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**SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE
WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT
(ACT 85 OF 1993) AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS**

1. General

- 1.1 The Contractor and Transnet Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Transnet") are individual employers, each in its own right, with their respective duties and obligations set out in the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Act 85 of 1993 (the Act) and applicable Regulations.
- 1.2 The Contractor accepts, in terms of the General Conditions of Contract and in terms of the Act, his obligations as an employer in respect of all persons in his employ, other persons on the premises or the Site or place of work or on the work to be executed by him, and under his control. He shall, before commencement with the execution of the contract work, comply with the provisions set out in the Act, and shall implement and maintain a Health and Safety Plan as described in the Construction Regulations, 2003 and as approved by Transnet, on the Site and place of work for the duration of the Contract.
- 1.3 The Contractor accepts his obligation to complying fully with the Act and applicable Regulations notwithstanding the omission of some of the provisions of the Act and the Regulations from this document.
- 1.4 Transnet accepts, in terms of the Act, its obligations as an employer of its own employees working on or associated with the site or place of work, and the Contractor and Technical Officer or his deputy shall at all times, co-operate in respect of the health and safety management of the site, and shall agree on the practical arrangements and procedures to be implemented and maintained during execution of the Works.
- 1.5 In the event of any discrepancies between any legislation and this specification, the applicable legislation will take precedence.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 In this Specification any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Construction Regulations, shall have the meaning so assigned to it, unless the context otherwise indicates: -
- 2.2 The work included in this Contract shall for the purposes of compliance with the Act be deemed to be "**Construction Work**", which, in terms of the Construction Regulations, 2003 means any work in connection with: -
- (a) the erection, maintenance, alteration, renovation, repair, demolition or dismantling of or addition to a building or any similar structure;
 - (b) the installation, erection, dismantling or maintenance of fixed plant where such work includes the risk of a person falling;

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- (c) the construction, maintenance, demolition or dismantling of any bridge, dam, canal, road, railway, runway, sewer or water reticulation system or any similar civil engineering structure; or
 - (d) the moving of earth, clearing of land, the making of an excavation, piling, or any similar type of work;
- 2.3 **"competent person"** in relation to construction work, means any person having the knowledge, training and experience specific to the work or task being performed: Provided that where appropriate qualifications and training are registered as per the South African Qualifications Authority Act, 1995 these qualifications and training shall be deemed to be the required qualifications and training;
- 2.4 **"contractor"** means principal contractor and "subcontractor" means contractor as defined by the Construction Regulations, 2003.
- 2.5 **"fall protection plan"** means a documented plan, of all risks relating to working from an elevated position, considering the nature of work undertaken, and setting out the procedures and methods applied to eliminate the risk;
- 2.6 **"health and safety file"** means a file, or other record in permanent form, containing the information required to be kept on site in accordance with the Act and applicable Regulations;
- 2.7 **"Health and Safety Plan "** means a documented plan which addresses the hazards identified and include safe work procedures to mitigate, reduce or control the hazards identified;
- 2.8 **"Risk Assessment"** means a programme to determine any risk associated with any hazard at a construction site, in order to identify the steps needed to be taken to remove, reduce or control such hazard;
- 2.9 **"the Act"** means the Occupational Health and Safety Act No. 85 of 1993.

3. Procedural Compliance

- 3.1 The Contractor who intends to carry out any construction work shall, before carrying out such work, notify the Provincial Director in writing if the construction work:-
- (a) includes the demolition of a structure exceeding a height of 3 metres; or
 - (b) includes the use of explosives to perform construction work; or
 - (c) includes the dismantling of fixed plant at a height greater than 3m,
- and shall also notify the Provincial Director in writing when the construction work exceeds 30 days or will involve more than 300 person days of construction work and if the construction work:-
- (a) includes excavation work deeper than 1m; or
 - (b) includes working at a height greater than 3 metres above ground or a landing.

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- 3.2 The notification to the Provincial Director shall be on a form similar to Annexure A of the Construction Regulations, 2003, also shown in Annexure 1 of this Specification. The Contractor shall ensure that a copy of the completed notification form is kept on site for inspection by an inspector, Technical Officer or employee.
- 3.3 The Contractor shall, in accordance with the Act and applicable Regulations, make all the necessary appointments of competent persons in writing on a form similar to Annexure 2 of this Specification and deliver copies thereof to the Technical Officer. Copies should also be retained on the health and safety file.
- 3.4 Subcontractors shall also make the above written appointments and the Contractor shall deliver copies thereof to the Technical Officer.
- 3.5 In the case of a self-employed Contractor or any subcontractor who has the appropriate competencies and supervises the work himself, the appointment of a construction supervisor in terms of regulation 6.1 of the Construction Regulations, 2003 will not be necessary. The Contractor shall in such a case execute and sign a declaration, as in Annexure 3, by which he personally undertakes the duties and obligations of the "Chief Executive Officer" in terms of section 16(1) of the Act.
- 3.6 The Contractor shall, before commencing any work, obtain from the Technical Officer an access certificate as in Annexure 4 executed and signed by him, permitting and limiting access to the designated site or place of work by the Contractor and any subcontractors under his control.
- 3.7 Procedural compliance with Act and Regulations, as above, shall also apply to any subcontractors as employers in their own right. The Contractor shall furnish the Technical Officer with full particulars of such subcontractors and shall ensure that they comply with the Act and Regulations and Transnet's safety requirements and procedures.

4. Special Permits

Where special permits are required before work may be carried out such as for hotwork, isolation permits, work permits and occupations, the Contractor shall apply to the Technical Officer or the relevant authority for such permits to be issued. The Contractor shall strictly comply with the conditions and requirements pertaining to the issue of such permits.

5. Health and Safety Programme

- 5.1 The Tenderer shall, with his tender, submit a Health and Safety Programme setting out the practical arrangements and procedures to be implemented by him to ensure compliance by him with the Act and Regulations and particularly in respect of: -
- (i) The provision, as far as is reasonably practical, of a working environment that is safe and without risk to the health of his employees and subcontractors in terms of section 8 of the Act;
 - (ii) the execution of the contract work in such a manner as to ensure in terms of section 9 of the Act that persons other than those in the Contractor's employment, who may be directly affected by the contract work are not thereby exposed to hazards to their health and safety;
 - (iii) ensuring, as far as is reasonably practical, in terms of section 37 of the Act that no employee or subcontractor of the Contractor does or omits to do any act which would be an offence for the Contractor to do or omit to do.

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- 5.2 The Contractor's Health and Safety Programme shall be based on a risk assessment in respect of the hazards to health and safety of his employees and other persons under his control that are associated with or directly affected by the Contractor's activities in performing the contract work and shall establish precautionary measures as are reasonable and practical in protecting the safety and health of such employees and persons.
- 5.3 The Contractor shall cause a risk assessment contemplated in clause 5.2 above to be performed by a competent person, appointed in writing, before commencement of any Construction Work and reviewed during construction. The Risk Assessments shall form part of the Health and Safety programme to be applied on the site and shall include at least the following:
- (a) The identification of the risks and hazards that persons may be exposed to;
 - (b) the analysis and evaluation of the hazards identified;
 - (c) a documented Health and Safety Plan, including safe work procedures to mitigate, reduce or control the risks identified;
 - (d) a monitoring and review plan.
- 5.4 The Health and Safety Plan shall include full particulars in respect of: -
- (a) The safety management structure to be instituted on site or place of work and the names of the Contractor's health and safety representatives and members of safety committees where applicable;
 - (b) the safe working methods and procedures to be implemented to ensure the work is performed in compliance with the Act and Regulations;
 - (c) the safety equipment, devices and clothing to be made available by the Contractor to his employees;
 - (d) the site access control measures pertaining to health and safety to be implemented;
 - (e) the arrangements in respect of communication of health and safety related matters and incidents between the Contractor, his employees, subcontractors and the Technical Officer with particular reference to the reporting of incidents in compliance with Section 24 and General Administrative Regulation 8 of the Act and with the pertinent clause of the General Conditions of Contract forming part of the Contract and
 - (f) the introduction of control measures for ensuring that the Safety Plan is maintained and monitored for the duration of the Contract.
- 5.4 The Health and Safety programme shall be subject to the Technical Officer's approval and he may, in consultation with the Contractor, order that additional and/or supplementary practical arrangements and procedures be implemented and maintained by the Contractor or that different working methods or safety equipment be used or safety clothes be issued which, in the Technical Officer's opinion, are necessary to ensure full compliance by the Contractor with his obligations as an employer in terms of the Act and Regulations. The Technical Officer or his deputy shall be allowed to attend meetings of the Contractor's safety committee as an observer.

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- 5.5 The Contractor shall take reasonable steps to ensure that each subcontractor's Health and Safety Plan is implemented and maintained on the construction site: Provided that the steps taken, shall include periodic audits at intervals mutually agreed to between the them, but at least once every month.
- 5.6 The Contractor shall stop any subcontractor from executing any construction work, which is not in accordance with the Contractor's, and/or subcontractor's Health and Safety Plan for the site or which poses a threat to the health and safety of persons.
- 5.7 The Contractor shall ensure that a copy of the Health and Safety Plan is available on site for inspection by an inspector, Technical Officer, agent, subcontractor, employee, registered employee organisation, health and safety representative or any member of the health and safety committee.
- 5.8 The Contractor shall consult with the health and safety committee or, if no health and safety committee exists, with a representative group of employees, on the development, monitoring and review of the Risk Assessment.
- 5.9 The Contractor shall ensure that all employees under his control are informed, instructed and trained by a competent person regarding any hazard and the related work procedures before any work commences, and thereafter at such times as may be determined in the Risk Assessment.
- 5.10 The Contractor shall ensure that all subcontractors are informed regarding any hazard as stipulated in the Risk Assessment before any work commences, and thereafter at such times as may be determined in the Risk Assessment.
- 5.11 The Contractor shall ensure that all visitors to a construction site undergoes health and safety induction pertaining to the hazards prevalent on the site and shall be provided with the necessary personal protective equipment.

6. Fall Protection Plan

- 6.1 In the event of the risk and hazard identification, as required in terms of clause 5.3 of this Specification, revealing risks relating to working from an elevated position the contractor shall cause the designation of a competent person, responsible for the preparation of a fall protection plan;
- 6.2 The Contractor shall implement, maintain and monitor the fall protection plan for the duration of Contract. The Contractor shall also take such steps to ensure the continued adherence to the fall protection plan.
- 6.3 The fall protection plan shall include:-
- (a) A Risk Assessment of all work carried out from an elevated position;
 - (b) the procedures and methods to address all the identified risks per location;
 - (c) the evaluation of the employees physical and psychological fitness necessary to work at elevated positions;
 - (d) the training of employees working from elevated positions; and
 - (e) the procedure addressing the inspection, testing and maintenance of all fall protection equipment.

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7. Hazards and Potential Hazardous Situations

The Contractor and the Technical Officer shall immediately notify one another of any hazardous or potentially hazardous situations which may arise during performance of the Contract by the Contractor or any subcontractor and, in particular, of such hazards as may be caused by the design, execution and/or location and any other aspect pertaining to the contract work.

8. Health and Safety File

- 8.1 The Contractor shall ensure that a health and safety file is opened and kept on site and shall include all documentation required as per the Act and applicable regulations, and made available to an inspector, the Technical Officer, or subcontractor upon request.
- 8.2 The Contractor shall ensure that a copy of the both his Health and Safety Plan as well as any subcontractor's Health and Safety Plan is available on request to an employee, inspector, contractor or the Technical Officer.
- 8.3 The Contractor shall hand over a consolidated health and safety file to the Technical Officer upon completion of the Construction Work and shall in addition to documentation mentioned in the Act and applicable Regulations include a record of all drawings, designs, materials used and other similar information concerning the completed structure.

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ANNEXURE 1

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, 1993

Regulation 3(1) of the Construction Regulations

NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION WORK

1(a) Name and postal address of principal contractor:

(b) Name and tel. no of principal contractor's contact person:

2. Principal contractor's compensation registration number:

3.(a) Name and postal address of client:

(b) Name and tel no of client's contact person or agent:

4.(a) Name and postal address of designer(s) for the project:

(b) Name and tel. no of designer(s) contact person:

5. Name and telephone number of principal contractor's construction supervisor on site appointed in terms of regulation 6(1).

6. Name/s of principal contractor's construction sub-ordinate supervisors on site appointed in terms of regulation 6(2).

7. Exact physical address of the construction site or site office:

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8. Nature of the construction work:

9. Expected commencement date: _____

10. Expected completion date: _____

11. Estimated maximum number of persons on the construction site: _____

12. Planned number of contractors on the construction site accountable to the principle contractor:

13. Name(s) of contractors already chosen.

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Principal Contractor

Date

Client

Date

* **THIS DOCUMENT IS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON SITE.**

* **ALL PRINCIPAL CONTRACTORS THAT QUALIFY TO NOTIFY MUST DO SO EVEN IF ANOTHER PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR ON THE SAME SITE HAD DONE SO PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.**



ANNEXURE 2

(COMPANY LETTER HEAD)

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, 1993 (ACT 85 OF 1993) :

SECTION/REGULATION: _____

REQUIRED COMPETENCY: _____

In _____ terms _____ of _____ I, _____

representing the Employer) do hereby appoint _____

As the Competent Person on the premises at _____

(physical address) to assist in compliance with the Act and the applicable Regulations.

Your designated area/s is/are as follows :-

Date : _____

Signature :- _____

Designation :- _____

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ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION

I, _____ do hereby accept this Designation and acknowledge that I understand the requirements of this appointment.

Date : _____

Signature :- _____

Designation :- _____



ANNEXURE 3

(COMPANY LETTER HEAD)

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, 1993 (ACT 85 OF 1993) :

DECLARATION

In terms of the above Act I, _____ am personally assuming the duties and obligations as Chief Executive Officer, defined in Section 1 of the Act and in terms of Section 16(1), I will, as far as is reasonably practicable, ensure that the duties and obligations of the Employer as contemplated in the above Act are properly discharged.

Signature :- _____

Date : _____

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ANNEXURE 4

(LETTER HEAD OF BUSINESS DIVISION OR UNIT OF TRANSNET LIMITED)

SITE ACCESS CERTIFICATE

Access to: _____ (Area)
Name of Contractor/Builder:- _____
Contract/Order No.: _____

The contract works site/area described above are made available to you for the carrying out of associated works
In terms of your contract/order
with
(company) _____

Kindly note that you are at all times responsible for the control and safety of the Works Site, and for persons under your control having access to the site.

As from the date hereof you will be responsible for compliance with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993) as amended, and all conditions of the Contract pertaining to the site of the works as defined and demarcated in the contract documents including the plans of the site or work areas forming part thereof.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
TECHNICAL OFFICER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

Name _____ **of** _____ **I,**
Contractor/Builder:- _____

_____ **do hereby acknowledge and accept the duties and obligations in respect of the Safety of the site/area of Work in terms of the Occupational Health and Safety Act; Act 85 of 1993.**

Name: _____ **Designation:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____