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**FOREWORD**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

City Power Johannesburg has undertaken to utilize the SABS support structures that monitor compliance to specification and quality of manufacture of cables. Therefore, City Power has used the NRS and SANS standards where applicable.

## **1 SCOPE**

This specification covers City Power's requirements for single-mode fibre optic cables for underground installation in ducts and sub-ducts.

## **2 NORMATIVE REFERENCES**

The following document contains provisions that, through reference in the text, constitute requirements of this specification. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards and specifications are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this specification are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the document listed below.

*ITU-T G.650, Definition and test methods for the relevant parameters of single-mode fibres*

*ITU-T G.652D, Characteristics of a single-mode optical fibre and cable*

*ITU-T G.655, Characteristics of a non-zero dispersion-shifted single-mode optical fibre and cable*

*ITU-T G.657a1, Characteristics of a bending-loss insensitive single-mode optical fibre and cable*

*SANS/IEC 60793-1 Optical fibre Part 1: Generic specifications*

*SANS/IEC 60793-2 Optical fibre Part 2: Product specifications*

*SANS 60794-1-2 Optical fibre Part1 of 2 Standards for Fibre optic test procedures2*

*SANS 6094-1-2 Optical fibre cables Part 1-2: Generic specification - Basic optical cable test procedures*

*SANS 60794-3-10, Outdoor cables- family specification for duct and directly buried optical*

*Telecommunication cable*

*SANS/IEC 60794, standards parts 1 to 3 for optic fibre cables and test procedures*

*SANS 61931:2004, Fibre optic — Terminology*

*SANS 1411-4:2013, Materials of insulated electric cables and flexible cords Part7 polyethylene (XLPE) Specification for polyethylene insulation and sheath of electric cables*

*NRS 081:2005, Single-mode non-dispersion shifted fibre optical fibres*

*NRS 088 – 1, DUCT and Direct Buried Underground Optical cable*

*SANS 60794-1-1:2019, Optical fibre cables Part 1-1: Generic specification — General*

### **3 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

The definitions and abbreviations in the above documents shall apply to this procedure

ITU:      International Telecommunications Union

TIA-EIA    Telecommunications Industry Standards and Electronic Industries Standards

FIBRE      Optic fibre cable

### **4 REQUIREMENTS**

#### **4.1 General**

- 4.1.1 The single-mode fibre shall meet and comply with all the requirements of SANS 60793-2-50:2008.
- 4.1.2 The fibre shall be a non-dispersion shifted single-mode fibre that is compatible with one thousand three hundred Nano metres (nm) and one thousand five hundred and fifty Nano metres wavelength windows.
- 4.1.3 The fibre shall have a lifespan of at least twenty years.
- 4.1.4 The fibre shall be resistant to ultra violet radiation and water penetration.
- 4.1.5 The fibres shall be of low water peak type. (SANS 60793-2) that is also referred to as “full spectrum fibre”.
- 4.1.6 The fibre shall have low Polarization Mode dispersion in compliance with ITU recommendation G.652.D.
- 4.1.7 The single mode fibre shall have the bending properties listed in ITU G.657a1 standard.

#### **4.2 Cable strength and construction**

- 4.2.1 The cable shall contain no metallic elements unless armouring is specified for a special application. The fibre cable design shall minimize hydrogen absorption in the fibres.
- 4.2.2 The cable shall be of loose tube construction and each loose tubes shall contain bundles with either four, six or eight fibres.
- 4.2.3 The cables shall have a total count of 24 and 48 fibres (24 and 48 cores).
- 4.2.4 The tubes and cable core shall be filled with gel as suitable water blocking material.
- 4.2.5 The cable shall have a tensile strength to at least withstand load of  $0.6 \times 9.81 \times M \times 2$  Newton where M = mass of 1km of cable in kilograms.
- 4.2.6 The fibre strain shall not exceed 0.2% when the cable is subjected to this load and there shall be no damage to any component part of the cable
- 4.2.7 The design and the construction of the fibre shall include measures to minimize hydrogen adsorption.
- 4.2.8 The coated fibre or buffer shall be distinguishable by means of colour coding with different colours and the standard colours shall be used, as to SANS 60794 standards.
- 4.2.9 The optical fibre colours shall be stable during temperature cycling and not subject to fading or smearing onto each other or into the gel filling material. The colours shall not cause fibres to stick together.

4.2.10 The fibre and component parts of the cable shall not suffer permanent damage when the cable is repeatedly wrapped and unwrapped 4 complete turns for 10 cycles at room temperature, around a mandrel 12 times the diameter of the cable.

4.2.11 The cable shall withstand one impact of 20 Nm without any change to the optical transmission performance of any fibre, tested as per IEC60794-1-2 E4 with an anvil radius of 25 mm.

### **4.3 Outer sheath**

4.3.1 The cable sheath shall be made of polyethylene in according to SANS 1411-7.

4.3.2 The type of outer sheath material shall be a close-fitting, smooth-surfaced circular tube, free from pinholes and other defects.

4.3.3 The sheath shall be resistant to ultraviolet light and shall be compatible with outdoor installation

4.3.4 The colour of the sheath shall be either black or yellow in accordance with the order that shall be specified when the order is placed.

4.3.5 Armouring is not required. If armouring is specified for a special application, it shall be of the longitudinal corrugated steel tape type.

### **4.4 Tests**

4.4.1 The fibre shall undergo all necessary test to determine and to confirm compatibility and compliance.

4.4.2 The fibre cable shall be tested at both 1310nm and 1550nm for attenuation, refractive index and dispersion.

4.4.3 The performed tests as well as the subsequent results, shall be in accordance with and comply with the following standards, water penetration test

*a) Water penetration*

Water penetration test detailed in test method F5B in SANS 60794-1-2 and test the cable between the core and the inner sheath.

*b) Tensile strength*

Test the cable in accordance with test method E1 in SANS 60794-1-2.

*c) Crush resistance*

Test the cable in accordance with test method E3 in SANS 60794-1-2.

*d) Cable twist (torsion)*

Test the cable in compliance with test method E7 in SANS 60794-1-2

*e) Impact resistance*

Test the cable in accordance with test method E4 in SANS 60794-1-2.

*f) Temperature cycling*

Perform this test in accordance with test method F1 in SANS 60794-1-2.

*g) Compound flow (drip)*

Test the cable in accordance with test method E14 in SANS 60794-1-2

*h) Repeated bending test*

Test the cable in accordance with test method E6 in SANS 60794-1-2

*i) Bend test*

Test the cable in accordance with test method E11 in SANS 60794-1-2

*j) Tension loading test*

Test the cable in accordance with test method E1 in SANS 60794-1-2

## **5 PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTATION**

HDD fibre optic cables shall be supplied on drums suitably protected for transport and the cable ends shall be sealed to prevent the ingress of moisture. The exact length/s required will be specified at the time of ordering.

During transportation, right tools shall be used to avoid damaging the package and to handle with ease. Cables shall be protected from moisture; kept away from high temperature and fire sparks; protected from over bending and crushing; protected from mechanical stress and damage

## **6 MARKING AND LABELLING**

**6.1** The following information shall appear in legible and indelible marking on the outside of the drum

6.1.1 The manufacturer's name or trademark;

6.1.2 The year and the month of manufacturing

6.1.3 Cable type and size;

6.1.4 Drum length, and net weight

6.1.5 Roll-direction

**6.2** The following information shall appear in legible and indelible marking at one meter intervals on the outside of the cable

6.2.1 The manufacturer's name and trademark

6.2.2 Year of manufacturing

6.2.3 Type of fibre (S3 single mode 1310/1550)

6.2.4 Number of fibres

6.2.5 Meter position

## **7 DOCUMENTATION**

7.1.1 Full technical design, construction and functional details of the fibre shall be submitted.

7.1.2 All instruction manuals, type test documents certificates. and the results shall be provided.

7.1.3 Two copies of each test shall be supplied with each drum.

- 7.1.4 The documents shall be shall be in English and sufficiently detailed to enable interpretation and use by City Power staff.

## **8 TRAINING**

The suppliers shall provide technical support on system and equipment queries for the duration of the contract.

## **9 QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

A Quality management system shall be set up in order to assure the quality of HDD cables during design, development, production and servicing. Guidance on the requirements for a Quality management system may be found in the following standards: ISO 9001:2015. The details shall be subject to agreement between the purchaser and supplier.

## **10 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

A Health and Safety plan shall be set up in order to ensure proper management and compliance of the HDD cables during installation, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning phases. Guidance on the requirements of a Health and Safety plan may be found in ISO 45001:2018 Standards. This is to ensure that the asset conforms to standard operating procedures and City Power SHERQ Policy. The details shall be subject to agreement between City Power and the Supplier.

## **11 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

An Environmental management plan shall be set up in order to ensure the proper environmental management and compliance of the HDD cables during their entire life cycle (i.e. during design, development, production, installation, operation and maintenance, decommissioning as well as disposal phases). Guidance on the requirements for an Environmental management system may be found in ISO 14001:2015 Standards. The details shall be subject to agreement between City Power and the Supplier. This is to ensure that the asset created conforms to Environmental standards and City Power SHEQ Policy

## **Annex A – Bibliography**

Eskom: TSP0025:1994 Specification for Single Mode Fibre Optic Duct Cable

**Annex B - Revision information**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>REV. NO.</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
May 2018	0	First issue.
May 2018	1	Updated workgroup members  Normative references; replaced <i>ITU-652 with ITU 652D</i>  Normative references; added ITU 657a1  Normative reference; added SANS 6094-1-2  Normative reference; added IEC60794-1-2  Added clause 4.1.7  Added sub clauses 4.4.3(a) to 4.4.3(j)
APRIL 2022	2	Third issue  Update Annexure C  Added Annexure D

**Annex C - Technical schedules A and B: Item No. 1**

**SAP No. 1552: CAB FIBRE 48SM G652D HDD**

**Schedule A: Purchaser's specific requirements**

**Schedule B: Guarantees and technical particulars of equipment offered**

Item	Description	Schedule A	Schedule B
	<b>Name of OEM</b>	State	
	<b>HDD Cable Construction</b>		
1.	Number of single mode fibres in cable	24	
2.	Number of fibres per tube	State	
3.	Number of loose tubes	State	
4.	Diameter mm	State	
5.	Weight kg/km	State	
6.	Minimum bending radius	State	
7.	Maximum installation tension (Where fibre strain does not exceed)	<=0,2 %	
8.	Outer Sheath	Polyethylene	
9.	Operating temperature range	-10 to +40C	
10.	Crush resistance (100*100mm plates)	>=2000	
11.	Impact resistance (2Nm, 25mm anvil)	>= 10	
12.	Water penetration resistance	Requirement	
13.	The single-mode comply with all the requirements of SANS 60793-2-50:2008.	Required	
14.	The fibre shall be a non-dispersion shifted single-mode fibre as to clause 4.1.2	1300nm 1550nm	
15.	The fibre shall have a lifespan of a minimum 20 years as to clause 4.1.3	=>20 years	
16.	The fibre shall be resistant to ultra violet radiation and water penetration as to clause 4.1.4	Required	
17.	The fibres shall be of low water peak type as to clause 4.1.5	Type B1.3	
18.	The fibre shall have low Polarization Mode dispersion.	G.652.D	

19.	The single mode fibre shall have the bending properties listed in ITU G.657a1 standard	G.657a1	
	<b>CABLE STRENGTH AND CONSTRUCTION</b>		
20.	The cable shall contain no metallic elements unless specified.	Required	
21.	The cable shall be of loose tube construction and each loose tubes shall contain bundles	Required	
22.	The tubes and cable core filled with a suitable water blocking material.	STATE	
23.	The cable shall have a tensile strength as to clause 4.2.5	Required	
24.	The fibre strain of maximum 0.2% when subjected to load as to clause 4.2.6	<=0.2%	
25.	Include measures to minimize adsorption as to clause 4.2.7	Required	
26.	distinguishable by means of standard colour coding as to clause 4.2.8	SANS 60794	
27.	Colours shall be stable during temperature cycling, not fade, not smear nor stick as to clause 4.2.9	Required	
28.	Resistant to compression loads as to clause 4.2.10	Required	
29.	Shall not suffer permanent damage when the cable is repeatedly wrapped and unwrapped as to clause 4.2.11	IEC60794-1-2 E4	
30.	Withstand impact without any change to the optical transmission performance as to clause 4.2.12	SANS 60794-1- 2 E4	
	<b>Outer sheath</b>		
31.	The cable sheath shall be made of polyethylene in according to.as to clause 4.3.1	SANS 1411-7	
32.	The type of outer sheath material shall be a close-fitting, as to clause 4.3.2	Required	
33.	The sheath shall be resistant to ultraviolet light and shall be compatible with outdoor installation as to clause 4.3.3	Required	
34.	The colour of the sheath shall be either black or yellow as to clause 4.3.4	State	
35.	Armoring shall be of the longitudinal corrugated steel tape type as to clause 4.3.5.	Required	
	<b>Tests</b>		
36.	The fibre shall undergo all the required tests as to clause 4.4	Required	
37.	Water penetration	SANS 60794- 1-2	

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38.	Tensile strength	SANS 60794-1-2	
39.	Crush resistance	SANS 60794-1-2	
40.	Cable twist (torsion)	SANS 60794-1-2	
41.	Repeated bending test	SANS 60794-1-2	
42.	Packaging and Transportation as to clause 5	Required	
43.	Marking and labelling as to clause 6	Required	
44.	Documentation requested in clause 7	Required	
45.	Is training offered as requested in clause 8	Required	
46.	Quality Management program in place?	Required	
47.	Environmental management program	Required	
48.			

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**Technical schedules A and B: Item 1  
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Deviation schedule**

Item	Proposed deviation

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**Annex C - Technical schedules A and B: Item No. 2**

**SAP No. 1553: CAB FIBRE 48SM G652D HDD**

**Schedule A: Purchaser's specific requirements**

**Schedule B: Guarantees and technical particulars of equipment offered**

Item	Description	Schedule A	Schedule B
	<b>Name of OEM</b>	State	
	<b>HDD Cable Construction</b>		
49.	Number of single mode fibres in cable	48	
50.	Number of fibres per tube	State	
51.	Number of loose tubes	State	
52.	Diameter mm	State	
53.	Weight kg/km	State	
54.	Minimum bending radius	State	
55.	Maximum installation tension (Where fibre strain does not exceed)	<=0,2 %	
56.	Outer Sheath	Polyethylene	
57.	Operating temperature range	-10 to +40C	
58.	Crush resistance (100*100mm plates)	>=2000	
59.	Impact resistance (2Nm, 25mm anvil)	>= 10	
60.	Water penetration resistance	Requirement	
61.	The single-mode comply with all the requirements of SANS 60793-2-50:2008.	Required	
62.	The fibre shall be a non-dispersion shifted single-mode fibre as to clause 4.1.2	1300nm 1550nm	
63.	The fibre shall have a lifespan of a minimum 20 years as to clause 4.1.3	=>20 years	
64.	The fibre shall be resistant to ultra violet radiation and water penetration as to clause 4.1.4	Required	
65.	The fibres shall be of low water peak type as to clause 4.1.5	Type B1.3	
66.	The fibre shall have low Polarization Mode dispersion.	G.652.D	

67.	The single mode fibre shall have the bending properties listed in ITU G.657a1 standard	G.657a1	
CABLE STRENGTH AND CONSTRUCTION			
68.	The cable shall contain no metallic elements unless specified.	Required	
69.	The cable shall be of loose tube construction and each loose tubes shall contain bundles	Required	
70.	The tubes and cable core filled with a suitable water blocking material.	STATE	
71.	The cable shall have a tensile strength as to clause 4.2.5	Required	
72.	The fibre strain of maximum 0.2% when subjected to load as to clause 4.2.6	<=0.2%	
73.	Include measures to minimize adsorption as to clause 4.2.7	Required	
74.	distinguishable by means of standard colour coding as to clause 4.2.8	SANS 60794	
75.	Colours shall be stable during temperature cycling, not fade, not smear nor stick as to clause 4.2.9	Required	
76.	Resistant to compression loads as to clause 4.2.10	Required	
77.	Shall not suffer permanent damage when the cable is repeatedly wrapped and unwrapped as to clause 4.2.11	IEC60794-1-2 E4	
78.	Withstand impact without any change to the optical transmission performance as to clause 4.2.12	SANS 60794-1- 2 E4	
Outer sheath			
79.	The cable sheath shall be made of polyethylene in according to.as to clause 4.3.1	SANS 1411-7	
80.	The type of outer sheath material shall be a close-fitting, as to clause 4.3.2	Required	
81.	The sheath shall be resistant to ultraviolet light and shall be compatible with outdoor installation as to clause 4.3.3	Required	
82.	The colour of the sheath shall be either black or yellow as to clause 4.3.4	State	
83.	Armoring shall be of the longitudinal corrugated steel tape type as to clause 4.3.5.	Required	
Tests			
84.	The fibre shall undergo all the required tests as to clause 4.4	Required	
85.	Water penetration	SANS 60794- 1-2	

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<b>86.</b>	Tensile strength	SANS 60794-1-2	
<b>87.</b>	Crush resistance	SANS 60794-1-2	
<b>88.</b>	Cable twist (torsion)	SANS 60794-1-2	
<b>89.</b>	Repeated bending test	SANS 60794-1-2	
<b>90.</b>	Packaging and Transportation as to clause 5	Required	
<b>91.</b>	Marking and labelling as to clause 6	Required	
<b>92.</b>	Documentation requested in clause 7	Required	
<b>93.</b>	Is training offered as requested in clause 8	Required	
<b>94.</b>	Quality Management program in place?	Required	
<b>95.</b>	Environmental management program	Required	

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**Technical schedules A and B: Item 2  
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Deviation schedule**

**Any deviations offered to this specification shall be listed below with reasons for deviation. In addition, evidence shall be provided that the proposed deviation will at least be more cost-effective than that specified by City Power.**

Item	Sub-clause of CP_TSSPEC_204	Proposed deviation

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**Annexure D**

Item	<b>Fibre Optic Cables</b>		
1	1552	24SM HDD G652D FIBRE	HDD Fibre Optic Cable; Type/Model Designation: 24 Single mode ITU G.652.D Fibres; Material: Polyethylene Sheathed; Features Provided: Loose Tube Construction, Heavy Duty Duct Type For Underground Installation In 40 or 32mm Sub-duct; Supplementary Features: Metal Free. CP_TSSPEC_204
2	1553	48SM HDD G652D FIBRE	HDD Fibre Optic Cable; Type/Model Designation: 48 Single mode ITU G.652.D Fibres; Material: Polyethylene Sheathed; Features Provided: Loose Tube Construction, Heavy Duty Duct Type For Underground Installation In 40 or 32mm Sub-duct; Supplementary Features: Metal Free. CP_TSSPEC_204