



Invitation to Tender
Enquiry No: E2950GXMPMAT

ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LTD
ADDENDUM: INVITATION TO TENDER
FOR

PROVISION OF COOLING TOWERS 1 – 6 INTERNAL CIVIL REFURBISHMENT DURING PLANNED (GO AND MGO) AT MATLA POWER STATION FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS AS AN WHEN REQUIRED BASIS.

ADDENDUM FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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- Revised Tender Closing Date

Closing Date	Revised Closing date
17 June 2026 at 10H00	29 June 2026 at 10H00

- Queries and responses for clarity

No.	Queries	Responses
1.	Can we get the BOQ in excel format ?	Tenderer to kindly utilise what is provided
2.	Item 6 in the Bill of quantities indicates an item for draining of diametric duct and pond for all 6 towers. The description in the pay item is a provisional sum. There is no amount allowed in the BOQ. There should be a value for the provisional sum item.	The Client assumes that the supplier is an expert in this works and must give an estimated for that line item.
3.	The Tender Heading says as and when required. Please can we have clarity about this?	It's an Outage / shutdown scope of work. It is depended on the availability of the plant. When the access is available the Appointed Contract manager will call you to avail.

4.	The 6 months in Time-related P&G is confusing. Not sure if all the work must be done in 6 months or if you have 6 months per cooling tower	(35 to 80 days is the duration they can make the Cooling Tower available for a contractor to work on.) (Varies outage to outage)
5.	Sometime related items are 60 months. They said at the clarification meeting the works will be done over 5 years hence the 60 months	It's an Outage / shutdown scope of work. It is depended on the availability of the plant. When the access is available the Appointed Contract manager will call you to avail.
6.	So, I can only assume then that you have 6 months per cooling tower. The P&G will have to be adjusted if it's 6 months per tower. At the Briefing you spoke of 10-day outages when work can be done. Won't get much done in only 10 days. The amount of work that is required you will need 6 months per cooling tower	(35 to 80 days per tower we will be working with)
7.	What does this mean? The successful bidder will be awarded the Project and mobiles and setup on site and attend to all the commercial issues and onboarding and start on Tower one. What happens after completion? Do we go directly to next Tower and no de establishment and then re- establish when needed. There are no pay items to de establish and re- establish and no delay period indicated between Tower Repair	The tenderer will not be moving directly from one tower to another as they will be working according to the outage listing and as per the outage opportuning. Site establishment will only be done at the beginning and de-establishment will be done at the end of the contract, hence on the price schedule it is reflected as one for each
8.	There is a description for the Replacement of the expansion joints in the cooling towers however in the BOQ there is no payment item for his particular work	Quote this item Rate / meter. It will be addressed as rate based only.
9.	There is confusion regarding the unit measure for the replacement of steel cat ladders and Handrails. In the Price list the unit is M3 and in the Budget bill of materials it is M. please can we get clarity on the correct measure unit	Correct measurement is kg.
10.	Please can we have more details on the launder channels. There was a discussion about the repair of the launder channels, however this is no billed item for this work in the Bill of quantities.	Kg is the correct Unit.
11.	The timing of the work is confusing as some time related items are measured for 60 months however others are measured for 6 months. How much time will we have per Cooling tower to execute the works? There was talk about the work to be done over outages. How long are the outages. The work is extensive and a lot of preparation and access needs to be in place to carry out the work effectively. We would like to know how much time will be available for us to carry out the work on each cooling tower. Please consider that the coating systems specified need a dry environment to do the applications	(35 to 80 days is the duration they can make the Cooling Tower available for a contractor to work on.) (Varies outage to outage)
12.	Please can you confirm that the access requirements will be provided by the client free of charge to the Contractor for all work on the Project.	Yes

13.	Pay item 5 is for wind deflectors. There is no description of what work is required. Please can we have more details on what work is required on the wind deflectors	Remove and replace / recast them – that is what needs to be done on the wind deflectors.
14.	There is mention of repairs in the screen washing bay in the scope of works however there is no item in the Bill of quantities for this work.	(The Concrete quantities specified on the other line items will be sufficient to address this section)
15.	Please can we request an extension of time for the closing date of 8 days from receipt of answers for the submission of the tender. Same comments as the other ones.	Extension granted as the new closing date above (29/06/2026)
16.	The client has not specified any product suppliers for items such as grout, waterproofing, Gunitite products etc. Do we price on our preferred supplier products e.g. Sika, ABE etc. & qualify in the tender submittal the prices are based on a specific product & if the engineer (upon award) doesn't agree with the products specified, additional costs may be involved?	As Eskom we are not allowed to recommend/suggest any product in our scope. The suppliers are more than welcome to bill on what they can certain will work. On my end I can look at the Technical Data Sheet provided to see if the specified product will work or not. So, when one quote they need to do their own due diligence to ensure that the product they selected will be recommendable by both parties.
17.	Can we be provided with a better / more legible version of the Diametric duct drawing, as the one provided in the ITT document is of very poor quality & difficult to interpret. This makes it difficult to understand the scope of work.	Drawing will be attached
18.	Pg 38 of the ITT document mentions there's a repair method for the concrete works; however, no repair method / guideline is provided in the document.	As the expert in the field, you need to provide us with your own methodology of repairs, we cannot confine you to our guidelines.
19.	Is a physical site visit, particularly to view the inside of the cooling tower possible & if so, how do we arrange to attend.	The inside of the colling tower cannot be possible at this stage of the running Units and Cooling Towers being operational. Hence this scope clearly states that it's an outage scope of work. Cooling Towers are on load as we speak, internal access is not possible – However if they want to access from outside site visit can be arranged with the buyer in writing on email
20.	There's 6 months that are allocated under time related items, are we to assume that the client is making provision for a 1-month shutdown & spanner time per cooling tower for the contractor to complete the scope of works?	Work will be broken down to accommodate outage and 6 months is the duration that covers this works.
21.	Do we have to submit a provisional schedule at tender stage? If so, can the BoQ quantities be broken down (by client) per cooling tower to enable us to supply a relatively accurate schedule.	No. this will be done based on the outage scope of works
22.	With regards to the provision for transport of personnel, are we allowed to cost on provision of our own staff vehicle / carrier, or do we have to engage with local suppliers for transport? There's usually a large difference in cost when having to "rent" a staff	This might create a risk for the supplier so it's best to quote using local transport rates

	bus as opposed to providing our own, hence our concern regarding this.	
23.	As part of the scope, the contractor has to constantly de-water the pond around the tower. Who will be responsible for re-locating any fish (if applicable) prior to de-watering. We've encountered lengthy delays in this activity at previous stations, hence seeking clarity if fish are present currently	Eskom will be responsible for relocating the fish however, you need to let us know in advance should you see any fishes so that we can arrange for fish relocation
24.	Please can you confirm that the access requirements will be provided by the client	Scaffolding will be provided by Eskom
25.	Pay item 5 is for wind deflectors. There is no description of what work is required. Please can we have more details on what work is required on the wind deflectors	Its removal of the existing and recasting / replacement with new wind deflectors.
26.	There is mention of repairs in the screen washing bay in the scope of works however there is no item in the Bill of quantities for this work	Concrete quantities on the current BOQ will be sufficient to cover sections on these areas.
27.	Please can we have more details on the launder channels. There was a discussion about the repair of the launder channels however this is no billed item for this work in the Bill of quantities	Launder repairs will be based on the concrete quantities so it should be covered by the other line items since we currently don't have any issues in these areas yet.
28.	The Bill of Quantities also lists a number of metalwork items, but it does not give a specification for them. For example, it is not clear whether these items should be priced as mild steel or as stainless steel. Without these specifications, we cannot price the items accurately.	Stainless Steel is what was specified in the clarification meeting.
29.	We would also like the chance to visit the site, so that we can properly assess the existing conditions and the full extent of the work. Please send us the site visit details so that we can arrange to attend	Cooling Towers are on load as we speak, internal access is not possible – However if they want to access from outside site visit can be arranged with the buyer.
30.	For these reasons, we respectfully ask that all outstanding queries be answered as a matter of urgency; that the corrected Bill of Quantities and the metalwork specifications be sent to all tenderers; and that the tender closing date be extended by three weeks, so that the requested information can be provided and properly included in our submission.	Specification of the steel has been given as stainless steel. Tender closing has been extended to 29/06/2026 at 10:00 am
31.	There is a description for the Replacement of the expansion joints in the cooling towers however in the BOQ there is no payment item for his particular work	It was missed and it should be added as a Rate/m

Kind Regards,

Signature

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Date: _____