

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR DEVIATION FROM NORMAL PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

FROM: PRODUCTION**DATE: 24/06/2026****DIVISION: WATER SERVICES****TEL: 014 5974636****For Procurement Use):****REF NO:****SUBJECT:** Request for approval submission regarding:

- A deviation from normal procurement procedures with respect to the procurement of polymeric coagulants for Areas East and West.

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| ☒ Approval | ☐ Verification |
| ☐ For Your Records | ☐ Information |
| ☐ Action as required | ☐ Reading Proof |
| ☐ Other | |

1. PURPOSE:

To request the accounting officer to approve the extension of deviation from the normal supply chain process of the polymeric coagulants for the period of Six (06) months from 01 July 2026 until 31 December 2026 for Magalies Water potable the water treatment plants.

2. BACKGROUND

Magalies Water advertised a tender for supply, delivery and offloading of coagulants for magalies water, water treatment plants for a period of five (5) years. The tender was advertised 2 November 2025 on and closed on 28 November 2025. The BEC was constituted on 23 January 2026 due to delays associated with the festive season and employees being on leave. The committee commenced the evaluation process on 28 January 2026 and

completed the first phase of the evaluation on 12 February 2026. Thereafter, SCM conducted the barcoding of the submitted samples, which was finalised on 20 February 2026. The samples were subsequently collected on 5 March 2026 for jar testing and reporting. The jar test report has been finalised and is currently with the BEC for evaluation and recommendation to the BAC. The SCM process to award a new tender is underway, however it is only anticipated to be finalised before end of the year.

- The value of this Deviation request?

☐ R0 – R500k
 ☐ R500k – R1 Million
 ☒ more than R1 Million

- Previous history of deviations related to this vendor:

DEVIATION NUMBER	DATE	VALUE
None	2026/06/24	R 23 071 331
	TOTAL	R 23 071 331

3. REASON FOR THE DEVIATION REQUEST

- ☐ CASE OF EMERGENCY (Lack of Planning does not constitute an emergency)
☐ SOLE PROVIDER
☐ IMPRACTICAL (strip and quote)
☒ OTHER

The advertised tender is currently at the Jar testing & report stage which is expected to be finalised by end of June 2026. From the jar test reports, the BEC will recommend three products per plant, which will then be tested on the plants for 5 weeks per recommended product and is anticipated to be completed by the end of November 2026. After the plant trial stage, the BEC will then recommend the best performing product per plant, to be approved by the BAC and awarded to the successful bidders by mid December 2026.

The polymeric coagulants are currently supplied through the approved deviation which is ending on 30 June 2026. The coagulant cannot be sourced via the Request

for Quotation (RFQ) method due to the special nature of the product.

The polymeric coagulants are not products that can be sourced off the shelf from other suppliers, but they are specialised blends of solutions (cationic polymers and metal salts) which the bidders prepares or source and determined to work on the treatment plants on pilot scales and plant trials to meet potable water quality turbidity standards.

The reasons for the extension of Six months are to allow for the finalisation of the tender process, and it is illustrated in the table below.

ACTION/TASK	DURATION	COMPLETION DATE
Jar Testing & Report	3 weeks	30 June 2026
BEC to finalise the report	2 days	02 July 2026
Internal Audit report	1 week	10 July 2026
BAC for recommendation	1 week	17 July 2026
Letters to be sent to suppliers for plants trials	2 days	22 July 2026
Procurement of trial polymers	3 weeks	14 August 2026
Plant trials- polymer 1	5 weeks	18 September 2026
Plant trials- polymer 2	5 weeks	24 October 2026
Plant trials- polymer 3	5 weeks	30 November 2026
BAC to approve plant trials report and recommendations	1 week	04 December 2026
Publication of notice of intent to award	5 days	11 December 2026
Award letters to be sent to successful bidders	2 days	15 December 2026

Table 2: Tender Timelines

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The table below shows the financial impact of the procurement of polymers for the next 6 months.

Current Supplier	Polymer Supplied	Usage in kg	Polymer Price in R/kg	Budget for 6 months
Rheochem	Cullinan	33 414	20.20	R 674 963
Ifalethu	Wallmannsthal	14 695	24.15	R 354 884
Ifalethu	Klipdrift	299 028	24.15	R 7 221 526
Rheochem	Vaalkop	708 411	20.92	R 14 819 958
Total				R 23 071 331

4.4 OPTIONS/RISKS

The risk of not extending the contracts with the current suppliers will lead to the shutdown of production at the plants due to the lack of polymer. Polymers are plant (raw water) specific and therefore cannot be procured via the RFQ process.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Deviation from normal procurement procedures

Section 16.A6.4 of the Treasury Regulations issued in terms of Public Finance

Management Act, 1999 state 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”. The deviation must be recorded and approved by the accounting officer in accordance with the requirements outlined in the above Treasury Regulations.

6. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN / DELIVERABLES

Once the submission is approved, normal procurement processes will follow to procure polymers for the respective plants. During the extension period, MW will finalize the polymer tender.

7. CONTACT PERSON

V Akinwekomi

GM: Water Services

8. ACCOMPANYING / SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

9. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the accounting officer approves the extension of the deviation and authorise the continuation of the supply by the current polymer suppliers for a period not exceeding Six (06) months from 01 July 2026 to 31 December 2026, through month-to-month service level agreement with a 30 day termination clause.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Regional Manager West

24/06/2026

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SUPPORTED/~~NOT SUPPORTED~~:

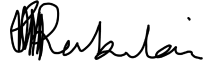
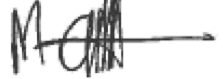
GM: WATER SERVICES

NAME: Vhahangwele Akinwekomi

SIGNATURE: V Akinwekomi

DATE: 24/06/2026

10. RECOMMENDATION STATUS

	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
SUPPORTED BY BAC MEMBER	Rabelani Mulaudzi		25 June 2026
SUPPORTED BY BAC MEMBER	Tshiamo Mpane		25 June 2026
SUPPORTED BY BAC MEMBER	Teleni Ntabeni		25 June 2026
SUPPORTED BY BAC MEMBER	Matshidiso Tabane		25 June 2026
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11. APPROVAL STATUS

	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
APPROVED: CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Ofentse Nthutang		26/06/2026