sartorius Stedim System GmbH offered by the company Sartorius Stedim System GmbH, Schwarzenberger Weg 73-79, D-34212 Melsungen, Germany. This pilot scale bioreactor fulfils all technical requirements listed in third point (Technical requirements) and fulfils all demands of the second point (Complete tender) of the contract by the open procedure number JN1107/2011 published on 4 February 2011. The price of the pilot scale bioreactor BIOSTAT® Dplus 150L system excluding VAT is 167.000,00 EUR.

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