

# War on Illegal Mining launched

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A strong, united effort to clamp down on illegal mining has officially been set in motion in the North West Province with the launch of Operation Prosper. The operation, spearheaded by the South African Police Service (SAPS) in partnership with the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), was launched at the SAPS Mankwe Academy near Rustenburg on 8 April 2026.

Led by acting provincial commissioner, major general Mmolawa, the initiative underscores the urgent need for coordinated law enforcement efforts to combat illicit mining activities.

Experts have repeatedly warned that illegal mining is not a victimless crime. According to Minerals Council South Africa, illicit mining is costing the country billions of rand annually, draining resources, damaging infrastructure, and undermining legitimate businesses.

Illegal mining is frequently driven by heavily armed criminal groups, turning mining areas into high-risk zones, and there is growing hope that the combined efforts of police and the army will bring these operations under control – safely.



SANDF and SAPS members stand ready during the launch of Operation Prosper, reinforcing efforts to combat illegal mining across the North West Province.

## INVITATION FOR PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS



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BID NO.	DESCRIPTION	DOC. FEES (NON-REFUNDABLE)	AVAILABILITY OF BID DOCUMENT	EVALUATION CRITERION	ENQUIRIES	COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	CLOSING DATE
RLM/DTIS/0118/2025/26	Appointment of one or more service providers (maximum of 3 per line item) for supply and delivery of streetlight poles and electrical distribution poles to Rustenburg Local Municipality as and when required for a period of 3 years	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R1000.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b> 0118+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b> 033 054 657	<b>NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates.</li> <li>80/20 preferential point system (price = 80 &amp; specific goals = 20)</li> </ul> <b>NB! That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Mr. J. Kgatle 014 590 3259 jkgatle@rustenburg.gov.za <b>SCM</b> Ms. O. Pelesi 014 590 3148 opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za	<b>N/A</b>	<b>DATE</b> 02 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 08:30
RLM/DTIS/0113/2025/26	Appointment of one or more service providers (maximum of 2 per line item) for the supply and delivery of padlocks to Rustenburg Local Municipality as and when required for a period of 3 years	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R750.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b> 0113+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b> 033 054 657	<b>NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates</li> <li>80/20 preferential point system (price = 80 &amp; specific goals = 20)</li> </ul> <b>NB! That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Mr. J. Kgatle 014 590 3259 jkgatle@rustenburg.gov.za <b>SCM</b> Ms. O. Pelesi 014 590 3148 opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za	<b>N/A</b>	<b>DATE</b> 03 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 08:30
RLM/DTIS/0114/2025/26	Appointment of one or more service providers (maximum of 3 per line item) for the supply and delivery of miniature substation, ringmain units, metering unit, distribution transformers, plinth and transformer oil to Rustenburg Local Municipality as and when required for a period of 3 years	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R1000.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b> 0114+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b> 033 054 657	<b>NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates</li> <li>80/20 preferential point system (price = 80 &amp; specific goals = 20)</li> </ul> <b>NB! That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Mr. J. Kgatle 014 590 3259 jkgatle@rustenburg.gov.za <b>SCM</b> Ms. O. Pelesi 014 590 3148 opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za	<b>N/A</b>	<b>DATE</b> 04 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 08:30
RLM/DTIS/0057/2025/26	Appointment of one or more service providers (maximum of 2 per line item) for the supply and delivery of traffic signal equipment to Rustenburg Local Municipality as and when required for a period of 3 years	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R750.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b> 0057+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b> 033 054 657	<b>NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates</li> <li>80/20 preferential point system (price = 80 &amp; specific goals = 20)</li> </ul> <b>NB! That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Mr. J. Kgatle 014 590 3259 jkgatle@rustenburg.gov.za <b>SCM</b> Ms. O. Pelesi 014 590 3148 opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za	<b>N/A</b>	<b>DATE</b> 05 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 08:30
RLM/DTIS/0120/2025/26	Appointment of a contractor to perform switchgear and protection testing and maintenance at various substations and electrical network as and when required for a period of 3 years	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R1000.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b> 0120+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b> 033 054 657	<b>NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates</li> <li>ISO 9001: 2015</li> <li>ISO 14001: 2015</li> <li>ISO 45001: 2018</li> <li>CIDB Grading 6EP or higher</li> <li>Functionality evaluation scoring 70 out of maximum 100</li> <li>80/20 preferential point system (price = 80 &amp; specific goals = 20)</li> </ul> <b>NB! That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Mr. J. Kgatle 014 590 3259 jkgatle@rustenburg.gov.za <b>SCM</b> Ms. O. Pelesi 014 590 3148 opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za	<b>DATE</b> 28 April 2026 <b>VENUE</b> Rustenburg Local Municipality Offices <b>TIME</b> 09:00	<b>DATE</b> 08 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 08:30
RLM/DTIS/0121/2025/26	Appointment of a contractor to perform maintenance of power transformers at various substations as and when required for a period of 3 years	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R1000.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b> 0121+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b> 033 054 657	<b>NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates</li> <li>ISO 9001: 2015</li> <li>ISO 14001: 2015</li> <li>ISO 45001: 2018</li> <li>CIDB Grading 7EP or higher</li> <li>Functionality evaluation scoring 70 out of maximum 100</li> <li>80/20 preferential point system (price = 80 &amp; specific goals = 20)</li> </ul> <b>NB! That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Mr. J. Kgatle 014 590 3259 jkgatle@rustenburg.gov.za <b>SCM</b> Ms. O. Pelesi 014 590 3148 opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za	<b>DATE</b> 29 April 2026 <b>VENUE</b> Rustenburg Local Municipality Offices <b>TIME</b> 09:00	<b>DATE</b> 09 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 08:30
RLM/DTIS/0086/2024/25	Re-advert: Appointment of a maximum of three (03) service providers for the supply and delivery of HV, MV and LV cables and conductors to Rustenburg Local Municipality for a period of three (03) years	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R1500.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b> 0086+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b> 033 054 657	<b>NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates</li> <li>80/20 preferential point system (price = 80 &amp; specific goals = 20)</li> </ul> <b>NB! That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Mr. J. Kgatle 014 590 3259 jkgatle@rustenburg.gov.za <b>SCM</b> Ms. N. Kiet 014 590 3633 nkiet@rustenburg.gov.za	<b>N/A</b>	<b>DATE</b> 10 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 08:30

- Bidders must submit both a hard copy document and an electronic tender document in the form of a clearly marked USB. (Bidders will be disqualified for not submitting a USB with scanned bid documentation)
- Bid documents must be in a sealed packaging clearly marked with the bid number and description, must be placed in the bid box in the foyer of the Municipal offices, Missionary Mpheni House, Beyers Naude Drive, Rustenburg not later than the prescribed closing date, where after the bids will be opened in public at the Municipal offices.
- All bids will be evaluated in accordance with the Supply Chain Policy of the Rustenburg Local Municipality, PPPFA 2022 and other related legislations. Bids will remain valid for 90 days.
- The lowest or any bid will not be necessarily accepted, and the municipality reserves the right to accept the whole or part of any bid. The municipality reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as indicated in the technical specifications. A market analysis conducted will be taken into consideration to ensure right procurement and quality service delivery.
- Tender submission must comply with the instruction note (Tender Completion and Attachment of Mandatory Documents) as well as all other additional tendering condition and requirements stated in the tender document.
- Objections or complaints must be submitted in writing to the Municipal Manager at the address stated, and must contain the following:
  - reasons and/or grounds for the objection or complaint.
  - the way in which the objector or complainant's rights have been affected; and
  - the remedy sought by the objector or complainant
- Any objection or complaint must reach the Municipal Manager with a 14-day period after award has been made. Late objections or complaints will not be entertained.
- Submissions which fail to adhere to all the requirements and instructions stated on this advert, E-tender advert, CIDB Website for CIDB tenders as well as the tender document will lead to disqualification.
- Should there be any contradictions between the information on this advert and the information in the tender document, then the information on this advert will take precedence.
- Rustenburg Local Municipality will not accept late bids.
- The bid price validity is 90 days.
- Rustenburg Local Municipality will not accept documents which are not in envelopes and clearly marked with the bid number and description.