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To whom it may concern	Date	18 September 2026
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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Enquiry Number	E3377GXPOU
Description / Project Title	Provision of Welding, Machining and Associated Services at Gariep Hydroelectric Power Station for a period of 5 Years
Tender Questions Closing Date	9 September 2026

Item	Questions	Answers	Clarity Published Dates
1.	We kindly request that the submission deadline be extended from Monday, 14 September 2026, to Monday, 21 September 2026. This additional time would allow us to incorporate the clarification responses and ensure that all required tender documentation, and related supporting documents are properly finalised and submitted	The tender closing date has been extended to 25 September 2026, 10:00 AM . This update was communicated through the applicable tender publication platforms.	18 September 2026
2.	Price List: <u>Section 2. Bill 1 – Welding and Repair Activities:</u> - What should be included in the rates for each activity under this section? (Labour, consumables, and equipment etc.?) - If labour is included under this section, how will Section 7. Bill 6 – Labour Rates be used?	Bill 1 rates: Rates are to include all costs necessary and incidental to the activity described, including supervision, labour, administration, ordinary hand tools, PPE and consumables normally associated with that activity, except where an item is separately identified in the Price List or expressly identified as separately payable in the applicable Task Order. An item is not paid more than once.	18 September 2026

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	• The contractor provided material handling equipment, is that for a forklift and what size? • Contractor provided loading and offloading equipment, is that a forklift and what size? • Transport of Employer component from Gariep to facility, what size truck? • Final finishing of sealing surfaces to the specified surface finish, is this not rather part of the rate of the machining? How do we quantify it in surface area?	Bill 6 Labour Rates are used where labour is specifically identified in the Task Order as separately payable, including additional, variable or unforeseen work for which an applicable activity rate is not available. Labour already included in an activity rate may not be claimed again under Bill 6 Material-handling/loading/offloading Equipment: The Turbine/Machine Hall floor is equipped with an overhead crane, crane operator, rigger and rigging equipment, that can be used to load and offload at own risk. Securing, attaching, and fixation of the contractor's equipment, tools, etc. is the responsibility of the Contractor, under instruction and approval of the rigger. Should the Welding Contractor require anything additional items to be used for loading and offloading, the expectation is that the Welding Contractor must provide these items, subject to review and approval by the Employer. Component transport: The vehicle size for transportation of the Contractor's tools, equipment and resources are to be determined by the Contractor. The Employer does not anticipate transportation of any plant components related to the Draft Tube, Spiral Casing and Turbine Runner, as specified within the Technical Specification, but, if necessary, the light vehicle and truck size to include comprises of:	
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		• Light Delivery Vehicle – 1 Ton • Truck – 3 Tons Final finishing: Item 3.10 is intentionally a separate rate, measured in m², for final finishing of sealing surfaces to the specified surface finish. The actual applicable surface area will be established for the relevant Task Order. Costs may not be duplicated between Item 3.9, Item 3.10 or other applicable rates.	
3.	We have reviewed the Employer's Service Information and Price List and would appreciate clarification on the following specific interfaces: • We note that the Employer will make the machine-hall overhead crane available. Please confirm whether the crane operator and associated rigging personnel are also provided by the Employer, or whether these personnel are to be provided by the Contractor. • Please confirm whether water required for execution of the works will be available from the Employer at the applicable work areas, or whether this must be provided by the Contractor. • We note that grit blasting will be performed under the Employer's corrosion-protection arrangements where applicable. Please confirm whether all grit blasting associated with the instructed repair works will be performed by the Employer's appointed corrosion-protection contractor.	The overhead crane, crane operator, riggers, and general rigging equipment will be made available on site by Eskom for loading and off-loading activities, under own risk. The Contractor shall provide personnel to assist with the fastening and securing of the Contractor's tools, equipment, and materials during loading and off-loading operations. All such activities shall be performed under the direction, supervision, and approval of Eskom's appointed rigger prior to the rigger performing the loading/unloading activities. All items shall be packed, secured, and presented in a rigging-ready format suitable for safe loading, unloading, and transportation. Water required for execution of the technical works (as per the Technical Specification) will be available from the Employer at the applicable work areas.	18 September 2026

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	- Where additional surface preparation or corrosion-protection work falls outside the Employer's grit-blasting arrangements, please confirm whether this scope will be specifically defined in the applicable Task Order for pricing and execution by the Contractor. - Where the Employer's appointed corrosion-protection contractor performs the grit blasting, please confirm the intended interface between that contractor and ourselves in respect of preparation for welding, post-weld surface preparation and final corrosion-protection/coating reinstatement.	All grit blasting associated with the technical repair works will be performed by the Employer. The welding Contractor will be responsible for welding preparations, profiling, blending and general mechanical cleaning and grinding to perform and finalise the welding. The welding Contractor will not be required to perform grit blasting or corrosion protection.	
4.	Clarification regarding the requirement to submit approved Welding Procedure Specifications (WPSs) for Group 7 materials. While we do not currently hold a qualified WPS specifically for the Group 7 material requirements of this tender, in maintaining a range of qualified WPSs covering various materials and welding processes. These procedures include requirements for preheating and post weld heat treatment (PWHT), demonstrating our capability and experience in managing welding activities where stringent thermal controls are required. Would it be acceptable to submit these existing qualified WPSs as evidence of our welding capability and procedure qualification competence?	Tenderers that do not currently hold the exact welding procedures as required per the Qualitative Evaluation Criteria are encouraged to submit their existing qualified welding procedure (and qualified PQR with test results) for which they believe most closely demonstrate compliance with our requirements, as evidence of their welding competence and capabilities. The submissions will be evaluated and scored in accordance with the approved Evaluation Strategy. The Technical Evaluation Team (TET) shall assess such risks and allocate scores, accordingly, taking into account the potential impact on Eskom. Take into consideration that the WPS requirements are for Qualitative Evaluation Criteria, therefore not having a specific WPS will not eliminate a tenderer, provided that the overall Qualitative Evaluation score meets or exceeds the threshold of 70%. After contract award, the contractor will be required to qualify all the	18 September 2026

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		necessary WPSs required to complete the Gariep Welding Scope of Work successfully.	
5.	Kindly advise on the Surface preparation division in the tender, where must we indicate the costing or should we submit a separate quotation	Surface preparation associated with welding is to be priced against the applicable items in C2.2 Price List, particularly: • Bill 1 – Welding and Repair Activities, Items 2.5 to 2.8 for defect excavation, weld preparation, parent-material preparation and coating/corrosion removal; and • Bill 2 – Grinding and Surface Restoration for grinding, blending, polishing and profiling activities, where applicable. Tenderers are therefore required to complete the applicable rates in the Price List and should not submit a separate commercial quotation outside the Price List. It should be noted that, due to the nature of the works, no estimated quantities are given, and the tenderer are required only to submit rates for activities listed in the pricelist. Further guidance on how to complete the pricelist is found in section C2.1 of the Contract.	18 September 2026
6.	Annexure Q SDLI Strategy - The scope of work under this contract is executed during outage periods (approximately 112 days) and not every day for 5 years. The requirement for the training of a mechanical engineer, 24 months experiential training/work exposure. The concern here is that the amount of site workdays is	A bursary may be accepted as a contribution towards the Skills Development target.	18 September 2026

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	not enough to cover 24 months of experiential training/work exposure. Please confirm if a bursary offer would be acceptable instead.		
7.	Applicability of Local Content Requirements (Designated Components) - The SDL&I documentation specifies a 100% local content threshold for Steel Products and Components. Please clarify the applicability of this requirement to: • Welding consumables; • GTAW filler wires; • SMAW electrodes; • Stainless steel filler materials; • Overlay welding consumables; • Replacement materials supplied under repair activities; and Materials procured under Bill 10 cost-plus items. Please further confirm whether compliance will be measured only on supplied steel materials or on the overall contract value. Please indicate which material are required for procurement so we can determine compliance. The contract is predominantly a repair and maintenance service contract and clarification is required regarding the specific materials subject to the local content requirement.	SMAW electrodes: these fall under steel- wire products. The rest are not listed as stand-alone designated products; however, further confirmation may be requested from DTIC. Compliance will be measured on Local content which is determined by deducting the imported value on total spending. Tenderers are requested to please refer to local content section on SDL&I strategy for bidder under local content section.	18 September 2026
8.	Price List - Item no. 1.14 and 1.15: • Please confirm that we can price a LDV for item 1.14. • Please confirm the size of the truck to be priced in 1.15.	Component transport: The vehicle size for transportation of the Contractor's tools, equipment and resources are to be determined by the Contractor. The Employer does not anticipate transportation of any plant components related to the Draft Tube, Spiral Casing and Turbine Runner, as	18 September 2026

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		specified within the Technical Specification, but, if necessary, the light vehicle and truck size to include comprises of: • Light Delivery Vehicle – 1 Ton • Truck – 3 Tons	
9.	Standing Time - Please confirm how standing time will be treated where the Contractor is delayed by: • unavailable permits; • unavailable access; • unavailable NDT resources; • unavailable cranes; • delayed inspections; or • delays caused by Others.	There is no automatic standing-time entitlement merely because resources are delayed. Where permits, access, Employer-provided NDT, Employer-provided Equipment/services, inspections or activities by Others delay the Contractor, the matter is notified and assessed in accordance with the conditions of contract. Where an Employer-provided item or service is expressly required by the Task Order, is shown at the required time in the accepted Task Order programme and is not provided as required, the contractual compensation-event provisions apply as appropriate. The Contractor must maintain records sufficient to substantiate any claimed delay, standing time or additional cost.	18 September 2026
10.	Access Constraints - Please advise whether any restrictions apply regarding: • simultaneous work fronts; • confined space occupation limits; • hot work permits; • crane sharing; • outage interface requirements; and • work area access constraints.	Access and work-front restrictions are Task-specific and are managed through the applicable Task Order, accepted Task Order programme, permits, isolations, safety requirements and coordination with Others. Simultaneous work fronts, confined-space access, hot-work controls, crane availability/sharing and outage interfaces therefore depend on the work area and operational conditions applicable to the Task. The contract does not guarantee unrestricted access or a particular productivity level. The Task Order	18 September 2026

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	Productivity assumptions may differ significantly from actual site conditions.	identifies the applicable access dates, work windows, outage interfaces and work-area constraints.	
11.	In-Situ Machining Scope and Utilisation - Please provide historical utilisation and anticipated usage of the following Price List Items: - Item 3.1 – General in-situ machining setup - Item 3.2 – General in-situ machining machine - Item 8.5 – Portable / in-situ machining equipment including: - Historical annual quantities; - Historical annual spend; - Typical applications; - Expected tolerances; - Typical machining durations; - Whether portable flange-facing, line-boring, milling or turning activities are anticipated; and - Whether specialised machining activities are expected on every Mini Overhaul outage or only when inspection defects are identified. Please indicate which specific Gariep turbine components historically required portable machining and whether any portable	There is no specialised machining, such as flange-facing, line-boring, milling or turning activities anticipated in the contract. The machining focuses mainly on weld repairs, such as grinding, blending, polishing and profile restoration. The rates that are requested are for unforeseen purposes.	18 September 2026

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	machining was required during the previous Mini Overhaul campaigns. The Technical Specification focuses mainly on weld repairs, grinding, blending, polishing and profile restoration, while the Price List includes separate items for portable in-situ machining. The Technical Specification focuses mainly on weld repairs, grinding, blending, polishing and profile restoration, while the Price List includes separate items for portable in-situ machining. The anticipated extent and frequency of portable machining activities are not defined and may materially affect tender pricing, subcontracting strategy and equipment mobilisation requirements.		
12.	Off-Site Repair Allowance - The specification permits off-site work but provides no indication of likely usage. Please advise: • Components are historically repaired off-site.	The Draft Tube, Spiral Casing, and Runner repairs are expected to be performed on site and are unlikely to require the removal of any components from the Power Station. However, should any component (for example such as a draft tube mandoor or spiral casing mandoor), require off-site repair, such removal shall be necessitated by the Contractor's repair methodology, equipment, or capability constraints to perform the required repairs on site.	18 September 2026

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13.	PWHT Requirements - The specification states that PWHT is generally required for runner repairs except where an approved alternative WPS exists. Please confirm: • Expected percentage of runner repairs are likely to require PWHT. • Typical historical PWHT durations. • Number of runner repairs requiring PWHT during previous outages.	It is generally required to perform PWHT on martensitic stainless steel, thus the requirement (as per the Technical Tender Evaluation Strategy) to submit a Welding Procedure Specification of welding martensitic stainless steel with PWHT. After contract award the runner repairs will be assessed by the welding Contractor and Eskom. Should it be required to weld the runners without PWHT or an alternative WPS, the Contractor shall ensure that a Welding Procedure Specification will be qualified accordingly. As per the clarifications raised: • Expected percentage of runner repairs that will require PWHT – Unknown currently. The Contractor will provide a rate for PWHT regardless. • Typical historical PWHT durations – This is dictated by the Contractor's WPS. • Number of runner repairs requiring PWHT during previous outages – Welding repairs have not been performed previously. Previously the cavitation was managed by means of specialised coating and profiling.	18 September 2026
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14.	Turbine Runner Repair Quantities - Please provide the historical average number of runner blade defects repaired per unit and estimated weld build-up volumes per outage. Runner repair scope has the highest labour and technical risk in the contract. The specification references typical cavitation damage sizes but not expected quantities.	No historical data is available as it was not performed previously. This outage will require localised weld repairs on all 15 blades. The expected quantities/areas on the runner blades that will be repaired are unknown as the runners will only be inspected upon entry after access is granted. The Contractor will provide a rate for welding martensitic stainless steel regardless.	18 September 2026
15.	Historical Defect Volumes - Please provide historical repair quantities for the previous Mini Overhauls, including: • Spiral casing liner weld repair hours • Stay vane weld repair hours • Draft tube liner weld repair hours • Turbine runner weld repair hours • Grinding/blending hours • PWHT hours The specification provides typical defect depths but no indication of likely repair quantities.	Repair and defect quantities are unknown, as the inspection upon gaining of access to the plant areas, which are not accessible during operation, will determine the repairs required. The costing is rate based. The welding Contractor is familiar with the costing for each welding process for the specified materials and typical weld repairs (weld build-ups).	18 September 2026
16.	NDT - Please confirm whether delays resulting from the unavailability of Eskom's appointed NDT service provider will constitute a Compensation Event and/or entitlement to adjustment of Task Completion Dates. Concern: NDT provider delay risk.	The Employer's appointed NDT service provider performs the NDT required by the contract. A delay in NDT does not automatically create an entitlement solely because the Contractor is waiting. Where the Contractor has complied with the required NDT notice and readiness requirements, has shown the NDT requirement in the accepted Task Order programme, and the Employer-provided NDT service is not available as required, the delay is notified and	18 September 2026

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		assessed in accordance with the compensation-event provisions of the contract, including any effect on Prices and the Task Completion Date.	
17.	Pricing - Please confirm emergency call-out arrangements including standby requirements, minimum call-out periods and overtime entitlement. Concern: Rate development.	The contract does not establish a standing standby payment or guaranteed minimum call-out period. Work is instructed through a Task Order. The applicable Price List rates are used for the instructed work. Bill 6 contains separate rates for normal time, overtime, and Sundays/public holidays, and those rates apply where the relevant labour category and working period are specifically applicable to the instructed Task. No labour or overtime cost may be claimed, twice where it is already included in another applicable activity rate.	18 September 2026
18.	Task Orders - How will additional repair work discovered after inspection, NDT and defect excavation be instructed and compensated? Concern: Scope growth management.	The final repair extent may only be confirmed after access, disassembly, cleaning, inspection, material verification and assessment of the actual plant condition. Additional repair work is not undertaken informally. The Service Manager may change the Task Order in accordance with Option X19. Applicable existing Price List rates are used where available; where a required item is not included in the Price List, it is assessed in accordance with the conditions of contract and Option X19. The Contract Data also identifies concealed/additional defects which materially change the instructed repair extent as an additional Employer's risk.	18 September 2026

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19.	Outage Planning - Where outage dates are changed by Eskom, will additional mobilisation, demobilisation and standing costs be treated as compensation events? Concern: Commercial risk.	The outage dates stated in the tender are current planning information and are not guaranteed access dates or Task starting dates. A change to a planned outage before the relevant Task Order is issued does not of itself establish an entitlement to additional mobilisation, demobilisation or standing costs. Once a Task Order has been issued and contractual dates, access arrangements or work windows have been established, any Employer-instructed change is managed under Option X19 and the compensation-event provisions, and the demonstrated effect on time and Prices is assessed in accordance with the contract.	18 September 2026
20.	Outage Planning - What advance notice period will Eskom provide for planned outages, urgent work and emergency breakdown work? Concern: Mobilisation planning.	This Technical Specification only relates to planned outage SOW. After contract award the Contractor will be kept up to date in terms of the planned outage dates. The outage dates and durations are subject to change.	18 September 2026
21.	Outage Planning - Please confirm whether outage periods may overlap and whether simultaneous task orders could be issued. Concern: Resource loading risk.	Outage Periods will not overlap, and the need for multiple task orders mitigated. Task orders will be agreed upfront with the Contract and will not be simultaneous unless agreed by both parties	18 September 2026
22.	Anticipated split - Please provide the anticipated split between planned outage work, forced outage work, breakdown work and ad-hoc defect repair work. Concern: Resource planning and pricing basis.	This Technical Specification only relates to planned outage SOW. After contract award the Contractor will be kept up to date in terms of the planned outage dates. The outage dates and durations are subject to change.	18 September 2026

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23.	Minimum Annual spend - Please confirm whether Eskom guarantees any minimum annual spend, minimum number of task orders or minimum contract value. Concern: Contract appears to provide no guaranteed quantities.	No minimum annual spend, minimum number of Task Orders, minimum quantity of work or minimum contract value is guaranteed. The Contractor is paid only for work instructed through a Task Order and Provided in accordance with the contract.	
24.	Historical spend - Please provide historical spend for similar services over the last five years, anticipated annual contract value, expected task order volumes and estimated annual workload. Concern: No quantities or spend forecasts have been provided.	Tenderers may refer to the CIDB grading applicable to this enquiry as a general indication of the estimated procurement category used for tendering purposes. However, Eskom does not guarantee, forecast, commit to, or represent any specific level of expenditure, workload, quantities, annual contract value, or Task Order volumes under the contract. The contract remains rates-based, and work will be instructed on an as-and-when required through Task Orders.	18 September 2026
25.	SMAW electrodes: these fall under steel- wire products. The rest are not listed as stand-alone designated products; however, further confirmation may be requested from DTIC. Compliance will be measured on Local content which is determined by deducting the imported value on total spending. Tenderers are requested to please refer to local content section on SDL&I strategy for bidder under local content section.	All interested parties are required to participate in accordance with the requirements and conditions stipulated in the tender documents. Where subcontracting, joint ventures, consortiums or other collaborative arrangements are permitted, such provisions will be reflected in the tender documentation and must comply with the applicable tender requirements. Eskom does not make separate arrangements with independent business-development intermediaries outside of the formal procurement process. Any contractor interested in the opportunity should access the tender documentation and submit its participation in accordance with the prescribed process.	18 September 2026

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