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How authentic is ILIMA PROJECTS tax certificate...

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Public Works North West has launched an investigation to verify the authenticity of documents, including the tax clearance certificate submitted by ILIMA PROJECTS in respect of the bid that won them a tender for the Brits Hospital project.

The move followed reports that Gauteng Province were in the process of terminating the contract it issued to ILIMA PROJECT for work on their projects. Reports suggested the company was not tax compliant and questioned the validity of its tax clearance certificate.

We awarded **ILIMA PROJECTS** a tender to build the Brits Hospital (Bojanala District) in the area of Madibeng Local Municipality.

The value of the contract is about R456 million.

As it is not within our competency to check on the tax compliance of individuals and or companies with South African Revenue Service (SARS) claims leveled against ILIMA PROJECTS are difficult to confirm instinctively at our level as a department.

The company referred, did include in their bid documents submitted to the department, what appears to be an original copy of a tax clearance certificate. The validity and originality thereof, in our view, is informed by the SARS letter heads, the approved date of 2007-12-05 and the expiry date of 2008-12-04.

A due diligence- risk assessment- was done as it is procedural.

It is required that:

- Copies of Identity document ought to be certified.
- Tax clearance certificates ought to be an original copy.
- To verify certificates issued and contractor grading by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), this is cross checked on the CIDB website.

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