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1.	1.1 Scope of Works	Dear SRM Team, Table 3, Item 5 16/18" 40,2KM /Newcastle to Quagga, is the pipe changing diameter or dual pipe? Please clarify.	It is a dual diameter pipeline transitioning from 16" x 7.14mm wall thickness to 18" x 8.74mm wall thickness through a 410mm long reducer at 14km distance.
2.	2.1 Clause 4 of Scope of works	Provision and Specifications of Cleaning Pigs During the briefing session, it was communicated that bidders are required to supply their own cleaning pigs. Please formally confirm this requirement in writing and advise whether Transnet will provide baseline pigging data, pipeline cleanliness criteria, and launcher/receiver dimension drawings to ensure correct pig sizing and material specification.	Bidders to supply own pre-inspection cleaning and gauging tools. Pipeline cleanliness' to enable efficient data capturing. All trap dimensions are provided in clause 4 of the scope.
	2.2 No Reference	Site Surveys, Line Schedule & Submission Timeline During the briefing session it was noted that bidders must conduct site surveys to establish the Line Schedule, Execution Method Statement, and Inspection Timelines. Given the current closing date of 22 September 2026, the remaining timeframe provides insufficient time to organize site access and complete surveys across the designated pipeline sections. Could Transnet provide existing site layout drawings, launcher/receiver station data, and	There is no requirement for bidders to conduct site surveys. All traps are permanent installed in the manifold boundaries and all accessible. Two weeks to 6 October 2026 . Drawings will only be provided to the preferred bidders

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		baseline schedules to minimize the necessity for pre-bid physical site visits? If physical site surveys remain mandatory prior to submission, we respectfully request an extension to the bid submission deadline to allow bidders adequate time to complete these assessments safely and thoroughly.	
	2.3 Clause 4.1 to 4.3 Scope of Works	Additional Technical & Operational Queries - Operating Parameters: Could Transnet confirm the expected operating pressure (MAOP), flow rates, and product medium characteristics during the cleaning and MFL runs? - Permit & Access Requirements: What is the standard lead time and process for obtaining site access permits, safety inductions, and security clearances for bidder personnel? - Reporting Timelines: Please clarify the specific turnaround times required for delivering the Preliminary Defect Report versus the Final Inline Inspection Report post-run.	- For MAOP data please refer to clauses 4.1 to 4.3 of the scope of works. - Flow rate: 24"Multi-Product pipeline Twini-Hiltop-Mnambithi 1080 m3/h - Flow rate: 16"Multi-Product pipeline (MPP): Alrode (ALR) - Langlaagte (LLA) 600/740 m3/h - Flow rate: 16" Multi-Product pipeline (MPP): Kendal (KDL) - Waltloo (WAO) 450/700 m3/h - Flow rate: 16" to 18" Crude Oil Pipeline (COP): The entire COP Durban (DBN) - Coalbrook (CBK) 760 m3/h - For product medium refer to clause 3. - Reporting Timelines: please refer to clause 9 of the scope of work. - Permit & access requirements: Immediate after compliance in clause 11 have been met.

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	2.4 No Reference	Given that contractor supplied cleaning pigs, site survey requirements, and potential operational contingencies impact cost structures, we respectfully suggest that Transnet issue an updated Bill of Quantities (BOQ) / Pricing Schedule via an addendum. Explicit line items for pig procurement, site survey costs, and reporting deliverables will ensure all bidders price the work on a transparent, uniform, and compliant basis.	There will be no new BOQ or pricing schedule refer to the given.
3.	3.1 No Reference	CLARIFICATION REQUEST 1: REQUEST FOR 30-DAY BID EXTENSION Request Content: We respectfully request an extension of the bid closing date from 22 September 2026 by 30 days, i.e., to 22 October 2026. Rationale and Basis: Insufficient bid preparation time: This project involves the inspection of 10 pipeline sections totaling approximately 943 kilometers, covering MFL corrosion detection, geometry/deformation surveys, XYZ mapping, and other technical services. The bid submission requires extensive technical documentation (including T2.2-01 through T2.2-08, comprising 8 technical schedules), and the preparation time is currently constrained.	Extension of the Closing date has been extended to the 06 October 2026 at 12h00

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		High complexity of the technical solution: The pipelines covered under this project span multiple diameters including 24-inch, 18-inch, and 16-inch, and include a 16/18-inch dual-diameter section. The inspection tools are required to negotiate a minimum 3D bend radius. The development of a technically sound proposal requires sufficient time for proper technical substantiation and verification. Clarification process has yet to be fully completed: As per the RFP provisions, all clarification responses will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Additional clarification information obtained prior to the closing date would enable bidders to prepare more accurate and competitive proposals	
	3.2 (https://esupplierportal.transnet.net/portal/) or E-Tender portal	CLARIFICATION REQUEST 2: SUBSIDIARYBIDDING – RECOGNITION OF PARENT COMPANY EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS Request Content: Our company intends to participate in this bid through our Dubai-registered subsidiary. We respectfully request clarification on the following: Will the subsidiary's bid be permitted to reference the parent company's project experience, accumulated inspection mileage, technical qualifications, and certifications for the purpose of	A technical evaluation addendum has been issued.

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		evaluation? If so, what supporting documentation would be required (e.g., legal relationship documentation between parent and subsidiary, letter of authorization, etc.)? Rationale and Basis: Industry practice of group-wide resource sharing: In the pipeline inspection industry, it is common practice for group companies to have different subsidiaries executing projects across various regions, with technical capabilities, tools and equipment, and personnel qualifications managed and allocated at the group level. Permitting the subsidiary to reference the parent company's experience and qualifications would more accurately reflect the bidding entity's overall technical competency. RFP definition of "Company" does not explicitly exclude subsidiary reference to parent company experience: The RFP on page 5 defines bidders as "persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises." T2.2-04 and T2.2-05 require bidders to provide "Company's Project Related Experience" and "Company Accumulated Length," but do not specify whether "Company" includes the parent company and group-affiliated entities. Avoiding potential non-responsiveness determination: The RFP on page 7 states, "No company shall submit a bid on	

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		behalf of another company regardless of the company being a subsidiary or holding company"- this provision addresses the submission act (i.e., one company may not submit a bid on behalf of another), rather than the reference to experience and qualifications. However, to avoid any ambiguity, we respectfully request Transnet's formal clarification on this matter. Supporting Documents to be Submitted (if approved): Legal relationship documentation between the parent company and the Dubai subsidiary (e.g., certificates of incorporation, shareholding structure documents); Letter of authorization issued by the parent company authorizing the subsidiary to use its experience, qualifications, and certifications for this bid; Parent company's project experience certificates, accumulated inspection mileage records, OEM performance datasheets, personnel NDT certifications, etc. Supporting Documents to be Submitted (if approved): Legal relationship documentation between the parent company and the Dubai subsidiary (e.g., certificates of incorporation, shareholding structure documents);	

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		Letter of authorization issued by the parent company authorizing the subsidiary to use its experience, qualifications, and certifications for this bid; Parent company's project experience certificates, accumulated inspection mileage records, OEM performance datasheets, personnel NDT certifications, etc.	
	3.3 Scope of Works	CLARIFICATION REQUEST 3: REDUCER TRANSITION DETAILS OF THE 16/18-INCH DUAL DIAMETER PIPELINE SECTION Request Content: We kindly request the provision of structural drawings or site photographs of the reducer transition piece for the Newcastle to Quagga pipeline section (16/18-inch dual-diameter). Rationale and Basis: Critical impact of the reducer transition on tool passage: According to the RFP technical specifications, the MFL inspection tool must be capable of negotiating a minimum 3D bend. The geometric configuration of the 16/18-inch reducer transition (reducer ratio, transition length, taper angle, etc.) directly affects the design of the inspection tool, particularly the configuration of sealing discs and sensors, making it a critical input for the technical proposal development.	Kindly assume the reducer to be eccentric.

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		Incomplete reducer information provided in the RFP: While the RFP on page 57 provides certain parameters for the launcher and receiver traps of the Newcastle-Quagga pipeline section, specific details of the reducer transition structure (such as whether the reducer is concentric or eccentric, transition length, tape range, etc.) are not specified in the document. Ensuring accuracy of the technical proposal: Drawings or photographs would enable bidders to accurately assess the feasibility of tool passage through the reducer transition, thereby avoiding potential technical solution deviations or operational failures due to insufficient information.	
	3.4 Section 1: SBD Form	CLARIFICATION REQUEST 4: TAXATION AND VAT MECHANISM FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES Request Content: Our company intends to participate in this bid through our Dubai-registered entity (anon-resident company of SouthAfrica, with no locally registered entity, branch, permanent establishment, or source of income in South Africa). We respectfully request clarification on the following tax-related matters: How should a foreign company satisfythe "tax compliance" obligation under the RFP?Is a tax compliance certificate from its country of domicile	1. Foreign Supplier Requirements Kindly refer to Page 4 of the RFP under "QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS." The bidder is required to assess each question and determine which provisions are applicable to their circumstances. If the answer to all the questions is "No," there is no requirement for registration in terms of the provisions set out in that section. In addition, bidders must carefully review Part B: "Terms and Conditions for Bidding" and identify

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		sufficient, or is registration with the South African Revenue Service (SARS) and obtaining a PIN code still required? If a foreign company issues invoices directly to Transnet, who is responsible for remitting the VAT to SARS—the supplier itself, or may Transnet as the procuring entity withhold and remit the VAT on behalf of the supplier (e.g., via a reverse charge mechanism)? If invoices are issued through a local South African representative or agent, does the VAT treatment differ? Are there any specific differences in tax compliance requirements between foreign and local companies during the bidding phase and the contract execution phase? If a foreign company has no permanent establishment in South Africa, is its service income subject to South African income tax, and if so, who is responsible for the declaration and payment thereof?	the requirements relevant to their particular circumstances. Bidders are further encouraged to familiarize themselves with all RFP requirements that relate specifically to foreign entities. 2. VAT Requirements The VAT treatment applicable to a bidder will depend on whether the bidder is registered as a VAT vendor. The applicable VAT legislation and related rules will apply. It is therefore the bidder's responsibility to familiarize itself with the relevant VAT legislation and ensure compliance with all applicable requirements. 3. Tax Compliance Requirements During the bidding phase, the applicable tax compliance requirements for both local and foreign entities are those stipulated in the RFP, as outlined above. During contract execution, the nature of the services and/or work performed will determine the

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			applicable tax obligations. These obligations will be applied strictly in accordance with the Income Tax Act, the VAT Act, and any other relevant tax legislation. In particular, the applicable source-based income tax rules will apply, and each party will be responsible for fulfilling its respective obligations as prescribed by the relevant legislation. 4. Bidder Responsibility It remains the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that its tax affairs are fully compliant. Accordingly, bidders must familiarize themselves with the requirements of the Income Tax Act, VAT Act, and any other applicable legislation, considering their specific circumstances and the manner in which they intend to structure both their bid submission and the execution of the work.
4.	4.1 Part A Invitation to bid	Before progressing the provider, could you please confirm that Transnet is still accepting new bidders up to 22 September and clarify the points below? If the technical questions are handled by another member of the Pipeline Integrity team, I would appreciate it if you could include or direct me to the appropriate person.	Yes, Bidders are welcome to respond to the bid on or before the closing date and time as indicated on the bid document and the advert. Please refer to PART A (Invitation to Bid and section 5.1) where all queries are to be directed to in relation to this bid

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	4.2 Clarification 3.4	For an international ILL provider without an existing South African entity, is direct participation permitted, or is a South African JV/local partner required? How do the B-BBEE, SARS/CSD and security requirements apply?	Refer to 3.4 above responses
	4.3 Clause 4 of Scope of Works	Could you share or confirm the principal line data for the relevant 24", 16" and 16–18" sections: wall thickness/material, product, operating pressure/temperature/flow, minimum bend radius, valve/reducer restrictions, launcher/receiver dimensions and any multi-diameter or bidirectional requirements?	See 2.3 above. Line data: please refer to clause 4 of the scope of work. Temperature: to be considered ambient.
	4.4 Scope of Works	Is MFL primarily required for metal-loss/corrosion detection, with separate technology acceptable for axial/circumferential crack detection, or must one inspection configuration cover all specified threat classes? What POD and sizing accuracy are required for metal loss, pinholes, dents and illegal taps?	The tender requirement is for MFL-A, with minimum thresholds as stated in the POF 100 of November 2021 document.
	4.5 Clause 5 of Scope of work	Are GEO/caliper and XYZ/IMU required on each relevant run, and are combined-tool runs preferred or mandatory?	Refer to clause 5 of scope. A data from Geo would provide the ability to determine the MFL passage. XYZ/IMU may be coupled to either of the live tools.
	4.6 No reference	Beyond POF 100 Nov. 2021, are specific reporting/database formats required for integration into Transnet's pipeline integrity systems?	No
	4.7 No Reference	Are there maximum tool-speed/flow constraints, shutdown limitations, hazardous-area requirements or	At the time of scheduling pipeline operation will not intentionally stop the tool in the line.

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		other operational/HSE constraints that should be considered?	
	4.8 Clarification 3.2	For the required previous ILI experience, can qualifying experience be aggregated through a consortium/JV, or must all experience sit with the prime bidder?	Refer to 3.2 above
	4.9 No Reference	Finally, what is the anticipated technical evaluation, clarification and award timeline, and when is the first inspection campaign expected to begin?	The anticipated timeline for the technical evaluation, clarification process, and award of the contract is expected to be completed within the bid validity period of 180 days from the tender closing date. All bidders are required to maintain the validity of their bids for this 180-day period. Should unforeseen circumstances result in a delay beyond the validity period, Transnet will formally communicate with all participating bidders and, where necessary, request an extension of bid validity before the expiry of the initial 180-day period. The commencement date of the first inspection campaign will be confirmed following the completion of the evaluation process, finalisation of the award, and fulfilment of all contractual

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			requirements. The successful bidder will be notified accordingly through the appropriate contractual channels.
5.	5.1	Liftin of Pigs at launcher & receiver locations – Transnet to confirm their responsibility	This is the responsibility of the bidder
	5.2 Master Agreement	Under Section 9, item 7. Subcontracting. Please clarify: If the RSA bidder is the official RSA agent of an overseas Inspection Service Provider, does Transnet regard this as sub-contracting?	subcontracting refers to a situation where the main contractor (supplier/service provider awarded the contract by Transnet) appoints another company or individual to perform part of the contracted work, supply goods, or provide services on its behalf. - Please refer to master agreement Section 11 (Subcontracting) terms and conditions
	5.3	On the pipeline sections there are non-return valves, if low flow conditions exist, how will Transnet mitigate the risks of pigs traversing through these NRV's?	Transnet will assume custodial responsibility for tools soon after the trap is closed and until the receiving trap is opened
	5.4	Pig cleaning: Does Transnet have a preferred on-site cleaning and debris disposal company?	No
	5.5	Can Transnet provide the minimum I/D in the bends of all the lines	Whilst Transnet may not readily provide min ID in the bends. Transnet confirms that bores of all our fittings are piggable.
	5.6	Can Transnet provide the operating pressures and flow rates in all the lines	Yes, Transnet will provide operating pressures and flow rates.