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TO:	The Chairman NTCSA R1.5bn Procurement Tender Committee	Date:	06 May 2026
NAME OF COMPILER AND BUSINESS UNIT	Thendo Silimela NTCSA Tactical Sourcing-Head Office	Tel:	011 800 8269
NAME OF END-USER BUSINESS UNIT	Thulani Mkhwanazi Transmission Telecommunications (System Operator)		
DESCRIPTION	Supply, delivery, design, installation, commissioning, support, and training on optical transport network equipment on an “as and when” required basis.		
CONTRACT NO.	4600079279		
PR NO.	1075745395		
MODIFICATION NO	6		

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that contract No. 4600079279 with Altron TMT (Pty) Ltd (Company Registration No. 1984/003805/07, CSD No. MAAA0593422) for the supply, delivery, design, installation, commissioning, support, and training on optical transport network equipment on an “as and when” required basis be modified as follows:

- To increase the contract value by R49 653 479.77 from R524 564 195.79 to R574 217 675.56 excluding Value Added Tax (VAT), and Rate of Exchange (ROE). The modification value includes a foreign portion of USD2 328 344.61 (i.e. 1USD = ZAR 18,10 x USD2 328 344.61= ZAR42 143 037.44).

It should be noted that this contract modification equates to 9.47% of already approved contract value of R524 564 195.79, which is below the National Treasury threshold of 15%.

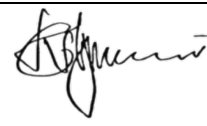
It is also recommended that approval be granted to negotiate and conclude new SDL&I targets for the additional contract value.

It is further recommended that the Senior Manager, Telecommunications be authorised to take all the necessary steps to give effect to the above, including the signing of any agreements, consents or other documentation necessary or related thereto.

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Name	Designation	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest Yes/No	Signature	Date of signature
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Vongani Hlungwani	Middle Manager Procurement	No		29/04/2026
Ezekiel Thuntsane	Senior Manager NTCSA P&SCM	No		29/04/2026

2. SCOPE OF MODIFICATION

This modification is as a result of the following needs:

The supplier requested to increase prices by 20% as most equipment prices were offered in 2019 without further increase. The once off 20% increase in prices will be effective from 19 August 2026 and valid for the next 3 years of the contract. The impact will be an increase in contract value by R49 653 479.77, from R524 564 195.79 to R574 217 675.56 excluding Value Added Tax (VAT) and Rate of Exchange (ROE).

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3. BACKGROUND

Approval to place contracts with Altron Nexus Solutions (Pty) Ltd for the supply, delivery, design, installation, commissioning, support, and training for Optical Transport Network (OTN) equipment on an “as and when” required basis for a five (5) year period for a combined contract value of R241 582 605.79 (Two hundred and forty one million, five hundred and eighty two thousand, six hundred and five rand and seventy nine cents) was granted by the CAPEX R50M – R300M Procurement Tender Committee on 24 August 2018.

Modification No. 1

Approval was granted by Transmission R300M Procurement Tender Committee at its meeting on 6 July 2021 to replace obsolete item/s with items which had similar functionality. All other terms of approval remained the same.

Modification No. 2

Approval was granted by Transmission R300M Procurement Tender Committee at its meeting on 6 September 2021 for inclusion of additional items which were replacements of items deemed “end of sale” by the supplier. All other terms of approval remained the same.

Modification No. 3

Approval was granted by Transmission R300M Procurement Tender Committee at its meeting on 7 June 2022 for inclusion of additional items which were replacement of items deemed “end of sale” by the supplier i.e. the OSN 9800 UPS optical amplification subsystem. All other terms of approval remained the same.

Modification No. 4

Approval was granted by Transmission R750M Divisional Tender Committee at its meeting on 13 June 2024 to increase the contract value by R34 714 191.00 from R241 582 605.79 to R276 296 796.79, to increase the scope of work and to increase the contract period by an additional two (2) years, from five (05) years to seven (07) years, commenced from 19 August 2024 to 18 August 2026.

This modification was presented to the committee on two occasions: first to the DTC and subsequently to the R1.5bn PTC. The initial submission was made to the DTC in February 2024 and sought approval for an increase in the contract value of R222 million, together with a five-year extension to the contract duration, resulting in a total contract term of ten years. The DTC did not approve the modification, and the CFT was required to revise its modification strategy by providing more detailed supporting information, including a QS report. During the modification strategy review, further guidance was provided to undertake a market price comparison on a common base to ensure that NTCSA continued to pay a competitive market price for the ADM replacement (Phase 2 of the telecommunications network replacement).

In assessing the time required to complete the market price comparison against the remaining time prior to contract expiry (18 August 2024), the CFT resolved to split the request into two separate modifications, namely Modification 4 and Modification 5. Modification 4 was submitted in 2024 to

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ensure that the contract was extended before its expiry. Under Modification 4, the contract duration was extended by two years only, bringing the total contract period to seven years, with a contract value increase of R34,714,191.00.

Modification 5 was intended to follow once all market price information had been finalised. This modification was to provide for the originally intended contract value increase of R222 million and a further three-year extension, resulting in a total contract duration of ten years. During preparation for the submission of Modification 5, the updated forecast and revised QS report reflected a revised modification value of R248 million, which was accordingly included in the Modification 5 submission.

Modification No. 5

Approval was granted by NTCSA R1.5 billion Procurement Tender Committee at its meeting on 30 May 2025 as follows:

- To increase the contract value by R248 267 399.00 from R276 296 796.79 to R524 564 195.79 excluding Value Added Tax (VAT), Contract Price Adjustment (CPA), Rate of Exchange (ROE) and contingency. The modification value includes a foreign portion of USD13 970 067.66 (i.e. 1USD = ZAR 18,10 x USD 11 641 723.05 = ZAR R252 858 224.6).
- To increase the contract period by an additional three (3) years from seven (07) years to ten (10) years, commencing from 19 August 2026 to 18 August 2029.
- To cede the contract from Altron Nexus (Pty) Ltd to Atron TMT Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Altron ICT Holdings Proprietary Limited.
- To implement change of equipment due to obsolescence (within existing contract prices and technical functional requirements).

Modification 5 represents a continuation of the originally intended five-year extension of the contract, with an associated increase in contract value to procure additional OTN-based ADM equipment in line with the forecast provided by the Network Planning and Application Engineering Department (NPAE). At contract inception, the original contract duration was five years. Modification 4 extended the contract by two years, while Modification 5 provided a further three-year extension, resulting in a current total contract duration of ten years.

From a commercial perspective, Modification 4 increased the contract value by R34 million. Following a revised forecast issued by the NPAE, Modification 5 increased the contract value by a further R248 million, bringing the total value of the approved modifications to R282 million.

Collectively, these modifications enable the replacement of all legacy, obsolete ADM equipment used in the control and management of the NTCSA telecommunications network with modern OTN-based ADMs. The OTN-based ADMs are critical to supporting both the current and future digitised NTCSA power system, offering network capacities of up to 100 Gb/s compared to the 2.5 Gb/s capacity of the legacy ADM network.

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Modification No. 6 (Current)

As per approval received in modification 5, the Altron Nexus contract 46000066137 was ceded to Altron TMT (Pty) Ltd with a new contract number 4600079279. A three-year extension of the contract was also approved in modification 5, however after approval of modification 5 the supplier requested a once off 20% increase in prices, as prices for equipment have not been adjusted since 2019. The NTCSA R1.5 billion Procurement Tender Committee is thus requested to approve the contract modification as follows:

- To increase the contract value by R49 653 479.77 from R524 564 195.79 to R574 217 675.56 excluding Value Added Tax (VAT) and Rate of Exchange (ROE). The modification value includes a foreign portion of USD2 328 344.61 (i.e. 1USD = ZAR18,10 x USD2 328 344.61= ZAR42 143 037.44).

4. MOTIVATION FOR MODIFICATION

The contract conditions made no provision for CPA. The supplier requested to increase prices by 20% as most equipment prices were offered in 2019 without further increase. The 20% increase in prices will be effective from 19 August 2026, and valid for the next three (3) years. The QS report shows that equipment prices are still cheaper (even with the 20% increase) compared to the market average for the specific Huawei equipment.

5. COST BREAKDOWN OF THE MODIFICATION VALUE

The ADM replacement programme is made up of the national backbone network ADM replacement projects, regional access network ADM replacement projects, and ad hoc (IPP, customer and strengthening projects) ADM replacements. The expenditure forecast from FY2026 to FY2030 with the proposed 20% price adjustment is as follows:

Description	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	TOTAL
OTN NMS Mercury Ring (execution cost only)	R1 333 925					
Golden Triangle OTN WC	R3 162 353					
Golden Triangle OTN EC	R1 453 156					
Golden Triangle OTN KZN	R812 889					
Golden Triangle OTN Gauteng	R5 127 200					
Golden Triangle OTN Mpumalanga	R3 155 200					
Golden Triangle OTN FS	R1 183 200					
TPSCM Simmerpan NCC Comms	R328 061					
TPSCM Duvha SOC		R328 061				
Highveld North West, Lowveld North Strengthening Phase 1 (Emkhinweni)		R260 000				
Namakwaaland Strengthening (Gromis - Juno)	R250 000					
Agulhas MTS Comms				R1 200 000	R156 000	R1 356 000
Koring SS Comms				R1 200 000	R156 000	R1 356 000

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Marathon HPM Strengthening		R1 280 000	R166 400			R166 400
Majuba Substation		R360 000	R46 800			R46 800
Krypton SS Comms				R3 909 225	R508 199	R4 417 424
Iziko SS - Poseidon				R809 032	R190 948	R999 980
Kimberley DSO (DX)		R248 884	R105 509			R105 509
Gamma - Grassridge			R404 516	R170 460		R574 976
Hydra - Kronos			R1 967 200	R255 736		R2 222 936
Boundary - Beta Strengthening			R1 967 200	R255 736		R2 222 936
Namakwa Strengthening			R3 934 400	R511 472		R4 445 872
Kimberley Strengthening				R2 950 800	R383 604	R3 334 404
Paulputs Strengthening (Aries - Kokerboom)				R1 967 200	R255 736	R2 222 936
ADM Replacement Gauteng		R9 928 429	R1 517 313			R1 517 313
ADM Replacement Mpumalanga		R19 856 859	R3 383 271			R3 383 271
ADM Replacement Limpopo		R14 892 644	R2 577 637			R2 577 637
ADM Replacement NW		R14 892 644	R2 530 992			R2 530 992
ADM Replacement NC		R19 236 332	R3 416 928			R3 416 928
ADM Replacement WC			R15 513 171	R2 720 118		R18 233 289
ADM Replacement EC			R15 513 171	R2 702 682		R18 215 853
ADM Replacement RS			R14 272 117	R2 552 233		R16 824 350
ADM Replacement KZN			R19 856 859	R3 462 084		R23 318 943
Regional Projects (ADM Replacement Phase 2)				R54 842 744	R9 485 256	R64 328 000
Spares (10% materials)		R9 304 622			R39 596 646	R39 596 646
Co-Care	R4 826 270	R9 500 000	R9 500 000	R9 500 000	R9 500 000	R28 500 000
Training: Engineering and Planning Training	R502 655					
Training: Ops & Maintenance	R8 400 000				R2 100 000	R2 100 000
Training: Network Management System Operator	R42 000				R42 000	R42 000
Training: Management System Administrator Training	R210 000				R210 000	R210 000
SUB- TOTAL	R30 786 908	R100 088 475	R87 173 486	R89 009 523	R72 084 390	R248 267 399
Price Increase 20%						R49 653 480
TOTAL						R297 920 879

6. COST COMPARISON ON A COMMON BASE

The current supply was the cheapest supplier during the tender process, prior to contract establishment in 2019. A prices comparison exercise was conducted by the quantity surveyor in June 2024, to ascertain if the supplier is still the cheapest. A sample BOQ was compiled with all materials and services required for ADM replacement work, and a market price evaluation was conducted for each line item in the BOQ.

The table below shows the outcome of the price evaluation/comparison exercise:

COST COMPARISON FEED BACK (2024)		AVARAGE	ALTRON	Comparison
Part Number	Description	Unit Price (Local +US*RoE)	Unit Price (Local +US*RoE)	Avarage / Altron
03034AWF	32xE1(75&120ohm)/T1(100ohm) Electrical Interface Board	R10 752.09	R8 419.82	28%
2301691	Assembly Chassis(OptiXtrans E6608,DC,with Fibre storage)	R14 523.07	R12 001.50	21%

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03050EJD	Universal Cross Connect, System Control and Clock Processing Board	R39 638.39	R32 755.87	21%
03034KHJ	4*STM-16/8*STM-4/8*STM-1-Optical Interface Board	R27 930.47	R23 080.85	21%
34062423	Low Speed Transceiver,eSFP,1550nm,125M~2.67G,-2dBm,3dBm,-28dBm,LC,SMF,80km	R20 957.73	R17 318.82	21%
03034KTQ	8-Port 100M Fast Ethernet Processing Board	R11 937.65	R9 864.90	21%
34100144-003	Optical Functional Module,1000BASE-T-SFP Module,RJ45 Electrical Module, Auto Negotiate, Longest Transmission Distance 100m,-40~85	R1 055.86	R872.53	21%
88037CYU	OptiXtrans E6600 Basic Software Package,V100R021(Per Subrack)	R1 406.92	R1 213.25	16%
82600797	Chassis SDH Function Fee(Per Subrack)	R8 638.40	R7 448.97	16%
88036CFU02	NCE-T Basic License, per E6608	R12 112.81	R10 444.94	16%
88060VAS02	NCE-T Basic License, per E6608,3 Years Subscription and Support	R6 178.10	R5 327.42	16%
	Co-Care and Installation Price			
88136MYH-4T1	Assembly Chassis(OptiXtrans E6608,DC,with fibre storage)-Co-Care Repair OptiXtrans E6608-12Month(s)	R10 291.87	R5 983.56	72%
9221410	1.Design and Planning - Per Box 2.Hardware installation Services(including racking or physical installation or cabling, labelling) - Per Box 3.System Commissioning(including adding NE device, monitoring, fibre & Tunnel config and service acceptance) - Per Box	R176 532.83	R50 615.25	249%

The outcome of the price comparison exercise done in 2024 shows that Altron's prices were between 16% and 249% cheaper than the market average. Details of the price breakdowns offered by various suppliers are provided in the QS report. A review of the price comparison exercise was done in 2026, by applying inflation on the prices offered by suppliers in 2024 and comparing them with the 20% price adjustment requested by Altron. The outcome is shown on the table below.

COST COMPARISON FEED BACK (2026)		AVARAGE+CPI	ALTRON+20%	Comparison
Part Number	Description	Unit Price (Local +US*RoE)	Unit Price (Local +US*RoE)	Avarage / Altron
03034AWF	32xE1(75&120ohm)/T1(100ohm) Electrical Interface Board	R11 618.06	R10 103.78	15%
2301691	Assembly Chassis(OptiXtrans E6608,DC,with fibre storage)	R15 692.76	R14 401.80	9%
03050EJD	Universal Cross Connect, System Control and Clock Processing Board	R42 830.87	R39 307.04	9%
03034KHJ	4*STM-16/8*STM-4/8*STM-1-Optical Interface Board	R30 179.99	R27 697.02	9%
34062423	Low Speed Transceiver,eSFP,1550nm,125M~2.67G,-2dBm,3dBm,-28dBm,LC,SMF,80km	R22 645.67	R20 782.58	9%
03034KTQ	8-Port 100M Fast Ethernet Processing Board	R12 899.11	R11 837.88	9%
34100144-003	Optical Functional Module,1000BASE-T-SFP Module,RJ45 Electrical Module, Auto Negotiate, Longest Transmission Distance 100m,-40~85	R1 140.90	R1 047.04	9%
88037CYU	OptiXtrans E6600 Basic Software Package,V100R021(Per Subrack)	R1 520.23	R1 455.90	4%
82600797	Chassis SDH Function Fee(Per Subrack)	R9 334.14	R8 938.76	4%
88036CFU02	NCE-T Basic License, per E6608	R13 088.38	R12 533.93	4%

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88060VAS02	NCE-T Basic License, per E6608,3 Years Subscription and Support	R6 675.68	R6 392.90	4%
	Co-Care and Installation Price			
88136MYH-4T1	Assembly Chassis(OptiXtrans E6608,DC,with fibre storage)-Co-Care Repair OptiXtrans E6608-12Month(s)	R11 541.03	R9 047.15	28%
9221410	1.Design and Planning - Per Box 2.Hardware installation Services(including racking or physical installation or cabling, labelling) - Per Box 3.System Commissioning(including adding NE device, monitoring, fibre & Tunnel config and service acceptance) - Per Box	R194 305.75	R76 530.26	154%

No quantities were disclosed to any of the suppliers (including the current supplier) as this contract is on an as and when required basis. The current supplier's (Altron) prices were cheaper than the market average on all items listed in the BOQ. A percentage difference of between 4% % to 154% cheaper than the market average was seen for BOQ items listed. A more detailed breakdown of the price evaluation exercise outcomes is included in the QS report.

7. CONTRACT STATUS WITH MODIFICATION

Original approved contract value	R241 582 605.79
Original contract duration	5 (five) years
Original contingency amount	N/A
Original contingency time	N/A
Value of modification No. 1 (excluding contingency and T&S)	R0
Additional time - Modification No. 1 (excluding contingency)	N/A
Value of modification No. 2 (excluding contingency and T&S)	R0
Additional time - Modification No. 2 (excluding contingency)	N/A
Value of modification No. 3 (excluding contingency and T&S)	R0
Additional time - Modification No. 3 (excluding contingency)	N/A
Value of modification No. 4 (excluding contingency and T&S)	R34 714 191.00
Additional time - Modification No. 4 (excluding contingency)	2 (two) years
Value of modification No. 5 (excluding contingency and T&S)	R248 267 398.87
Additional time - Modification No. 5 (excluding contingency)	3 (three) years
Value of modification No. 6 (excluding contingency and T&S) - Current	R49 653 479.77
Additional time - Modification No. 6 (excluding contingency)	None
New combined contract value (excluding contingency and T&S)	R574 217 675.56
New combined contract duration (excluding contingency) **	10 (ten) years
Contract value spent to date (excluding contingency and T&S)	R238 683 825.61
Contract value available (excluding contingency)	R37 612 971.18

8. COMMERCIAL COMMENTS AND/OR CONSIDERATIONS

The terms and conditions of the existing contract, being the NEC3 TSC (Term Service Contract), remain unchanged and will apply to this modification.

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9. FINANCIAL COMMENTS AND/OR CONSIDERATIONS

The existing contract prices are in Rand (ZAR) and United States Dollar (USD). Payment for the foreign portion will continue to be made to the supplier in foreign currency using Payment Method 1B. Exchange Control (EXCON) approval was obtained from Eskom Treasury at the time of contract establishment and is being renewed on an annual basis. An EXCON will be applied for the additional new amount.

10. TECHNICAL COMMENTS AND/OR CONSIDERATIONS

This is a modification to an existing contract without any changes to the current scope. The end-user fully supports this modification.

11. SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT LOCALISATION & INDUSTRIALISATION (SDL&I) COMMENTS AND/OR CONSIDERATIONS

The outcome of the previously agreed SDL&I commitments are as follows:

- In terms of skills development, Altron has trained 10 individuals to date.
- Altron have created twenty job opportunities thus far.

The increasing value and the contract duration has an impact on SDL&I taking into consideration that some of the targets were not met by Altron Nexus Solutions especially on subcontracting. Therefore, the new targets including subcontracting will be as follows:

Skills Development

Criteria	NTCSA Target
Engineers	6
Technicians	6

Sub-Contracting Targets

- Thirty percent subcontracting was not fulfilled by Altron due to certain orders not placed by NTCSA to date. On this modification, thirty percent subcontracting is still going to apply on the stated categories.

NTCSA Target
EME 1/2 or QSE 1/2 30%

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12. DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

The Procurement Practitioner has confirmed that the documents listed in the P&SCM Documentation Completeness Checklist for Buyer's Procurement File and Uploading on the EDMS will be checked, verified, and marked as complete and will be stored in the Electronic Documentation Management System (EDMS) under the folder below.

It is further confirmed that all Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA) and Declaration of Interest (DOI) forms have been received from all the cross functional team members and are stored on Open text under the below folder:

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