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PART A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)			
Description of the works/goods/services	THE REQUEST TO SUBMIT THE COST FOR THE WORKS FOR DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION OF ASYMMETRICAL HYBRIDE FOR APOLLO- SONGO PLC SYSTEM REFURBISHMENT		
Deadline for submission	29 March 2023	At (South African Standard Time)	10H00
Tender Office address	The Tender Office Megawatt Park (Retail Centre) Northside1 Maxwell Drive Sunninghill, 2000		


Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd ("Eskom") invites you to submit an:

Request for information (RFI) to submit the cost for the works for the Design, Manufacture, Supply, Delivery, Off-loading, of Asymmetrical Hybrid for Apollo-Songo PLC system refurbishment. This RFI is a stand-alone information-gathering and market-testing exercise, intended only to inform and assist Eskom with the indicative prices. Kindly refer to specification Apollo – Songo HVDC Asymmetrical Hybrid for power line carriers with unique identifier 240-14613203

Eskom has delegated the responsibility for this **RFI** to the signatory of this document, whose details can be found below.


We look forward to receipt of your response.

Yours faithfully

Name	Designation	Signature	Date
Mmabatho Marokane	Officer Procurement		23/02/2023
Telephone number	011 800 2761	Fax and/or e-mail address	marokama@eskom.co.za

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PART B RESPONSE SHEET IN TERMS OF A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION To be completed by the supplier			
To	Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Date	
Attention	Mmabatho Marokane		
Tel no	+27 011 800 2761	Fax no and /or e-mail address	marokama@eskom.co.za
From		Address	1 Maxwell Drive Sunninghill Sandton
Address			
Sender			
Description of the works/goods/services	The request for cost of work for the Design, Manufacture, Supply, Delivery, Off-loading, of Asymmetrical Hybrid with reference to the specification details the asymmetrical hybrid requirements for the Apollo – Songo PLC		

Please find below our response to Eskom's questions:

No.	Question	Please indicate your response in this column
1.	Your contact name and contact details	
2.	Company registration number	
3.	Brief description of previous experience and Description of the solution that you can offer	
4.	Indicative prices required	
5.	Central Supplier Database number, if applicable	
6	Has the supplier provided such scope to any of the Eskom Divisions?	
7	Is the supplier an Eskom Vendor? If yes please state the Eskom Vendor Number	

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8	Does the supplier have a BBBEE Certificate? If yes, please state the BBBEE level	
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Yours faithfully

Name	Designation	Signature	Date
Telephone number		Fax and/or e-mail address	

## 1. BACKGROUND

There are two HVDC power lines that extend from Apollo located near Pretoria in South Africa to Songo located near Cahora Bassa in Mozambique. The HVDC power from Cahora Bassa is transferred to Apollo via the two HVDC power lines and is converted to AC power and linked to the Eskom national power grid via the Apollo inverter station.

The Apollo – Songo HVDC line is approximately 1414 km with a single PLC repeater station at Pietersburg. The section of the HVDC line length from Pietersburg to Songo is approximately 1146 km making this one of the longest PLC links in the world. As a result, there are certain non-standard PLC link requirements to allow for the PLCs to operate on this condition.

The specification details the asymmetrical hybrid requirements for the Apollo – Songo PLC links with reference 240-146313203

## 2. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the request for information is:

- To assist Eskom with the indicative prices.

## 3. BENEFITS TO ESKOM


The plant will be more reliable as new breakers will be more reliable and have longevity. These breakers are very dangerous and it was recommended by an independent party, that they should not be in use until their reliable operation can be guaranteed.

## 4. SCOPE OF WORK/SUPPLY

Cost requested for design, manufacturing, delivery, and installation of asymmetrical hybrid.

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## 5. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

To ensure the receipt of communication with regards to this request for information process, kindly complete Appendix A – Acknowledgement Form and return it by email as indicated on the form within five days of publication of this RFI.

## 6. PROJECT TIMELINES

The timetable for the RFI process is set out as follows:

Item	Action	Due Date
1	RFI issue date	28 February 2023
2	E-mail acknowledgement form	marokama@eskom.co.za
3	Closing date for clarification and enquiries	22 March 2023
4	RFI closing date and time	29 March 2023 @ 10h00

## 7. METHOD OF DELIVERY

The RFI submissions must be sealed and delivered at the Tender Office Box located at the following address:

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited  
The Tender Office  
Megawatt Park (Retail Centre)  
Northside  
1 Maxwell Drive, Sunninghill

All submissions responses must be clearly marked as follows:

Offer Confidential Enquiry Reference no: **MWP1865TX**

Closing date: **29 March 2023**

Closing time: **10h00 am** South African Standard Time.


## HANDLING OF CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

Eskom Holdings does not take responsibility for submissions delivered to any other site than the Tender Office as specified above. Any submission which is not delivered as above will be deemed a late submission.

You are urged to ensure that all issues in your submission are sufficiently clear, and all documentation completed and incorporated in your submission at the time of submission.

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Non-adherence to this will prejudice and may disqualify your offer from further consideration.

Your RFI submission should have a thorough index and reference all documentation submitted. RFI documentation should be neatly filed / bound.

## FORMAT OF SUBMISSION

**EACH RFI SHALL BE SUPPLIED IN HARDCOPY AS FOLLOWS:**

**1 X ORIGINAL RETURNABLES TO THE RFI**

**1 X COPY OF THE RETURNABLES TO THE RFI**

## Queries and Questions

Questions must be submitted in writing, either via e-mail to:

**Attention: Mmabatho Marokane**

**E-mail: [\\_marokama@eskom.co.za](mailto:_marokama@eskom.co.za)**

## THIS SUBMISSION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS IT IS:-


- Received on or before the time and date as indicated; and
- Eskom reserves the right to cancel this RFI process at any time and will not accept or incur any liability for such cancellation.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Please note that this enquiry is not a Request for Quotation/Proposal but a Request for information only and therefore non-committal and does not constitute a guarantee of business, or an agreement to negotiate a binding agreement;
- Due to the specific need that this RFI process has to fulfil, Eskom wishes to clarify that this invitation is not intended to impede, amend or replace any current or future procurement process that Eskom has engaged in or will engage in;
- This RFI is a stand-alone information-gathering and market-testing exercise, intended only to inform and assist Eskom's further decisions. No respondent, through submission of information will gain any right to participate in any future process and participates herein on the basis that it is providing information voluntarily to strengthen a potentially beneficial process for all stakeholders. In addition, no participant shall be prevented or excluded from participation in the bidding process due to submission of information in response to this RFI;

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- Any information provided pursuant to this RFI process and any subsequent processes and/or engagement is not confidential, but Eskom will use the information only in the course of its process for Fabrication steelwork for Transmission Lines in Eskom Holdings SOC Limited;
- Through making a submission, a respondent accepts the terms and conditions which govern this process;
- All participants responding to this RFI process need to ensure that they have received all information and remain solely responsible for satisfying themselves as to the information required in responding hereto and are fully responsible for all costs incurred in relation hereto and under no circumstances will any resultant cost be borne by Eskom; and
- Eskom reserves the right not to proceed with any further engagements on the requirements

We look forward to receipt of your response.

Yours faithfully




Takalani Nemavhulani

**Procurement Manager**  
**Eskom Holdings SOC Limited**

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## APPENDIX A: RETURNABLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

**TO: ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED's FROM:**  
**Representative**

Attention: Mmabatho Marokane  
Contact No: 011 800 2761  
e-mail: marokama@eskom.co.za

Sender:  
Contact No:  
E-mail address::

### RFI reference number:

**Confirmation of respondents to participate in a Request for information for the request for cost of work for the Design, Manufacture, Supply, Delivery, Off-loading, of Asymmetrical Hybrid with reference to the specification details the asymmetrical hybrid requirements for the Apollo – Songo PLC**

We are in receipt of Eskom Holdings SOC Limited request for information dated

We confirm the following (please mark the appropriate response):

No	Statement	Yes	No	Comments
1.	We are interested in submitting a response in terms of Eskom's RFI process requirement.			
2.	We have noted the deadline for the RFI submission.			
3.	We intend to submit the information in the name of the organisation stated above.			
4.	We would like to receive all further information and correspondence at our e-mail address as above.			
5.	We have read and understood all the "important notes" above.			

Your faithfully

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For the Respondent

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