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Reply of the Director of Contracts (the Respondent) to the appeal of Caring First (C-28125) regarding Tender Ct4001/2023– Leasing of Premises to House Inpatient Psychiatric Services Facility (IPSF) to The Central Procurement and Supplies Unit, obo Mental Health Services

1. The Department of Contracts has taken note of the complaints raised by letter of objection of Caring First.
2. The Department of Contracts also notes that it is still in time to reply to Caring First's request for information of the 4th of October 2023, since the fifteen-day period established by Reg. 48(2) of the Procurement of Property Regulations has not yet lapsed.
3. The Department of Contracts shall therefore be withdrawing its letter of the 29th September 2023 wherein its award decision was communicated to the bidders, and shall be re-issuing the same letter indicating the address of the preferred bidder's offered property. A fresh appeals period shall run from date of the final letter communicating the award decision.
4. The Department of Contracts submits, therefore, that the merits of this case have been exhausted and recommends that the deposit is refunded to Caring First.

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