



TENDER NUMBER: TNPA/2026/03/0604/3541/RFP

COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION FOR:

**THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PONTOON CONNECTORS IN THE PORT OF
RICHARDS BAY FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS.**

VENUE: PIONEER CENTRE MAIN BOARDROOM

DATE: 04 SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME: 11H00

PRESENTED BY: TRANSNET (TNPA) TEAM

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ISSUE DATE:	21 AUGUST 2026
COMPULSORY BRIEFING:	04 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 11h00
CLOSING DATE:	21 SEPTEMBER 2026
CLOSING TIME:	16:00
BID VALIDITY PERIOD:	180 Business Days from Closing Date
SUBMISSION TO:	Transnet eSupplier portal – see SBD 1 for details

SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM



1. INVITATION TO BID

- Bidder to fill out the **Supplier Information** under Part A of the SBD 1 form completely and accurately.
- Bidder to read the **Terms and Condition of Bidding** under Part B of the SBD1 form.
- Bidder to sign the SBD 1 form under Part B

SECTION 2: NOTICE TO BIDDERS



1. INVITATION TO BID

RFP DOWNLOADING	This RFP may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge. To download RFP and Annexures: • Click on "Tender Opportunities"; • Select "Advertised Tenders"; • In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd. Once the tender has been in the list, click on the "Tender documents" tab and process to download all uploaded documents. The RFP may also be downloaded from the Transnet Digital Procurement System (TDPS) Supplier Submission Portal at https://esupplierportal.transnet.net/portal/
COMMUNICATION OF BID OUTCOME & ADDENDUM/S	Transnet will publish the outcome of this RFP on the National Treasury e-tender portal and Transnet website with 10 days after the award has been finalised. All unsuccessful bidders have a right to request for reasons for their bid not being successful. This requested must be directed to the contact person stated in the SBD 1 form Any addenda to the RFP or clarifications will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Bidders are required to check the e-tender portal or Transnet website prior to finalising their bid submissions for any changes or clarifications to the RFP. Transnet will not be held liable if Bidders do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of either being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.

SECTION 2:



PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

1. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Transnet has implemented a new electronic tender submission system, the Transnet Digital Procurement System (TDPS) Supplier Submission Portal, in line with the overall Transnet digitalization strategy where suppliers can view advertised tenders, register their information, log their intent to respond to bids and upload their bid proposals/responses on to the system.

- a) The Transnet e-Tender Submission Portal can be accessed as follows:
- b) Log on to the Transnet eSupplier website/ Portal (<https://esupplierportal.transnet.net/portal/>)
- c) Respondents are to submit bid documents by uploading them onto the Transnet system against each tender selected. **A Bidder can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.**
- d) Bidders should ensure that electronic bid **submissions are submitted at least a day before the closing date and bidders should not wait for the last hour before the deadline to submit.** This is to enable them to timeously address issues which they may encounter due to internet speed, bandwidth or the size of the number of uploads being submitted. **Transnet will not be held liable for any challenges experienced by bidders as a result of their own technical challenges.**
- e) No late submissions will be accepted.

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RFP INSTRUCTIONS

1. RFP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please **sign documents** [sign, stamp and date the bottom of each page] **before uploading them on the system.**
The person or persons signing the submission must be **legally authorised by the respondent to do** so.
2. All returnable documents tabled in the Proposal Form [**Section 5**] must be returned with proposals.

2. JOINT VENTURES OR CONSORTIUMS

Respondents who would wish to respond to this RFP as a Joint Venture [JV] or consortium with B-BBEE entities, must state their intention to do so in their RFP submission. Such Respondents must also submit a signed JV or consortium agreement between the parties clearly stating the percentage [%] split of business and the associated responsibilities of each party.

3. COMMUNICATION (CLARIFICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS)

1. For specific queries relating to this RFP, an **RFP Clarification Request Form should be submitted to Lincoln Mazibuko before 12:00pm on 15 September 2026**, substantially in the form set out in **Section 8** hereto. In the interest of fairness and transparency, Transnet's response to such a query will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website.
2. After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may only communicate with **Lincoln Mazibuko** on email TNPATENDERENQUIRIESRB@TRANSNET.NET on any matter relating to its RFP Proposal

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DISCLAIMERS

Respondents are hereby advised that Transnet is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFP and/or its receipt of Proposals. In particular, please note that Transnet reserves the right to:

1. modify the RFP's Services;
2. award a contract for only a portion of the proposed Services which are reflected in the scope of this RFP;
3. cancel the bid process;
4. validate any information submitted by Respondents in response to this bid. This would include, but is not limited to, requesting the Respondents to provide supporting evidence. By submitting a bid, Respondents hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to Transnet to do so;
5. request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
6. not accept any changes or purported changes by the Respondent to the bid rates after the closing date and/or after the award of the business, unless the contract specifically provided for it.

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SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

The floating pontoons were constructed in April 2012 adjacent to berth 208. The purpose of the pontoons was to prevent erosion to the shoreline that was caused by wave action. Subsequent to its construction, the pontoons have been subjected to increased wave heights that has caused numerous failures of the connectors and anchors. The resultant failures of the connectors have caused structural damage to the pontoons itself, and in doing so, it has compromised the functionality of the floating breakwater system and the safety of the navigation channel.

In 2020, the port appointed a consultant to redesign the pontoon connectors to ensure they can absorb the energy subjected to it by the waves generated by the tugs. The connectors currently installed onsite are damaged and pose a danger to vessels as breakaway pontoons can collide with vessels in the entrance channel. The Infrastructure Department therefore requires the supply and delivery of pontoon connectors in the Port of Richards Bay.

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SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

- The Supplier is required to supply 65 sets of connectors as per the technical specification. Each connector is made up of rubber bearings, stainless steel threaded rod, end plates, lock nuts and retainer nuts.
- Each connector is to meet all the technical requirements such as the tensile force, compressive force etc. (as indicated on the technical specification).
- The Supplier is to conduct lab load tests for the pontoons and TNPA shall witness the testing.
- Upon delivery, the Supplier is required to provide the port with lab load test results and certificates to ensure that the connectors supplied align with all our technical requirements. These quality documents are to be signed-off by a certified competent person (Pr. Registered Mechanical Engineer).

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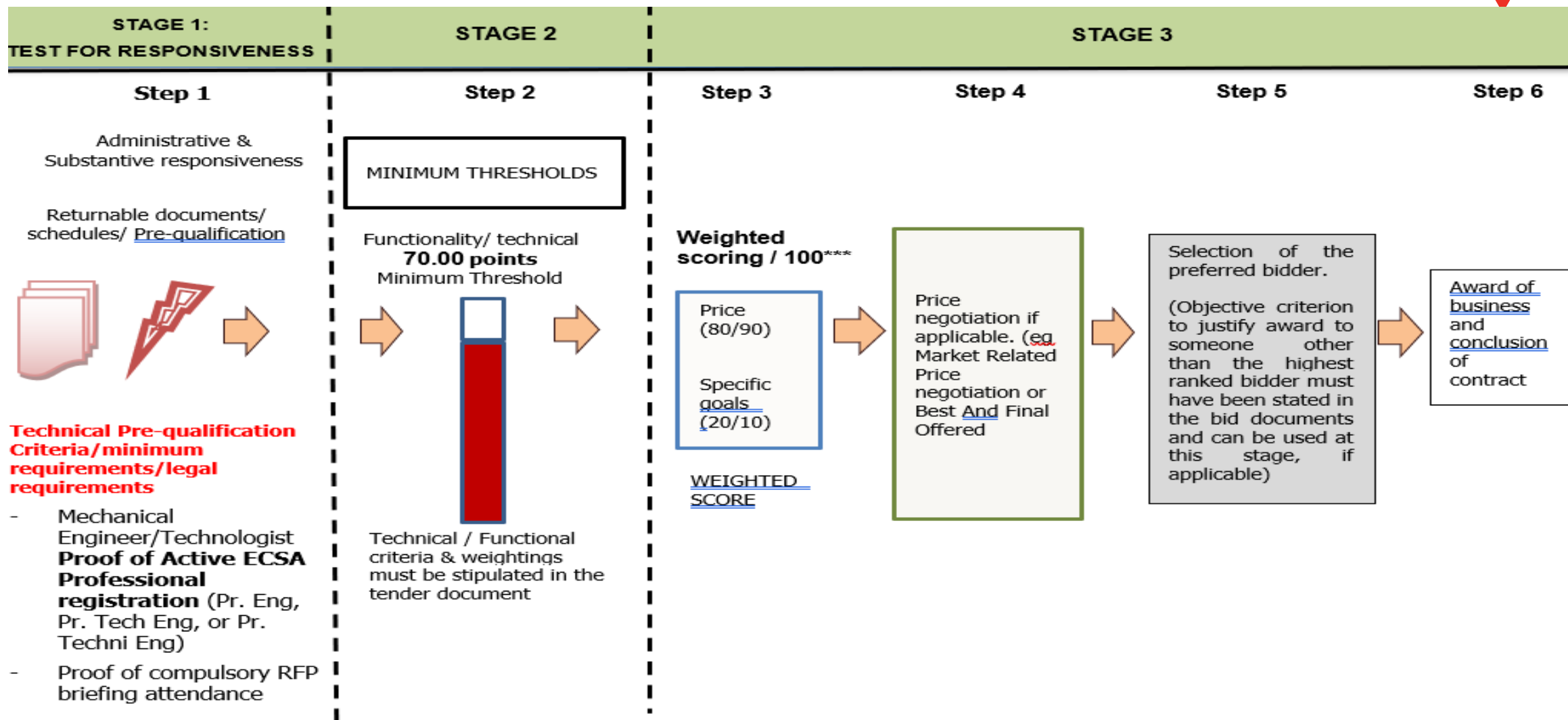
SITE PICTURE



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EVALUATION METHODOLOGY



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TECHNICAL EVALUATION

CV OF KEY PERSONNEL – MECHANICAL ENGINEER OR TECHNOLOGIST [35 POINTS]

Functionality Criteria	Points allocation	Scoring Criteria	Score
CV of Key personnel – Mechanical Engineer or Technologist:	35	The Tenderer has submitted no information or submitted irrelevant information or the tenderer has submitted a CV indicating less than 1 year post professional registration experience in design of structural steel and material strength testing.	0
		The tenderer has submitted a CV indicating 1 year but less than 3 years post professional registration experience in design of structural steel and material strength testing.	40
		The tenderer has submitted a CV indicating 3 years post professional registration experience in design of structural steel and material strength testing.	70
		The tenderer has submitted a CV indicating more than 3 years but less than 5 years post professional registration experience in design of structural steel and material strength testing.	90
		The tenderer has submitted a CV indicating 5 or more years post professional registration experience in design of structural steel and material strength testing.	100

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TECHNICAL EVALUATION

COMPANY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE [35 POINTS]

Functionality Criteria	Points allocation	Scoring Criteria	Score
Company Previous Experience – Minimum of 3 Reference Letters/Completion certificates for projects done in the last 10 years to be submitted. The reference letters/Completion certificates must meet the following requirements: 1. Project description 2. Previous client name and valid contact details 3. Previous client's letterhead, stamp or signatures to form part of all the letters submitted 4. Year of project completion NB: Purchase orders, contracts and letters of award will not be accepted.	35	The tenderer has submitted no information <u>or</u> submitted projects that are not in the manufacturing and design of structural steel and do not cover the 4 required components or the project was done beyond ten years.	0
		Tenderer has successfully completed two (2) or less similar projects in the manufacturing and design of structural steel and submitted two (2) or less project reference letters/completion certificates that include all 4 required components and were completed in the last 10 years.	40
		Tenderer has successfully completed three (3) similar projects in the manufacturing and design of structural steel and submitted three (3) project reference letters/completion certificates that include all 4 required components and were completed in the last 10 years.	70
		Tenderer has successfully completed four (4) similar projects in the manufacturing and design of structural steel and submitted four (4) project reference letters/completion certificates that include all 4 required components and were completed in the last 10 years.	90
		Tenderer has successfully completed five (5) or more similar projects in the manufacturing and design of structural steel and submitted five (5) or more project reference letters/completion certificates that include all 4 required components and were completed in the last 10 years.	100

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TECHNICAL EVALUATION

METHOD STATEMENT [30 POINTS]

Functionality Criteria	Points allocation	Scoring Criteria	Score
Method Statement The method statement shall cover the following: 1. Material (steel and rubber) manufacturing process - The Tenderer must outline how the correct manufacturing process will be followed as per the technical specification. 2. Quality control and testing - The Tenderer to outline how they will ensure that the sizes of material provided aligns with what is specified on the drawings; tensile testing of cables; compression and hardness testing of rubber bearings; verification of bolt grade and tightening procedure; standards and codes applied. 3. Packaging and handling – To include equipment and tools that will be used during loading and offloading. 4. Delivery logistics - type of transportation to be used (must be suitable for the type of material to be delivered and material weight should be taken into consideration), access approvals for material delivery, manpower required.	30	The Tenderer has submitted no information or information not related to the scope or the method statement did not cover critical items 1 and 2	0
		The method statement clearly covers the critical items 1 and 2.	40
		The method statement covers three (3) of the critical items. This includes items 1,2 and any item between 3 and 4.	70
		The method statement covers four (4) of the critical items.	90
		The Tenderer has covered all the four (4) critical items in detail; in addition , the method statement covers the installation procedure for the pontoon connectors or the Tenderer submitted an installation manual relating to the scope.	100

SECTION 4



ELECTRONIC PRICE SCHEDULE

BILL OF QUANTITIES					
<u>Item</u>	<u>Bill Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount (R)</u>
1	PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL (Programme, lab load test results and quality assurance certificates, warranty certificate, installation manual)	Sum	1		
MANUFACTURING AND TESTING OF COMPONENTS					
2	Manufacturing, inspections and testing of components	Sum	1		
PONTOON CONNECTORS					
3	Supply and delivery of pontoon connectors	Ea.	65		
4	Supply and delivery of M56 lock nuts	Ea.	130		
5	Supply and delivery of M56 retainer nuts	Ea.	130		
6	Supply and delivery of M56 flat washers	Ea.	130		
7	Supply and delivery of end plates with an outer diameter of 180 mm, inner diameter of 60 mm and a thickness of 30 mm	Ea.	130		
8	Supply and delivery of 24 kg rubber bearings	Ea.	65		

SECTION 5



LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

Returnable Documents **means all the documents, Sections and Annexures, as listed in the tables below.** There are three types of returnable documents as indicated below, and Respondents are urged to ensure that these documents are returned with their bids based on the consequences of non-submission as indicated below:

Mandatory Returnable Documents	<i>Failure to provide all these Mandatory Returnable Documents at the Closing Date and time of this RFP <u>will result in a Respondent's disqualification.</u></i>
Returnable Documents Used for Scoring	<i>Failure to provide all Returnable Documents used for purposes of scoring a bid, by the closing date and time of this bid <u>will not result</u> in a Respondent's disqualification. However, Bidders will receive an automatic score of zero for the applicable evaluation criterion.</i>
Essential Returnable Documents	<i>Failure to provide essential Returnable Documents <u>will result in Transnet affording Respondents a further opportunity to submit by a set deadline.</u> Should a Respondent thereafter fail to submit the requested documents, this may result in a Respondent's disqualification.</i>



RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

Electronic Pricing schedule completed on the Transnet eSupplier portal

Mechanical Engineer/Technologist **proof of Active ECSA professional registration** (Professional Engineer or Professional Engineering Technician, or Professional Engineering Technologist)
NB: Bidder to submit a copy of ECSA certificate

Section 10: Certificate of attendance of a compulsory RFP briefing (Attendance register for RFP briefing will also be used as proof of attendance)



RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

<u>RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING</u>	
CVs of key personnel	
Reference Letters or Completion certificate (as evidence of related previous experience)	
Project Method statement	
Valid proof of Respondent’s compliance to Specific Goals requirements stipulated in Section 9 of this RFP (Valid B-BBEE certificate, B-BBEE CIPC certificate or Sworn Affidavit as per DTIC guidelines, subcontracting agreement and a Valid B-BBEE certificate or Sworn- Affidavit for subcontractors)	

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RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS & SCHEDULES

ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS & SCHEDULES
In the case of Joint Ventures, a copy of the Joint Venture Agreement or written confirmation of the intention to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement
Tax Clearance Certificate or electronic access PIN obtained from SARS's new Tax Compliance Status (TCS) system
SECTION 1: SBD1 Form
SECTION 5: Proposal Form and List of Returnable documents
SECTION 6: Certificate Of Acquaintance with RFP, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents
SECTION 7: RFP Declaration and Breach of Law Form
SECTION 8: RFP Clarification Request Form
SECTION 9: Specific Goals Points Claim Form
SECTION 11: Protection of Personal Information

A low-angle, silhouette-style photograph of a construction site at sunset. A large tower crane dominates the left side of the frame, its long jib extending towards the top right. In the foreground and middle ground, several multi-story building frames are visible, completely encased in dense scaffolding. Silhouettes of construction workers can be seen standing on different levels of the scaffolding, working on the structures. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun's glow creating a bright, hazy area near the horizon. The overall mood is one of industriousness and the scale of large-scale construction.

SECTION 9: SPECIFIC GOALS

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In terms of Transnet Preferential Procurement Policy (TPPP) and Procurement Manuals, the following preference points must be awarded to a bidder who provides the relevant required evidence for claiming points.

Selected Specific Goals	Number of points (80/20 system)	Number of points (90/10 system)
B-BBEE status Level of contributor (1 or 2)	5.00	3.00
The promotion of enterprises located in KwaZulu Natal Province for work to be done or services to be rendered in that province	5.00	3.00
EME OR QSE 51% Black Owned Entities	10.00	4.00
Non-compliant and/or B-BBEE Level 3-8 contributors	00	00
Total points for Specific Goals	20	10

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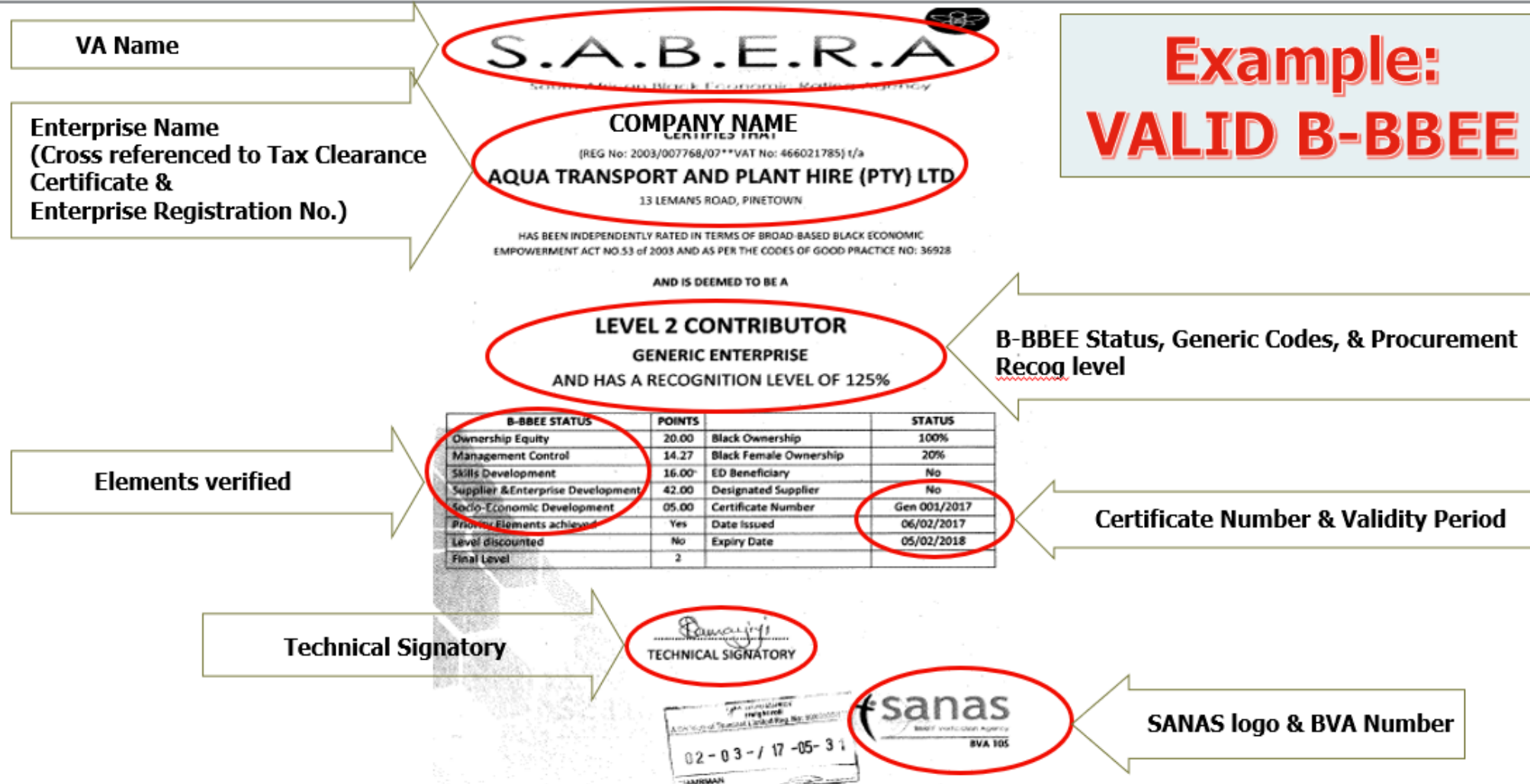
The following table represents the evidence required for claiming preference points for applicable specific goals to this tender:

Specific Goals	Acceptable Evidence
B-BBEE status Level of contributor (1 or 2)	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
The promotion of enterprises located in KwaZulu Natal Province for work to be done or services to be rendered in that province	CIPC - Registered address of entity
EME OR QSE 51% Black Owned Entities	B-BBEE Certificate / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate/ Sworn Affidavit (in case of JV, a consolidate scorecard will be accept) as per DTIC guidelines

Should the evidence required for any of the Specific Goals applicable in this tender not be provided, a tenderer will score zero preference points for that particular “Specific Goals”

Key Pointers determining the validity of B-BBEE Certificate:

Valid B-BBEE Certificate



Key Pointers determining the validity of Sworn – Affidavit:



**Example:
VALID
SWORN
AFFIDAVIT**

Name of deponent & ID Number

Indicate designation

Enterprise details

Indicate BO & BWO
Tick or underlined Mngt Acc or AFS

Financial Year (dd/mm/yyyy)

B-BBEE Status Level based
on Black Ownership

Commissioner of Oath
signature and date

Deponent signature and date

Commissioner of Oath Certification Stamp

SWORN A **IE EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISE**

I, the undersigned,

Full name & Surname: SUNDHRAN NAIDOO
Identity number: 7400165131089

Hereby declare under oath as follows:

- The contents of this statement are to the best of my knowledge a true reflection of the facts.
- I am a member / director / owner of the following enterprise and am duly authorised to act on its behalf.

Enterprise Name: ID S W PLANT AND CIVILS CC
Trading Name: SK PLANT AND CONSTRUCTION
Registration Number: 2006/037556/23
Enterprise Address: 32 PARAGON PLACE
INDUSTRIAL PARK
PHOENIX
1905

- I hereby declare under oath that:
 - The enterprise is 100 % black owned
 - The enterprise is 0 % black woman owned;
 - Based on the management accounts and other information available on the 2016 financial year, the income did not exceed R10,000,000.00 (ten million rand);
 - Please confirm on the table below the B-BBEE level contributor, by ticking the applicable box.

100% black owned	Level One (135% B-BBEE procurement recognition)	☒
More than 51% black owned	Level Two (125% B-BBEE procurement recognition)	
Less than 51% black owned	Level Four (100% B-BBEE procurement recognition)	

- The entity is an empowering supplier in terms of the dti Codes of Good Practice.
- I know and understand the contents of this affidavit and I have no objection to take the prescribed oath and consider the oath binding on my conscience and on the owners of the enterprise which I represent in this matter.
- The sworn affidavit will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date signed by commissioner.

Deponent Signature: [Signature]
Date: 16 AUGUST 2016

Commissioner of Oaths
Signature & stamp: [Signature]
KOPIN AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE

Key Pointers determining the validity of CIPC B-BBEE Certificate:

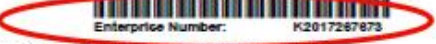


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B-BBEE CERTIFICATE FOR EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISES

Issued by the Companies & Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) on behalf of the Department of Trade and Industry, Based on the Financial Statements/Management Accounts and other information available on the latest financial year-end, the annual Total Revenue was R10,000,000.00 (Ten Million Rands) or less.

This Certificate serves as an Affidavit in terms of Code Series 000, Section 4.5 of the Amended Codes 2013.

Bar code with tracking number →  **Bar code with enterprise number** → 

Certificate number → **B-BBEE LEVEL 1 CONTRIBUTOR: 135% PROCUREMENT RECOGNITION**

% of BO, BWO & TWO → **B-BBEE INFORMATION**

Certificate Number	9367024325
Total Number of Shareholders	ONE (1) SHAREHOLDER(S)
Number of Black Shareholders	ONE (1) BLACK SHAREHOLDER(S)
Number of White Shareholders	ZERO (0) WHITE SHAREHOLDER(S)
Black Ownership Percentage	100% BLACK OWNERSHIP
Black Female Percentage	100% BLACK FEMALE OWNERSHIP
White Ownership Percentage	0% WHITE OWNERSHIP
B-BBEE Status	B-BBEE LEVEL 1 CONTRIBUTOR: 135% PROCUREMENT RECOGNITION
Date of Issue	01-June-2022
Expiry Date	31-May-2023

Date of issue & expiry date →

CIPC Watermark → 

B-BBEE Status & Proc Recog Level →

Reg. Number & Enterprise Name → **ENTERPRISE INFORMATION**

Registration number	2017 / 267673 / 07
Enterprise Name	JOEL MARK (PTY) LTD
Registration Date	15-June-2017
Enterprise Type	Private Company
Enterprise Status	In Business

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Q & A SESSION:



Question
&
Answer





THANK YOU

