

**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/54014**

**FOR THE PROVISION OF: GRASS CUTTING AND VEGETATION MAINTENANCE  
WITHIN THE TFR RESERVE (FENCE TO FENCE) IN  
THE GEORGE METROPOLITAN AREA**

**ISSUE DATE: 26 September 2016**  
**CLOSING DATE: 18 October 2016**  
**CLOSING TIME: 12:00**

**Section 1**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**1 Invitation to bid**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The provision of grass cutting and vegetation maintenance within the TFR reserve (fence to fence) in the George Metropolitan area.
<b>BID FEE AND BANKING DETAILS</b>	<p>A RFQ fee of <b>R250</b> [inclusive of VAT] per set is applicable, if the RFQ is to be collected from the Transnet Freight Rail Tender Office.</p> <p>Payment is to be made as follows:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Account Name : Transnet Freight Rail Account : Standard Bank Account number : 203158598 Branch code : 004805</p> <p>NOTE – This amount is not refundable. A receipt for such payment made must be presented when collecting the RFQ documents and submitted thereafter with your Proposal.</p>
<b>INSPECT / COLLECT DOCUMENTS FROM</b>	<p>This RFQ may be downloaded free of charge directly from the Transnet Freight Rail tender website at; <a href="http://www.transnetfreightrail-tfr.net/Supplier/Pages/Tenders.aspx">http://www.transnetfreightrail-tfr.net/Supplier/Pages/Tenders.aspx</a></p> <p>Alternatively, this RFQ may be purchased at R250 [inclusive of VAT] per set for those Bidders that require a copy from Transnet rather than downloading from the website. If a copy of the RFQ document is required, prior arrangements must be made one (1) day in advance and the RFQ document may be collected between <b>09:00</b> and <b>15:00</b> from <b>26 September 2016</b> until <b>04 October 2016</b>.</p> <p>This RFQ may be collected from the following address: <b>TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL, TENDER OFFICE, FC STURROCK BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, FLEMING STREET, PORT ELIZABETH</b></p>
<b>COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION</b>	<p>A compulsory RFQ briefing session will be conducted at the <b>Transnet Transport Museum, Mission Road in George</b> on the <b>5<sup>th</sup> of October 2016</b> at <b>09h00</b> for a period of <math>\pm</math> 1 hour where after a compulsory pre-proposal site meeting will follow to George for a period of <math>\pm</math> 1 hour. [Respondents to provide own transportation and accommodation]. The briefing session will start punctually and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents arriving late. <b>For directions, Mr. Theo Maree may be contacted on cell: 083 409 5529.</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>1.1</b> A Certificate of Attendance set out in Section 5 hereto must be completed and submitted with your Proposal as proof of attendance is required for a <b>compulsory</b> site meeting and RFQ briefing.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>1.2</b> Respondents failing to attend the compulsory site meeting and RFQ briefing will be disqualified.</p>
<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<p><b>12:00 on Tuesday 18 October 2016</b></p> <p>This RFQ shall close punctually at the following address: <b>Transnet SOC Limited</b> <b>Secretariat of the Acquisition Council, Admin Support Office</b> <b>Ground Floor Foyer (Tender Box)</b> <b>FC Sturrock Building</b> <b>Fleming Street</b> <b>Port Elizabeth</b> <b>6001</b></p> <p>As a general rule, if a RFQ is late or delivered to the incorrect address, it will not be accepted for consideration.</p>

<b>VALIDITY PERIOD</b>	<p><b>90 Business Days from Closing Date.</b>  <b>End of validity period: 18 January 2017</b></p> <p>Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their RFQ, on the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the validity period.</p>
<b>SPECIAL CONDITIONS</b>	<p>Bidders are to note that this RFQ may also be downloaded directly from the Transnet Freight Rail tender website free of charge. If Bidders intend to download the RFQ off the Portal, they are required to indicate their intention to respond to this RFQ by <b>04 October 2016</b> by sending an email with their contact details to the following email address: <a href="mailto:GRP-TFR-PETenders@transnet.net">GRP-TFR-PETenders@transnet.net</a>. This is to ensure that any required communication (e.g. addenda to the bid) in relation to this RFQ reaches those intending to respond.</p> <p><b>Transnet will not be held liable if Bidders do not respond by this date and do not receive the latest information regarding this RFQ as a result thereof.</b></p>

## 2 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.

## 3 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.**

## 4 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 – 507 2715

Respondents may also, at any time after the closing date of the RFQ, communicate the following individuals on any matter relating to its RFQ response:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Email address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Fax</b>
Ronelle Blom	<a href="mailto:GRP-TFR-PETenders@transnet.net">GRP-TFR-PETenders@transnet.net</a>	041 507 2721	041 507 2000
Phumla Maldaka		041 507 2720	041 507 2000
Anele Gwanya		041 507 2173	041 507 2000

## **5 Legal Compliance**

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

## **6 Changes to Quotations**

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

## **7 Pricing**

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

## **8 Prices Subject to Confirmation**

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

## **9 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.

## **10 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.

## **11 Specification/Scope of Work**

### Scope of work:

The area, as shown on site, consists of 9.233km Transnet freight rail reserve (excluding station platforms). All the grass to be mowed/cut, cleared of all woody vegetation, as well as rubble, debris & foreign material, which will be dumped at a registered dumpsite. Edges to be treated with herbicide during each visit 500mm swath. George station platforms to be included.

### Site location

The site is situated within the metropolitan area of George.

### Specification

The bidders are required to check the number of pages and should any be found to be missing or in duplicate or the figures or writing to be indistinct or should there be any doubt or obscurity as to the meaning of any particular word or phrase or descriptions or should bidders consider that any item is incorrectly or inadequately described they must inform the Depot Engineer, Transnet freight rail Infra. Private Bag 2317, North End Port Elizabeth 6056 at once in writing under reference and have the matter rectified or explained as the case may be as no liability whatsoever will be admitted by Transnet freight rail in respect of errors in a tender on receipt of a tender.

No alterations, erasures or additions of any kind shall be made by the bidders in, from or to any part of this specification unless expressly required to be made by written notice and should any unauthorized alterations, erasures or additions be made they will not be recognized by Transnet freight rail.

### Time to complete the work

The contractor shall indicate herein the duration in days he requires to complete the work, but the period shall be preferred to be not be longer than 3 (three) weeks per service. Eight (8) services will be required over a period of 24 months i.e. on a quarterly basis.

The contractor shall be required to complete the work in this period, as given. This period includes weekends, public holidays and statutory holiday periods.

Failing completion of the work within the periods as stipulated above or with any period offered by the contenders and accepted by Transnet, the contractor shall pay to Transnet as penalty the sum of R100.00 (one hundred Rand) for every day or part thereof during which the works remain incomplete.

### Manager

The Depot Engineer Infra shall appoint a competent person to undertake the management duties for this project, who shall be referred to as the Project Manager.

### Site records:

#### **Site Diary**

The Contractor shall provide a diary, in triplicate to record all day-to-day incidents that could occur during the contract period. This includes weather, name & number of workers on the site, material that has been delivered, material that has been loaded and disposed off, incidences that have occurred, what work is to be done on that day, etc.

**Site Instruction Book**

The Contractor shall provide a site instruction book, in triplicate for the Project Manager to place all instructions that are needed to compliment the specifications and drawings and any other instruction that may affect the cost of the work.

No work will be recognized for additional payment unless it has been recorded and signed by the Project Manager and the contractor in the aforesaid book.

Program & Planning of the work

The contractor shall provide to the manager a detail plan of how he intends to do the work and this plan must be to the requirements of the operation of Transnet freight rail with minor disruptions as no delays must be allowed in this regard.

The program must be agreed to (in the site instruction book) before any work will be allowed to commence. The program may be in a form of a pert (bar) chart and will be used as a guide to measure the progress of the work.

Access to site

The areas are restricted and the contractor must ensure he complies with the regulations of Transnet freight rail in every way. Contractor and/or any sub-contractors shall be required to apply for permission to enter the restricted area in writing. A list of workmen shall be given to the Project Manager to arrange for the necessary permits. 48 Hours minimum notice is necessary for the processing these permits. This includes changes to staff during the contract period.

Materials found on site

The Contractor shall not use on the works any materials found on the site without the prior written consent of the manager. No material that is lying on the site (other than that from this contract) or on Transnet freight rail's property may be removed (even if deemed as scrap) by the contractor.

**NB: No scrap or any material of value may be removed from the site without written authority of the Project Manager.**

Clearing of site

The Contractor shall provide for cleaning up and sorting all rubbish and debris of whatever kind throughout the duration of the contract. Upon completion the Contractor shall clear away and remove all rubbish, unused material, plant and debris and leave the site and the whole of the works clean and tidy to the satisfaction of the Project Manager.

Working outside normal working hours

The normal working hours are between 07:30 and 16:00 Mondays to Fridays. If it is required to work outside the stated normal working hours the Contractor must obtain written permission at least 96 hours before such work needs to be undertaken. Transnet freight rail will not unreasonably withhold permission; however the Contractor may have to pay for Transnet freight rail's supervisory personnel.

Escalation

This RFQ does not make provision for compensation in respect of increased costs. The bidders must allow in his fixed price for any increased costs, which he may encounter during the contract period or such extended period as agreed upon by both parties.

Safety precautions and Insurance

**Damage to Transnet freight rail Assets and liability**, the contractor shall provide the insurance for the following: -

**Contract Work;** damage to farmer's crops or to water resources or any wetlands  
**Public Liability;**

Act 85

The contractor shall comply with the Occupational Health & Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993). The form E.4E as placed in this RFQ must be adhered to.

### Environment

The Contractor shall, at all times, comply with the statutes that prohibit pollution of any kind. These statutes are enacted in the following legislation.

The National Environmental Management Act, 107/1998;  
The Environmental Conservation Act, 73/1989; and  
The National Water Act, 36/1998.

The Contractor shall appoint a responsible person to ensure that no incident shall occur on site that could cause pollution. Where the Contractor was negligent and caused any form of pollution the damage shall be rectified at the Contractors cost.

The Contractor shall further ensure that no protected plant will be damaged without a written site instruction from the project manager or his appointed deputy.

### P.C.O. Registration

The contractor and or his permanent employee must be a registered PCO and proof of PCO registration must be submitted with the RFQ. If sub-contracting will be used for the PCO, such must be declared and the PCO certificate of the sub-contractor must be submitted with the RFQ. **Failure to submit certificate will render the submission non-responsive.**

NB: The PCO will be required to be on site for the whole duration of the work per service and invoices will be accompanied by a report from the PCO to confirm which species was controlled & name of herbicide used per specie.

### Equipment & Tools

The following equipment and tools are the minimum requirements which will be required to successfully execute the required work:

- LDV
- Tractor
- Tractor with bushcutter attachment or Flayl mower attachment.
- 1 x team of at least 14 workers including driver/supervisor and PCO
- 4 x Lawnmowers (375mm cut)
- 4 x Brushcutters
- 2 x Chainsaws
- 2 x Knapsack sprayers
- Certified operators for the above is also required

## **PARTICULAR SPECIFICATION**

### **CLEANING AND CLEARING:**

The contractor will supply the material, labour, transport and consumables of any description, which may be necessary for the proper completion of the contract work, in accordance with the specifications as follows:

1. All alien vegetation within the reserve will be felled and treated with an applicable herbicide and dye mixture.
2. All woody species within the reserve will be cut and treated with an applicable herbicide and dye mixture.
3. All grass in the reserve will be cut to a maximum height of 50 mm, **plus** all edges will be neatly trimmed and sprayed (500mm swath) with an applicable herbicide to provide at least three months effective control.
4. Felled material, grass clippings, all rubble as well as all foreign material shall be removed from the site, to a registered dumping site.
5. No fence will be damaged in the process of work.
6. Station platforms to be kept free of grass and weeds (herbicide application required)
7. No tractors to be used south of Caledon Street (Botanical Gardens).
8. Station platforms to be treated with herbicide.
9. **No felled vegetation will be left touching any fence.**

**RISK ASESMENT:**

Employees of contractor to wear safety vest at all times on the site

Employees of contractor to wear safety foot protection on the site

Employees of contractor to wear eye and ear protection when working with weed cutters and chain saws

No fires are allowed on the site and therefore no burning of any kind will be permitted

Contractor **to supply two flagmen per team for the duration of the contract**

**GENERAL:**

Containers and residual material will not be disposed of on Transnet property or as part of Transnet refuse but at a legal municipal dumpsite.

NB: It is the bidder's responsibility to conduct their own site inspection to check all quantities and measurements before tendering.

**Inspection of completed work.**

After completion of the work, or service, it is expected from the contractor to conduct his / her own inspection to satisfy himself/herself that the work has been executed in accordance with the contract specification.

**Request for inspection of the work by the Technical Officer.**

After the contractor performed the above inspection, and found that the work has been successfully executed, he can present the site to the Technical Officer for inspection.

**Reaction time for T.O. to respond to request as per abovementioned.**

14 Days



## 12 National Treasury Central Supplier Database Registration

In terms of paragraph 5.6 of the NATIONAL TREASURY SCM INSTRUCTION NO 4 OF 2016/2017, which became effective on 1 May 2016, Transnet may only award bids to suppliers after verifying that the supplier is registered as prospective suppliers on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database.

Please follow the following steps to register your company on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database and confirm your registration by submitting your National Treasury "MAAA" supplier reference number.

Step 1: Access the CSD site on <https://secure.csd.gov.za/>

Step 2: Register a new CSD account <https://secure.csd.gov.za/Account/Register>

Step 3: Receive an activation email and click activate account

Step 4: Activate account by requesting and entering the OTP

Step 5: Log in the CSD

Step 6: Complete supplier identification information

Step 7: Complete contact information

Step 8: Complete address information

Step 9: Complete bank account information

Step 10: Complete tax information

Step 11: Complete directors/members information (if non-CIPC company)

Step 12: Complete associations (if relevant)

Step 13: Complete commodities information

Step 14: Complete B-BBEE information (future phase)

Step 15: Maintain users

Step 16: Complete notification information

Step 17: Complete accreditations

Step 18: Click on submit

Step 19: A CSD supplier number and unique registration reference number is auto-generated and communicated

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

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

<b>RFQ FOR THE PROVISION OF:</b> Grass cutting and vegetation maintenance within the TFR reserve (fence to fence) in the George Metropolitan area	
<b>CLOSING VENUE:</b>	Transnet SOC Limited Secretariat of the Acquisition Council, Admin Support Office Ground Floor Foyer ( <b>Tender Box</b> ) FC Sturrock Building Fleming Street Port Elizabeth 6001
<b>CLOSING DATE &amp; TIME:</b>	18 October 2016
<b>VALIDITY PERIOD:</b>	90 Business Days

**SECTION 2****EVALUATION CRITERIA AND RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS****1 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>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>• <b>Pre-Qualification Criteria: Bidder must be a pest control operator in weed control and proof of a valid PCO certification must be submitted with the RFQ. Failure to submit certificate will render the submission non-responsive.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Functionality Threshold</b>	As prescribed in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), Act 5 of 2000 and its Regulations, Respondents are to note that functionality is included as a threshold with a prescribed percentage threshold of <b>50%</b> . Compliance to specification (method statement), technical/capacity/resources, previous performance, delivery schedule and health & safety will be considered as part of the technical evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Method Statement:</b> (Complete work plan w.r.t. the required specification)</li> <li>➤ <b>Technical Capacity/Resources:</b> (Detailed breakdown i.r.o. team, vehicles, equipment and experience)</li> <li>➤ <b>Delivery Schedule:</b> (Detailed delivery schedule/work rate per service)</li> <li>• <b>Health &amp; Safety Plan:</b> (Detailed health and safety plan)</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>

**2 Validity Period**

Transnet desires a validity period of 90 [ninety] Business Days from the closing date of this RFQ.

This RFQ is valid until **18 January 2017**.

**3 Disclosure of Prices Quoted**

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

YES  NO

**4 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><u>CERTIFIED COPY</u></b> : Registration Certificate – Pest Control Operator (Weed Control) issued by the department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
<b>Method Statement</b> : (Complete work plan w.r.t. the required specification)	
<b>Technical Capacity &amp; Resources</b> : (Detailed breakdown i.r.o. team, vehicles, equipment and experience)	
<b>Delivery Schedule</b> : (Detailed delivery schedule/work rate per service)	
<b>Health &amp; Safety Plan</b> : (Detailed health and safety plan)	

- 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 of RFQ Briefing & Site Inspection	
- 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	
Letter of Good Standing issued by the compensation Commissioner or the Federated Employer's mutual Assurance Company Limited (FEM)	

**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.

### 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 afresh and/or having to accept any less favourable offer.

#### Price Schedule

I/We quote as follows for the service required in the George Metropolitan area, excluding VAT:

Item No	Description of Service	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Unit Price (ZAR)	Total Price (ZAR)
1	All alien as well as all woody vegetation within the reserve will be felled and treated with an applicable herbicide and dye mixture. (Referred to as quarterly service)	Per Service	8		
2	All grass in the reserve will be cut to a maximum height of 50 mm. <b>plus</b> all edges will be neatly trimmed and sprayed with an applicable herbicide to provide at least three months effective control. (Referred to as quarterly service)	Per Service	8		
3	Felled material, grass clippings, all rubble as well as all foreign material shall be removed from the site, to a registered dumping site. (Referred to as quarterly service)	Per Service	8		
<b>Gross Total (Excluding VAT) :</b>				<b>R</b>	
<b>VAT</b>				<b>R</b>	
<b>Gross Total (Including VAT) :</b>				<b>R</b>	

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

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

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

**Notes to Pricing:**

- a) All Prices must be quoted in South African Rand, exclusive of VAT
- b) 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.

**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:

<b>Transnet Operating Division</b>	<b>Unique Vendor Number</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>
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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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:

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



*[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 INSPECTION**

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 .....2016.

.....  
TRANSNET'S REPRESENTATIVE

.....  
RESPONDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE

DATE.....

DATE.....

**RFQ FOR THE PROVISION OF  
GRASS CUTTING AND VEGETATION MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE TFR RESERVE (FENCE TO FENCE)  
IN THE GEORGE METROPOLITAN AREA**

**ANNEXURE A: B-BBEE PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM**

This preference form contains general information and serves as a claim for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment [**B-BBEE**] Status Level of Contribution.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 A total of **20** preference points shall be awarded for B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.
- 1.2 Failure on the part of a Bidder to fill in and/or to sign this form and submit a B-BBEE Verification Certificate from a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System [**SANAS**] or a Registered Auditor approved by the Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors [**IRBA**] or an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the Close Corporation Act [**CCA**] together with the bid will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution are not claimed.
- 1.3 Transnet reserves the right to require of a Bidder, either before a Bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by Transnet.

**2. GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 "**all applicable taxes**" include value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;
- 2.2 "**B-BBEE**" means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 2.3 "**B-BBEE status of contributor**" means the B-BBEE status received by a measured entity based on its overall performance using the relevant scorecard contained in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 2.4 "**Bid**" means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by Transnet for the provision of goods, works or services;
- 2.5 "**Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act**" means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 [Act No. 53 of 2003];
- 2.6 "**comparative price**" means the price after the factors of a non-firm price and all unconditional discounts that can be utilised have been taken into consideration;
- 2.7 "**consortium or joint venture**" means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract;
- 2.8 "**contract**" means the agreement that results from the acceptance of a bid by Transnet;

- 2.9 **"EME"** means any enterprise with an annual total revenue of R5 [five] million or less as per the 2007 version of the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice and means any enterprise with an annual total revenue of R10 [ten] million or less as per the Revised Codes of Good Practice issued on 11 October 2013 in terms of Government Gazette No. 36928;
- 2.10 **"firm price"** means the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs and excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax, which, in terms of the law or regulation, is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;
- 2.11 **"functionality"** means the measurement according to predetermined norms, as set out in the bid documents, of a service or commodity that is designed to be practical and useful, working or operating, taking into account, among other factors, the quality, reliability, viability and durability of a service and the technical capacity and ability of a bidder;
- 2.12 **"non-firm prices"** means all prices other than "firm" prices;
- 2.13 **"person"** includes reference to a juristic person;
- 2.14 **"QSE"** means any enterprise with an annual total revenue between R5 [five] million and R35 [thirty five] million as per the 2007 version of the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice and means any enterprise with an annual total revenue of between R10 [ten] million and R50 [fifty] million as per the Revised Codes of Good Practice issued on 11 October 2013 in terms of Government Gazette No. 36928
- 2.15 **"rand value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in South African currency, calculated at the time of bid invitations, and includes all applicable taxes and excise duties;
- 2.16 **"subcontract"** means the primary contractor's assigning or leasing or making out work to, or employing another person to support such primary contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the contract;
- 2.17 **"total revenue"** bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Empowerment Act and promulgated in the Government Gazette on 9 February 2007;
- 2.18 **"trust"** means the arrangement through which the property of one person is made over or bequeathed to a trustee to administer such property for the benefit of another person; and
- 2.19 **"trustee"** means any person, including the founder of a trust, to whom property is bequeathed in order for such property to be administered for the benefit of another person.

### **3. ADJUDICATION USING A POINT SYSTEM**

- 3.1 The Bidder obtaining the highest number of total points for the evaluation criteria as enumerated in Section 2 of the RFP will be awarded the contract, unless objective criteria justifies the award to another bidder.
- 3.2 Preference points shall be calculated after prices have been brought to a comparative basis taking into account all factors of non-firm prices and all unconditional discounts.
- 3.3 Points scored will be rounded off to 2 [two] decimal places.

- 3.4 In the event of equal points scored, the Bid will be awarded to the Bidder scoring the highest number of preference points for B-BBEE.
- 3.5 However, when functionality is part of the evaluation process and two or more Bids have scored equal points including equal preference points for B-BBEE, the successful Bid will be the one scoring the highest score for functionality.
- 3.6 Should two or more Bids be equal in all respect, the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

#### **4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION**

- 4.1 In terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2011, preference points shall be awarded to a Bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points [Maximum 20]
1	20
2	18
3	16
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

- 4.2 Bidders who qualify as EMEs in terms of the 2007 version of the Codes of Good Practice must submit a certificate issued by an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the CCA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or a Registered Auditor. Registered auditors do not need to meet the prerequisite for IRBA's approval for the purpose of conducting verification and issuing EME's with B-BBEE Status Level Certificates.
- 4.3 Bidders who qualify as EMEs in terms of the Revised Codes of Good Practice issued on 11 October 2013 in terms of Government Gazette No. 36928 are **only required to obtain a sworn affidavit** on an annual basis confirming that the entity has an Annual Total Revenue of R10 million or less and the entity's Level of Black ownership.
- 4.4 In terms of the 2007 version of the Codes of Good Practice, Bidders other than EMEs must submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy thereof, substantiating their B-BBEE rating issued by a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS.
- 4.5 The Department of Trade and Industry recently revised the Codes of Good Practice on 11 October 2013 [Government Gazette No. 36928]. The Revised Codes will replace the Black Economic Empowerment Codes of Good Practice issued on 9 February 2007. The Revised Codes provide for a transitional period ending 30 April 2015. During the transitional period, companies may elect to be measured in terms of the Revised Codes or the 2007 version of the Codes. Companies which are governed by Sector-specific Codes will be measured in terms of those Sector Codes.

- 4.6 As such, Transnet will accept B-BBEE certificates issued based on the Revised Codes. Transnet will also continue to accept B-BBEE certificates issued in terms of the 2007 version of the Codes provided it was issued before 1 May 2015. Thereafter, Transnet will only accept B-BBEE certificates issued based on the Revised Codes.
- 4.7 In terms of the Revised Codes of Good Practice, Bidders who qualify as QSEs must comply with all the elements of B-BBEE for the purposes of measurement. QSEs that are at least 51% or 100% Black owned are only required to obtain a sworn affidavit on an annual basis confirming that the entity has an Annual Total Revenue of R50 million or less and the entity's Level of Black ownership. Large enterprises must submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy thereof, substantiating their B-BBEE rating issued by a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS.
- 4.8 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for its B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits its B-BBEE status level certificate.
- 4.9 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid.
- 4.10 Tertiary institutions and public entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialised scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.
- 4.11 A person will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the Bid documents that such a Bidder intends subcontracting more than 25% [twenty-five per cent] of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the same number of points that such a Bidder qualifies for, unless the intended subcontractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the subcontract.
- 4.12 A person awarded a contract may not subcontract more than 25% [twenty-five per cent] of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is subcontracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the subcontract.
- 4.13 Bidders are to note that in terms of paragraph 2.6 of Statement 000 of the Revised Codes of Good Practice issued on 11 October 2013 in terms of Government Gazette No. 36928, any representation made by an entity about its B-BBEE compliance must be supported by suitable evidence or documentation. As such, Transnet reserves the right to request such evidence or documentation from Bidders in order to verify any B-BBEE recognition claimed.

## **5. B-BBEE STATUS AND SUBCONTRACTING**

- 5.1 **Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:**

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ [maximum of 20 points]

Note: Points claimed in respect of this paragraph 5.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 above and must be substantiated by means of a B-BBEE certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or a sworn affidavit in the case of an EME or QSE.

**5.2 Subcontracting:**

Will any portion of the contract be subcontracted? YES/NO [delete which is not applicable]

If YES, indicate:

- (i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted? .....%
- (ii) The name of the subcontractor .....
- (iii) The B-BBEE status level of the subcontractor .....
- (iv) Is the subcontractor an EME? YES/NO

**5.3 Declaration with regard to Company/Firm**

- (i) Name of Company/Firm.....
- (ii) VAT registration number.....
- (iii) Company registration number.....
- (iv) Type of Company / Firm [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]
  - Partnership/Joint Venture/Consortium
  - One person business/sole propriety
  - Close Corporations
  - Company (Pty) Ltd
- (v) Describe Principal Business Activities  
.....  
.....  
.
- (vi) Company Classification [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]
  - Manufacturer
  - Supplier
  - Professional Service Provider
  - Other Service Providers, e.g Transporter, etc
- (vii) Total number of years the company/firm has been in business.....

**BID DECLARATION**

I/we, the undersigned, who warrants that he/she is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that points claimed, based on the B-BBEE status level of contribution indicated in paragraph 4 above, qualifies the company/firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- (i) The information furnished is true and correct.
- (ii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraph 6 above, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of Transnet that the claims are correct.
- (iii) If the B-BBEE status level of contribution has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, Transnet may, in addition to any other remedy it may have:

- (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
- (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
- (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
- (d) restrict the Bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, and/or associated entities, or only the shareholders and directors who acted in a fraudulent manner, from obtaining business from Transnet for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* [hear the other side] rule has been applied; and/or
- (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

**WITNESSES:**

1. ....

2. ....

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER

DATE:.....

COMPANY NAME: .....

ADDRESS:.....