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To whom it may concern	Date	<u>13 May 2026</u>
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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Enquiry Number	E2837DXNCOU
Description / Project Title	PROVISION OF MAJOR AND MINOR RETICULATION INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF SMART METERS, RE-CLOSERS AND VOLTAGE REGULATORS WITHIN DISTRIBUTION GEMMA CLUSTER-NORTHERN CAPE ON AN "AS AND WHEN" REQUIRED BASIS OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS

Item	Questions	Answers	Clarity Published Dates
1.	We kindly request clarification regarding CIDB grading for Joint Ventures. If two companies form a Joint Venture (JV), and both companies are individually registered with CIDB grading designation EP1, will the Joint Venture be deemed or evaluated as CIDB Grade EP2 for tender evaluation purposes? Your guidance and confirmation on how Eskom apply CIDB JV grading assessments in such cases will be highly appreciated	CIDB grading for a Joint Venture is not automatically upgraded based on the combination of the individual members' gradings. In terms of CIDB regulations and evaluation practices: - Each Joint Venture must be registered as a JV with the CIDB for the specific tender. - The CIDB grading of a JV is determined using a calculated/combined grading assessment, which considers:	13/05/2026

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		○ The individual gradings of the JV partners ○ The percentage participation of each partner • Two companies that are each graded EP1 will not automatically qualify as EP2 when forming a JV. The CIDB grading reflected on the official CIDB JV registration/confirmation will be used. Bidders must ensure that the JV is appropriately registered and graded with CIDB at the required level (2EP or higher) at the time of tender submission.	
Technical			
2.	May one individual performs both Medium Voltage (MV) and Low Voltage (LV) lineman duties, or is the appointment of two separate individuals mandatory ?	Yes, one person may have both qualifications	13/05/2026
3.	Are tool calibration certificates required to be submitted: • At tender submission stage, or • Upon contract award / commencement of works?	Only required at tender award, refer to Clause 3.5 of TEC	13/05/2026
4.	Will bidders be disqualified if they do not have an existing base in the Northern Cape or Gamma region at tender stage?	No, the nearest base of operation need not be in the Northern Cape. We are looking to establish that the business has the required facilities to perform the work. Please refer to Annexure A:	13/05/2026

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		<i>“Do hereby make oath and state as follows: I am the authorised representative of the business listed above and competent to depose to this affidavit.</i> <i>I confirm that the business operates from the premises located at the address provided above. The property is designated and suitably zoned for industrial/commercial use and is appropriate for electrical contracting operations.”</i> The local Northern Cape office only needs to be established at tender award. Please refer Clause 3.3 page 12: <i>“Adjustment for Location: Due to geographic distances and to help ensure fairness by accounting for possible delays, suppliers will be required to secure a local Northern Cape office as part of contractual requirements. These sites will be validated on or before the contract award stage.”</i>	
5.	Will Eskom accept authorisations issued by other Eskom Operating Units (OUs) , or must authorisations be specific to the Northern Cape OU ?	No, refer to Annexure B3 and B4 for the required courses and certificates to enable authorisation within 6 months of tender award specifically for the Northern Cape.	13/05/2026
6.	Will Eskom accept the following industry-recognised short-course certificates for Cable Technician requirements:	Yes, valid, certified copies of short course certificates from an accepted training service provider will be accepted. The cable technician is not mandatory; it only contributes to the scoring during functional evaluation	13/05/2026

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	• SAQA 259187 – Install and Terminate Medium Voltage Cables (NQF 4) • SAQA 259189 – Joint Medium Voltage Cables (NQF 4)		
7.	Item six refers to two (2) DoL registrations , however companies are generally issued only one . Kindly advise how this requirement should be complied with.	We are looking to verify that the company is a registered electrical contractor as well as the individuals that are listed as installation electricians under the company name. This can be one certificate but submitted for both Table 1 Item 1 and Table 2 Item 6 per person.	13/05/2026
8.	Cable Technician and Rock Drill Operator certificates are marked “N/A” as mandatory, yet appear under scored criteria : • Please confirm whether these requirements are applicable or not.	Both the cable technician and the rock drill operator will only contribute to the functional scoring. We will not disqualify a tenderer who does not have these two skills.	13/05/2026
9.	Kindly clarify whether the MV/LV requirement is: • Mandatory at tender stage, or • A contractual / post-award requirement.	MV lineman and LV lineman are required at tender evaluation stage (Mandatory skills). MV and LV authorisation (Outcome 3) is required at tender award stage.	13/05/2026
10.	It was stated during the meeting that contractors would be given a six-month grace period , yet MV/LV requirements were also said to be mandatory. Please clarify which position applies.	MV lineman and LV lineman are required at tender evaluation stage (Mandatory skills). MV and LV authorisation (Outcome 3) is required at tender award stage, with 6 months to obtain it.	13/05/2026

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11.	There appears to be overlap where certain requirements are listed as both mandatory and functional (scored) . Eskom has previously indicated that requirements should be either mandatory or functional, not both . Kindly confirm Eskom's position in this regard.	The mandatory requirements are the minimum resources needed to be able to perform the work successfully. The Functional requirements will contribute to a score for each tenderer that passed the mandatory evaluation. The scores will be used to identify the possible tender awards.	13/05/2026
12.	If a contractor holds a valid HV authorisation , will this be acceptable in place of MV/LV authorisations, or are MV and LV strictly required ?	HV authorisation does not include MV/LV authorisation. It is a separate evaluation	13/05/2026
13.	The technical document does not clearly specify where affidavits are required . Kindly update the technical schedules to clearly indicate: - Which affidavits are required, and - Where they must be submitted.	Annexure B1 is the affidavit with regards to employment and B2 is the POPIA consent form. Both must be completed for each skills resource listed (in other words, B1 and B2 per person listed on Annexure B)	13/05/2026
14.	Please clarify: - Are skills affidavits and consent forms once-off declarations, or - Are they required per role (e.g. crane operator, meter worker)? Additionally, confirm which returnable section these documents must be included under.	Annexure B1 is the affidavit with regards to employment and B2 is the POPIA consent form. Both must be completed for each skills resource listed (not per role) (in other words, B1 and B2 per person listed on Annexure B)	13/05/2026
15.	Rental companies are reluctant to provide licence documentation due to POPIA restrictions . Will Eskom accept a letter of intent , including vehicle details, in lieu of licence documents?	Please refer to Table 3: "Owned: <i>Full Licence document showing company / owner's information.</i>	13/05/2026

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		- Licence document must be certified and not older than 3 months from the tender closing date. OR Hired: - Proof of hiring contract / pre-approved letter from Bona Fide Vehicle Hire Companies must be submitted.” Licence information is only required if the tenderer owns the vehicle	
16.	For tools and equipment: - Should certificates and ownership proof be submitted at tender stage, or - Only upon appointment / site mobilisation?	Only hiring/renting agreement is required if the tools are not owned by the tenderer. Eskom reserves the right to inspect all listed tools and equipment to verify that they are available upon tender award.	13/05/2026
17.	It was indicated that user manuals for certain testers are required as returnables. Kindly specify: - Which testers this applies to, and - The format and stage at which manuals must be submitted.	Please refer to Table 4 Items 41, 42, 43, 44 & 45 This must be submitted in electronic format, functions clearly marked. Required at tender stage.	13/05/2026
18.	Please confirm whether a C32 Crane Operator , aligned with QCTO unit standards , is qualified to operate a truck-mounted crane of up to 7 tons	The work may involve the lifting of mini subs, which will require a higher tonnage.	13/05/2026

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19.	The technical scorecard reflects: • 3.5% weighting for one crane truck, and • 5% weighting for two crane trucks. Please confirm: • Whether bidders are required to provide one or two crane trucks, and • Whether the required crane capacity is 3 tons or 9 tons.	The minimum requirement (mandatory) is one 3-ton crane truck. You will score higher marks if you have two. The lifting requirement is 3 tons; the 9 tons refer to the GVM (Gross Vehicle Mass)	13/05/2026
20.	The rigger requirement refers to a SAQA qualification, which appears to be a learnership/qualification rather than a basic skill. Kindly confirm whether Eskom requires: • Basic rigging (slinging and pole planting support), or • A fully qualified rigger, which would significantly impact pricing and staffing.	A valid and certified copy of basic rigging and slinging training (US 14706 or US 12481) from an accepted training service provider will be accepted	13/05/2026
21.	The SAQA qualification number listed for Rock Drill Operator does not appear to exist on the SAQA database. Kindly verify and confirm the correct qualification reference. We note that under Technical Evaluation, Rock Drill Operator (RDO), the SAQA Unit Standard is 115532, and when we checked with the training centre, they told us the SAQA Unit Standard is 116632.	The correct number is 116632. Addendum will be published	13/05/2026

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22.	Can I use the Medium Voltage Line Construction training modules ELW002 to ELW010 because it's included rigging-related theory?	No, only a valid and certified copy of basic rigging training (US US12481) from an accepted training service provider will be accepted	13/05/2026
23.	Should the address be the same as the one stated in the Letter of Intent for the Base of Operation, or can we use the main office address and then attach the Letter of Intent for the Base of Operation under the Technical submission?	Main office address can be used. Please refer to the response to item 4 question.	13/05/2026
24.	1) The first error occurs on page 13 of 48 of the technical evaluation criteria, I have circled it for you. You will note the 3 schedules for skills, vehicles and tools require the bids to be signed and dated BY THE OWNER. Whilst I do understand this requirement, you will note that in most instances that the owner of the company delegates his responsibility to an authorised signatory by way of a company resolution (delegation of authority). In terms of your commercial requirements, you will note that your commercial requirement makes provision for this company resolution (authority) and therefore a company resolution complies to the terms and conditions of this tender. My point to you is, can you please amend page 13 and 14 to include "signed and dated by owner or his/her authorised representative" (via delegated authority), this will then iron out any confusion because in the current format it means the owner will be signing certain schedules and then the delegated person will be signing other places in the tender and it is going to create a lot of confusion when it comes to this bid. Therefore, can you please either correct the page or issue an addendum.	On page 6 of technical evaluation criteria, owner is defined as "a person or organization that owns something". An organization may appoint representatives and therefore, a signature of an authorized company representative will be accepted.	26/05/2026
25.	2) On page 14 of 48 technical evaluation criteria you will see in terms of the addendum "nearest base of operation" a letter from the property owner/manager confirming the intent to rent the property upon successful contract award is an option for us,	Base of operation refers to the tenderer/contractor's business office(s), and this location can be within or outside the borders of Northern Cape province. We are looking to establish that the business has the	26/05/2026

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	however on the corresponding Annexure A base of operations this requirement does not appear on your Annexure A form and only the other 3 options appear, i.e. lease agreement / title deed / letter from property owner confirming current use of premises. But the intent to lease in the future does not appear in the Annexure A base of operations, therefore it is critical that you make this amendment otherwise it may have a material impact on the outcome of the tender, because the technical criteria has 4 options but the base of operation form only has 3 options..	required facilities to perform the work. The local Northern Cape office only needs to be established at tender award. Please refer to Clause 3.3 page 12: “Adjustment for Location: Due to geographic distances and to help ensure fairness by accounting for possible delays, suppliers will be required to secure a local Northern Cape office as part of contractual requirements. These sites will be validated on or before the contract award stage.”	
26.	3) The final error, you will note on page 15 of 48 the LV Authorised person, I have circled it for you. It talks about valid authorisation for "outcome 3" responsible person. Please note that there is no such thing as an outcome 3 for LV works, outcome 3 is specifically reserved for MV authorisations, so can you please issue an addendum to clarify that LV authorisation is just LV authorisation for responsible person, there is no such thing as an outcome 3 LV authorisation.	Indeed, outcome 3 represents level of HV authorisation for responsible person. The wording "outcome 3" is not applicable to LV authorised person. However, a valid LV authorisation for responsible person serves as one of the contractual requirements that may be submitted by the tenderer post the tender closing date.	26/05/2026
27.	I am writing to request clarification regarding the qualification requirement specified in the above-mentioned tender, specifically the requirement for SAQA Qualification ID 59729 (National Certificate: Mechanical Handling (Rigging), NQF Level 2). I hold a Rigger Trade Test Certificate (Trade No. 651501), please see attachment, which is an artisan qualification issued by the Department of Employment and Labour upon successful completion of a trade test. This qualification is recognised on the National Qualifications Framework at NQF Level 4, which is above the NQF Level 2 requirement of SAQA ID 59729.	Any valid and certified copy of basic rigging training from an accepted training service provider will be accepted. This has been addressed in addendum to technical evaluation criteria, and the tenderer/contractor is advised to read the addendum in conjunction with the technical evaluation criteria document.	20/05/2026

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	I further note that SAQA ID 59729 has passed its registration end date (June 2023) and has been officially replaced by SAQA ID 102856 — Occupational Certificate: Rigger at NQF Level 4 — which aligns with the trade test certificate I hold. In light of the above, I respectfully request confirmation on the following: 1. Whether a Rigger Trade Test Certificate (651501) will be accepted as satisfying the SAQA ID 59729 qualification requirement; and 2. Whether SAQA ID 102856 (Occupational Certificate: Rigger, NQF Level 4) will be accepted as the official replacement qualification.		
28.	I note the addendum you have issued where you have now changed the SAQA ID to 116632 instead of the old 115532. Please note we are quite concerned about this, and furthermore, we are quite certain that the change you have made is completely incorrect. Please see below the full description of the SAQA ID you have currently updated in your bid. In terms of the SAQA ID Regulations, the unit standard number 116632 goes with the course name and description as follows:- - "Drill holes for blasting and/or splitting dimension stone blocks using a mechanised drill rig". Please note the above certificate is for MECHANICAL ROCK DRILL. In terms of this bid, I am very sure we will not be using a mechanical rock drill and although I agree that the original SAQA ID in the bid was incorrect, I am sure that you have once again listed an incorrect SAQA ID because the rock drill that we will be using in the scope of this work is specifically HANDHELD.	The requirements for Rock Drill Operator are not mandatory. Any copy of valid certification related to rock drilling will be accepted. The requirements only contribute to the scoring during functional evaluation.	19/05/2026

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	Please note we have done our own research in order to assist you and we have found a SAQA ID Unit Standard with the following unit standard number 244415. In terms of this SAQA ID, the full description and name of this certificate is as follows:- - "Drill holes by means of a hand-held rock drill". In terms of this certificate, this is a certificate and training for a handheld rock drill which is what we will be using on this bid. Therefore, we humbly suggest you either amend the addendum and correct it to this 244415 SAQA ID or alternatively add this as a second option to the SAQA ID course that we will require to operate the handheld rock drill as I am sure we will not be using a mechanical one, but even if we were, you initially requested a handheld rock drill and this is a unit standard for a handheld rock drill operator.		
29.	Please assist with Technical Annexure B3 & Annexure B4 on other requirements (ORHVS BOOK REV 4 and Low Voltage regulations rev 4) what is needed.	We need the copies of Eskom HV and LV regulations standards (Unique Identifiers: 240-114967625 and 240-61523882)	19/05/2026
30.	Please advice on the Rigger Requirements if the following unit standard will also be accepted. U/S 253638-Sling and communicate during crane operations. Since the following is accepted U/S 12481-Sling loads	Both unit standards are applicable to rigging/slinging and will be accepted. The difference is that 253638 provides basic slinging and communication, while 12481 is more advanced slinging.	15/05/2026

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