

SUBJECT	Minutes of Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting		
TENDER NUMBER	TNPA/2025/05/0010/95183/RFP		
TITLE	CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARINE WORKS FOR THE UPGRADE OF BREAKWATER (NEW DOLOSSES) PROJECT AT THE PORT OF RICHARDS BAY		
MEETING NO.	01		
VENUE	Employee Care Centre, Port of Richards Bay		
DATE	18 November 2025 at 10h00		
ATTENDEES	As per the attached Attendance Registers		
MINUTE	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION		
1.	Opening: Welcome & Introductions		
1.1	Welcoming and thanks to all in attendance was done by the Chairperson, Nomvula Makeleni Vundla.		
2.	Safety Briefing		
2.1	<p>Evacuation procedure was covered by the Safety representative, Sanele Hlatshwayo .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were no planned/emergency drills for the day. ➤ Should a siren ring through the PA system that will be for an emergency and the everyone should leave calmly to the parking lot which will be the assembly point. ➤ Attendance register signed in this meeting will be used for roll call. 		
3.	Background on Project & Background		
3.1	<p>The background of the project was covered in the presentation for the tender clarification meeting, refer to Annexure A attached.</p> <p>The highlights of the Project Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The construction of the North and South Breakwater structures at the Port of Richards Bay was completed in 1976. ➤ These breakwaters were designed and built as rubble mound structures that are protected by Dolosse armour units ranging from five to thirty tonnes in size. ➤ These structures were constructed to protect the deep-water entrance channel and to create a sheltered area for safe access of vessels and a calm inner harbour for port operations. ➤ Based on the most recent assessment, there is a requirement for repairs and upgrades to the breakwater structures to ensure that its lifespan is extended for a further 30 -years and its performance is increased to handle wave height conditions up to 11.5m, considering future sea-level rise linked to climate change as well as ensure continuous Port operations 		

	<p>Highlights on the Project Objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improved breakwater performance; ▪ Continue safe access of vessels to the Port; ▪ Affordable repair capital cost as opposed to replacement cost in case of structural collapse; and ▪ Ensures TNPA's reputation as reliable marine logistics solution provider is protected. <p>Highlights on the scope of work/ works information.</p> <p>South Breakwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Setup site facilities and precast yard ➤ Demolish and construct new widened cap for crane base, including temporary and final navigation light plinths. ➤ Place 1-5t rock underlayer on top of existing 30t dolosse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk placement with a skip will be allowed. Addendum will be sent out shortly • Volume of rock is uncertain given the uneven 30t dolos surface ➤ Dredge toe to receive toe Antifer cubes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement of toe Antifers should be immediately after approval of dredge survey ➤ Cast and place double layer of 65t Antifer cubes ➤ Cast and place 30t dolos units at tie-in <p>South Breakwater – 1-5t rock placement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In-survey (point cloud from drone + multibeam surveys) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dredging may be required prior to placing rock if sand has built up to bottom of dolos surface ➤ Top of underlayer to be defined (0.5m dolos protruding) ➤ Bulk placement of rock using skip (see video) ➤ Survey until required levels (0.5m dolos protruding) are achieved <p>More details and pictures were presented in the presentation.</p> <p>Site Information</p> <p>Site information was presented as per the presentation.</p>		
4.	Commercial		

4.1	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All communications via Procurement dedicated e-mail: tenderenquiriespdu@transnet.net ➤ All queries will be communicated via a clarification register and will be issued to the attendees who attended this clarification meeting and posted on the NT Portal and Transnet Management Portal. ➤ Last day for questions – Five working days before the closing date. 	
4.2	<p><u>Tendering Procedures</u></p> <p>Tender closing date: 08 December 2025 at 16:00 via the new electronic tender submission system, the e-Tender Submission Portal: https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net</p> <p>No extensions will be permitted without a reasonable cause and no late tenders will be considered.</p>	
4.3	<p>Stage One: - Eligibility</p> <p>Step 1: Administrative checks</p> <p>Step 2: Substantive responsiveness (Eligibility)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Eligibility with regards to attendance at the compulsory clarification meeting; signed and return T2.2.01 ➤ Stage Two – CIDB 9CECE ➤ Whether the Bid contains a priced offer (Fully completed and signed C1.1 Offer portion of Form of Offer & Acceptance) ➤ Whether the Bid materially complies with the scope and/or specification given 	
4.4	<p>Stage Two – Functionality (minimum qualifying score for functionality is 60 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ T2.2-03 Evaluation Schedule: Key persons experience – 15 points ➤ T2.2-04 Evaluation Schedule: Company previous experience – 20 points ➤ T2.2-05 Evaluation Schedule: Programme – 10 points ➤ T2.2-06 Evaluation Schedule: Approach Paper – 20 points ➤ T2.2-07 Evaluation Schedule: Health and Safety Requirements – 15 points ➤ T2.2-07 Evaluation Schedule: Quality Management – 10 points ➤ T2.2-07 Evaluation Schedule: Environmental Management – 10 points <p>All the evaluations schedules were presented and the critical elements for each evaluation criteria were explained and how they will be evaluated as covered in detail in the RFP document.</p>	
4.5	<p>Stage Three Preference Points System</p> <p>Bidders that score a minimum of 60 points will then be evaluated in the preference points (specific goals and price).</p>	

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- The preference to use for evaluation will be the 80/20 or 90/10 preference points system as described in Preferential Procurement Regulations
- Transnet will use the lowest acceptable bid to determine the applicable preference points system

Selected Specific Goals

Selected Specific Goal	Number of points allocated (20)	Number of points allocated (10)
B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor 1 or 2	06	03
The promotion of supplier development through sub-contracting or JV for a minimum of 30% of the value of a contract to South African Companies which are: EMEs and/or QSEs black-owned	14	07
Non-Compliant and/or B-BBEE Level 3-8 contributors	20	10

Specific Goals	Acceptable Evidence
B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor 1 or 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Valid B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn - Affidavit / CIPC B-BBEE Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guidelines
The promotion of supplier development through sub-contracting or JV for a minimum of 30% of the value of a contract to South African Companies which are: 1. EMEs and/or QSEs black-owned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-contracting agreements. • Subcontractors CIPC – Valid B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / Valid BBBEE Certificate as per DTIC guideline.

The following critical areas were highlighted to ensure compliance with the requirement for supplier development through subcontracting.

- Transnet as an SOE is collaborating with stakeholders and there are interventions that have been agreed upon and supplier development is one of the critical ones and in this tender has been catered for by the 30% subcontracting.
- All the service providers/contractors must be prepared to engage the local stakeholders in all projects within Transnet

4.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There have been disruptions in projects, and it is important that such are prevented to ensure completion of projects and interruptions to operations. ➤ It was highlighted that the CIDB BUILD Programme is applicable for this project; therefore, even if the specific goals were not submitted and the bidder has scored a zero for the sub-contracting specific goal, they will still have to comply with sub-contracting and skills development in the contract. ➤ The CIDB BUILD Programme has been provided for in the Bills of Quantities as provisional sums. <p>Objective Criteria</p> <p>The highest scoring bidder will then be subjected to an objective criterion which include is not limited to the outcome of a due diligence exercise to be conducted</p>	
4.8	<p><u>Contract Data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NEC 3 ECC ➤ Main Option B – Priced Contract with <i>Bill of Quantity</i> ➤ <i>Secondary Clauses</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X1: Price adjustment for inflation • X2: Changes in the law • X7: Delay damages: R65,000.00 per day • X13: Performance Bond:5% of the total of the Prices (Incl. VAT) • X16: Retention: 10% on all payments certified. • X18: Limitation of liability: cost of correcting the defect and the limitation period is five (5) years. • Z: Additional conditions of contract 	
5.	General	
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tenderers are to base their price on the design provided in the Works Information. ➤ Any exclusions or deviations must clearly be stated under the Form of Offer Deviations or in a letter for consideration by Transnet and these may not be accepted. ➤ Exclusions/deviations provided in the Approach Paper will not be considered. ➤ No deviations/exclusion will be allowed at the contracting stage. ➤ Bidder were encouraged to submit early, should they have challenges with the portal they could still be assisted before the tender closure. 	

6.	QUESTION AND ANSWERS		
	<p>All the questions and answers provided across the presentation were are listed below;</p> <p>Q: Has it been confirmed that the weigh bridge for the rock placing is not required?</p> <p>A: Yes, it is not required.</p> <p>Q: Do the drawings show the actual planned positions of the units?</p> <p>A: Each dot that you see represents an armour unit.</p> <p>Q: Where will the stones be transported from?</p> <p>A: They will be collected from the stockpile within the Port and will be issued free of charge to the contractor. A provisional amount has been allowed for obtaining additional rock if required.</p> <p>Q: Do you mind sharing the supplier of that rock?</p> <p>A: At this stage of bidding, this information cannot be shared, as bidders have been provided with all the necessary details to prepare their pricing for the main package without requiring the rock supplier's information.</p> <p>Q: The 65 ton the armour, is there a specific way you require that to be placed?</p> <p>A: None in the specification, as there could be various ways for the units to interlock. There will be a design line that you aim to achieve by spacing your rock dumps at specific intervals. Some experimentation will likely be required at the start of the project, after which there should be a proven method—or "recipe"—that works in terms of the number of dumps per square meter.</p> <p>Q: For the Interfer units, will the placement positions be provided as coordinates?</p> <p>A: The absolute limit is 70 meters. The Interfer unit weighs 65 tons, plus any additional equipment required to hold it, which could easily add another 3 tons or so. As long as you allow for that operation, an absolute limit of 70 meters will apply.</p> <p>Q: Bridge, how are we going to determine the mess going into the water?</p> <p>A: It is assumed that there will be truckloads, which can be estimated. Each truck will be loaded to full capacity, and monitoring will be done—based on grid dumping—to determine how the cavities between the Dulos are filled. The available rock will be used first. As the project approaches completion, if additional material is required, an agreement will be reached on the quantity to import, and that material will be weighed and verified at every stage.</p> <p>Q: The other question is regarding the maximum radius for the Antifer units. You mentioned 70 meters, but the document states 80 meters. Can you confirm whether it is 70 or 80 meters?</p> <p>A: Whatever is stated in the document is correct. The correct maximum radius is 80 meters. The DWG drawings are provided, the coordinates shown there will govern the placement, and the exact positions can be determined from those drawings.</p>		

7.	CLOSING		
	<p>Company representatives to ensure that T2.2-01 Certificate of attendance at Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting to be signed by the Procurement Representative/s, Nomvula & Shani.</p> <p>Company representatives were to ensure that they have signed the attendance register.</p> <p>It was indicated that a non-mandatory site visit to the South and North Break will take place.</p> <p>The meeting was closed, tenderers were taken to Site.</p> <p>With no more issues to discuss, the meeting was closed.</p>		

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