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#### 1. Introduction

This standard provides for control cables required for teleprotection signals ("Z" cables) for power line carrier and teleprotection applications.

# 2. Supporting clauses

# 2.1 Scope

Cables covered by this standard consist of 18 cores, as specified in the contract document.

## 2.1.1 Purpose

This standard provides for the manufacture, testing at works, user documentation, supply, delivery and off-loading at Eskom's stores and sites.

## 2.1.2 Applicability

This document shall apply throughout Eskom Holdings Limited Divisions.

## 2.2 Normative/informative references

Parties using this document shall apply the most recent edition of the documents listed in the following paragraphs.

#### 2.2.1 Normative

- [1] ISO 9001, Quality Management Systems.
- [2] SANS 1091, National colour standard.
- [3] SANS 1411-1, Materials of insulated electric cables and flexible cords Part 1: Conductors
- [4] SANS 1411-2, Materials of insulated electric cables and flexible cords Part 2: Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
- [5] SANS 1411-6, Materials of insulated electric cables and flexible cords Part 6: Armour.
- [6] SANS 1507-6, Electric cables with extruded solid dielectric insulation for fixed installations (300/500 V to 1 900/3 300 V) Part 6: Service cables Electric cables.
- [7] SANS 6282-3, Test methods for bare conductors and conductors of insulated electric cables Part 3: Mechanical tests.
- [8] SANS 62230 Electric cables Spark-test method
- [9] SANS 6284-3 Tests on finished cable.

#### 2.2.2 Informative

None

#### 2.3 Definitions

#### 2.3.1 General

Definition	Description
Technical Terms	For the purpose of this specification, technical terms used shall be as defined in the documents listed in clause 2.2.1 Normative References.

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## 2.3.2 Disclosure classification

Controlled disclosure: controlled disclosure to external parties (either enforced by law, or discretionary).

#### 2.4 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride

# 2.5 Roles and responsibilities

Not applicable.

## 2.6 Process for monitoring

This standard shall be updated periodically according to Eskom's policy and the latest version shall be available for use at all times.

# 2.7 Related/ supporting documents

Not applicable.

# 3. Requirements

#### 3.1 Conductors

The construction of each core must consist of 16 strands of 0.2 mm diameter tinned annealed copper wire complying with the requirements of SANS 1411-1, class 2.

## 3.2 Insulation

The conductor insulation must be general purpose PVC as detailed in SANS 1411-2 with a nominal thickness of 0.45 mm and a nominal diameter of 1.83 mm.

## 3.3 Stranding

18 Core Cable:

The 18 cores are to be stranded as follows to form a circular cable core:

- a) Centre Core Dummy Core
- b) 1st Layer 6 Cores (1–6)
- c) 2nd Layer 12 Cores (7-18)

Polypropylene fillers may be required.

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## 3.4 Screen

The cores must be collectively screened with braided 0.50mm<sup>2</sup> tinned copper wire.

The screen must provide a 100% coverage to the conductors even if the cable is bent through a radius of four times its overall diameter.

# 3.5 Bedding Layer

The bedding layer shall consist of black general purpose PVC to SANS 1411-2.

# 3.6 Armouring

The overall armouring of the cable must consist of 0.9 mm diameter galvanised steel wire strands in accordance with the requirements of SANS 1411- 6.

## 3.7 Outer Sheath

The outer sheet shall consist of black general purpose PVC to SANS 1411-2.

## 3.8 Core Identification

The cores of the cable must be identified by the dielectric colour code as shown below:

	18 Core Cable		
Layer	Core Number	Dielectric Colour	
Centre	Dummy		
1 <sup>st</sup> layer	1	RED	
	2	BLUE	
	3	GREEN	
	4	YELLOW	
	5	WHITE	
	6	BLACK	
2 <sup>nd</sup> layer	7	BROWN	
	8	VIOLET	
	9	ORANGE	
	10	PINK	
	11	TURQUOISE	
	12	GREY	
	13	RED/BLUE	
	14	GREEN/RED	
	15	YELLOW/RED	
	16	WHITE/RED	
	17	RED/BLACK	
	18	RED/BROWN	

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## 3.9 Quality Assurance

Eskom's Quality Assurance requirements are specified by Eskom's Quality department.

#### 4. Tests

## 4.1 Test Methods

The cable supplied in this specification must be tested at the works, as detailed in the SANS 1507-6 as a minimum requirement. Eskom will, however, accept standard European or American test methods on imported cable if evidence provided indicates that these are equal to, or more stringent, than the test specified.

In view of the above requirements, all details of the manufacturer's intended "Type", "Sample" and "Routine" tests are to be supplied with the tender document.

# 4.2 Tests to be performed

All tests must be performed in accordance with Table 1, as specified in SANS 1507-6.

Table 1: Tests to be performed

No.	Component	Test Property	Reference
1	Conductor	Elongation at break	According to SANS 6282-3, Section 2. Elongation at break of wire.
2	Insulation	Physical properties	According to SANS 1411-2 Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or an equivalent standard. Report shall be provided.
3	Insulation	Spark test	According to SANS 62230.
4	Sheath	Physical properties	According to SANS 1411-2 Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or an equivalent standard. Report shall be provided.
5	Finished Cable	Voltage withstand	According to SANS 6284-3.
6	Capacitance between wire cores	Stored charge	Shall be measured in a completed cable with all other cores, armouring and screen connected to earth.
7	Capacitance between each core and earth	Stored charge	Shall be measured in a completed cable with all other cores, armouring and screen connected to earth.

## 4.3 Test certificates

Records of all test results must be available for inspection by Eskom's representative at any time during the validity of the contract period.

## 4.4 Witnessing of Tests

Eskom reserves the right to appoint a representative to inspect the cable at any stage of manufacture or to be present at any time that tests are performed. If witnessed type tests apply, the samples must be selected according to the procedure detailed in SANS 1507-6. Such inspection shall not relieve the manufacturer of his responsibility for meeting the requirements of the specification, and it shall not prevent the subsequent rejection if the goods are later found to be defective.

Eskom must be informed of inspection or witnessed tests, and Eskom requires not less than 7 days prior notice of such tests.

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## 4.4.1 Cable Samples

If requested, a sample of the item covered in this specification shall be submitted for comparative evaluation within 30 days of the notification of the request. The sample will be regarded as being identical with the item offered against this specification.

## 4.4.2 Sealing

All cable ends are to be sealed on completion of all tests, prior to delivery.

#### 4.4.3 Cable Drums

The cable shall be supplied on wooden drums in accordance to SANS 1507-1. The wood shall have been impregnated (by pressure or in a hot/cold open tank) in accordance with SANS 10005. The inside faces of the flanges and the barrel of each drum shall be smooth and free of splinters in order to prevent sharp edges or wood splinters or any other irregularity from causing damage to the cable.

After being rolled onto the drum, the cable shall be covered by a suitable material so as to provide additional protection. After the cable has been covered, the drum shall be lagged by battens of adequate thickness to prevent damage to cable during storage and transit. The battens shall be butted and shall enclose the cable space completely.

# 5. Packaging and Delivery

## 5.1 Packaging

Cables shall be supplied in drum lengths of 500m unless otherwise indicated. All cables shall be marked with the following:

- a) Eskom order number.
- b) Eskom cable code and specification to which the cable is manufactured.
- c) Gross mass of drum and cable in kilograms.
- d) The words "Not to be laid flat" shall be written visibly on the drum.
- e) The name of the Manufacturer and Trade mark
- f) Arrow indicating the correct direction of rolling
- g) The length of the cable

The Z cable supplied in each drum shall be in one continuous length and shall have no joints.

## 5.2 Delivery

- a) The equipment shall be delivered to the destination stated in the enquiry document
- b) The ex-work delivery dates, and delivery dates to site shall be indicated in the relevant schedule of the enquiry document.
- c) The equipment shall be protectively packed in such a way that it can be safely transported, handled and stored at site, as it will not necessarily be possible for installation to commence immediately upon delivery.
- d) Attention is drawn to the fact that Eskom will accept delivery at the specified destination only, and that the supplier shall make all necessary arrangements for acceptance, off-loading and transshipping at all intermediate points, as well as the ultimate off-loading at the specified destination.

## 5.3 Documentation

The supplier shall furnish Eskom with the following product documentation:

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a) Cable specification

b) Cable construction details

# 5.4 Statement of Compliance or Deviation

The Tenderer must complete Schedule B of Annex A - Schedules A and B by stating compliance with or deviation from the requirements of this specification and Schedule A. Any deviations from this specification or Schedule A shall be listed in Annex B - Statement of Non-Compliance, on a section by section and clause by clause basis.

## 6. Authorization

This document has been seen and accepted by:

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## 7. Revisions

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Aug 2013	1	T. Gosai	First issue.

# 8. Development team

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# 9. Acknowledgements

Not applicable.

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# Annex A – Schedules A and B

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE A	SCHEDULE B	
1	Manufacturer	Specify		
2	Voltage rating (V)	440		
3	Core details:			
	(a) number of cores (18)	18		
	(b) conductor area mm <sup>2</sup>	0.5		
	(c) conductor material	Sn annealed Cu		
	(d) DC resistance at 20°C ohms/km	40.1 max		
	(e) 50 Hz resistance at	Specify.		
	20°C ohms/km			
	(f) inductive reactance at	0.736 max		
	50 Hz ohms/km			
	(g) capacitance			
	(i) all cores to sheath μF/km	Specify		
	(ii) between cores µF/km	Specify		
	(h) maximum continuous			
	conductor temperature °C	Specify		
4	Insulation material			
	(a) core insulation compound used	Specify PVC type		
	(b) screen insulation compound used	Specify PVC type		
	(c) cable sheath compound used	Specify PVC type		
	(d) fire propagation properties of finished cable.	Specify		
	(e) smoke/acid gas emission for			
	- core insulation	Specify		
	<ul><li>bedding and screen insulation</li><li>finished cable</li></ul>	Specify		
		Specify		
5	Screen and armouring			
	(a) screen material	Cu braid		
	(b) screen coverage	80% min. Specify		
	screen thickness			
	(d) overall screen resistance ohms/km	Specify		
	(e) armouring wire material	galv. steel		
	(f) armouring wire diameter mm	0.9		
	(g) armouring tensile strength N/mm <sup>2</sup>	Specify		
6	Core identification			
	(a) colour coded	Yes		
	(b) numbered	No		
	(c) colour standards	Specify		
	(d) colour stability	Specify		
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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE A	SCHEDULE B	
7	Complete cable			
	(a) diameter mm	Specify		
	(b) mass kg/m	Specify		
	(c) drum length			
	(i) average m	Specify		
	(ii) minimum m	Specify		
	(iii) maximumm	Specify		
	(d) drum markings	Specify		
8	Test Certificates			
	State the location within the tender documentation			
	where the Test Certificates for the following tests can be found:			
	(i) Conductor elongation at break according to SANS			
	6282-3.	Specify		
	(ii) Insulation physical properties according to SANS 1411-4	Specify		
	(iii) Insulation spark test according to SANS 62230	Specify		
	(iv) Sheath physical properties according to SANS			
	1411-7	Specify		
	(v) Finished cable voltage withstand according to SANS 6284-3	Specify		
	(vi) The average capacitance between wire cores shall be measured in a completed cable with all other cores, armouring and screen connected to earth.	Specify		
	(vii) The average capacitance between each core and earth shall be measured in a completed cable with all other cores, armouring and screen connected to earth.	Specify		

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# Annex B - Statement of Non-Compliance

The equipment supplied on this contract complies in all respects with the requirements of the specification and Schedule A/B, with the exemption of the following points:

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Page	Paragraph	Details of Deviation or Non – Compliance