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To whom it may concern	Date	17 September 2025
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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Enquiry Number	E1695CXMWP
Description / Project Title	Gas Study Model for a Period of Four (4) Months
Tender Questions Closing Date	

Questions	Answers	Clarity Published Dates
Following up on the question asked during the clarification meeting whether Eskom could make available the Plexos model to a winning bidder? The assumption would be that the winning bidder would have proven Plexos modeling capabilities but doesn't have an existing Plexos user licence.	Refer to minutes of clarification meeting posted on Eskom Tender Bulletin and NT e-Tender portal. Eskom does not have any spare access licenses, the consultants will need to have their own Plexos licence.	22 August 2025
Bringing international gas and LNG contracting experience is considered important for the successful delivery of the scope of work. Please advise how international experience will be treated in an unincorporated JV from a BBEE perspective. By awarding "zero" for an international advisor, the JV cannot be price competitive with 100% South African bidders	A consortium or joint venture is permitted to bid for the tender. The following will be required: - Submission of a consolidated BBEE Certificate of the Consortium or JV entity (it should take between 3 to 5 working days to process the consolidated BBEE certificate of the entity) - Submission of a letter of intent to form a consortium/JV	22 August 2025

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which don't have the international gas and LNG experience required.	Below is an extract from the procurement procedure regarding consortium or JV: "Should the tenderer indicate that a joint venture/consortium is intended, the Procurement Practitioner, with the assistance of Eskom Legal, must ensure that the consortium/JV agreement is legally valid and that it includes a contractual term that the consortium/JV partners will be mutually and severally liable. The agreement must also include a term that indicates the entity that will be the lead partner and a term that indicates the ratio according to which work and/or payment will be split". Evaluation of Specific Goals In the case of a trust, consortium or joint venture (including unincorporated consortia and joint ventures), a consolidated B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate.	
Reading through the bidding instructions for the tender E1695CXMWP (4 months Gas study), we do not see any conflict of interest for a company already bidding under other tenders by Eskom (e.g. tender MWP1237GX-R for the supply of Gas to Eskom peakers), while bidding also under the tender you are coordinating (E1695CXMWP - 4 months Gas study).	This is a separate tender and there will be no conflict of interest.	22 August 2025
With reference to the tender as per the above subject matter, please advise on the following:		29 August 2025

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1. With reference to the Scope of Work, as outline in Annexure N, please confirm if a Plexos or Pypsa Model is required. The bidder should assess whether the models are required in order to meet the scope of work. As advised previously, Eskom cannot provide access to Plexos as it has no spare licences. 2. Further to the above, please confirm if the actual file with the SA grid is required to be used afterwards by Eskom. Eskom would like the actual file with the SA grid to be available afterwards for reference. 3. With reference to the “Invitation to Tender”, page 5 under clause 1.2, 2.7 – 2.11 specifies that “<i>the upload size per document is 500 megabytes and the total submission is restricted to 4 gigabytes</i>”, however on page 7, under the same section, 3.9 – point 3 specifies “<i>The limit is 50MB per file and total submission is 900MB per submission</i>”. On page 12, under Basic Compliance it the requirement is outlined as stated on page 5. Please clarify and/or confirm the restrictions for the size per file as well as the total submission size.	1. The bidder should assess whether the models are required in order to meet the scope of work. As advised previously, Eskom cannot provide access to Plexos as it has no spare licences. 2. Eskom would like the actual file with the SA grid to be available afterwards for reference. 3. Tenderers to note that the upload size per document is 500 megabytes and the total submission is restricted to 4 gigabytes. Tenderers to ignore the following statement under section 3.9 “<i>The limit is 50MB per file and total submission is 900MB per submission.</i>”	
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In reference to the above-mentioned RFP, we kindly request a clarification on the following point to ensure full compliance with the tender requirements. Under "Modelling Capability" in the technical evaluation criteria, the wording used is "Plexos or similar modelling software". We would like to further clarify whether Plexos software is a necessity. If the consultant does not have a Plexos software license, will we be disqualified? Can the consultant use an alternative modelling software? In addition, we respectfully request an extension of the submission deadline. This would allow sufficient time to incorporate your clarifications and prepare a comprehensive and high-quality proposal. UBU was unable to attend the briefing session on 14 August 2025. Could you kindly provide us with the recording of the session?	The bidder will not be disqualified if they do not use Plexos as the modelling software. However, the proposal should demonstrate how the software will be compatible with Plexos, given that the electricity supply forecast utilises Plexos and the electricity supply forecast will be need to be utilised in meeting the requirements of the scope of work. The tender closing date will not be extended. Tenderers to refer to the minutes of the clarification meeting published on Eskom Tender Bulletin and National Treasury e-Tender portal.	03 September 2025
Comment	Tenderers to note that the tender closing date has been extended to 19 September 2025 at 10h00	04 September 2025
We are in the process of finalising our response, and were unsure regarding the wording within the scope of work. Would you be so kind as to clarify the following two points please: The SOW refers to <i>the durations & timelines</i> related to the logistics model.	Both infrastructure development and gas sourcing timelines are required.	04 September 2025

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Are these timelines a reference to the <i>Source-to-Destination</i> lead-times on the sourcing of Gas or to the planned infrastructure development timelines ? 2. Can I confirm if the Scope of work, in reference to the commercial contract, relates to gas contracts, and not the power purchase agreements of the electricity?	2. The commercial construct section of the scope of work relates to gas contracts not power purchase agreements.	
We are in the process of finalizing our bid and noted that the Excel Pricing Schedule for the Gas. Study requests pricing at a different level than the NEC Pricing Schedule. Considering that this is a deliverable (fixed fee) based project and not time and materials, the pricing schedule as set out in the Excel allows us to better price as they are deliverables focused. Unfortunately, the NEC activity breakdown makes it difficult to price as each activity won't have a deliverable but rather contribute to a broader deliverable. As such could the NEC pricing schedule be adapted to the same level of activity as the Excel pricing sheet, providing resources and time per deliverable?	Tenderers should use “Annexure M - Pricing Schedule - Gas Study Model for pricing”	16 September 2025
I am making an enquiry about the NEC3 Contract for Bid no. E1695CXMWP – Gas Study for a Period of Four months. On page 3 of the contract, part C1.1 Form of Offer and	Tenderers should use “Annexure M - Pricing Schedule - Gas Study Model for pricing” and as form of Offer. Tenderers must ignore Section C1.1 of the NEC and it will be completed at contract award stage.	17 September 2025

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Acceptance, there is a figure of Forty- nine million, nine hundred and ninety-eight thousand rands and zero cents. This figure has been written in words on the form of offer. Do we write our offer over this figure or do we leave it as it is?		
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