

**GENERAL TENDER CONDITIONS - SERVICES****FORM CSS5 (2009/1)**

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**1. GENERAL**

All tenders and subsequent contracts and orders shall be subject to the following procedures as laid down by Transnet Limited (hereinafter referred to as “Transnet”) and are to be strictly adhered to by any person or enterprise or company responding to this tender (hereinafter referred to as “Respondents” or the “Respondent”).

**2. LODGING OF TENDER**

2.1 Tenders shall be lodged with Transnet no later than the closing date and time specified for the receipt thereof, in accordance with the directions issued with tender documents.

2.2 Tenders shall be transmitted in a sealed envelope and placed in the Tender Box at a venue stipulated in the Request for Tender (RFT) or Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Quotation (RFQ) (collectively “Tender Documents”), with the tender number and subject endorsed on the left hand bottom corner of the envelope.

**3. USE OF TENDER FORMS**

Where special forms are issued by Transnet for the submission of tenders, Respondents are required to submit their tenders by completion of the appropriate sections on such official forms and not on office stationery bearing their own special conditions of tender; non-compliance with this conditions may result in the rejection of a tender.

**4. THE RAISING OF A CHARGE FOR PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND TENDER FORMS**

4.1 A non-refundable charge may be raised for Tender Documents, depending on the nature, magnitude and value of technical information supplied.

4.2 If any of the drawings and specifications referred to in Tender Documents are the official publications of recognised standardising bodies, copies of such drawings and specifications shall be acquired by Respondents at their own expense.

**5. DEFAULTS BY RESPONDENTS**

- 5.1 If the Respondent, after it has been notified of the acceptance of its tender/quotation fails to:
- (a) enter into a formal contract when called upon to do so in terms of clause 13 (*Contract Documents*), within such period as Transnet may specify; or
  - (b) accept an order in terms of the tender or quotation; or
  - (c) when called upon to do so, furnish satisfactory security of the fulfilment of the contract in terms of clause 14 (*Securities*);

Transnet may, in any such case, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, proceed to accept any other tender or quotation or, if it is necessary to do so, call for

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tenders or quotations afresh, and may recover from the defaulting Respondent any additional expense incurred by it in calling for new offers or in accepting a higher offer.

5.2 If any Respondent, who has submitted a tender or quotation, concluded a contract with Transnet (hereinafter referred to as "the Supplier"), or in the capacity of agent or subcontractor has been associated with such tender or contract -

- (a) has withdrawn such tender/quotation after the advertised date and hour for the receipt of tenders; or
- (b) has, after having been notified of the acceptance of its tender or quotation, failed or refused to sign a contract when called upon to do so in terms of any condition forming part of the tender documents; or
- (c) has carried out any contract resulting from such tender or quotation in an unsatisfactory manner or has breached any condition of such contract; or
- (d) has offered, promised or given a bribe in relation to the obtaining or the execution of such contract; or
- (e) has acted in a fraudulent or improper manner or in bad faith towards Transnet or any government department or towards any public body, company or person; or
- (f) has made any incorrect statement in the affidavit or certificate referred to in clause 11 (*Formal Notification Regarding Name of Successful Respondent*) and is unable to prove to the satisfaction of Transnet that
  - (i) it made the statement in good faith honestly believing it to be correct; and
  - (ii) before making such statement, it took all reasonable steps to satisfy itself of its correctness; or
- (g) caused Transnet damage, or to incur costs in order to meet the Supplier's requirements which could not be recovered from the Supplier;

then a tender from any such Respondent shall be disqualified and the person, enterprise or company (including any directors) shall, subject to clause 5.3 below, be disqualified from tendering for any Transnet business.

5.3 Any person or enterprise or company against whom a decision has been given under the provisions of sub-clauses 5.2(b), 5.2(d) or 5.2(e) above, may make representations to the Chief Operating Officer of Transnet Group, whose decision shall be final.

5.4 Any disqualification imposed upon any person or enterprise or company, unless Transnet determines otherwise, shall apply to any other enterprise under the same or different names of disqualified persons or enterprise or company (or associates thereof) and shall for avoidance of doubt also be applied to any agent or employee of the person or enterprise or company concerned.

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**6. CURRENCY**

Prices or fees must be quoted in the currency of the Republic of South Africa in respect of local Services. Prices or fees in any other currency may be rejected by Transnet save where such price is quoted by a foreign Respondent.

**7. EXCHANGE AND REMITTANCE**

The Respondent should note that where the whole or a portion of the contract or order value is to be remitted overseas, Transnet shall, if requested to do so by the Supplier, effect payment overseas directly to the foreign principal or service provider of such percentage of the contract or order value as may be stipulated by the Respondent in its Tender Documents and any variation in the amount to be so paid, which may arise as a result of fluctuations in the rate of exchange involved, will be for the account of the Supplier.

7.1 The Respondent who desires to avail itself of the aforementioned facility must at the time of tendering furnish the information called for in the clause "Exchange and Remittance" of the Tender Documents and also furnish full details of the principals or service providers to whom payment is to be made.

7.2 The Supplier shall at its own cost obtain forward exchange cover on foreign currency to protect itself against any currency rate fluctuation risks for the duration of any resulting contract or order. Transnet will NOT accept any fluctuations in the rate of exchange at the time when payments are made.

Transnet will not recognise any claim for adjustment of the order and/or contract price under clause 7.2 above, if the increase in price arises after the date on which the Services were to be delivered, as set out in the order and/or contract, or any subsequent agreement between the parties.

**8. ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER OR QUOTATION**

8.1 Transnet does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or quotation nor will it give any reasons for the rejection of a tender or quotation. Transnet reserves the right to accept any tender in whole or in part.

8.2 Upon the acceptance of a tender or quotation by Transnet, the parties shall be bound by these General Tender Conditions and the Standard Terms and Conditions of Contract (Form US7 - Services).

8.3 Where the acceptance by Transnet of the Respondent's offer/bid is delivered by letter, the South African Post Office shall be regarded as the agent of Transnet and delivery of such notice of acceptance to the South African Post Office shall be considered as delivery to the Respondent.

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8.4 Where the Respondent has been informed by Transnet per facsimile message of the acceptance of its tender or quotation, the acknowledgement of receipt transmitted by its facsimile machine shall be regarded as proof of delivery to the Respondent.

**9. LAW GOVERNING CONTRACT**

The law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern the contract created by the acceptance of a tender/quotation. The *domicilium citandi et executandi* shall be a place in the Republic of South Africa to be specified by the Respondent in its tender/quotation at which all legal documents may be served on the Respondent who shall agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of South Africa. A foreign Respondent shall, therefore, state in its tender/quotation the name of its accredited agent in the Republic of South Africa who is empowered to sign any contract which may be entered into in the event of its tender/quotation being accepted and to act on its behalf in all matters relating to the contract.

**10. IDENTIFICATION**

If the Respondent is a company, the full names of the directors shall be stated in the tender/quotation. If the Respondent is a close corporation, the full names of the members shall be stated in the tender/quotation. If the Respondent is a partnership or an individual trading under a trade name, the full names of the partners or of such individual, as the case may be, shall be furnished.

**11. FORMAL NOTIFICATION REGARDING NAME OF SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT**

In the case of tenders submitted to the Secretary of a Divisional Acquisition Council, unsuccessful Respondents will be formally notified of the names of successful Respondent(s) as soon as possible after the closing date for receipt of the tender in question. In the case of tenders or quotations submitted to Transnet Acquisition Council, unsuccessful Respondents shall, upon application, be furnished with similar information.

**12. UNAUTHORISED COMMUNICATION ABOUT TENDERS**

Where tenders are submitted to the Secretary of an Acquisition Council, Respondents may at any time communicate with the Secretary on any matter relating to its tender but, in the absence of written authority from the Secretary, no communication on a question affecting the subject of a tender shall take place between Respondents or other potential suppliers or any member of the Acquisition Council or official of Transnet during the period between the closing date for the receipt of the tender and the date of the notification of the successful Respondent(s). A tender, in respect of which any such unauthorised communication has occurred, may be disqualified.

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**13. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The contract documents will comprise these General Tender Conditions and the Standard Terms and Conditions of Contract (Form US7 - Services) which will constitute the contract between the parties upon receipt by the Respondent of Transnet's letter of acceptance / intent, subject to all additional amendments and/or special conditions thereto as agreed to by the parties.

**14. SECURITIES**

- 14.1 The successful Respondent, when called upon to do so, shall provide security to the satisfaction of Transnet for the due fulfilment of a contract or order. Such security shall be in the form of a deed of suretyship furnished by an approved bank, building society, insurance or guarantee corporation carrying on business in South Africa.
- 14.2 The security may be applied in whole or part at the discretion of Transnet to make good any loss or damage which Transnet may incur in consequence of a breach of the contract or any part thereof.
- 14.3 Such security, if required, shall be an amount which will be stipulated in the Tender Documents.
- 14.4 For the purpose of clause 14.1 above, Transnet will supply "Deed of Suretyship" forms to the successful Respondent for completion and no guarantee in any other form will be accepted. Copies of such forms will be supplied to Respondents on request. For this purpose "Deed of Suretyship" forms will be provided which shall be completed and returned to Transnet or a designated official by the successful Respondent within 30 (thirty) days from the date of the letter of acceptance. No payment will be made until the forms, duly completed, are delivered to Transnet. Failure to return the Deed of Suretyship within the prescribed time shall, save where prior extension has been granted, entitle Transnet without notice to the Supplier to cancel the contract with immediate effect.
- 14.5 Additional costs incurred by Transnet necessitated by reason of default on the part of the Supplier in relation to the conditions of this clause 14 will be for the account of the Supplier.

**15. PRICES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION**

- 15.1 A tender or quotation with prices which are subject to confirmation will not be considered.
- 15.2 Tenders where firm prices are quoted for the duration of any resulting order and/or contract will receive precedence over prices which are subject to adjustment.

**16. DELETION OF SERVICES EXCLUDED FROM OFFER/BID**

The Respondent must delete Services for which it has not tendered or for which the price or fee has been included elsewhere in the tender.

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**17. ALTERATIONS MADE BY THE RESPONDENT TO TENDERED PRICES**

All alterations made by the Respondent to its tendered price(s) prior to the submission of its Tender Documents must be done by deleting the incorrect figures and words where required and by inserting the correct figures and words against the items/Services concerned. All such alterations must be initialled by the person who signs the Tender Documents. Failure to observe this requirement may result in the particular item(s) or Services concerned being excluded in the matter of the award of the business.

**18. VALUE-ADDED TAX**

18.1 In respect of local Services, i.e. Services to be provided by a South African company, the prices or fees quoted by the Respondent are to be exclusive of Value-Added Tax (VAT) which must be shown separately at the standard rate on the Supplier's Tax Invoice.

18.2 In respect of Services to be provided by a foreign principal -

- (a) The invoicing by a local Supplier on behalf of its foreign principal represents a Service rendered by the principal, which is not subject to VAT;
- (b) The Supplier's Tax Invoice(s) for the local portion only (i.e. the "commission" for the Services rendered locally) must show the Value-Added Tax (VAT) separately at zero percent if the Services are in compliance with Section 11(2) of the VAT Act, 89 of 1991.

**19. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER**

The Supplier shall adhere to the Standard Terms and Conditions of Contract as set out in Form US7 - Services), a copy of which is attached hereto. Should the Respondent find any conditions unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer an alternative. Please note that any alternative offered shall be compared with acceptance of the Form US7 conditions or alternatives offered by other Respondents.

**20. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS REGARDING PAYMENT**

**20.1 Method of Payment**

- (a) The attention of the Respondent is directed to clause 10 (*Invoicing and Payment*) of Form US7 – Services, which sets out the conditions of payment on which tender price(s) shall be based.
- (b) However, in addition to the foregoing the Respondent is invited to submit offers based on alternative methods of payment and/or financing proposals.
- (c) The Respondent is required to give full particulars of the terms that will be applicable to its alternative offer(s) and the financial merits thereof will be evaluated and taken into consideration when the tender is adjudicated.

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- (d) The Respondent must, therefore, in the first instance, tender strictly in accordance with sub-clause 20.1(a) above. Failure to comply with sub-clause 20.1(a) above may preclude a tender from further consideration.

**NOTE: The successful Respondent (the Supplier) shall, where applicable, be required to furnish a guarantee covering any advance payments.**

## 20.2 Conditional Discount

Respondents offering prices which are subject to a conditional discount applicable for payment within a specific period are to note that the conditional period will be calculated as from the date of receipt by Transnet of the Supplier's month-end statement reflecting the relevant Tax Invoice(s) for payment purposes, provided the conditions of the order or contract have been fulfilled and the Tax Invoice is correct in all respects as referred to in the contract or order. Incomplete and/or incorrect Tax Invoices shall be returned and the conditional period will be recalculated from the date of receipt of the correct documents.

## 21. PLANS, DRAWINGS, DIAGRAMS, SPECIFICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS

Copyright in plans, drawings, diagrams, specifications and documents compiled by the Supplier for the purpose of contract work shall be governed by the terms and conditions detailed in clause 12 of Form US7 - Services (*Intellectual Property Rights*).

## 22. VISITS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

- 22.1 Respondents must furnish details in a covering letter if it is considered necessary that employees of Transnet should carry out inspection and/or review any operational Services at the premises of the successful Respondent (the Supplier) or its subcontractors overseas for the purpose of a product demonstration and/or final acceptance or for any other reason.
- 22.2 If the Respondent considers overseas visits to be necessary it must provide the following information in a covering letter in respect of each visit -
- (a) countries and places to be visited;
  - (b) number of employees and disciplines involved;
  - (c) number of man-days involved; and
  - (d) motivation for the visit.
- 22.3 Transnet will make all arrangements with regard to booking of air journeys, hotel reservations, transport to and from airports, places of inspection or demonstration, etc. and all expenses will be for the account of Transnet.
- 22.4 Before a visit is undertaken, such as envisaged in this clause 22, Transnet and the Supplier will agree in writing on the number of employees of Transnet that should undertake the visit and the number of man-days involved in the visit.

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## 23. TENDERS BY FOREIGN RESPONDENTS OR ON THEIR BEHALF

- 23.1 Tenders submitted by foreign principals may be forwarded direct by the principals to the Secretary of the Acquisition Council or to a designated official of Transnet according to whichever officer is specified in the Tender Documents, or may be so forwarded on the principal's behalf by its South African representative and/or agent provided that written proof is submitted that such representative / agent has been duly authorised to act in that capacity by the principal. Failure to submit such authorisation by the representative / agent shall disqualify the tender.
- 23.2 When legally authorised to prepare and submit tenders on behalf of their principals not domiciled in the Republic of South Africa, representatives and/or agents must compile the tenders in the names of such principals and sign them on behalf of the latter.
- 23.3 South African representatives and/or agents of successful foreign Respondents must when so required enter into a formal contract in the name of their principals and must sign such contracts on behalf of the latter. In every such case a legal Power of Attorney from their principals must be furnished to Transnet by the South African representative and/or agents authorising them to enter into and sign such contracts.
- (a) Such Powers of Attorney must comply with Government Notice No. 1160 of 27 June 1930 (and any amendments thereto) - "Rules of the Supreme Court of South Africa for the authentication of documents executed outside the Republic for use within the Republic."
  - (b) The Powers of Attorney must be signed by principals under the same title as used in the Tender Documents.
  - (c) On arrival within the Republic of South Africa these Powers of Attorney are to be completed in terms of Section 8(2) of the Stamp Duties Act No. 77 of 1968, or any amendment thereof.
  - (d) If a Power of Attorney held by the South African representative or agent includes matters of a general nature besides provision for the entering into and signing of contracts with Transnet, a notially certified copy thereof should be furnished.
  - (e) The Power of Attorney must authorise the South African representative or agent to choose the *domicilium citandi et executandi* as provided for in clause 26 (*Addresses for Notices*) of the Standard Conditions of Contract, Form US7 - Services.
- 23.4 If payment is to be made in South Africa, the foreign Supplier (i.e. the principal, or its South African agents or representatives), must notify Transnet in writing whether -
- (a) For payment by cheque –

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- (i) cheques are to be drawn for payment to the credit of the foreign Supplier's account at a bank in South Africa, in which case the name and branch of such bank shall be furnished; or
  - (ii) cheques are to be made out in favour of the foreign Supplier and forwarded to its South African agent or representative, in which case such agent or representative must be duly authorised to sign the receipt of the cheque and discharge it on behalf of its principal.
- (b) For payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT) –
- (i) funds are to be transferred to the credit of the foreign Supplier's account at a bank in South Africa, in which case the name and branch of such bank shall be furnished; or
  - (ii) funds are to be transferred to the credit of its South African agent or representative, in which case the name and branch of such bank shall be furnished

23.5 The attention of the Respondent is directed to clause 14 above (*Securities*) regarding the provision of security for the fulfilment of contracts and orders and the manner and form in which such security is to be furnished.

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