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**CLARIFICATION NO. 1, answers to questions received on 5 December 2024**

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| **No** | **Question** | **Answer** |
|  | Regarding the technical specifications for Items 12 and 13 in Lot 1 of the tender. These specifications are proprietary to Vernier Scientific and are protected by patents. As evidenced in the attached email from Vernier Scientific, these items are exclusively distributed through their local dealer. This creates an anti-competitive situation where only one bidder—their local dealer—can fulfill these requirements. | In the technical requirements of items 12 ***“Biology data collection and graphing set”*** and 13 ***" Chemistry data collection and graphing set "*** under Lot 1 of the bidding package are mentioned **that equivalent** sets are acceptable if the technical specifications  of provided item meet the technical requirements described under the above mentioned bidding package. |