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INVITATION TO BID

BID NO:

NMISA (26-27) T0001A

THE NMISA REQUIRES THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HIGH PURITY GASES AND GAS MIXTURES INCLUDING CYLINDER RENTALS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

Compulsory Briefing Session Details (Pretoria)

Date: 10 November 2026

Time: 10:00am SAST

Venue: CSIR Campus, Building 5, Meiring Naude Road,

Brummeria Pretoria 0182

Closing date: 24 November 2026

Closing time: 11:00am SAST

NB. On the last page of this document the bidder needs to declare and indicate that they have read and understood the document in full.

Only Emailed, hand delivered and couriered original proposals will be accepted.

PART A
INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (*NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY*)					
BID NUMBER:	NMISA (26-27) T0001A	CLOSING DATE:	24 NOVEMBER 2026	CLOSING TIME:	11h00 SAST
DESCRIPTION	**THE NMISA REQUIRES THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HIGH PURITY GASES AND GAS MIXTURES INCLUDING CYLINDER RENTALS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.**				

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT *(STREET ADDRESS)*

National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA) CSIR Campus OR Email: tenders@nmisa.org

Building 5, Brummeria, 0182

BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO		**TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:**	
CONTACT PERSON	**SCM**	CONTACT PERSON	**SCM**
TELEPHONE NUMBER	**012 947 2800**	TELEPHONE NUMBER	**012 947 2788**
FACSIMILE NUMBER	**N/A**	FACSIMILE NUMBER	**N/A**
E-MAIL ADDRESS	**scmgroup@nmisa.org**	E-MAIL ADDRESS	**scm7@nmisa.org**

SUPPLIER INFORMATION

NAME OF BIDDER						
POSTAL ADDRESS						
STREET ADDRESS						
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER			
CELLPHONE NUMBER						
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER			
E-MAIL ADDRESS						
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER						
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		**OR**	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No	

[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]

1 ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐Yes ☐No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	**2** ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR **THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?**	☐Yes ☐No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]

QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?	☐ YES ☐ NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?	☐ YES ☐ NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?	☐ YES ☐ NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?	☐ YES ☐ NO
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?	☐ YES ☐ NO

IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.

PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1.	**BID SUBMISSION:**
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2.	**ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.**
1.3.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4.	**THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).**
2.	**TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**
2.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3	APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.6	WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
2.7	NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER: ……

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED: ……
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES (PURCHASES)

NOTE: **ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

Name of bidder……..	Bid number…….....
Closing Time 11:00 SAST	Closing date……...

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR **90** DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY ** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- Required by: ……..
- At: ……..

  ……
- Brand and model ……..
- Country of origin ……..
- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)? *YES/NO
- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s) ……..
- Period required for delivery ……..

  *Delivery: Firm/not firm
- Delivery basis ……

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

** “all applicable taxes” includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

- SBD 3.2

- PRICING SCHEDULE – NON-FIRM PRICES (PURCHASES)

NOTE: PRICE ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE PERIODS AND TIMES SPECIFIED IN THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS.

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

Name of Bidder……Bid number……
Closing Time 11:00 SAST …… Closing date……

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR…**90**...DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY **(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- Required by: ……
- At: ……..……
- Brand and model ……..……
-
- Country of origin ……..……
- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)? *YES/NO
- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s) ……
- Period required for delivery ……
- Delivery: *Firm/not firm

** “all applicable taxes” includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

A NON-FIRM PRICES SUBJECT TO ESCALATION

1. IN CASES OF PERIOD CONTRACTS, NON-FIRM PRICES WILL BE ADJUSTED (LOADED) WITH THE ASSESSED CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS IMPLICIT IN NON-FIRM PRICES WHEN CALCULATING THE COMPARATIVE PRICES

2. IN THIS CATEGORY PRICE ESCALATIONS WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IN TERMS OF THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:

$$Pa = (1-V)Pt\left(D1\frac{R1t}{R1o} + D2\frac{R2t}{R2o} + D3\frac{R3t}{R3o} + D4\frac{R4t}{R4o} \right) + VPt$$

Where:

Pa	=	The new escalated price to be calculated.
(1-V)Pt	=	85% of the original bid price. **Note that Pt must always be the original bid price and not an escalated price.**
D1, D2..	=	Each factor of the bid price eg. labour, transport, clothing, footwear, etc. The total of the various factors D1, D2…etc. must add up to 100%.
R1t, R2t……	=	Index figure obtained from new index (depends on the number of factors used).
R1o, R2o	=	Index figure at time of bidding.
VPt	=	15% of the original bid price. This portion of the bid price remains firm i.e. it is not subject to any price escalations.

3. The following index/indices must be used to calculate your bid price:

Index……. Dated……. Index……. Dated……. Index……. Dated…….

Index……. Dated……. Index……. Dated……. Index……. Dated…….

4. FURNISH A BREAKDOWN OF YOUR PRICE IN TERMS OF ABOVE-MENTIONED FORMULA. THE TOTAL OF THE VARIOUS FACTORS MUST ADD UP TO 100%.

FACTOR (D1, D2 etc. eg. Labour, transport etc.)	PERCENTAGE OF BID PRICE

B PRICES SUBJECT TO RATE OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS

1. Please furnish full particulars of your financial institution, state the currencies used in the conversion of the prices of the items to South African currency, which portion of the price is subject to rate of exchange variations and the amounts remitted abroad.

PARTICULARS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	ITEM NO	PRICE	CURRENCY	RATE	PORTION OF PRICE SUBJECT TO ROE	AMOUNT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY REMITTED ABROAD
				ZAR=		
				ZAR=		
				ZAR=		
				ZAR=		
				ZAR=		
				ZAR=		

2. Adjustments for rate of exchange variations during the contract period will be calculated by using the average monthly exchange rates as issued by your commercial bank for the periods indicated hereunder: (Proof from bank required)

AVERAGE MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES FOR THE PERIOD:	DATE DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE	DATE FROM WHICH NEW CALCULATED PRICES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE	DATE UNTIL WHICH NEW CALCULATED PRICE WILL BE EFFECTIVE

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

1.1. Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Constitution), and further expressed in the various applicable legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

1.2. If a person is listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and/or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. DECLARATION ON EMPLOYMENT BY ORGAN OF STATE

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners of the bidder employed by an organ of state, as defined in section 239 of the Constitution? **YES[ ] NO [ ]**

2.2 If YES, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, in the table below:

Full Name	**Identity Number**	**Name of organ of state**

If the available rows are insufficient, please attach the referenced table as an annexure or add additional rows.

2.3 Does the bidder, or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners of the bidder have a relationship with any person who is employed by the institution procuring the required goods or services? **YES [ ] NO [ ]**

2.3.1 If YES, complete the details of the relationship with the person employed by the institution procuring the required goods or services in table below.

Name of person in bidder	**Name of person at institution**	**Nature of the relationship**

If the available rows are insufficient, please attach the referenced table as an annexure or add additional rows.

2.4 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners have any interest[1] in any other related enterprise / company / trust, whether or not that enterprise / company / trust is bidding[2] for this requirement?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

2.4.1 If YES, complete the details of the related enterprise / company / trust in the table below:

Registering authority	Name of related enterprise / company / trust	Registration number	Description of interest

If the available rows are insufficient, please attach the referenced table as an annexure or add additional rows.

3 GENERAL DECLARATION

I, ……....., the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid for this requirement, do hereby make the following statements, on behalf of the bidder, that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

3.1 I have read and understand the contents of this disclosure.

3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found to be false.

3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor.

3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

3.5 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

3.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the institution procuring the required goods or services in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

3.7 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat

1 Includes ‘‘beneficial interest’’ and ‘‘personal financial interest’’ as defined in the Companies Act 71 of 2008

2 Includes open competitive bidding / limited bidding/ requests for quotations/ requests for proposals/ unsolicited bids

any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act, 1998 (Act No. 89 of 1998) and or may be referred to law enforcement agencies for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the state for a period not exceeding 10 years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2004) or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE INSTITUTION PROCURING THE REQUIRED GOODS OR SERVICES MAY REJECT THE BID OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AGAINST ME, THE BIDDER AND ANY OF ITS DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES / SHAREHOLDERS / MEMBERS / PARTNERS IF THIS DECLARATION IS FOUND TO BE FALSE.

…… ……

Signature Date

…… ……...

Designation Name of bidder

1. PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF NMISA SCM POLICY

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

2. **NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PER NMISA SCM POLICY.**

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1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2

a) The value of this bid is estimated to exceed/not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the …80/20…….. preference point system shall be applicable; or

b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

(a) Price; and

(b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	**100**

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) **"B-BBEE"** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

(b) "**B-BBEE status level of contributor"** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

(c) **"bid"** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;

(d) **"Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act"** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);

(e) "EME" means an Exempted Micro Enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

(f) **"functionality"** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.

(g) **"prices"** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;

(h) **"proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor"** means:

1) B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;

2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;

3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;

(i) **"QSE"** means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

(j) **"rand value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

3. **80/20** **or** **90/10**

$$Ps = 80\left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min}\right) \quad \text{or} \quad Ps = 90\left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min}\right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Price of bid under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

4.1 In terms of NMISA SCM Policy, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

5. BID DECLARATION

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . = ……(maximum of 10 or 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(***Tick applicable box***)

YES		NO	

7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

i) What percentage of the... contract will be subcontracted.....%
ii) The name of the sub-contractor……..
iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....……..
iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE
(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	

v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE √
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		

Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. **DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM**

8.1 Name of company/firm:…….

8.2 VAT registration number:……..……

8.3 Company registration number:…….……..…….

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Company
- (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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……..

8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
- Supplier
- Professional service provider
- Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[*TICK APPLICABLE BOX*]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:……

8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

i) The information furnished is true and correct;

ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;

iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;

iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a

fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

(a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;

(b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;

(c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;

(d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and

(e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES 1. …….. 2. …….	…… SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S) DATE: …….. ADDRESS …….. …….. ……..

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT:

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

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NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

(i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
(ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.

- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if (applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

1.1 “Closing time” means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.

1.2 “Contract” means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

1.3 “Contract price” means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.

1.4 “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.

1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.

1.6 “Country of origin” means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.

1.7 “Day” means calendar day.

1.8 “Delivery” means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.

1.9 “Delivery ex stock” means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.

1.10 “Delivery into consignees store or to his site” means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.

1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the

RSA.

1.12 ”Force majeure” means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier’s fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.

1.13 “Fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.

1.14 “GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract.

1.15 “Goods” means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.

1.16 “Imported content” means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.

1.17 “Local content” means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.

1.18 “Manufacture” means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.

1.19 “Order” means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.

1.20 “Project site,” where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.

1.21 “Purchaser” means the organization purchasing the goods.

1.22 “Republic” means the Republic of South Africa.

1.23 “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract.

1.24 “Services” means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such

obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

1.25 "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.

2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.

2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.

3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.

5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.

5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance security

7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.

7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.

7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:

(a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
(b) a cashier's or certified cheque

7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.

8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.

8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.

8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.

8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.

8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.

8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or

analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.

10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental services

13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:

(a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
(b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
(c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

(d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and

(e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

(a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and

(b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:

(i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and

(ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take

such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.

16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.

16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.

16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Contract amendments

18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

19. Assignment

19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts

20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.

21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.

21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.

21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the

supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

(a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;

(b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or

(c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any

person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:

(i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
(ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
(iii) the period of restriction; and
(iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which

may be due to him

25. Force Majeure

25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.

25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of Disputes

27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.

27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.

27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.

27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.

27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,

(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
(b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;

(a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

29. Governing language

29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

30. Applicable law

30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

31. Notices

31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice

31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

32. Taxes and duties

32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.

32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.

32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.

33. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme

33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.

34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices

34.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).

34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.

34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

BID NO: NMISA (26-27) T0001A

BID DESCRIPTION: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HIGH PURITY GASES AND GAS MIXTURES INCLUDING CYLINDER RENTALS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

Compulsory briefing session details
Date: 10 November 2026
Time: 10:00 am
Venue: CSIR Campus, Building 5, Meiring Naude Road, Brummeria Pretoria 0182

Closing date: 24 November 2026

Closing Time: 11:00 am SAST

NB. On the last page of this document, the bidder needs to declare and indicate that they have read and understood the document in full.

Only Emailed, hand delivered and couriered original proposals will be accepted

1. INTRODUCTION

The NMISA is a Type 3A Public Entity established in accordance with the Measurement Unit and Measurement Standards Act, No. 18 of 2006 (the Act). The NMISA is mandated by the Act to provide for the use of the international system of units (the SI) and other measurement units in South Africa, to maintain national measurement standards (NMS) and to determine and ensure the comparability of the NMS. More information can be obtained from www.nmisa.org.

2. PURPOSE

NMISA wishes to appoint a supplier for the supply and delivery of high purity gases and other gases for its analytical equipment in accordance with the requirements as stipulated in this document.

3. BID DOCUMENT

Bid documents are available on the National Treasury tender e-portal (https://www.etenders.gov.za/login/Login) and NMISA website (www.nmisa.org) at no cost.

Bidders are advised not to ask NMISA staff members to download the bid documentation from the website on their behalf. Serious action will be taken against the staff members, and the offending bidder may be disqualified to do business with NMISA in future.

4. VALIDITY PERIOD

The proposal submitted by the supplier must be valid for the period of 90 days from the closing date of submission of proposals.

5. ENQUIRIES

All enquiries regarding this bid must be directed to Supply Chain Management Office:

Email address: scm7@nmisa.org

Telephone number: 012 947 2788

6. COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

A compulsory briefing will be held at NMISA site.

Date: 10 November 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: **NMISA, CSIR Campus, Building 5, Meiring Naude Road, Brummeria, 0182**

7. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the tender number, description and address together **with a soft copy on a memory stick**. The envelope must contain the originals of the bid proposal and itemised quotation. The proposal must be deposited in the tender box situated at the reception of NMISA at the address below:

National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA), Building no 5: CSIR Scientia Campus, Meiring Naudé Road, Brummeria, Pretoria, Gauteng Province, South Africa.

Bidders must submit their proposals at the above address by 11:00 SAST on/before the closing date. (NMISA working hours 08:00 to 16:30 SAST).

OR

Email proposals to tenders@nmisa.org. The subject line must be the tender number.

Bidders must submit their proposals at the above address by 11:00 SAST on/before the closing date.

Our mailbox size is 8MB. If your proposal is above the size, please send through in part emails. It is important to note that only submissions that are received before the closing date and time will be considered.

8. PRICING

- A firm ZAR pricing schedule as per SBD 3.1. A non-firm pricing schedule, limited to the exchange rate as the only variable, as per SBD 3.2 section B, will be accepted from foreign suppliers.
- Firm pricing for the service should indicate the estimated quantities and unit price per gas, the fixed price for cylinder rental per annum, the delivery and collection charges, etc
- The quoted price must be valid for a period of 90 days from the closing date of the bid.

- Fixed price (per annum) for cylinder rental based on the quantities stated in this proposal. Payment will be made in monthly instalments. Final pricing should always be all-inclusive.
- Payment will be made within 30 days after receipt of the final Original Tax Invoice(s).
  All tender submissions are subject to the Government Procurement General Conditions of Contract.

9. EVALUATION PROCESS

9.1 Aim of Evaluation

To ensure that all bids/ proposals received are afforded the opportunity to compete equally and enable NMISA a chance to evaluate the bid received in a fair and unbiased manner as per the pre-determined evaluation criteria.

9.2 Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria as set out hereunder will assist NMISA to ensure conformity to all tender requirements. The NMISA evaluation team shall use the evaluation criteria, applicable values and/or minimum qualifying scores for functionality as indicated in the bid specification document.

The following are the stages that will be used to evaluate all bid/s received.

9.2.1 MANDATORY/ LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

This stage checks and validates the bidders' compliance to the legal requirements to conduct business in South Africa, as well as to the industry requirement for the supply of goods and services.

NB: No points will be allocated to this stage; however, bidders' that do not comply with the pre-qualification requirements below will be disqualified and will not advance to the next stage of evaluation.

Pre-Qualification Requirements		**Check list** ✓ **Tick each box**
SBD 1:	Completed, attached and signed	
SBD 3.1 or 3.2:	Completed, attached and signed	

SBD 4:	Completed, attached and signed	
SBD 6.1:	Completed, attached and signed	
Specification document	Completed, attached and signed	
General Condition of contract:	Initialled and attached	
CSD Report		

Note: Some requirements may not be applicable to international suppliers/ bidders and only those suppliers/ bidders will be exempted from these mandatory/ legislative requirements. All SBDs must be submitted (signed) noting where it is not applicable. If any specific SBD is not submitted, documentary proof clearly stating the reason must be attached.

Bidders must also supply the documents below (where applicable).

Other Requirements	**Check list** ✓ **Tick each box**
Valid B-BBEE Certificate attached	

9.2.2 STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

a. Required delivery times to the NMISA laboratories (Pretoria and Cape Town) are 1-2 working days from the time of submitting the purchase order for the gases in the table below and 5 working days for special gas mixtures.

NB: Bids that score NO for the delivery time section will be disqualified and will not advance to the next stage of evaluation.

Please indicate whether the delivery times can be met for the gases in the tables below:

Gas	**General gases** **(1-2 days)** **Pretoria (YES/NO)**	**Comments**
Argon (Industrial grade), 16,9 kg/cylinder		

Oxygen (Industrial grade), 13,6 kg/cylinder		
Acetylene (Industrial grades), 8,6 kg/cylinder		
Nitrogen ≥ 99,999 %, 11 kg/cylinder		
Air Inst/HP 21 % O_2 in N_2 (nominal concentration, ±2 %) 9,8 kg/cylinder		
Argon ≥ 99,999 %, 16,9 kg/cylinder		
Helium ≥ 99,999 %, 1,5 kg/cylinder		
Argon Liquid ≥ 99,999% HP Mini tank, 240 to 250 kg/mini tank or bigger.		
Carbon Dioxide ≥ 99,995 % (31,5 kg/cylinder) Dip Tube		
Dissolved Acetylene, ≥ 99,6 %, 8,6 kg/cylinder		
Hydrogen ≥ 99,999 %, 0,62 kg/cylinder		
Nitrogen ≥ 99,999 % Liquid, low-pressure mini tank, 120 to 140 kg/ mini tank (Delivery to Pretoria)		
Oxygen ≥ 99,999 %, 13,6 kg/cylinder		
Helium ≥ 99,9995 %, 1,5 kg/cylinder. Moisture < 1 ppm		
Nitrogen ≥ 99,9995 %, 11 kg/cylinder. Moisture < 1 ppm		
Argon ≥ 99,9995 %, 16,9 kg/cylinder. Moisture < 1 ppm		
Zero air 21 % O_2 in N_2, (nominal concentration, ±2 %) 9,8 kg/cylinder		
Helium ≥ 99,999 %, 1,5 kg/cylinder		
Acetylene ≥ 99,99 % purity, 0,9 kg		

Medical oxygen ≥ 99,5 % grade 13 kg		
Carbon Dioxide ≥ 99,995 %, 31,5 kg/cylinder		
Methane ≥ 99,95 %, 7.5 kg/cylinder		

Gas	**Special gas mixtures (5 days) Pretoria (YES/NO)**	**Comments**
10 % Methane and 90 % Argon (nominal concentration, ±1 %) 12,8 kg		
5 % Methane in Argon (95 %) gas mixture (nominal concentration, ±1 %) gas mixture, 47,2 to 50 L		

Gas	**Cape Town (YES/NO)**	**Comments (Minitank option to be supplied)**
Nitrogen ≥ 99,999 % Liquid, low pressure mini tank, 120 to140 kg/ mini tank **OR** portable dewar with sufficient volume to store inside the laboratory, with all required dispensing accessories to fill the NMISA Radioactivity Standards laboratory 25 litre dewar		

b. Quantities stated in this specification are an estimate for pricing purposes and is expected to be the minimum requirements per annum. Suppliers are expected to use these annual estimates to price the contract over the stated 5-year period, including annual increases.

c. The gas equipment (cylinders and mini tanks) must be compatible with the fixed equipment (such as bullnoses and manifolds) already installed in the NMISA facilities. **If the current fixed equipment used by the NMISA is not compatible with the supplier's gas equipment, the supplier will be responsible for replacing or modifying the fixed equipment**. The bidder should please explain how this requirement will be addressed in the proposal submitted with

the bid documentation. During the compulsory briefing session, the suppliers will have the opportunity to see the current fixed installations for the carrier gases at the NMISA.

d. The supplier must be able to provide mixtures in small F-type cylinders (when needed).
e. The supplier must state its certifications such as ISO 9000, ISO/IEC 17025 in the bid documentation. NMISA will monitor the quality of the products and the equipment provided by the supplier.
f. Separate delivery points for each laboratory for dedicated delivery and billing purposes.
g. Supplier should include delivery charge and cylinder rental per category on their quotation.
h. All gases listed under compulsory specification must be accompanied by a technical datasheet/CoA/SDS.
i. Delivery of a Nitrogen 99,999 % Liquid mini tank to Cape Town by 09h00 or earlier and collection on the same day at 14h00 OR Delivery of Nitrogen 99,999 % Liquid contained inside a portable dewar with sufficient volume to store inside the laboratory, with all required dispensing accessories to fill the NMISA Radioactivity Standards laboratory 25 litre dewar. Collection after two (2) days.

9.2.3 COMPULSORY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Please complete the table below by indicating “yes” or “no” to confirm whether this requirement is met and provide explanations/ comments to support your answers. Supporting documentation or evidence should be attached to this document. Supporting documentation should take the form of technical specifications, datasheets, technical drawings, brochures, etc. Supporting documents should have page numbers for ease of reference.

NB: Bids that score NO for any items in the compulsory technical specification section will be disqualified and will not advance to the next stage of evaluation.

Quantities below are for a period of 12 months (yearly)

No.	Supplier and service requirements	Yes, with details of the purity to be offered	Quantity per annum	Unit Price	Delivery Fee	Unit Price for Cylinder Rental	Indicate % increase expected per year for the 5-yr contract	Technical Datasheet/CoA/SDS of gas included indicating specifications
1	Argon (Industrial grade), 16,9 kg/cylinder		2					
2	Oxygen (Industrial grade), 13,6 kg/cylinder		2					
3	Acetylene (Industrial grades), 8,6 kg/cylinder		2					
4	10 % Methane and 90 % Argon (nominal concentration, ±1 %) 12,8 kg		1					
5	Nitrogen ≥ 99,999 %, 11 kg/cylinder		55					
6	Air Inst/HP 21 % O_2 in N_2 (nominal concentration, ±2 %) 9,8		10					

	kg/cylinder							
7	5 % Methane in Argon (95 %) gas mixture (nominal concentration, ±1 %) 47,2 to 50 L		6					
8	Argon ≥ 99,999 %, 16,9 kg/cylinder		15					
9	Helium ≥ 99,999 %, 1,5 kg/cylinder		90					
10	Argon Liquid ≥ 99,999 % HP Mini tank, 240 to 250 kg/ mini tank or bigger		24					
11	Carbon Dioxide ≥ 99,995 %, (31,5 kg/cylinder) Dip Tube		4					
12	Dissolved Acetylene ≥ 99,6 %, 8,6 kg/cylinder		4					
13	Hydrogen ≥ 99,999 %, 0,62 kg/cylinder		15					
14	Nitrogen ≥ 99,999 % Liquid, low pressure mini tank, 120 to 140 kg/ mini tank (Delivery to Pretoria)		12					
15	Oxygen ≥ 99,999 %, 13,6 kg/cylinder		5					
16	Helium ≥ 99,9995 %, 1,5 kg/cylinder Moisture < 1 ppm		10					
17	Nitrogen ≥ 99,9995 %, 11 kg/cylinder Moisture < 1 ppm		180					
18	Argon ≥ 99,9995 %, 16,9 kg/cylinder Moisture < 1 ppm		8					

19	Zero air 21 % O_2 in N_2 , (nominal concentration, ±2 %) 9,8 kg/cylinder		22					
20	Nitrogen ≥ 99,999 % Liquid, low pressure mini tank, 120 to 140 kg/ mini tank **OR** portable dewar with sufficient volume to store inside the laboratory, with all required dispensing accessories to fill the NMISA Radioactivity Standards laboratory 25 litre dewar (Delivery to Cape Town)		1					
21	Acetylene ≥ 99,99 % purity, 0,9 kg		1					
22	Medical oxygen ≥ 99,5 % grade 13 kg		5					
23	Carbon Dioxide ≥ 99,995 %, (31,5 kg/cylinder)		1					
24	Methane ≥ 99,95 %, 7.5 kg/cylinder		1					

9.2.4 PRICE AND BBBEE POINTS

Bidders that met the requirements of the previous stages will be evaluated further in accordance with the 80/20 preferential points system. The 80 points will be allocated for price whilst, 20 points will be allocated for specific goals both totalling 100 points.

The below formula will be used in calculating points scored for the Preference points system.

Step 1: Calculation of points for price

The contract value for this bid is estimated to be above R1 000 000.00 therefore the 80/20 preference points system will be used.

Points awarded for price

The following formula would be applied:

$$P_s = 80\left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}}\right)$$

Where:

P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

P_t = Rand value of bid under consideration

P_{min} = Rand value of lowest acceptable bid

Step 2: Points allocated for B-BBEE status level of contributor

A maximum of 20 points will be awarded for B-BBEE Status Level 1 of Contributor.

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

Points will be added together to obtain final score which will be 100 points in total.

10. DISCLAIMER

NMISA reserves the right not to appoint a service provider and is also not obliged to provide reasons for the rejection of any proposal. NMISA reserves the right to:

- Award the contract or any part thereof to one or more service providers.
- Reject all bids.
- Decline to consider any bids that do not conform to any aspect of the bidding process.
- Request further information from any service provider after the closing date, for clarification purposes.

11. NOTES TO BIDDERS

This section outlines basic requirements that must be met. Failure to accept these conditions or part thereof may result in your proposal being excluded from the evaluation process.

- Proposal documents should be submitted to NMISA.
- NMISA will not be liable to reimburse any costs incurred by the bidder during the proposal process.
- The bidder must confirm in writing that they will be able to offer post-delivery support and spare parts availability.
- Evaluation of proposals will be carried out by NMISA. The Bid Evaluation Committee will, if necessary, contact bidders to seek clarification on any aspect of the proposals.
- Suppliers need to note that their submissions should not **exceed 8 MB in size**, if they do, they are encouraged to submit in parts. Only part submissions that were received on time will be considered.

NB: Please note that to clear CSIR security to get to the NMISA's reception may take more than 30 minutes.

12. DECLARATION

I, the undersigned (name)……

Certify that the information provided is true and correct, and understood the above document in full.

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SIGNATURE DATE