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MEMORANDUM

TO Chief Financial Officer
FROM EPIC
DIVISION The Economic Policy and International Cooperation Division
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO DEVIATE FROM NORMAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PROCESSES TO RENEW THE EViews SOFTWARE LICENSE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS COMMENCING 26 AUGUST 2025 TO 25 AUGUST 2028

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this memorandum is to:

- a. Request the Chief Financial Officer's to approve a deviation from the normal procurement process in terms of Regulation 16A.6.4 of the Treasury Regulations to renew the EViews software license for a period of three (3) years.
- b. Note that the listed prices are in US dollars, and the ZAR amounts are subject to exchange rate fluctuations at the time of renewal, which may result in contract value variations

2. BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

2.1 EViews is an economic software program extensively utilised by economists to develop models and perform analyses. The Economic Policy and International Cooperation Division uses it to generate economic forecasts and scenarios that inform the fiscal framework and fiscal risk report. Additionally, the software supports the analysis of economic data in alignment with the National Treasury's mandate to coordinate macroeconomic policy.



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- 2.2 Other divisions/units, including Financial Sector Policy and Assets and Liabilities Management, also use the software for analysis and model development, which supports the execution of their core mandates. Failure to renew the license could hinder these divisions' ability to fulfil their primary responsibilities.
- 2.3 Quantec is the sole provider of EViews in South Africa, appointed by the original software manufacturers (OSMs). **(See attached Annexure A)**
- 2.4 Due to the sole provider status, inviting competitive bids for the procurement of the software and related licenses is not feasible, thereby justifying the renewal

3 LEGAL PRESCRIPTS

- 3.1 This is a request for approval to deviate from a normal procurement process, pursuant to regulation 16A6.4 of the Treasury Regulations read with paragraph 4.1 of Instruction No. 3 of 2021/22 and paragraph 4.5.7.2 of the Supply Chain Management Policy.
- 3.2 Regulation 16A6.4 gives authority to the accounting officer to dispense with a procurement process to the extent that they are rendered impractical by prevailing circumstances and to record reasons for deviation. It states that *if in a specific case it is impractical to invite competitive bids, the accounting officer or accounting authority may procure the required goods or services by other means, provided that the reasons for deviating from inviting competitive bids must be recorded and approved by the accounting officer or accounting authority.*
- 3.3 Supply Chain Management Policy, paragraph 4.5.7.2 indicates Sole source/Supplier where there is evidence that one supplier holds rights to the distribution of the service.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of the license fees is as per the table below. (See attached Annexure B).
- 4.2 Funds are available within the Chief Directorate: Modelling & Forecasting's budget. (See **attached Annexure C**)



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	QUANTITY	PRICE excl 15% VAT	TOTAL COST (incl VAT)
EV14_CO_40UR - EViews 14 Commercial: Volume License 40-unit/user (Annual Renewal – 2025 – 2026	1	R218,000.00	R250,700.00
EV14_CO_40UR - EViews 14 Commercial: Volume License 40-unit/user (Annual Renewal – 2026 – 2027	1	R231,000.00	R265,650.00
EV14_CO_40UR - EViews 14 Commercial: Volume License 40-unit/user (Annual Renewal – 2027 – 2028	1	R231,000.00	R265,650.00
Total	3 years	R680,000.00	R 782,000.00

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Chief Financial Officer:

- a. Grants approval for a deviation from the normal procurement process in terms of Regulation 16A.6.4 of the Treasury Regulations to renew the EViews software license for a period of three (3) years.
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RECOMMENDED



NOT RECOMMENDED



RECOMMENDED WITH COMMENTS

Signature

Name and Surname:

MANQOBA NTSHAKALA

Title: ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: MODELLING AND FORECASTING UNIT

Date:

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Name and Surname:

BOIPUSO MODISE

Title: DDG: ECONOMIC POLICY

Date:

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Name and Surname:

OBAKENG THWANE

Title: ACTING DIRECTOR: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Date:

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Name and Surname:

UNATHI NGWENYA

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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