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Technical Specification  
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**SPECIFICATION FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MEDIUM VOLTAGE  
AND LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL CABLES**

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## 1.1 SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of this specification covers the minimum requirements for the supply installation, testing and commissioning of medium and low voltage cables, instrumentation cables, cable racking, trenching, sleeves and earthing reticulation on Transnet sites on behalf of Transnet Capital Projects.

Contractors are required to familiarise themselves with all applicable Standards and Codes of Practice listed herein, and to ensure compliance in the execution of any work in terms of this document. Failure to comply may render the contractor liable for corrections at his own cost.

These Standards and Codes of Practice should be read in conjunction with all other Specifications and drawings as issued for a particular contract. Where discrepancies occur, these must be brought to the attention of Transnet Capital Projects in writing before commencement of work. In the event of any conflict between the contents of any documents forming part of a contract (as listed in the Master Index) and this document, the former shall prevail.

## 1.2 APPLICATION TO WORK ACTIVITIES

The Standards and Codes of Practice contained herein apply to all installations requiring Medium and Low voltage Electrical and Instrument Cabling, Racking, Trenching Sleeves and Earthing Reticulation and include amongst others the following standards:

- Supply of electrical and instrument cable trenches
- Supply, installation of electrical and instrument ladder racking reticulation
- Supply, installation of electrical and instrument dropper reticulation
- Supply, installation and termination of electrical and instrument cabling
- Cable Tagging and Core Identing standards for electrical and instrument cabling
- Supply, installation of instrument and electrical earthing

## 2. STANDARDS AND REFERENCES

2.1 The requirements of the materials, design, layout, fabrication, assembly, erection, examination, inspection and testing of equipment and facilities on site shall be in accordance with the relevant sections of codes: -

- |    |                       |   |   |
|----|-----------------------|---|---|
| a) | SANS 10142-1          | - | Code of Practice for the Wiring of Premises   |
| b) | SABS 763              | - | Hot dip (galvanising) Zinc Coating.   |
| c) | SABS 1507             | - | Electric cables with extruded solid dielectric Insulation for fixed installation.                     |
| d) | SANS 1574             |   |   |
| e) | ASME/ANSI.B31.3       | - | Chemical Plant and Petroleum Refinery piping  |
| f) | ASME/ANSI.B31.4       | - | Liquid Transportation Systems for Hydrocarbons, Liquid Petroleum Gas, Anhydrous Ammonia and Alcohols. |
| g) | SABS 089:Part II-1965 | - | The Petroleum Industry Part II: Electrical Code   |
| h) | SABS 089 - Part II    | - | The Handling, Storage and Distribution of   |

Petroleum Products (Electrical Code)

- i) SABS 0198 - "The Selection, Handling and Installation of Electric Power Cables of rating not exceeding 33KV"
- j) API 2003 - Protection against ignitions arising out of static, Lighting and stray currents.
- k) SABS 03 - The Protection of structures against lightning.
- l) SABS 086 - The Installation and Maintenance of Electrical Equipment used in explosive atmospheres. Refer to Section 2 for Hazardous area classification.
- m) IEC 79-14 - Electrical Installations in Hazardous Areas
- n) Government, local authorities or other statutory bodies' regulations, laws, requirements or customs which are more stringent than those specified in this project specification.

2.2 The following standard specifications are to be used for reference purposes and need to be noted by Contractors in order to signify familiarity and compliance with the requirements. It is expected of Contractors that they be familiar with the applicable clauses and that these will be adhered to in the execution of any work in terms of this specification. Contractors will be required to confirm that they are able to meet these requirements.

- a) SABS 0108 : 1995 The Classification of hazardous locations and the selection of electrical apparatus for use in such locations
- b) The Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Act No. 85 of 1993.
- c) SABS 0314 Flameproof Enclosures for Electrical Apparatus
- d) SABS 0549 Intrinsically Safe Electrical Apparatus
- e) API Manual of Petroleum Measurement Standards Chapters 4 to 12  
IP Chapter 10 and Papers 2 and 3
- f) SABS 969 Enclosures for electrical apparatus
- g) BS 5490 Classification of degrees of protection provided by enclosures
- h) Safety Regulations for Contractors
- i) Technical Instruction No. 16 - Contractors Work Permit Procedures.
- j) VDE Standards

2.3 Where no specific rules, regulations, codes or requirements are contained in this specification nor covered by the above mentioned codes, the contractor shall, in consultation with Transnet Capital Projects, adhere to internationally accepted modern design and engineering practices in the Electrical and Petrochemical Industry.



### 3.0 SERVICE CONDITIONS

3.1 The cable shall be designed and rated for continuous operation under the following conditions :-

#### 3.1.1 Ambient/Environment Conditions :

- 3.1.1.1 Altitude : Sea level.
- 3.1.1.2 Ambient temperature : -5° C to +45° C (daily average +35° C).
- 3.1.1.3 Relative humidity : As high as 96%
- 3.1.1.4 Lightning conditions : Severe, with a maximum lightning ground flash density 11 flashes per km<sup>2</sup> per annum.
- 3.1.1.5 Exposure conditions : Salt laden, industrial atmosphere as well as hazardous gases and dust atmosphere.
- 3.1.1.6 Electrolytic corrosion conditions prevail in all the areas owing to the proximity of direct current traction system and cathodic protection schemes.

#### 3.1.2 Electrical Conditions:

- 3.1.2.1 The system of supply will be three phase, 3 wire, 50 Hertz, 11KV alternating current for medium voltage and three-phase, 4 wire, 50 Hz 400 Volts alternating current for low voltage.
- 3.1.2.2 The voltage may vary within the range of 95% to 105% of the nominal and all cable shall be suitably rated.

### 4.0 RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK, SAFETY

- 4.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for all aspects associated with the provision of the cables. This includes items such as supply of testing cable to test the cables prior to commissioning, provision of site office and storage facilities.
- 4.2 Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act No 85 of 1993) must be complied with in all respects during the execution of this contract. The onus shall be on the contractor to ensure that staff under his control adheres to the provisions of the act at all times.

### 5.0 ELECTRICAL CABLE SPECIFICATION

This part of the specification covers the general specification of electrical cables to be used on Transnet sites on behalf of Transnet Capital Projects.

#### 5.1 TYPES OF CABLE

##### 5.1.1 CROSS-LINKED POLYETHYLENE (XLPE)

- 5.1.1.1 Cross-linked Polyethylene (XPLE)-insulated cables shall be individually screened, 3 core, stranded copper conductor, type A, cable manufactured in accordance with SABS.1339. The cable is to be supplied with an overall graphite coating to the outer PVC sheath.

5.1.1.2 The cable shall have embossed on the outer P.V.C. sheath next to the **S.A.B.S.** mark the following letters:

**T/G/B**

where T = TRANSNET STANDARD G = GRAPHITE COATED B = BEDDING TEST

Only the above mentioned cable shall be accepted.

5.1.1.3 The cable shall be capable of withstanding continuous operational temperatures up to 90° C.

5.1.1.4 Completed cable runs are subjected to the following tests :-

- a. As laid down in S.A.B.S. 1339 (Appendix "E" paragraph E-1.4)
- b. Anti-electrolysis insulation, applied between armouring and earth, tested at 10kV D.C. for one minute. Bedding shall be tested at 4kV D. C. for one minute.

All the above tests shall be carried out in the presence of the Engineer

**5.1.2 PAPER INSULATED**

5.8.2.1 Fully impregnated hygroscopic paper insulated, Helically lapped, insulated, Three core, Stranded copper conductors, Outer layer numbered for core identification, Seamless pure lead sheath, Covered with bitumen impregnated paper, Single steel wire armoured, extruded plastic sheathed, Operational voltage 6.35 to 11kV.

5.1.2.2 The cable shall have embossed on the outer P.V.C. sheath next to the **S.A.B.S.** mark the following letters:

**T/G/B**

Where: T = TRANSNET STANDARD  
G = GRAPHITE COATED  
B = BEDDING TEST

Only the above mentioned cable shall be accepted.

5.1.2.3 The cable is to be supplied with the P.V.C. outer sheath impregnated with a high quality graphite powder coating.

5.1.2.4 Type general purpose copper woven taped screened (Table 19) cable manufactured in accordance with S.A.B.S. 97 is required.

5.1.2.5 The cable shall be capable of withstanding continuous operational temperatures up to 70 / 80° C.

5.1.2.6 Completed cable runs are subjected to the following tests

- a. As laid down in S.A.B.S. 97
- b. Anti-electrolysis insulation, applied between armouring and earth, tested at 10Kv D. C. for one minute. Bedding shall be tested at 4Kv D.C. for one minute.

All the above tests shall be carried out in the presence of the Engineer

### 5.1.3 LOW VOLTAGE PVC CABLE

5.1.3.1 Low voltage cables shall be PVC insulated cables with ECC, and shall comply with SABS.1507.

5.1.3.2 Earth continuity conductors shall be single core PVC insulated copper cables, and shall comply with SABS. 1507.

5.1.3.3 The cable shall be capable of withstanding continuous operational temperatures up to 70<sup>o</sup> C.

5.1.3.4 Electrical LV Power cabling installed in hazardous locations (flammable environment) running between Equipment located in the field, LV Panels or Motor Control Centre Panels, Valve Panels and Distribution Boards shall comprise of steel wire armoured, earth continuity conductor (ECC), PVC Insulated, four core cable, as follows:

Conductors.

Core Size : 4 core - Rated as per application (SABS 10142-1)  
Stranded untinned copper, 7 strands minimum

PVC Insulated, Insulation Breakdown Voltage to withstand 2 kV 50Hz RMS for a 1 min period.

Insulation Colours: Colored RD-BL-YE/WT-BK (not numbered)

Lay Twist to be 40 – 60 mm (i.e. 16-25 twist per metre)

Inner Jacket

Extruded fire retardant black PVC with rip cord for jacket removal.  
Minimum thickness 1.2mm

Outer Jacket

Overall weatherproof thermoplastic PVC jacket – fire retardant and UV resistant (Carbon black added).

Jacket thickness 1.5mm

Jacket to be totally bonded to a steel wire armoured sleeve.

Fire retardant, low halogen (20% Halogen, Blue Stripe) plastics to be used in non-ventilated areas. Fire retardant, high halogen (100% Halogen, Red Stripe) plastics may be used in ventilated areas. Fire retardant, no halogen (0% Halogen, White Stripe) plastics not required to be used.

5.1.3.5 Electrical Control cabling running between the Equipment located in the field, Control System Marshalling Cabinets, LV Panels and Incomer Breaker panels will comprise of steel wire armoured, PVC Insulated, multi-core cable, as follows :

Conductors.

Core Size : 7 core – 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup> (Valve Actuators)  
12 core – 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup>, 19 core – 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup> (Switchgear)

Stranded untinned copper, 7 strands minimum

PVC Insulated, Insulation Breakdown Voltage to withstand 2 kV 50Hz RMS for a 1 min  
Insulation Colours: 7 core and less – colored BL-YE/WT-RD-GR-BK-BR-PR/OR  
(Not numbered)  
12 core and more – black, conductors to be numbered  
Lay Twist to be 40 – 60 mm (i.e. 16-25 twist per metre)

#### Inner Jacket

Extruded fire retardant black PVC with ripcord for jacket removal.  
Minimum thickness 1.2mm up to 7 core, 1.5mm for 12 and 19 core

#### Outer Jacket

Overall weatherproof thermoplastic PVC jacket – fire retardant and UV resistant.  
Jacket thickness 1.5mm up to 7 core, 2.0mm for 12 and 19 core  
Jacket to be totally bonded to a steel wire armoured sleeve.

Fire retardant, low halogen (20% Halogen, Blue Stripe) plastics to be used in non-ventilated areas. Fire retardant, high halogen (100% Halogen, Red Stripe) plastics may be used in ventilated areas. Fire retardant, no halogen (0% Halogen, White Stripe) plastics not required to be used.

- 5.1.3.6 Completed cable runs are subjected to the following tests as laid down in SANS 10142-1.  
Insulation resistance test between Phases, Phases and Neutral, Phases and ECC, Neutral and ECC.

### 5.1.4 INSTRUMENTATION CABLING

- 5.1.4.1 Instrument Cabling as defined within this and other Transnet Capital Projects Specifications includes the following types of cabling:

1. PVC SWA Multicore instrument cables running between Instrument Junction Boxes in the field and PLC Cabinets (IS and non-IS rated)
2. PVC SWA Multicore instrument cables running between instruments in the field and PLC Cabinets (IS and non-IS rated)
3. Dekabon armoured instrument cables running between Junction Boxes in the field and the instruments themselves (IS and non-IS rated)

- 5.1.4.2 All Instrumentation Cabling will comply in all respects to the specifications as contained in the Scope of Work attached to an Order. In the absence of cable specifications being detailed in the Scope of Work attached to an Order, the following cable specifications will apply.

- 5.1.4.3 Instrument cabling will be marshalled on Instrument racking and trenching as defined elsewhere within this specification.

- 5.1.4.4 Instrument multi-core cabling running between the Field Junction Boxes and the Control System Marshalling Cabinets will comprise of steel wire armoured, PVC Insulated, individual and overall screened multi-core cable. Note that Petronet has standardised on 1 pair, 2 pair, 8 pair and 16 pair cable – prior approval from Petronet will be required to deviate from these specifications.

#### Conductors

Core Size : 1.0 mm<sup>2</sup>



Stranded untinned copper, 7 strands minimum

PVC Insulated, Insulation Breakdown Voltage to withstand 2 kV 50Hz RMS for a 1 min.

Insulation Colours : Black and White

Multipair cores to be numbered (numeric on both conductors of the pairs)

Lay Twist to be 40 – 60 mm (i.e. 16-25 twist per metre)

Shield/Screen

Individual & overall screened – plasticised aluminium foil (100%) coverage

Stranded tinned copper drain wire 0.5 mm<sup>2</sup>

Inner Jacket

Extruded fire retardant black PVC with rip cord for jacket removal.

Minimum thickness 1.2mm up to 8 pair, 1.5 mm for 16 to 36 pair

Outer Jacket

Overall weatherproof thermoplastic PVC jacket – fire retardant and UV resistant (Carbon Black added).

Jacket thickness 1.5mm up to 8 pair, 2.0 mm for 16 to 36 pair.

Jacket to be totally bonded to a steel wire armoured sleeve.

Fire retardant, low halogen (20% Halogen, Blue Stripe) plastics to be used in non-ventilated areas.

Fire retardant, high halogen (100% Halogen, Red Stripe) plastics may be used in ventilated areas.

Fire retardant, no halogen (0% Halogen, White Stripe) plastics not required to be used.

IS Circuits: Jacket color light blue      Non IS Circuits: Jacket color black.

#### 5.1.4.5

Individual Instrument cabling running between the Field Junction Boxes and the individual field mounted Instruments will comprise of Dekabon armoured, PVC Insulated, individual and overall screened multi-core cable. Note that Petronet has standardised on 1, 2, 4 and Triad cable – prior approval from Petronet will be required to deviate from these specifications.

(Note that this specification only applies to cabling running on racks above the ground, all Instrument cables running in trenches will need to comply with the Instrument Multi-core Cable Specifications detailed above).

Conductors.

Core Size : 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup>

Stranded untinned copper, 7 strands minimum

PVC Insulated, Insulation Breakdown Voltage to withstand 2 kV 50Hz RMS for a 1 min

Insulation Colours : Black and White

Multipair cores to be numbered (alphanumeric on both conductors of the pairs)

Lay Twist to be 40 – 60 mm (i.e. 16-25 twist per metre)

Shield/Screen

Individual & overall screened – plasticised aluminium foil (100%) coverage

Stranded tinned copper drain wire 0.5 mm<sup>2</sup>

#### Inner Jacket

Extruded fire retardant black PVC with ripcord for jacket removal.  
Minimum thickness 1.2mm

#### Outer Jacket

Overall weatherproof thermoplastic PVC jacket – fire retardant and UV resistant (Carbon black added).

Jacket thickness 1.5mm.

Jacket to be totally bonded to an inner waterproof aluminium sleeve, with a ripcord under the sleeve for jacket removal.

Fire retardant, low halogen (20% Halogen, Blue Stripe) plastics to be used in non-ventilated areas. Fire retardant, high halogen (100% Halogen, Red Stripe) plastics may be used in ventilated areas. Fire retardant, no halogen (0% Halogen, White Stripe) plastics are not required to be used.

IS Circuits: Jacket color light blue      Non IS Circuits: Jacket color black.

## 6.0 CABLE TERMINATIONS

6.1 Medium and Low Voltage cables shall be terminated to busbars and switchgear in the panels, distribution boards and kiosks using suitable cable lugs. Cable earth wires shall be brought into glands on gland plates. The insulation between cable armouring and cable earth wires shall be maintained at terminations. The separate earth conductor cable shall terminate to the main earth bar.

6.2 All materials necessary for installing all cable terminations shall be provided by the Contractor and the cost thereof shall be included in the tender price.

### 6.3 Glanding

6.3.1 All instrument and electrical cables will be glanded at both ends using the appropriate sized gland and will include associated adaptors, washers, ferrules, bands, etc. Provision for all glands, adaptors, washers, ferrules, bands etc. shall be included in the Tenderer's offers. All cable glands shall comply with the following specification, unless otherwise specified in the Scope of Work attached to an Order:

6.3.2 Dekabon Armoured Cabling (Instrumentation)  
Increased Safety Ex"e" rated compression gland, IP68 rated, complete with UV resistant black shroud where required, in accordance with SABS 1031.

6.3.3 PVC SWA Cabling (Instrument & Electrical motors)  
Increased Safety Ex"e" rated non-compression gland, IP68 rated, complete with SWA protection (CCG Corrosion Guard or similar), in accordance with SABS 1031.

6.3.4 PVC SWA Cabling (Ex"d" rated Valve Actuators)  
Flameproof Ex"d" rated non-compression gland, IP68 rated, complete with SWA protection (CCG Corrosion Guard or similar), in accordance with SABS 808.

6.3.5 PVC SWA Cabling (Electrical and PLC Panels located within buildings rated as Safe Areas in terms of Hazardous Area Classifications SABS 0108)

Non-Flameproof rated, non-compression gland, IP68 rated, complete with UV resistant (black) shroud where required.

All glands will be waterproof and in the case of Hazardous Areas, correctly rated in terms of the Explosion Proof Classification of the equipment housings to which they are installed.

#### 6.4 Termination

6.4.1 All cables will be terminated at field instrumentation, electrical equipment, field junction boxes, switchgear panels and control room marshalling cabinets according to manufacturers specifications, instrument hook-up diagrams and control system specifications as provided/approved by Petronet.

##### 6.4.1.1 Instrument Dekabon Cabling

- Outer Dekabon armouring shall be stripped back to the entry point into the associated termination/junction box. Protrusion of cable sheath/armouring into the termination/junction box (through the compression gland) shall be a minimum of 15mm and a maximum of 50mm.
- Cable pair inner aluminium foil shall be stripped back to the point at which the individual cores leave the PVC Trunking to be terminated onto the respective terminal rails. Ends of the inner foil shall be neatly taped/heat shrunk so as to prevent unravelling.
- Individual cable ends shall be sealed with the use of heat shrink tubing applied over the cable sheath/armouring at the point of entry into the termination/junction box/panel, in order to protect the cable and prevent the ingress of moisture.
- Both cable overall (drain wire) and individual screens shall be insulated with the use of appropriately sized green coloured sleeving, to prevent inadvertent contact with metallic surfaces.
- All individual cable cores (including spares) will be left long enough to accommodate 200mm slack, i.e. taking into account the routing via the trunking.
- Excess lengths of individual cable cores will be neatly folded and tied within the trunking provided. All spare cores shall be terminated into terminals so provided.
- Termination of individual cable cores in the termination strips will be such that all Control System related cabling will be terminated to one side of termination strips, whilst all field instrumentation/equipment cabling will be connected to the other side of termination strips.

In the case of Field Junction Boxes with dual terminal strips, multi-core cabling will be glanded in the centre of the gland plate and terminated into terminal rails provided, running from the centre PVC Trunking outwards. Individual Instrument cables will then be terminated into the terminal rails provided, running from the outermost PVC Trunking inwards.

In the case of Field Junction Boxes with single terminal strips, multi-core cabling will be glanded on the right side of the gland plate and terminated into terminal rails provided, running from the right hand side of the panel inwards. Individual Instrument cables will then be terminated into the terminal rails provided, running from the left hand side of the panel inwards.



- All cables connected to individual instruments/equipment will be provided with a single loop of minimum diameter of 150mm. All loops will be neatly strapped.
- All cores (including spares) will be terminated into allocated termination strips/rails in the respective Instrumentation, Termination and Field Junction Boxes

#### 6.4.1.2 Instrument PVC SWA Multi-core Cabling

- Cable SWA armouring shall be stripped back to the entry point into the associated marshalling cabinet/junction box and shall be glanded in such a manner so as to ensure electrical continuity with the gland. When terminated in hazardous areas, cable armouring shall be bonded to the panel equi-potential bonding system via means of earthing rings provided as an integral part of the gland. Contact between the gland and the gland plate shall not be considered as sufficient for bonding purposes.
- Protrusion of cable inner PVC sheaths into the marshalling cabinet will be a minimum of 25mm and a maximum of 50mm.
- Cable inner aluminium foil shall be stripped back to the point at which the individual cores leave the PVC Trunking to be terminated onto the respective terminal rails. Ends of the inner foil shall be neatly taped/heat shrunk so as to prevent unravelling.
- Cable ends shall be sealed with the use of heat shrink tubing applied over the cable inner sheath at the point of entry into the termination/junction box/panel, in order to protect the cable and prevent the ingress of moisture.
- Both cable overall and individual screens shall be insulated with the use of appropriately sized green coloured sleeving, to prevent inadvertent contact.
- All individual cable cores (including spares) will be left long enough to accommodate 200mm slack, i.e. taking into account the routing via the trunking.
- Excess lengths of individual cable cores will be neatly folded and tied within the trunking provided. All spare cores shall be terminated into terminals so provided.
- Termination of individual cable cores in the termination strips will be such that all Control System related cabling will be terminated to one side of termination strips, whilst all field instrumentation/equipment cabling will be connected to the other side of termination strips.

In the case of Field Junction Boxes with dual terminal strips, multi-core cabling will be glanded in the centre of the gland plate and terminated into terminal rails provided, running from the centre PVC Trunking outwards. Individual Instrument cables will then be terminated into the terminal rails provided, running from the outermost PVC Trunking inwards.

In the case of Field Junction Boxes with single terminal strips, multi-core cabling will be glanded on the right side of the gland plate and terminated into terminal rails provided, running from the right hand side of the panel inwards. Individual Instrument cables will then be terminated into the terminal rails provided, running from the left hand side of the panel inwards.

- All cores (including spares) will be terminated into allocated termination strips/rails in the respective Instrumentation, Termination and Field Junction Boxes



### 6.4.1.3 Electrical Power and Control Cabling (Low Voltage)

- Cable SWA armouring shall be stripped back to the entry point into the associated equipment housing/termination box/panel and shall be glanded in such a manner so as to ensure electrical continuity with the gland. When terminated in hazardous areas, cable armouring shall be bonded to the panel equi-potential bonding system via means of earthing rings provided as an integral part of the gland. Contact between the gland and the gland plate shall not be considered as sufficient for bonding purposes.
- (Option 1) Cable inner PVC sheath shall be cut back at the point of entry into the equipment housing/termination box/panel, protrusion of the inner sheath into the associated switchgear cabinet/equipment housings shall be a minimum of 25mm and a maximum of 50mm. Heat shrink tubing shall be applied at the point of entry into the equipment housing/termination box/panel, in order to protect the cable and prevent the ingress of moisture.  
  
(Option 2) Where cables are glanded into panels, cable inner PVC sheaths may be taken directly into trunking/marshalling arrangements, with the inner PVC sheaths cut back at point of termination. Note that in this instance, heat shrink need not be applied at the point of entry into the cabinet.
- All individual cable cores (including spares) will be left long enough to accommodate 200mm slack, i.e. taking into account the routing via the trunking.
- Excess lengths of individual cable cores will be neatly folded and tied within the trunking provided.
- Termination of individual cable cores in the termination strips will be such that all Starter related cabling will be terminated to one side of termination strips, whilst all field cabling will be connected to the other side of termination strips.
- All cables connected to individual instruments/equipment will be provided with a single loop of minimum diameter of 150mm. All loops will be neatly strapped.

### 6.5 Cable Core Lugging

All individual cable cores will be neatly terminated. Appropriately sized lugs will be attached to all core ends, using the appropriate crimping tool (not side cutters or ordinary pliers). The colouring of crimps will match the size of the associated cable core. All cable lugs utilised shall comply with the following specification, unless otherwise specified in the Scope of Work attached to an Order:

- Instrument Cables - bootlace ferrules
- Electrical Power Cables - spade lugs for compression terminals, ring lugs for screw terminals (pin lugs are not acceptable)
- Electrical Control Cables - spade lugs for compression terminals, ring lugs for screw terminals (pin lugs are not acceptable)

### 6.6 Cable Screening – Instrument Cabling

#### 6.6.1 Individual Screens

- 6.6.1.1 All Individual Instrument Cable Pair Screens shall be terminated into terminals provided within the Instrument Termination Boxes as well as the Field Junction Boxes, and shall be grounded to a common insulated earth rail to be provided in each of the Control System Marshalling Cabinets,



alongside the Termination Rails provided. Individual Screens shall be terminated in such a manner so as to be continuous from the Instrument/Instrument Termination Box to the Control System Marshalling Cabinets i.e. individual instrument cables as well as multi-pair cables.

6.6.1.2 Individual screen terminals shall be insulated in the Termination Boxes and Field Junction Boxes provided, thus ensuring that the individual cable pair screens are not grounded at instrument/equipment ends, i.e. to prevent common mode noise. Where Instrument Cables terminate directly into Instrument housings, individual screens shall be cut back and insulated within the Instrument housing using heat shrink sleeving, to prevent inadvertent contact with any conducting surfaces.

9.6.1.3 All individual screen earth rails in the Control System Marshalling Cabinets will be connected to the existing panel Instrument Earth bar via means of a 25mm insulated earth cable, which shall in turn be connected at two points via means of PVC Cu 70mm<sup>2</sup> insulated earth cables (Yellow/Green in colour), to the Instrument Earth bar located within the control room.

## 6.6.2 Overall Screens

6.6.2.1 All Instrument Cable Overall Screens/Drain wires shall be terminated to insulated earth bars provided within the Field Junction Boxes, and shall be earthed to a common electrical earth bar to be provided in each of the Control System Marshalling Cabinets. Overall Screens /Drain Wires shall be cut back and insulated within the Instrument Termination Boxes and Instrument housings (where applicable) to prevent inadvertent contact with the Termination Box housing, utilising heat shrink sleeving. Overall Screens shall be terminated in such a manner so as to be continuous from the Instrument Junction Box to the Control System Marshalling Cabinets.

6.6.2.2 The electrical earth bar shall be earthed to the Cabinet Frame, and connected at two points via means of PVC Cu 70mm<sup>2</sup> insulated earth cables (Yellow/Green in colour), to the Electrical Earth bar located within the control room.

## 6.7 Cable Screening – Electrical Cabling (Power & Control)

6.7.1 All electrical cable screens/drain wires (where applicable) will be grounded to a common electrical earth bar to be provided in each of the Control System Marshalling Cabinets/Switchgear Cubicles. The electrical earth bar shall be earthed to the Cabinet Frame, and connected at two points via means of PVC Cu 70mm<sup>2</sup> insulated earth cables (Yellow/Green in colour), to the Electrical Earth bar located within the control and switchgear rooms.

## 7 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EX IA/IB INSTALLATIONS

7.1 All I.S. (Ex ia/ib Intrinsically Safe) Installations shall be in strict compliance with IEC 79-14 Electrical Installations in Hazardous Areas, and in particular Chp 12 "Additional Requirements for type protection Intrinsic Safety", inclusive of the under mentioned items.

### 7.2 Clause 12.2.

In installations with Zone 1 and 2 classifications, IS apparatus and the intrinsically safe parts of associated apparatus shall comply to at least category "ib". Note that Petronet has standardised on category "ia" protection, and permission will need to be sought in writing for relaxation to "ib".

### 7.3 Cables – General

Where multi stranded cables are used in a hazardous area, the ends of the conductor shall be protected against separation of individual strands, by means of cable lugs.

Where cable screens are required, these shall be connected to earth at one point only, normally in the non-hazardous area. (Refer to Section 9.6 and 9.7 of this specification).

Cable armouring shall normally be bonded to the equi-potential bonding system via the cable entry devices (glands), at the end of each cable run. Where interposing Junction Boxes exist or other apparatus, the armouring shall be similarly bonded to the equi-potential bonding system at these points. In this regard and where earthing rings are provided as an integral part of the gland, use of these is recommended in serving this function. Contact between the gland and the gland plate shall not be considered as sufficient for bonding purposes.

Conductors of intrinsically safe circuits and non-intrinsically safe circuits shall not be carried in the same cable.

Conductors of intrinsically safe circuits and non-intrinsically safe circuits in the same bundle or duct shall be separated by an intermediate layer of insulated material or by an earthed metal partition. No segregation is required if metal sheaths or screens are used for intrinsically safe or non-intrinsically safe circuits. Note that Petronet has standardised on physical separation regardless of whether the cabling is screened or not, and permission will need to be sought in writing for relaxation.

#### 7.4 **Cables – Marking**

Un-armoured Cables containing intrinsically safe circuits shall be marked. If outer sheaths are marked by color, the color used shall be light blue. Note that whilst armoured cabling is not required to be marked in terms of IEC79-14, Petronet has standardised on the principle of marking all cable outer sheaths carrying intrinsically safe circuits by color (light blue), whether armoured or not, and that this will need to be complied with in all instances.

#### 7.5 **Cable Insulation Tests**

All cables carrying intrinsically safe circuits shall be proven to be capable of withstanding an RMS AC test voltage of twice the normal voltage of the intrinsically safe circuit with a minimum of 500 V between the armouring and screens joined together and the individual conductors. Tests shall be conducted in accordance with manufacturers specifications. Where no such method is available, tests shall be carried out as follows:

- Voltage shall be an ac voltage of sinusoidal waveform at a frequency of between 48 and 62 Hertz
- Voltage shall be derived from a transformer of at least 500 VA output
- Voltage shall be increased steadily to the specified value in a period of not less than 10 seconds and maintained for a period of not less than 60 seconds.

#### 7.6 **Cable Termination**

All terminals shall be reliably separated from non-intrinsically safe circuits (for example by a separating panel or gap of at least 50mm). Terminals of intrinsically safe circuits shall be marked as such. Petronet has standardised on marking by color - the specified color being light blue. All terminals, plugs and sockets shall satisfy the requirements of IEC79-11 Sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.2 respectively (6mm creepage and clearance rules 4mm to earth).





## 7.7 Zone 1 Installations - Surge Protection

All equipment installed in Zone 0 areas and exposed to hazardous potential differences (e.g. lightning surges), shall have a surge protection device installed between each non-earth bonded conductor/core and the local earthed structure as near as is practically possible. The surge protection device shall be capable of diverting a minimum peak discharge current of 10kA (8/20 microsecond impulse according to IEC60-1, 10 operations). The bonding connection between the protection device and the structure shall have a minimum cross sectional area equivalent to 4 mm<sup>2</sup> copper.

Note that Petronet has extended these requirements to include all analogue transmitters installed in the field, whether in hazardous areas or not, and will need to be complied with in all instances.

## 8. CABLE JOINTS

### 8.1 MEDIUM VOLTAGE CABLE JOINTS

8.1.1 The contractor shall give the Engineer advance notice of his intention to do jointing of medium voltage cables to enable arrangements to be made for measuring and inspection.

8.1.2 The complete cable installation, including all joints shall be fully insulated from earth throughout.

### 8.2 LOW VOLTAGE CABLE JOINTS

8.2.1 The low voltage cable through joints shall be of the epoxy resin filled type. The low voltage joints shall be constructed according to manufacturer's instructions.

## 9. CABLE ROUTES

9.1 All low voltage cables and associated earth continuity conductors shall be installed as shown in drawings PPD: BDD059C-E-01, sheet 1 of 3.

## 10. SURVEY OF ROUTE

10.1 The drawings showing the proposed cable route listed in the "Schedule of Drawings" shall not be taken to show the precise final cable route. The Contractor shall within 30 days after being awarded the Contract carry out a final route survey, which shall include digging test holes, and using the routes shown on the drawings as a general guide, to determine a suitable route.

10.2 The Contractor shall submit details of the cable routes selected in final survey to the Engineer for approval. No excavation of any section of the cable route shall commence until the Engineer has authorised the commencement of work on the section concerned.

10.2.1 After completion of all cable laying and jointing and before commissioning of any cable the Contractor shall carry out a final "as laid" survey of the cable routes and hand to the Engineer cable route plans. The cable route plans shall include the following information:

- (i) Overall length of each cable.
- (ii) Centre to centre distances between all joints and between final joints and terminations of each cable including auxiliary cables.





- (iii) Accurate indications of the position of each cable joint and cable marker preferably by triangulation, i.e. indicating two distances to each joint or marker from structures not likely to be moved such as permanent buildings, bridge piers, etc.
- (iv) Tables showing all information regarding each high-voltage cable necessary for cable fault location by the reflected pulse method.
- (v) Soil thermal resistivity and temperature values as determined on final survey shown on the plans at the positions where they were determined.

## **11. EXCAVATIONS**

- 11.1 Excavations shall be carried out in strict compliance with the specification for works on, over, under or adjacent to a railway line No. E.7 (July 1998) (Part 1) that forms part of the tender documents.
- 11.2 The procedure and the order of doing the work shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer.
- 11.3 The Contractor shall, before trenching commences, familiarise himself with the route and conditions on site. The Contractor shall be advised of any known buried services such as cables, pipes, etc., in the vicinity of the cable route. However, the Contractor shall at all times exercise care to ensure that any uncharted services are not damaged.
- 11.4 Power driven mechanical excavators may be used for trenching operations provided that they are not used in close proximity to other cables, water mains, or any other plant liable to be damaged by the use of such plant. Their use along sections of the route shall in each case be subject to approval of the Engineer.
- 11.5 Trenches shall be as straight as possible and each trench shall be excavated to the dimensions indicated in this specification. The Contractor shall provide shuttering for use in places where danger exists should the sides of the trench collapse. The strength of such shuttering must be adequate especially where railway tracks in proximity are concerned and the shuttering must be braced across the trench. Provision of shuttering will be paid for per metre length of shuttered trench.
- 11.6 The bottom of each cable trench shall be as firm as conditions permit and be of smooth contour.
- 11.7 In sections where the soil or water level conditions indicate that the cable trench will endanger rail tracks or any nearby structures, the Contractor must restrict the length of continuous open trench to a distance to be indicated by the Engineer.
- 11.8 The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ascertain if the cables will be liable to be subjected to chemical or other damage or electrolysis action and shall submit his recommendations for approval, of any precautionary measures to be taken, in such instances.
- 11.9 The material excavated from each trench shall be placed adjacent to the trench in such a manner as to prevent nuisance or damage to adjacent ditches, railway lines, drains, gateways and other properties and shall be stacked so as to avoid undue interference with traffic. Where, owing to certain considerations, this is not permissible, the excavated materials shall be removed from the site and be returned for refilling the trench on completion of laying.



- 11.10 Surplus material shall be disposed of by the Contractor at his cost. Where the possibility exists that railway line ballast may be fouled by excavated material or material brought on site, the Contractor shall take precautions as directed by the Engineer.
- 11.11 The Contractor shall not trench beneath any railway line without departmental supervision. Should the contractor wish to carry out such work the Engineer must be advised not less than 14 working days before hand to arrange for the necessary supervision. The cost of such supervision shall not be charged to the Contractor.
- 11.12 Prior to laying the cable, the trench shall be inspected thoroughly by the Engineer or his authorised representative to ensure that it is free from all objects likely to damage the cable either during or after cable laying operations. Cable laying shall not proceed unless the Engineer or his authorised representative is satisfied with the condition of the trench.
- 11.13 When trenching, the Contractor shall take all precautions necessary to prevent damage to any other cables, water mains, roads, pavements, drainage systems, building or any structure etc. Should any of the above be damaged by the Contractor's staff, it shall be reported immediately to the Engineer, who shall arrange for the necessary repairs. The Contractor is responsible for the cost of repairs.
- 11.14 Should it be necessary for any reason to remove accumulated water or other liquid from the trench, this shall be done by the Contractor at his expense and should be taken into account at the time of tendering. The Contractor is to provide all pumps and appliances required to carry out this operation. Water or any other liquid removed shall be disposed of without creating any nuisance or hazard.
- 14.15 Trenching procedure shall be programmed in advance with the Engineer and the programme approved by the Engineer shall not be departed from save with his consent.
- 11.16 Programming of trenching shall be on the basis of the Contractor giving the Engineer an assurance that any length of trench opened on a particular day will be back-filled and compacted to an adequately firm surface on the same day where possible. If it is anticipated that trenching will remain open for longer periods, the Contractor shall first obtain the approval of the Engineer. No new sections of trenching shall commence if previously uncompleted sections still exist. Under no circumstances may sections greater than 300 metres be opened.
- Where such approval is given, the onus shall be on the Contractor to safeguard the works to the satisfaction of the Engineer during the extended period such trenches remain open. Where cables have already been laid, but not covered, steps shall be taken by the Contractor to protect cables and the personnel around.
- 11.17 The near side of any cable trench shall preferably not be less than 2500mm from any adjacent railway line. Approval from the Engineer will be required if the above clearances cannot be achieved. The conditions of clause 13.1 shall apply.
- 11.18 The removal of obstructions along the cable routes shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer and shall be paid for at pre-agreed rates.
- 11.19 The area traversed by the cable routes has been used for many years. It is inevitable that there will be uncharted services. On encountering any such service the Contractor shall promptly advise the Engineer who shall direct what action shall be taken.



- 11.20 Transnet Capital Projects reserves the right to alter any cable route or portion thereof in advance of cable laying. Payment in respect of any additional or wasted work involved shall be at scheduled rates.
- 11.21 Any existing electrical cables obstructing the cable routes shall be removed or deviated as appropriate by the Contractor. The work shall be paid for at scheduled rates.
- 11.22 The bottom of the trench shall be filled with 200mm of suitable soil sifted through a 6mm mesh and levelled off. Only soil with a satisfactory thermal resistivity may be used for this purpose and ash which occurs on the route shall not be used. Where no suitable soil is available in proximity, imported fill shall be arranged. The manufacturer's assurance is required that the current rating of cables is not reduced by the ground conditions.

**12.0 TRENCH/EXCAVATION SPECIFICATION**

Separate Trenches shall be supplied to cater for the following cable types:

**12.1 ELECTRICAL HV/MV TRENCHES**

- Trench Dimensions : 1200 mm deep by 500 mm wide (two cables), add 300mm width for additional cables
- River Sand Bedding : PVC Piping – 75 mm above pipe, 50mm under pipe  
: Direct Burial – 100 mm
- Identification : PVC or Concrete Interlocking Tiles at a depth of 350mm
- Cable Markers : Concrete with engraved anodised aluminium ID plates  
cable Marker Colour – Brilliant Green
- Cabling : Medium and High Voltage Power Cabling > 400 VAC
- Separation : 400 mm (LV cabling), 800mm (Instrument cabling)

**12.2 ELECTRICAL LV TRENCHES**

- Trench Dimensions : 800 mm deep by 300 mm wide
- River Sand Bedding : PVC Piping – 75 mm above pipe, 50mm under pipe  
: Direct Burial – 100 mm
- Identification : Polythene Marker Tape (150mm wide, yellow and  
marked with the words "Electric Cable" at a depth of  
350mm
- Cable Markers : Concrete with engraved anodised aluminium ID plates.  
cable Marker Colour – Black
- Cabling : Low Voltage Power Cabling 400 VAC/230 VAC  
(e.g. Actuators, Aux Motors, DB circuits)  
: Control Cabling  
(e.g. MV Breaker Inter-tripping cables, Actuator control signals,  
Aux Motor local stop/start panels etc.)
- Separation : 400 mm (HV/MV cabling), 800mm (Instrument cabling)



**12.3 INSTRUMENT TRENCHES**

- Trench Dimensions : 500 mm deep by 300 mm wide
- River Sand Bedding : PVC Piping – 75 mm above pipe, 50mm under pipe  
: Direct Burial – 100 mm
- Identification : PVC Tiles / Polythene Marker Tape (150mm wide, yellow and marked with the words “Electric Cable/Elektriese Kabel”) at a depth of 350mm
- Cable Markers : Concrete with engraved anodised aluminium ID plates  
cable Marker Colour – Light Blue
- Cabling : Instrument Multi-core & Single Pair Cabling (IS and non IS)
- Separation : 800mm (HV/MV/LV Electrical cabling)

**13. CABLE LAYING**

**13.1 CABLES BURIED UNDERGROUND.**

13.1.1 HV, MV, LV AND Instrument cables shall be spaced as indicated in Table 1 below. Pilot cables shall be laid beside the associated power cable. Cables crossing beneath railway tracks, roads, etc., shall be enclosed in 150mm diameter uPVC pipes. Where more than one length of pipe is required for a crossing, uPVC couplings with PVC glue, shall be used to prevent water from penetrating the joint. Cable pipes must maintain or exceed the specified cable spacing.

Table 1

CABLE	MINIMUM SPACING BETWEEN CABLES
MV To MV	300mm
MV To LV	400mm
LV TO LV	300mm
MV To instrumentation	800mm
LV To instrumentation	800mm

13.1.2 All pipes laid beneath the railway lines, roads, pavements shall be laid with their tops not less than 900mm below the formation level, and shall where possible extend at least 2000mm on either side of the centre of the outer most line. Where there is more than one line crossed and in the case of roads and pavements at least 900mm on either side of the road and 1 or pavement. All pipes shall be graded for water drainage ; the required grade is 75mm in 30m.

13.1.3 All Low voltage cables shall be laid at a depth of 750mm. All cable depth measurements shall be made to the top of the cable when laid direct in the ground, otherwise to the top of the duct concerned.



- 13.1.4 Except where ducts, tunnels or pipes are provided and unless instructed to the contrary by the Engineer, the Contractor shall lay the cables direct in the ground.
- 13.15 Rollers may be used during the laying of cables, but they shall have no sharp projecting parts liable to damage the cables. They shall be carefully placed in the trench or duct in such a manner that they will not readily capsize during cable laying operations.
- 13.1.6 The Contractor shall ensure that all cable is laid in the same direction. No crossing of conductors inside through joints or end boxes will be permitted.
- 13.1.7 Where cables have to be drawn around corners, skid plates shall be used for this purpose and these plates shall be well lubricated. The skid plates shall be securely fixed between rollers and shall be constantly examined during the cable laying operations.
- 13.1.8 Cable shall be visually inspected for damage during and after laying.
- 13.1.9 Cable pulling and laying shall preferably be done manually whenever possible. Mechanical means such as winches and the like may only be used subject to the approval of the Engineer. No cable shall be subjected to a tension exceeding that stipulated by the cable manufacturer.
- 13.1.10 In the event of mechanical means of cable pulling being approved, the Contractor shall establish means of communication between the operator of the winch or other pulling device and the persons tending the drum from which the cable is being run off, to the satisfaction of the Engineer.
- 13.1.11 The contractor shall be wholly responsible for making his own arrangements for transporting all materials to and from and on the working sites.
- 13.1.12 At locations where cables run under concrete bridges, the cables shall be supported on suitable brackets secured on the side of concrete wall. These brackets shall be spaced a maximum of 500mm apart. Brackets and fixing material shall be of robust design and shall meet with Engineer's approval. Drawing of proposed ' bracket shall accompany tender. Brackets shall be galvanised in accordance with SABS 763, and thereafter painted to the satisfaction of the Engineer.
- 14.0 CABLES LAID IN DUCTS, CABLE TRAYS AND LADDERS**
- 14.1.1 Cables installed in ducts shall be supported by cable ladder installed along the walls of the ducts or installed on the duct floor. If the cable ladder is installed on the duct floor, it shall be supported at +/- 50mm from the duct floor.
- 14.1.2 Cables installed in perforated cable trays and cable ladder shall be secured by means of heavy duty cable ties, cable clamps, etc.
- 14.1.3 Where medium and low voltage cables share the same wire-ways a reasonable space shall be left between the medium voltage and low voltage cables.
- 15.0 CABLE SLEEVING**
- 15.1 All areas subject to vehicle traffic, rail crossings and paved areas shall be sleeved.
- 15.2 Sleeves shall be designed and installed so as to ensure 25 % spare capacity.
- 15.3 Sleeve Specifications



Material : PVC or PHD Polyethylene  
Dimensions : 100 mm OD min  
Standards : DIN EN50086-2, BS EN50086-2-4:1994

## 16.0 DRAW BOXES

16.1 Where cable sleeves are utilised and to facilitate the hauling of cables, brick draw boxes shall be provided at all trench junctions, complete with concrete slab, as detailed below:

Draw Box Dimensions (min) : Internal 450 mm square, 3 courses of stock brick deep.

Base & Top : Concrete 50mm thick

## 17. COVERING, BACKFILLING AND REINSTATEMENT

17.1 Filling in of trenches shall not be commenced until the Engineer or his authorised representative has inspected and approved the cables in situ in the section of trench concerned. Such inspection shall not be unreasonably delayed.

17.2 Where, in the opinion of the Engineer, the soil on site is unsuitable for riddling or backfilling, the Contractor shall arrange for the importation of approved material. A 75mm thick layer of soil sifted through a 6mm mesh shall be laid above the high-tension cables and consolidated by hand ramming only. The conditions of clause 13.20 apply in this case also.

17.3 All excavations made (whether for the purpose of cable laying, joint bays or trial holes) shall be back-filled in 150mm layers, the earth in each layer being well rammed and consolidated and sufficient allowance being made for settlement. The back-filling shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

15.4 The refilled trench shall be maintained by the Contractor at his expense in a thoroughly safe condition for the duration of the contract. In the case of tarmac surfaces, until such time as this surface has been restored.

17.5 All backfilling of road crossings shall be mechanically rammed by means of approved type of mechanical power driven rammer.

17.6 The replacement of made up surfaces, such as roads, pavements, tarred aprons, verandas, floors, etc., necessitated by trenching or other works shall be arranged by the contractor at his cost. The price thereof shall be included in the tender price.

17.7 Concrete cable protection slabs to Drawing No. PPD-PA-10 shall be laid on top of the 75mm layer of soil referred to in clause 15.2 before the trenches are backfilled. Cable protection slabs shall be laid close butted, convex end to concave end, directly above each cable throughout the underground portion except where otherwise protected such as by pipes, etc. Three coloured slabs to drawing PPD-PA-9 shall be provided to give the indication of the route in the case of a change of direction. Only unbroken cable protection slabs, and those actually laid will be paid for.

17.8 When back filling of cable trench has reached a level, after consolidation, approximately 150mm below the normal level of the surface of the surrounding area the Contractor shall lay a continuous plastic cable warning tape directly above each cable for the full length of the cable trench before completing the backfilling.



- 17.9 Concrete cable markers to Drawing No. PPD-PA-12 shall be provided and installed by the Contractor at his cost. The price thereof shall be included in the tender price. Initial cable markers shall be installed as close as possible to cable terminations, thereafter at approximately 60m intervals and at cable joints, also on either side of crossings of oil pipelines and at ends of underground cable pipes.
- 17.10 Changes of direction and joints in cable runs shall be indicated by installing two markers at such positions in the manner shown on Drawing No. PPD-PA-12. The markers shall be coloured orange with oxide mixed into the concrete. Cable markers shall project approximately 25mm above normal ground level except where projecting cable markers could be a hazard to pedestrians such as in shunting yards, walkways, pavements, etc. In such cases the cable markers shall be flush with the surface.
- 17.11 If more than one cable is laid in one trench, only one row of cable markers shall be placed on the centre line of the trench to define the general route of the cables.
- 18. CABLE TESTING AND TEST DATA**
- 18.1 All tests on completed cables shall be carried out in the presence of a representative of Transnet Projects. Not less than 14 working days notice of the Contractor's intention to carry out such tests shall be given to the Engineer.
- 18.2 On completion of the jointing and termination of cables, the 11kV cables are to be subjected to the test laid down in paragraph E-1.4 of Appendix E of S.A.B.S.1339 and the low voltage type cables to be tested for insulation and loop resistance.
- 18.3 The anti-electrolysis insulation of each 11kV cable run complete, shall withstand for 1 minute, a test voltage of 10kV D.C., applied from the cable armouring to earth. The bedding shall withstand a test voltage of 4kV D.C. between screen and armouring for 1 minute.
- 18.4 As a graphite coating is required to be applied to the PVC oversheath (in accordance with British Standard), a D.C. voltage test will be carried out on all cables after installation. The D.C. voltage test can only be carried out on the installed system if the joints are suitably insulated from earth, otherwise the D.C. voltage test should be carried out prior to jointing.
- 18.5 The contractor shall obtain written confirmation from the manufacture of all cables, joints and terminations -etc. that the test that Transnet Projects requires the contractor to carry out in terms of this specification meets with the manufacturers approval. Such confirmation must be obtained prior to any, tests commencing.
- 18.6 The electrical Contractor shall on completion of the tests submit three copies of all test results. The costs of all the tests mentioned above shall be borne by the Contractor.
- 18.7 In addition the cable manufacturer shall provide test sheets of each manufactured cable drum length together with the cable drum numbers which shows all the test results.
- 18.8 Transnet Projects reserves the right to carry out any further tests deemed necessary itself, using either the Contractor's instruments and cable, or its own, or both. The costs of such tests shall not be charged to the Contract.



**18.9 Cable Testing – Low Voltage Cables (< 1 kV)**

Each individual core of all cables (including spares) will be checked for continuity and insulation breakdown, in accordance with SABS 150 (PVC):

- Insulation Resistance shall be measured with a 1000V Megger and the readings tabulated and certified.
- Similarly, earth continuity resistance shall be measured and recorded.
- All cables will be checked for correct termination.

**18.10 Cable Testing – Medium Voltage Cables (< 22 kV)**

Each section of laid and jointed cable shall be tested, in accordance with SABS 97 (PILC/SWA):

- Insulation Resistance shall be measured with a 1000V Megger, followed by the relevant pressure test. Readings shall be tabulated and certified.
- AC test voltage must be applied to each phase in turn for one minute, or alternatively the DC test voltage for fifteen minutes. Leakage current shall be measured and recorded for each test.
- All cables will be checked for correct termination.

**19. MEASUREMENTS OF CABLES**

19.1 All measurements for payment purposes shall be made jointly by representatives of the Contractor and Transnet Projects and shall be agreed and approved by both parties.

19.2 Measurements of cable length shall be made from centre to centre of cable joints and to the cable ends and will exclude any wastage due to jointing and terminating.

19.3 Measurements of trench width and depth shall be made to the nearest 50mm and shall not take into account subsidence or unnecessarily large excavations. No allowance shall be made where trenches have to be widened at the bottom to accommodate cables, cable joints and protection slabs



## APPENDIX 1

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE (TO BE COMPLETED BY TENDERER)

This tender complies with specification TPD: 003-CABLESPEC in all respects.

SIGNATURE : \_\_\_\_\_ DATE : \_\_\_\_\_

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This tender complies generally with specification TPD: 003-CABLESPEC but differs from it on the following points.

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