



**BID NO. EKZNW 03/2025/26**

**HIRE OF A HELICOPTER WITH A COMPLETE CREW FOR BIOLOGICAL SURVEY, MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS.**

**ADDENDUM NO.1**  
23 February 2025

This Addendum, which forms an integral part of the tender document for the above-mentioned contract, shall be read in conjunction with the tender document.

During the briefing session questions regarding the specification were raised, the following points amend or revise the specification to provide clarity regarding the questions raised. They supersede what is written in the document.

**1. Section 3.2 on Page 26:**

- a) The ability of pilots to operate at high altitudes, with recent search and rescue experience at high altitude (>9 000 feet in mountainous areas, is crucial for mountain rescue missions). This includes proof of recent landings, shutdowns and startups at altitudes over 9 000 feet.
- a) The ability to sling loads is essential, with recent experience of load slinging available for inspection.
- i) Short activation time and 24/7 availability for mission planning. There is no requirement for night flying, however the pilots who will conduct the rescue, and Mission planning team need to be available 24/7 for pre-flight Mission planning.
- j) A second capable aircraft must be available at short notice, which meets the above criteria with regards to pilot experience, should the primary aircraft be unavailable. This is important since aircraft and pilots may be contracted to carry out other work which may preclude their availability at short notice.
- k) Proof of a centrally situated refuel site (available 24/7) within the Drakensberg to facilitate refueling if necessary.

**2. Section 3.3 Management Operations on Page 27:**

- b) The ability to operate through mountainous terrain and avoid obstacles.

**3. Section 4 Specific conditions of the contracts on Page 27**

- b) The tender must include the ferry time, refuel time, and two hours survey time.

**4. Section 5 Mandatory technical requirements on Page 27**

- f) Part 138 Certification for medical operations for aircraft.

**5. Section 6 Company requirements on Page 27**

- b) Provide a minimum of two written references with contact details from clients that have used the bidding company for helicopter aerial census work.

## **6. Section 7 Pilot qualification on Page 27**

- b. Minimum 2000 hours mountain flying experience, with at least 100 hours recent (i.e. in the last year) mountain flying experience.
- c. Proof of conducting aerial census work in the last year.
- d. Proof of conducting aerial flights in high altitude operations exceeding 9000 feet in the last year.
- e. Proof of slinging operations experience within the last year

The Bidder shall provide the following credentials of the pilot/s to be employed on the operation/s:

- d. A CV showing experience in biological survey, management operations and mountain rescue operations (at altitudes over 9000 feet) for each of the nominated pilots

## **7. Section 12 Minimum helicopter and pilot specifications on Page 29**

### **Subsection 3 Helicopter (Rescue Activities)**

5. Ability to carry one stretcher patient and attendant, as well as the ability to be rapidly - reconfigured to carry four Mountain Club team members and their equipment.
6. Helicopter must have the ability to cargo sling (equipment only). There is no requirement for a winch.
7. Critical - 24 hour/ 7 days a week availability of Pilots and Crew Members, (including public holidays and weekends). This is to facilitate Mission Planning - Only daylight flying is required.
8. Activation time- the time from time of call to take off aircraft must be listed
9. Average flight times from Base to the Central Drakensberg must be listed
10. Refuelling – the ability to conduct "hot" refuelling and the time required to conduct normal refuelling should be listed.
11. Part 138 Certification to enable medical evacuations to be carried out.

### **Subsection 4 Pilot (Biological Survey, Census, Management and Rescues Activities)**

4. Minimum 20 hours Recent (i.e. in the last year) mountain flying experience.
5. Minimum of 50 hours at high altitude (>9 000ft) within mountainous areas within the last 12 months. This includes proof of recent landings, shutdowns and startups at altitudes over 9 000 feet.
6. Minimum of 200 hours on type.
7. 100 hours total survey (e.g. cliff nesting birds) experience at high altitude (>9 000 ft) in mountainous areas
8. 100 hours total search and rescue experience at high altitude >9 000 feet.

### **Subsection 5 Legal and insurance requirements**

2. All bidders must possess the following insurance cover:
  - d) Passenger's equipment to be included for loss/damage to value of R250 000 in total

## **8. Mandatory Requirements on Page 31**

### **Subsection 5**

5. Original copy of a signed summary of the original pilot logbook indicating a minimum of 200 hrs experience in biological survey and mountain rescue operations including copies of the last three pages of the logbook (copies highlighted in the logbook noting experience in biological survey and mountain rescue operations demonstrating hours).
  1. Minimum of 1500 hours total experience at high altitude (>9 000ft) within mountainous areas
  2. Minimum 20 hours RECENT (within the last 12 months) mountain flying experience.
  3. Minimum of 50 hours at high altitude (>9 000ft) within mountainous areas within the last 12 months.
  4. Minimum of 200 hours on type.

- 5. 100 hours survey (e.g. cliff nesting birds) experience at high altitude (>9 000 ft) in mountainous areas
- 6. 100 hours search and rescue experience at high altitude >9 000 feet over the last five years.
- 7. External sling rating experience (ability to cargo sling on aircraft in order to ferry equipment and/or supplies).

Yours sincerely,



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**MR NHLAKANIPHO SANGWENI**  
**ACTING MANAGER: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER**  
**Monday, February 23, 2026**

**ACCEPTANCE AND INCORPORATION OF ADDENDUM NO. 1**

I/We accept that Addendum No. 1 forms part of the tender documents.

I/We confirm that I/We

- a) have noted the contents of this addendum.
- b) have fully considered the addendum.
- c) have incorporated the amendments and additions contained in this addendum in my/our tender for BID NO. EKZNW 03/2025/26.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TENDERER: .....

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