

TRASNET FREIGHT RAIL

an Operating Division of **TRANSNET SOC LTD**

[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet**]

[Registration No. 1990/000900/30]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION [RFI]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FOR THE PROVISION OF A PORTABLE RAILWAY WHEEL MACHINING LATHE NATIONALLY FOR TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL (TFR)

THEREAFTER

TRANSNET MAY DECIDE TO EMBARK ON A SEPARATE "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL" [RFP] PROCESS FOR WHICH RESPONDENTS OF THIS RFI WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.

RFI NUMBER:	HOAC HO 51152
ISSUE DATE:	05 JUNE 2025
BRIEFING SESSION:	20 JUNE 2025 (MICROSOFT TEAMS)
BRIEFING SESSION TIME:	10:00 AM
CLOSING DATE:	04 JULY 2025
CLOSING TIME:	12:00 PM

Note to the bidders:

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SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM

PART A

INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL, A DIVISION TRANSNET SOC LTD							
BID NUMBER:	HOAC HO 48869	ISSUE DATE:	05 June 2025	CLOSING DATE:	04 July 2025	CLOSING TIME:	12:00PM
DESCRIPTION	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FOR THE PROVISION OF A PORTABLE RAILWAY WHEEL MACHINING LATHE NATIONALLY FOR TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL (TFR)						
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION							
RESPONDENTS ARE TO UPLOAD THEIR BID RESPONSE PROPOSALS ONTO THE TRANSNET SYSTEM AGAINST EACH BID/RFI SELECTED <i>(please refer to section 2, paragraph 4 for a detailed process on how to upload submissions):</i> https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net							
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO				TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			
CONTACT PERSON	Neo Matloa			CONTACT PERSON	Neo Matloa		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	N/A			TELEPHONE NUMBER	N/A		
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A			FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Neo.Matloa@transnet.net			E-MAIL ADDRESS	Neo.Matloa@transnet.net		
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	UNIQUE REGISTRATION REFERENCE NUMBER:	MAAA	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE B-BBEE ACT]			
1 ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	2 ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /WORKS /SERVICES OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS			
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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 1.3 BELOW.			

PART B**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING****1. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- 1.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
- 1.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 1.5 IN BIDS WHERE UNINCORPORATED CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 1.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

(CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

**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: _____

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 2: NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS**1 INFORMATION REQUEST**

Information is requested from interested persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as the **Respondent(s)**] to supply the aforementioned information to Transnet. Respondents are to note that the subsequent Request for Proposal [**RFP**] when is issued by Transnet will be to the open market where anyone can respond

2 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST [EOI]

Respondents should note that Transnet will only approach those entities which have completed and submitted an EOI to Transnet through this procurement process. The subsequent Request for Proposal [**RFP**] if and when this is issued by Transnet during RFP process. will be limited only to those Respondents who have submitted this EOI

DESCRIPTION	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FOR THE PROVISION OF A PORTABLE RAILWAY WHEEL MACHINING LATHE NATIONALLY FOR TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL (TFR)
TENDER ADVERT	All Transnet tenders are advertised on the National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal and the Transnet website. Should one of these media (i.e. National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal or Transnet website) not be available, bidders are advised to check on the other media for advertised tenders.
RFI DOWNLOADING	<p>This RFI may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge.</p> <p>To download RFI and Annexures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on "Tender Opportunities"; • Select "Advertised Tenders"; • In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd; <p>Once the tender has been located in the list, click on the 'Tender documents' tab and process to download all uploaded documents.</p> <p>The RFI may also be downloaded from the Transnet Portal at https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net (please use Google Chrome to access Transnet link) free of charge (<i>refer to section 2, paragraph 4 below for detailed steps</i>)</p>
COMMUNICATION	<p>Any addenda to the RFI or clarifications will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Bidders are required to check the e-tender portal and Transnet website prior to finalising their bid submissions for any changes or clarifications to the RFI.</p> <p>Transnet will not be held liable if Bidders do not receive the latest information regarding this RFI.</p>

BRIEFING SESSION	<p>Yes, Non-compulsory Time 10:00</p> <p>Bidders are required to confirm their attendance and to send their contact details including the number of representatives (where applicable) to the following address: Neo.Matloa@transnet.net</p> <p>This is to ensure that Transnet may make the necessary arrangements for the briefing session.</p> <p>The session will be done through (Microsoft Teams) and the bidders may request the Link.</p> <p>Refer to paragraph 3 for details.</p>
CLOSING DATE	<p>12:00 pm on Friday 04 July 2025</p> <p>Bidders must ensure that bids are uploaded timeously onto the system. As a general rule, if a bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.</p> <p><i>Bidders are required to ensure that electronic bid submissions are done at least a day before the closing date to prevent issues which they may encounter due to their internet speed, bandwidth or the size of the number of uploads they are submitting. Transnet will not be held liable for any challenges experienced by bidders as a result of the technical challenges. Please do not wait for the last hour to submit. A Bidder can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.</i></p>
VALIDITY PERIOD	<p>180 Business Days from Closing Date.</p> <p>Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, on the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the validity period. However, once the adjudication body has approved the process, the validity of the bidder(s)' bid will be deemed to remain valid until the RFI process has been concluded.</p>

Any additional information or clarification will be published on the e-Tender portal and Transnet website, if necessary.

3 FORMAL BRIEFING

- 3.1 Despite the briefing session being non-compulsory, Transnet nevertheless encourages all Respondents to attend. Transnet will not be held responsible if any Respondent who did not attend the non-compulsory session subsequently feels disadvantaged as a result thereof.

4 RESPONSE SUBMISSION

Transnet has implemented a new electronic tender submission system, the e-Tender 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:

- Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website/ Portal (transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net) Please use **Google Chrome** to access Transnet link/site)

- Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised tenders;
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER – for bidder to register their information (must fill in all mandatory information);
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER" - to sign in if already registered;
- Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button to submit a bid;
- Submit bid documents by uploading them into the system against each tender selected;
- No late submissions will be accepted. The bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net

5 RFI INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1** All returnable documents listed in the expression of interest [section 5] in this RFI must be returned with your submission.
- 5.2** The person or persons signing the submission must be legally authorised by the respondent to do so.

6 JOINT VENTURES OR CONSORTIUMS

Bidders may choose during the subsequent RFP process to enter into a Joint Venture with B-BBEE companies. RFP Bidders will also be required to submit a signed JV agreement between the parties clearly stating the percentage [%] split of business and the associated responsibilities of each party. If at the time of the bid submission such a JV or consortium agreement has not been concluded, the partners must submit confirmation in writing of their intention to enter into a JV or consortium agreement should they be awarded business by Transnet through the RFP process. This written confirmation must clearly indicate the percentage [%] split of business and the responsibilities of each party. In such cases, award of business will only take place once a signed copy of a JV or consortium agreement is submitted to Transnet.

Please indicate below whether your entity has an existing JV, and if so, provide details, including details of the percentage split of business, or whether your entity intends to create a JV relationship for RFP purposes:

7 COMMUNICATION

- 7.1** For specific queries relating to this RFI a Clarification Request Form should be submitted onto the system and to [Neo.Matloa@transnet.net] before **12:00 pm on 19 June 2025** substantially in the form set out in Section 8. 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.

- 7.2** After the closing date of the RFI/EOI a Respondent may only communicate with the name of delegated individual (Sinovuyo Ngqele), email Sinovuyo.Ngqele@transnet.net on any matter relating to its RFI Proposal.
- 7.3** Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.
- 7.4** It is prohibited for Respondents to attempt, either directly or indirectly, to canvass any officer or employee of Transnet in respect of this RFI.
- 7.5** Respondents found to be in collusion with one another will be automatically disqualified and restricted from doing business with organs of state for a specified period.

8 CONFIDENTIALITY

All information related to this RFI is to be treated with strict confidence. In this regard Respondents are required to certify that they have acquainted themselves with the Non-Disclosure Agreement. All information related to a subsequent contract, both during and after completion thereof, will be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information related to this RFI or the subsequent RFP process, written approval to divulge such information must be obtained from Transnet.

9 STATUS OF THIS RFI AND SUBSEQUENT PROCESS

- 9.1** It is envisaged that a Supplier/Service Provider may be appointed, through a separate RFP process to supply or provide **FOR THE PROVISION OF A PORTABLE RAILWAY WHEEL MACHINING LATHE NATIONALLY FOR TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL (TFR)**
- 9.2** This RFI is not an offer to purchase and Transnet is under no obligation to accept any proposals in this process and/or the subsequent RFP which may be issued hereafter.
- 9.3** As this is a Request for Information only, no business will be awarded through this process.

10 DISCLAIMERS

- 10.1** Respondents are hereby advised that Transnet is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFI and/or its receipt of submissions in response to it. In particular, please note that Transnet reserves the right and at its sole and full discretion to:
- (a) utilise any information provided to it in response to this RFI to draft the scope of requirements for inclusion in an RFP;
 - (b) take no further action whatsoever, if it so decides;
 - (c) withdraw from this process and the provisions of this project at any time;
 - (d) select the RFI and RFP participants based on Transnet's criteria;
 - (e) change the dates of adjudication and submission;

- (f) not invite RFI respondents for further participation in the RFP process;
- (g) not bind itself to accept any or all of the RFIs;
- (h) increase or decrease the quantities/scope as indicated in the RFI;
- (i) 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;
- (j) request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- (k) not accept any changes or purported changes by the Respondent to the bid rates after the closing date;

10.2 Note that Transnet will not reimburse any Respondent for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with this submission.

11 SECURITY CLEARANCE

Acceptance of this bid could be subject to the condition that the Successful Respondent, its personnel providing the Goods/Services and its subcontractor(s) must obtain security clearance from the appropriate authorities to the level of CONFIDENTIAL/ SECRET/TOP SECRET. Obtaining the required clearance is the responsibility of the Successful Respondent. Acceptance of the bid is also subject to the condition that the Successful Respondent will implement all such security measures as the safe performance of the contract may require.

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SMS: 0637867403

Please Call Me number: *120*0637867403

Website: <https://whistleblowersoftware.com/secure/Transnet>

SECTION 3: RFI SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

1 INTRODUCTION

This request for Information (RFI) aims to aid in determining the available technologies and materials that will reduce theft on Transnet assets while maintaining acceptable levels of electrical and mechanical performance when compared to copper. The components under investigation are busbars of the locomotive roofs, high voltage cubicles and substations.

2 BACKGROUND

Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) operates a fleet of rolling stock assets, i.e. locomotives and wagons, to transport freight on heavy-haul routes such as the Iron Ore Line. One of the current operational challenges faced by TFR is increased wear of rolling stock which requires advanced maintenance of railway wheels. The wheels are subjected to extreme operational conditions, resulting in a corresponding increase in wear on the rolling stock. This excessive wheel wear requires frequent reprofiling. This challenge is common in railroads worldwide, leading railways to seek alternative solutions to address it.

It is believed that to acquire a CNC-controlled portable wheel lathe allows wheelsets to be reprofiled in 4-6 hours, thus allowing a locomotive to return to service in approximately 24 hours. The solution could also lead to reduction in traction motor failures and a reduction in downtime, from 5 days to 24 hours per repair. This transformation not only improves operational efficiency and safety but also brings scalable cost savings, making CNC portable lathes a compelling investment for rail operators of all sizes.

3 KEY OBJECTIVES OF THIS RFI PROCESS

The following list of deliverables captures the minimum intent and objectives of the RFI process. Transnet requests all Respondents to assist with the achievement of these objectives by submitting the requested information as indicated below. This will be finalised in the RFP documents following the RFI process:

3.1 Deliverables:

All respondents to assist with the achievement of these objectives by submitting the requested information as indicated below:

Bidders will be expected to demonstrate through a presentation that their solutions can achieve the following deliverables:

3.1.1 Wheel machining capabilities

The lathe must be capable of machining

- Tread and Flange machining: Reprofile the tread and flange surface to restore wheel profile to TFR standards and remove any flat spots.
- Dimensional adjustments: These include restoring wheel diameter, flange height, and tread profile to within defined tolerances.
- Surface finish: The lathe must produce a smooth, high-quality surface finish (max 12.5 μ as required by the operational specification) on the wheel to reduce the risk of further wear and ensure safe operation.
- Re-profiling Precision: The machine must ensure a high degree of accuracy, typically within ± 0.25 mm tolerance for the profile.
- Speed control: the feed rate must accommodate the type of machining operation required

3.1.2 Compatibility with wheel sizes

The lathe must accommodate a wide range of wheel sizes:

- Wheel diameter: From 776 mm to 1220 mm (or as required by operational specifications).
- Wheel width: Capable of handling various wheel widths (125 mm to 137 mm)
- Wheel flange height and flange thickness: Capable of handling various wheel flange heights (maximum 35mm) and flange thickness between 19mm and 30mm as measured 14mm below the tip of the flange.

3.1.3 Portability and Trackside Usability

- The lathe must be designed for portability, allowing easy deployment and use in trackside and depot environments.
- It should be capable of being transported and operated in remote locations, with quick setup and takedown.
- The machine should be rugged, and able to withstand exposure to outdoor environments such as dust, moisture, and variable weather conditions.

3.1.4 Power Requirements

The lathe must operate on common railway power sources (e.g. 220V) or be capable of functioning with a portable generator as an alternative power source.

3.1.5 Automated and Manual Control Features

- The lathe should have CNC automation for precise machining, with options for manual override when required.
- A user-friendly control interface, such as a touchscreen or physical control panel, should be included to allow operators to input parameters and monitor operations.

3.1.6 Measurement system

- The lathe must include measurement systems (e.g., laser or ultrasonic sensors) to assess wheel wear, profile accuracy, and surface quality in real time.
- Data logging capabilities must be included for maintenance records, providing detailed reports on each wheel reprofiling operation.

3.1.7 Maintenance

- The lathe should be designed for easy maintenance, with clear guidelines for routine checks, tool replacement, and troubleshooting.
- Spare parts for critical components should be readily available, and suppliers must provide post-purchase support, including training and maintenance.

3.2 THE REQUIREMENTS

3.2.1 The suppliers will be required to meet the following requirements with the following rating:

- 'Mandatory' - essential requirements that suppliers must meet;
- 'Desirable' - requirements that whilst bringing benefits are not essential; and
- 'Information' - requirements that request information from the supplier typically for evaluation purposes.

3.2.2 The respondents must include the following information in their submission:

- Indicate the lifespan of the technology; [**Mandatory**]
- All required certifications; [**Mandatory**]
- Security considerations; [**Mandatory**]
- Estimate costs associated with the deployment of this solution/technology; [**Mandatory**]
- Future advancements of the technology; [**Desirable**]
- Integration plan, considering the different suppliers of the communication modules; [**Mandatory**]
- Potential delivery and installation; [**Mandatory**]
- Timelines indicating dates of delivery from receipt of purchase order; [**Desirable**]
- All technical information on software and hardware required for this solution; [**Mandatory**]
- Detailed descriptions of all the dependencies required to realize and or deploy the solution; [**Mandatory**]

3.2.3 Comparisons between potential solutions

A detailed analysis of alternative solutions must be presented, clearly identifying:

- Advantages and disadvantages.
- Scalability to allow for growth.
- Approximate costs, capital, annual operations, training, licenses, etc.; and
- Self-maintainability and operability

3.2.4 Experience in implementing technology

The following must be clearly indicated:

- Experience in implementing the technology.
- Case studies of where the technology is used, reflecting its successes and challenges; and
- Local support i.e. South African presence.

3.3 New or Alternative Rail Profiling Technologies in the Market

- Submission of detailed Proposals for new and advanced rail profiling technologies such as rail milling etc and others available
- Provide detailed feasibility studies of implementing these technologies, pros and cons and what Transnet requires in introducing these technologies on its network.

3.4 Key Information requested

- Workshop session with the bidders
- Delivery times
- Contractor capacity
- Cost
- Machine availability
- Rail reprofiling capacity

4 GENERAL RESPONDENT OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 The Respondent(s) shall be fully responsible to Transnet for the acts and omissions of persons directly or indirectly employed by them.
- 4.2 The Respondent (s) must comply with the requirements stated in this RFI.

5 CONFIDENTIALITY AND COMPLIANCE

This RFI and information contained herein or provided for purposes thereof, remain the property of Transnet and may not be reproduced, sold or otherwise disposed of. All recipients of this document (whether a RFI is submitted or not) shall treat the details of this document as strictly private and confidential.

Information disclosed in this RFI is given in good faith and only for the purposes of providing sufficient information to the Respondent to enable submission of a well-informed and realistic RFI.

6 UNDERTAKINGS BY RESPONDENT

It will be accepted that the Respondent, on submitting the RFI response, has read, understood and accepted all the terms and conditions of the document. The submission of an RFI by any Respondent shall presume complete acceptance of the terms and conditions of the document. All qualifications and or exceptions should be noted in the RFI Response document.

7 COSTS TO RESPOND TO THE RFI

- 7.1 All Respondents wishing to submit a RFI response must be in possession of this document, the RFI. Transnet will not be responsible for or pay any expense or losses which may be incurred by any Respondent in the preparation and submission of the RFI and the costs of the RFI at all stages of the RFI process. Costs, if any, will be for each Respondent's own account.
- 7.2 Transnet reserves the right to invite certain Respondents to present or otherwise demonstrate their proposed solution as per their RFI, at the Respondent's own cost.

8 AUTHORITY OF SIGNATORY

- 8.1 If the RFI Respondent is a company, a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors (i.e. personally signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the Board) authorising the person who signs this RFI to do so and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement on behalf of the company, must be submitted with their RFI.
- 8.2 If the RFI Respondent is a partnership, a certified copy of the resolution of the partners (personally signed by all the partners) authorising the person who signs this RFI to do so and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement on behalf of the partnership, must be submitted with this RFI.
- 8.3 If the RFI Respondent constitutes a "one-man business", certified proof must be submitted that the person signing this RFI and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement is the sole owner of the one-man business.

Failure to comply with this clause may result in rejection of the RFI response.

9 OFFERING OF COMMISSION OR GRATUITY

If a Respondent, or any person employed by him, is found to have either directly or indirectly offered, promised or given to any person in the employ of Transnet, any commission, gratuity, gift or other consideration, Transnet shall have the right and without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have in regard to any loss or additional cost or expenses, to disqualify the RFI Respondent from further participation in this process and any other subsequent processes in this regard. The RFI Respondent will be responsible for all and any loss that Transnet may suffer as a result thereof. In addition, Transnet reserves the right to exclude such a Respondent from future business with Transnet.

10 UNDERTAKING BY TRANSNET

In responding to this RFI, Transnet encourages all RFI Respondents to put their best effort into the construction and development of the proposal.

The RFI process will include due governance, and the results of the adjudication process will be available to Respondents.

SECTION 4: TRANSNET'S RFI**1. STATISTICS [The Services]**

Please note that the below mentioned information is provided merely as an indication of the size and nature of Transnet's current requirements and consequently does not necessarily reflect the extent of the Services to be provided by appointed Service Provider(s) through an award of business at any future date.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR RFI

Respondents expressing an interest to participate in this RFI stage must provide the following as set out below:

- i) Technical Compliance
- ii) Presentation

3. TECHNICAL CAPACITY**3.1 Technical Compliance****Part 1**

Technical Requirement	Means of Compliance (Evidence provided – Yes/No)
a) Detailed proof of successful completion of similar / exact works in the world (Case Studies).	
b) Average scale (of projects) of portable wheel machining lathe technology deployments and/or management, with details.	
c) Business Continuity Management covering detailed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Business Continuity Plan - Risk Assessment for the project ii) Business Impact Analysis iii) Business Continuity Plan 	
d) Risk Management	

Part 2**3.3 PRESENTATION**

The bidders who have responded to the RFI and have submitted all the required information for **Part 1** will be required to do a presentation via Microsoft Teams, the date and the time will be communicated with the bidders. The following list but not limited will form part of the presentation.

No.	Description	Yes / No
1.	Wheel machining Capabilities	
2.	Compatibility with wheel sizes	
3.	Portability and Tracksides usability	
4.	Automated and Manual Control Features	
5.	Measurement system	
6.	Maintenance	
7.	Training and Documentation	

All respondents who comply with requirements of a), b), c), d) as stipulated above and the presentation will be invited for stage 2 of this RFI

4 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE AWARD OF BUSINESS

In the event of a RFP following this RFI process, it will be a condition precedent prior to the award of business in terms of that RFP that the successful Respondent demonstrates its ability to fund Transnet's requirements.

5 TEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIVENESS

The test for administrative responsiveness will include the following:

Administrative responsiveness check
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the Bid has been lodged on time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether all Returnable Documents and/or schedules [where applicable] were completed and returned by the closing date and time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify the validity of all returnable documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify if the Bid document has been duly signed by the authorised respondent

SECTION 5: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I/We _____

[name of company, close corporation or partnership]

of [full address] _____

carrying on business under style or title of [trading as]

represented by _____

in my capacity as _____

being duly authorised, hereby lodge an **Expression of Interest** for the strategy, capacity, and proposal for advanced technology in Railhead transverse profile corrective and preventative maintenance through Railhead surface material removal.:

ADDRESS FOR NOTICESRespondent to indicate its *domicilium citandi et executandi* hereunder:

Name of entity: _____

Facsimile: _____

Address: _____

NAME(s) AND ADDRESS / ADDRESSES OF DIRECTOR(s) OR MEMBER(s)

The Respondent must disclose hereunder the full name(s) and address(s) of the director(s) or members of the company or close corporation [C.C.] on whose behalf the RFI is submitted.

(i) Registration number of company / C.C.

(ii) Registered name of company / C.C.

(iii) Full name(s) of director/member(s): Address/Addresses: ID Number/s:

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Respondent's Signature_____
Date and Company Stamp

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

*Respondents must submit with their responses to this RFI, **as a minimum requirement**, all the returnable documents indicated below with a [✓]. All Sections must be signed and dated by the Respondent.*

*Respondents must submit with their responses to this RFI/EOI, **as a minimum requirement**, all the returnable documents indicated below with a [✓]. All Sections must be signed and dated by the Respondent.*

Minimum Requirements - Returnable Documents	Submitted [✓]
SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM	
SECTION 2 : Notice to Respondents	
SECTION 3 : RFI Scope of Requirements	
SECTION 4 : Transnet's RFI/EOI Information	
SECTION 5 : Expression of Interest	
Technical Submission	
i) Technical Compliance	
ii) Presentation	
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	
Latest Financial Statements signed by your Accounting Officer or latest Audited Financial Statements plus 2 previous years	
SECTION 6 Certificate Of Acquaintance with RFI/EOI, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents	
SECTION 7 B-BBEE Preference Claim Form	
SECTION 8: SBD 4 - Bidder's Disclosure	
SECTION 9 : Non-compulsory Site Meeting	
SECTION 10: Protection of Personal Information	

CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

The Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its valid proof of B-BBEE status, for the duration of this RFI process.

 Respondent's Signature

 Date and Company Stamp

CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

The Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its valid proof of B-BBEE status, for the duration of this RFI process.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20____

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 6: CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFI, TERMS & CONDITIONS & APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

By signing these RFI documents, the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with all the conditions governing this RFI, including those contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof including but not limited to the documents stated below. Transnet SOC Ltd will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such term or condition.

1	Transnet's General Bid Conditions
2	Transnet's Supplier Integrity Pact
3	Non-disclosure Agreement
4	Specifications and drawings attached to this RFI/EOI

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in this RFI/EOI unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead, attached to its submitted Bid. Any such submission shall be subject to review by Transnet's Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be. A material deviation from any term or condition may result in disqualification.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid to which they intend to respond on, before submitting the bid. The Bidder agrees that he/she will have no claim or cause of action based on an allegation that any aspect of this RFI/EOI was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.

The bidder understands that his/her Bid will be disqualified if the Certificate of Acquaintance with RFI documents included in the RFI/EOI as a returnable document, is found not to be true and complete in every respect.

SIGNED at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 20__

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____
Name _____

2 _____
Name _____

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 7: SPECIFIC GOAL CLAIM FORM**Note:**

- *This is for data collection and not for scoring purposes*
- *We have attached a Sworn Affidavit (**Annexure D**) template for ease of reference for entities that do not have updated sworn affidavits*
- *Only complete one that that is applicable to your entity either EME or QSE not both*

Indicate your B-BBEE LEVEL	
Confirm if your entity has at least 30% Black Women Ownership	
Confirm if your entity has at least 51% Black Ownership	
Confirm if your entity has at least 51% Black Youth Ownership	
Confirm if your entity has Black Disabled ownership	
Indicate in which region/province your entity is based	
Indicate if your entity is non-Compliant	

Confirmation of B-BBEE Credentials	
B-BBEE	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
30% Black Women Owned Entities	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
>50% Black Youth Owned Entities	Certified copy of ID Documents of the Owners and B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
Entities Owned by People with Disability (PWD)	Certified copy of ID Documents of the Owners / Doctor's note and /or EEA1 form confirming the disability
Entities/Black People living in rural areas	Entity 's Municipal/ESKOM bill or letter from Induna/chief confirming residential address not older than 3 months.
South African Enterprises	CIPC Certificate
Entities that are 51 % Black Owned	CI B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 8: RFI CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

RFI No: HOAC HO 51152

Deadline for RFI clarification submissions: Before **12:00 am on 19 June 2025**

TO: Transnet SOC Ltd

ATTENTION: Neo Matloa

EMAIL [Neo.Matloa@transnet.net]

DATE:

FROM:

RFI Clarification No *[to be inserted by Transnet]*

REQUEST FOR RFI CLARIFICATION:

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SECTION 9: SBD 4 - BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE**1 PURPOSE OF THE FORM**

1.1 Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers 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 and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

1.2 Where a person/s are 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 Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state?

YES/NO

2.1.1. If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

¹ the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution?

YES/NO

2.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:

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2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

YES/NO

2.3.1. If so, furnish particulars:

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3 DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name)..... in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

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

3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;

3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.

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.

² Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

- 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 procuring institution 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 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 No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 10: PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. The following terms shall bear the same meaning as contemplated in Section 1 of the Protection of Person information act, No.4 of 2013.(“POPIA”):

consent; data subject; electronic communication; information officer; operator; person; personal information; processing; record; Regulator; responsible party; special information; as well as any terms derived from these terms.

2. Transnet will process all information by the Respondent in terms of the requirements contemplated in Section 4(1) of the POPIA:

Accountability; Processing limitation; Purpose specification; Further processing limitation; Information quality; Openness; Security safeguards and Data subject participation.

3. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in relation to personal information that will be processed pursuant to this RFI, the Responsible party is “Transnet” and the Data subject is the “Respondent”. Transnet will process personal information only with the knowledge and authorisation of the Respondent and will treat personal information which comes to its knowledge as confidential and will not disclose it, unless so required by law or subject to the exceptions contained in the POPIA.
4. Transnet reserves all the rights afforded to it by the POPIA in the processing of any of its information as contained in this RFI and the Respondent is required to comply with all prescripts as detailed in the POPIA relating to all information concerning Transnet.
5. In responding to this bid, Transnet acknowledges that it will obtain and have access to personal information of the Respondent. Transnet agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by Respondent in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluating and subsequent award of business and in accordance with any applicable law.
6. Transnet further agrees that in submitting any information or documentation requested in this RFI, the Respondent is consenting to the further processing of their personal information for the purpose of, but not limited to, risk assessment, assurances, contract award, contract management, auditing, legal opinions/litigations, investigations (if applicable), document storage for the legislatively required period, destruction, de-identification and publishing of personal information by Transnet and/or its authorised appointed third parties.
7. Furthermore, Transnet will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal data submitted by the Respondent or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal data to any third party without the prior written consent from the Respondent. Similarly, Transnet requires the Respondent to process any personal information disclosed by Transnet in the bidding process in the same manner.
8. Transnet shall, at all times, ensure compliance with any applicable laws put in place and maintain sufficient measures, policies and systems to manage and secure against all forms of risks to any

information that may be shared or accessed pursuant to this RFI (physically, through a computer or any other form of electronic communication).

9. Transnet shall notify the Respondent in writing of any unauthorised access to information, cybercrimes or suspected cybercrimes, in its knowledge and report such crimes or suspected crimes to the relevant authorities in accordance with applicable laws, after becoming aware of such crimes or suspected crime. The Respondent must take all necessary remedial steps to mitigate the extent of the loss or compromise of personal information and to restore the integrity of the affected personal information as quickly as is possible.
10. The Respondent may, in writing, request Transnet to confirm and/or make available any personal information in its possession in relation to the Respondent and if such personal information has been accessed by third parties and the identity thereof in terms of the POPIA. The Respondent may further request that Transnet correct (excluding critical/mandatory or evaluation information), delete, destroy, withdraw consent or object to the processing of any personal information relating to the Respondent in Transnet's possession in terms of the provision of the POPIA and utilizing Form 2 of the POPIA Regulations.
11. In submitting any information or documentation requested in this RFI, the Respondent is hereby consenting to the processing of their personal information for the purpose of this RFI and further confirming that they are aware of their rights in terms of Section 5 of POPIA

Respondents are required to provide consent below:

YES		NO	
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12. Further, the Respondent declares that they have obtained all consents pertaining to other data subject's personal information included in its submission and thereby indemnifying Transnet against any civil or criminal action, administrative fines or other penalty or loss that may arise as a result of the processing of any personal information that the Respondent submitted.
13. The Respondent declares that the personal information submitted for the purpose of this RFI is complete, accurate, not misleading, is up to date and may be updated where applicable.

Signature of Respondent's authorised representative: _____

Should a Respondent have any complaints or objections to processing of its personal information, by Transnet, the Respondent can submit a complaint to the Information Regulator on <https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/>, click on contact us, click on complaints.IR@justice.gov.za