

**TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL**, a division of

**TRANSNET SOC LTD**

Registration Number 1990/000900/30

[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet**]

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION [RFQ] NO PTH/53557**

**FOR THE PROVISION OF: VEGETATION CLEARANCE ON LEVEL CROSSINGS**

**REQUIRED BETWEEN: EAST LONDON AND SPRINGFONTEIN STATIONS**

**ISSUE DATE: 27 MAY 2015**

**CLOSING DATE: 23 JUNE 2015**

**CLOSING TIME: 12:00**

## Section 1 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Quotations are requested from interested persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises (hereinafter referred to as the "**Respondent(s)**") to supply the above-mentioned requirement to Transnet.

**On or after 27 May 2015 RFQ document may be inspected at, and are obtainable from the Regional Supply Chain Service Office, FC Sturrock Building, 2nd Floor, Room 204, Fleming Street, Port Elizabeth.**

Arrangements for the collection of the RFQ documents can be made with Me. Ronelle Blom on telephone number 041 – 507 2720/21 or email: [ronelle.blom@transnet.net](mailto:ronelle.blom@transnet.net) or [phumla.maldaka@transnet.net](mailto:phumla.maldaka@transnet.net)

No RFQ/tender fee is applicable and will be issued "**FREE OF CHARGE**" to all respondents.

A compulsory information briefing session will be conducted on 05 June 2015. Attendance is compulsory and **failure to attend** will disqualify submissions from evaluation.

The compulsory information briefing session will start punctually at 09h00 and Respondents must please ensure that they arrive on time to prevent any delays.

**Details of the compulsory information briefing session & site visit:**

Date: 05 June 2015  
Venue: TFR Infra Boardroom  
1A Cambridge Street)  
East London  
Time: 09h00 until 12h00

Note: A site visit will follow immediately after the compulsory briefing session

For directions to the briefing session, Me. Ziyanda Poswa may be contacted on cell: 083 576 1079

The above-mentioned sessions are to be used as an opportunity for the attendees to familiarise themselves with the scope of the requirements and furthermore for bidders to pose and for TFR to respond in terms of "questions and answers". **It is hence required that prospective bidders are fully familiar with the entire tender pack prior to attending these sessions.** All respondents are to provide their own transportation and accommodation to and from the abovementioned session and will be for their own expense. Transnet will not provide transport in any form.

Quotations which must be completed as indicated in Section 3 of this RFQ are to be submitted as follows:

**METHOD:** Post and/or courier  
**CLOSING VENUE:** **Postal Address:**  
 Transnet SOC Limited  
 PO Box 13213  
 Humewood  
 Port Elizabeth  
 6013

**Physical Address:**  
 Transnet SOC Limited  
 Secretariat of the Acquisition Council, Admin Support Office  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Foyer (**Tender Box**)  
 FC Sturrock Building  
 Fleming Street  
 Port Elizabeth  
 6001

**NB:** Quotations must be enclosed in a sealed envelope which must have inscribed on the outside:

<b>RFQ No</b>	<b>: PTH/53557</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>: Vegetation Clearance on Level Crossings</b>
<b>Closing date and time</b>	<b>: 27 June 2015 at 12h00</b>
<b>Closing address (refer to above mentioned options)</b>	

**1 Responses to RFQ**

Responses to this RFQ [**Quotations**] must not include documents or reference relating to any other quotation or proposal. Any additional conditions must be embodied in an accompanying letter.

**2 Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment [B-BBEE]**

Transnet fully endorses and supports the Government’s Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Programme and it would therefore prefer to do business with local business enterprises who share these same values. As described in more detail in the attached B-BBEE Claim Form Transnet will allow a “preference” to companies who provide a valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate.

The value of this bid is estimated to be below R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and therefore the **80/20** system shall be applicable.

Respondents are required to complete Annexure A [the B-BBEE Preference Point Claim Form] and submit it together with proof of their B-BBEE Status as stipulated in the Claim Form in order to obtain preference points for their B-BBEE status.

**Note: Failure to submit a valid and original B-BBEE certificate or a certified copy thereof at the Closing Date of this RFQ will result in a score of zero being allocated for B-BBEE.**

### 3 Communication

Respondents are warned that a response will be liable for disqualification should any attempt be made by a Respondent either directly or indirectly to canvass any officer(s) or employee of Transnet in respect of this RFQ between the closing date and the date of the award of the business.

A Respondent may, however, before the closing date and time, direct any written enquiries relating to the RFQ to the following Transnet employee:

Name: Granville van der Merwe Email: granville.vandermerwe@transnet.net

Telephone: 041 - 5072715

Respondents may also, at any time after the closing date of the RFQ, communicate with the Admin Support Office on any matter relating to its RFQ response:

Telephone 041 - 5072721

Email: ronelle.blom@transnet.net

### 4 Legal Compliance

The successful Respondent shall be in full and complete compliance with any and all applicable national and local laws and regulations.

### 5 Changes to Quotations

Changes by the Respondent to its submission will not be considered after the closing date and time.

### 6 Pricing

All prices must be quoted in South African Rand on a fixed price basis, excluding VAT.

### 7 Prices Subject to Confirmation

Prices quoted which are subject to confirmation will not be considered.

### 8 Binding Offer

Any Quotation furnished pursuant to this Request shall be deemed to be an offer. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.

### 9 Disclaimers

Transnet is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFQ and/or its receipt of a Quotation in response to it. Please note that Transnet reserves the right to:

- modify the RFQ's goods / service(s) and request Respondents to re-bid on any changes;
- reject any Quotation which does not conform to instructions and specifications which are detailed herein;
- disqualify Quotations submitted after the stated submission deadline;
- not necessarily accept the lowest priced Quotation or an alternative bid;
- reject all Quotations, if it so decides;
- place an order in connection with this Quotation at any time after the RFQ's closing date;
- award only a portion of the proposed goods / service/s which are reflected in the scope of this RFQ;
- split the award of the order/s between more than one Supplier/Service Provider should it at Transnet's discretion be more advantageous in terms of, amongst others, cost or developmental considerations; or
- make no award at all.

Should a contract be awarded on the strength of information furnished by the Respondent, which after conclusion of the contract, is proved to have been incorrect, Transnet reserves the right to cancel the contract.

Transnet reserves the right to award business to the highest scoring bidder/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another bidder.

Transnet reserves the right to conduct Post Tender Negotiations (PTN) with selected Respondents or any number of short-listed Respondents, such PTN to include, at Transnet's discretion, any evaluation criteria listed in the RFQ document.

Should the preferred bidder fail to sign or commence with the contract within a reasonable period after being requested to do so, Transnet reserves the right to award the business to the next highest ranked bidder, provided that he/she is still prepared to provide the required goods at the quoted price.

**10 Specification/Scope of Work**

Refer to attached **Annexure D**

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**Transnet urges its clients, suppliers and the general public to report any fraud or corruption to**

**TIP-OFFS ANONYMOUS: 0800 003 056**

Returnable Document

<b><u>RFQ FOR THE PROVISION OF:</u></b>	<b>VEGETATION CLEARANCE ON LEVEL CROSSINGS BETWEEN EAST LONDON AND SPRINGFONTEIN STATIONS</b>
<b><u>CLOSING VENUE:</u></b>	<b>TRANSNET SOC LIMITED SECRETARIAT OF THE ACQUISITION COUNCIL, ADMIN SUPPORT OFFICE TENDER BOX, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR FOYER, FC STURROCK BUILDING, FLEMING STREET, PORT ELIZABETH</b>
<b><u>CLOSING DATE &amp; TIME:</u></b>	<b>23 JUNE 2015 @ 12h00</b>
<b><u>VALIDITY PERIOD:</u></b>	<b>90 (NINETY) BUSINESS DAYS</b>

**SECTION 2  
EVALUATION CRITERIA AND RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

**11 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Transnet will utilise the following criteria [not necessarily in this order] in choosing a Supplier/Service Provider, if so required:

<b>Criterion/Criteria</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b><u>Phase 1:</u></b>	
<b>Administrative responsiveness</b>	Completeness of response and returnable documents
<b>Substantive responsiveness</b>	Prequalification criteria must be met and whether the Bid materially complies with the scope and/or specification given: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VALID CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION – PEST CONTROL OPERATOR (WEED CONTROL) ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES)</li> <li>• EXPERIENCE IN WEED CONTROL</li> </ul>
<b>Final weighted evaluation based on 80/20 preference point</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pricing and price basis [firm]</li> <li>• B-BBEE status of company - Preference points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table indicated in Annexure A: B-BBEE Claim Form.</li> </ul>

**12 Validity Period**

Transnet desires a validity period of 90[ninety] Business Days from the closing date of this RFQ.  
This RFQ is valid until \_\_\_\_\_.

**13 Disclosure of Prices Quoted**

Respondents must indicate here whether Transnet may disclose their quoted prices and conditions to other Respondents:

YES  NO

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**14 Returnable Documents**

**Returnable Documents** means all the documents, Sections and Annexures, as listed in the tables below.

**All Returnable Sections, as indicated in the header and footer of the relevant pages, must be signed, stamped and dated by the Respondent.**

- a) Respondents are required to submit with their Quotations the **mandatory Returnable Documents**, as detailed below.

**Failure to provide all these Mandatory Returnable Documents at the Closing Date and time of this RFQ will result in a Respondent's disqualification. Respondents are therefore urged to ensure that all these Documents are returned with their Quotations.**

Please confirm submission of these mandatory Returnable Documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the tables below:

<b>Mandatory Returnable Documents</b>	<b>Submitted [Yes or No]</b>
SECTION 3 : Quotation Form	

- b) In addition to the requirements of section (a) above, Respondents are further required to submit with their Quotations the following **essential Returnable Documents** as detailed below.

**Failure to provide all these Returnable Documents may result in a Respondent's disqualification. Respondents are therefore urged to ensure that all these documents are returned with their Quotations.**

<b>Essential Returnable Documents</b>	<b>Submitted [Yes or No]</b>
SECTION 2 : Evaluation criteria and list of returnable documents	
- SECTION 4 : RFQ Declaration and Breach of Law Form	
- SECTION 5 : Certificate of Attendance – Briefing Session & Site Visit	
- Valid and original, or a certified copy, of your entity's B-BBEE Verification Certification as per the requirements stipulated in Annexure A: B-BBEE Claims Form Note: Failure to provide these required documents at the closing date and time of the RFQ will result in an automatic score of zero being allocated for preference	
- Original valid Tax Clearance Certificate [Consortia / Joint Ventures must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate for each party]	
ANNEXURE A – B-BBEE Preference Points Claim Form	
ANNEXURE B - E7/1 Specification for work on, over, under or adjacent to railway lines and near high voltage equipment	
ANNEXURE C - Safety Arrangements and Procedural Compliance with the Occupational Health and safety Act; Act 85 of 1993 and regulations	
ANNEXURE D – Specification/Scope of Work	
LETTER OF GOOD STANDING ISSUED BY COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER OR THE FEDERATED EMPLOYER'S MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (FEM)	
VALID CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION – PEST CONTROL OPERATOR (WEED CONTROL) ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES	
PROOF OF EXPERIENCE IN WEED CONTROL	

**CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

The successful Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its Tax Clearance Certificate and valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate, for the duration of any contract emanating from this RFQ. Should the Respondent be awarded the contract [**the Agreement**] and fail to present Transnet with such renewals as and when they become due, Transnet shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies that it may have in terms of the eventual Agreement, to terminate such Agreement forthwith without any liability and without prejudice to any claims which Transnet may have for damages against the Respondent.

Respondents to complete this section:

NAME OF RESPONDENT .....

PHYSICAL ADDRESS .....

.....

Respondent's contact person:

Name.....

Designation.....

Telephone.....

Cell Phone.....

Facsimile.....

Email.....

Website.....

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**Returnable Document**

**SECTION 3  
QUOTATION FORM**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_  
hereby offer to supply the goods/services at the prices quoted in the Price Schedule below, in accordance with the conditions related thereto.

I/We agree to be bound by those terms and conditions in:

- the Standard RFQ Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods or Services to Transnet; and
- any other standard or special conditions mentioned and/or embodied in this Request for Quotation.

I/We accept that unless Transnet should otherwise decide and so inform me/us, this Quotation [and, if any, its covering letter and any subsequent exchange of correspondence], together with Transnet's acceptance thereof shall constitute a binding contract between Transnet and me/us.

I/We further agree that if, after I/we have been notified of the acceptance of my/our Quotation, I/we fail to deliver the said goods/service/s within the delivery lead-time quoted, Transnet may, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, cancel the order and recover from me/us any expenses incurred by Transnet in calling for Quotations and/or having to accept any less favourable offer.

**Price Schedule**

I/We quote as follows for the service required between Springfontein and East London stations, excluding VAT:

Item No	Description of Service	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Unit Price (ZAR)	Total Price (ZAR)
1	VEGETATION CLEARANCE ON LEVEL CROSSINGS, 20M X 100M EITHER SIDE (2 SERVICES OVER A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS) BETWEEN EAST LONDON AND SPRINGFONTEIN STATIONS	Per Service	2		
	Gross Total (excluding VAT)		R		

**Time period to complete the required work per service to site: \_\_\_\_\_ [days]**

**Notes to Pricing:**

- All Prices must be quoted in South African Rand, exclusive of VAT
- To facilitate like-for-like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with this price schedule and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule could result in a bid being disqualified.

Please note that should you have offered a discounted price(s), Transnet will only consider such price discount(s) in the final evaluation stage if offered on an unconditional basis.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date & Company Stamp

**Returnable Document**

**By signing this Quotation Form the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar, and agrees, with all the conditions governing this RFQ, including those contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof, including but not limited to the documents stated below and Transnet SOC Ltd will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such condition or failed properly to take it into account for the purpose of calculating tendered prices or otherwise:**

1. Specifications and drawings included in this RFQ - if applicable; and
2. The following documents all of which are available on Transnet’s website or upon request:
  - 2.1. General Bid Conditions;
  - 2.2. Standard RFQ Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods or Services to Transnet;
  - 2.3. Supplier Integrity Pact;
  - 2.4. Non-disclosure Agreement; and
  - 2.5. Vendor Application Form and all supporting documents (first time vendors only)

Alternatively, for all existing vendors, please provide vendor number(s) here:

Transnet Operating Division	Unique Vendor Number	Yes / No
Transnet Group		
TFR, etc.		

In the Yes/No column above, please confirm that all the information e.g. company address and contact details, banking details etc. are still correct as at the time of allocation of the vendor number(s). Alternatively, Respondents are required to provide the updated information with their bid submission.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 4**

**RFQ DECLARATION AND BREACH OF LAW FORM**

NAME OF ENTITY: \_\_\_\_\_

We \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that:

1. Transnet has supplied and we have received appropriate responses to any/all questions [as applicable] which were submitted by ourselves for RFQ Clarification purposes;
2. we have received all information we deemed necessary for the completion of this Request for Quotation [RFQ];
3. we have been provided with sufficient access to the existing Transnet facilities/sites and any and all relevant information relevant to the Supply of the Goods as well as Transnet information and Employees, and has had sufficient time in which to conduct and perform a thorough due diligence of Transnet's operations and business requirements and assets used by Transnet. Transnet will therefore not consider or permit any pre- or post-contract verification or any related adjustment to pricing, service levels or any other provisions/conditions based on any incorrect assumptions made by the Respondent in arriving at his Bid Price.
4. at no stage have we received additional information relating to the subject matter of this RFQ from Transnet sources, other than information formally received from the designated Transnet contact(s) as nominated in the RFQ documents;
5. we are satisfied, insofar as our entity is concerned, that the processes and procedures adopted by Transnet in issuing this RFQ and the requirements requested from Bidders in responding to this RFQ have been conducted in a fair and transparent manner; and
6. furthermore, we declare that a family, business and/or social relationship **exists / does not exist** [delete as applicable] between an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity and an employee or board member of the Transnet Group including any person who may be involved in the evaluation and/or adjudication of this Bid.
7. In addition, we declare that an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity **is / is not** [delete as applicable] an employee or board member of the Transnet Group.
8. If such a relationship as indicated in paragraph 6 and/or 7 exists, the Respondent is to complete the following section:

FULL NAME OF OWNER/MEMBER/DIRECTOR/  
PARTNER/SHAREHOLDER:

ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate nature of relationship with Transnet:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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*[Failure to furnish complete and accurate information in this regard will lead to the disqualification of a response and may preclude a Respondent from doing future business with Transnet]*

9. We declare, to the extent that we are aware or become aware of any relationship between ourselves and Transnet [other than any existing and appropriate business relationship with Transnet] which could unfairly advantage our entity in the forthcoming adjudication process, we shall notify Transnet immediately in writing of such circumstances.

**BREACH OF LAW**

10. We further hereby certify that *I/we have/have not been* [delete as applicable] found guilty during the preceding 5 [five] years of a serious breach of law, including but not limited to a breach of the Competition Act, 89 of 1998, by a court of law, tribunal or other administrative body. The type of breach that the Respondent is required to disclose excludes relatively minor offences or misdemeanours, e.g. traffic offences. This includes the imposition of an administrative fine or penalty.

Where found guilty of such a serious breach, please disclose:

NATURE OF BREACH:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BREACH: \_\_\_\_\_

Furthermore, I/we acknowledge that Transnet SOC Ltd reserves the right to exclude any Respondent from the bidding process, should that person or entity have been found guilty of a serious breach of law, tribunal or regulatory obligation.

SIGNED at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

For and on behalf of _____ duly authorised hereto	AS WITNESS:
Name:	Name:
Position:	Position:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Registration No of Company/CC _____
Place:	Registration Name of Company/CC _____

**Section 5**

**CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE: INFORMATION BRIEFING SESSION & SITE VISIT**

It is hereby certified that -

1. ....
2. ....

Representative(s) of .....  
(name of company)

attended the site inspection / briefing session in respect of the proposed service to be rendered in terms of this RFQ on .....2015.

.....  
TRANSNET'S REPRESENTATIVE

.....  
RESPONDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE

DATE.....

DATE.....

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