

	Clarification questions E1558GXPOUR GUIDE VAN JOURNAL REFURBISHMENT AT VANDERKLOOF POWER STATION	Unique Identifier	240-55105891
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All Tenderers

DESCRIPTION: Guide Vane Journal Refurbishment at Vanderkloof Power Station

Question	Response
1. The tender states Sub-Arc welding with 309L Stainless Steel - We do laser cladding, will this be acceptable with the same or a similar Stainless Steel. - All our cladding is qualified according to the ISO 3834 procedures and Eskom requirements.	Laser cladding/overlay welding will be acceptable given that the welding procedure(s) are qualified, either as per ASME or BS EN 15614, for a 309L butter layer and final 316L Overlay, and the required dimensions are in range. Take note that the tender evaluation strategy was setup for GTAW overlay welding as it is the most common method, to mitigate the risk of not getting a welding contractor due to the lack of tenders received previously, but the evaluation strategy allows for other alternative welding processes as per evaluation criteria item 3.4.1. The mandatory criteria, as per item 3.5.1, must be complied with to allow us to score any tenderer qualitatively, thus when tendering make sure that all mandatory requirements are met.
2. In the NEC3(ECSC3) document it is asking for Submerged Arc Welding should be used	The revised NEC was issued on the tender portal.
3. In the Tender Technical Evaluation document, the scoring is higher for GTAW(TIG-141)	Correct, take note there are many capable processes, but GTAW is the Employer's preferred process to perform the overlay weld, thus a Tenderer shall receive a higher score for a complaint GTAW WPS/PQR.
4. In the Technical Specification it is asking for MMA(111) or TIG(141) to be used	Correct as well as any semi-automated process, such as SAW, Laser Welding/Cladding, etc., but then this semi-automated process will be subject to the Employers' acceptance should the proposed semi-automated process be viable and additionally it must be on the Tenderer's 3834 certification. Also take note that all these different processes have different scoring as per the evaluation strategy according to the Employer's preference. MMA was accidentally left out on the Evaluation Scoring but because the Technical Specification indicates it is acceptable, it will be scored as a Technically Acceptable Risk and should the WPS/PQR be compliant, a score of 4/5 will be given.
5. In the Technical Evaluation document under Mandatory Technical Criteria, it is asked for	Correct, and take note of the additional note that indicates should a semi-automated process be

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MMA(111), TIG(141) and MIG(131) or MAG(135)(preferred by the Tenderer it must reflect on their 3834 certification as well. With regards to the addition of the MIG or MAG processes on the 3834 certification, the Employer wants an understanding and sense of the Tenderer's welding experience and capabilities in general and not necessarily just specific to the SOW, thus other very common processes such as MIG (131) or MAG (135) are included.
6. In the Tender Technical Evaluation document, it is asked for to use the one of the following welding Standards ASME IX or BS EN 15614-7 but under the score of the documents it is indicated that less points will be awarded depending on welding process and code	Correct, it is acceptable to use either of those qualification standards, but the Employer has a preference for which code is better suited, thus scored higher accordingly, similar to the Welding Processes explained above.
7. Under the construction standard multiple standards are mentioned BS/EN that form part of ISO, and many cases refer to ISO, will ISO document be accepted	The ISO document can be submitted and will be evaluated accordingly, if this is pertaining to the Mandatory Criteria, the Evaluation Strategy states that should the submitted tender document not be acceptable the Tenderer will be notified and allowed an additional 5 days to resubmit (take note this is only relevant to the Mandatory Criteria, the Qualitative Criteria cannot be re-submitted or re-evaluated).
8. In the NEC3 the starting date is 01 September 2025 and end date is 31 August 2026 and submission date online is 04 March 2026, is this correct and is the tender then still valid. – Updated in the revised NEC	Updated in the revised NEC