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Meeting Name: E1331DXMWP - RFI Solar PV Microgrid Non-Compulsory Clarification

	Time:	Venue:	Meeting No.:
10 June 2025	10h30	Microsoft Teams Meeting	1

Item	Subject & salient points	Decisions & Action items	Responsibility	Target date
1.	Safety Procedure	All re-affirmed their safety commitments and confirmed to have been aware of their evacuation procedures.	Khutso Sebea Graduate-In-Training P & SCM	
2.	Opening: 2.1 Welcome 2.2 Apologies 2.3 Adoption of the Agenda	The Chairperson (Khutso Sebea) Welcomed all present.	Khutso Sebea Graduate-In-Training P & SCM	

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		- All were welcomed and thanked for their attendance. - Apologies: Environmental Representative, Yvonne Lesufi will not be able to attend the meeting. - Quality Representative, Mbongeni Malindisa will not be able to attend the meeting. - Activities on minutes will be followed and will count as Agenda activities		
3.	Declaration of interest	All other members declared that they have no conflict of interest to declare regarding the meeting.	Khutso Sebea Graduate-In-Training P & SCM	
4.	Verification of minutes of previous meeting/s	N/A		

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5.	Action items from previous minutes	N/A		
5.1	Meeting No. Action Item No.	1 (one)		
6.	Agenda Items Description			
6.1	RFI Presentation This is only a Request for Information; returnable were discussed as per the scope of work issued with the enquiry.		Vincent Mabodi Engineer – Technology & Engineering	
7.	<u>G - General:</u> All communication & inquiries need to be directed to: All Clarifications received during the RFI process will be published. Tenderers are encouraged to frequently check the National Treasury e-Tender portal and the Eskom Tender Bulletin to check for clarifications and any changes. Name: Khutso Sebea Tel: +27 11 800 6712 E-mail: Sebeakb@eskom.co.za		Khutso Sebea Graduate-In- Training P & SCM	

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8.	Closure <i>Meeting was adjourned at: 11h10</i> Next meeting The next meeting will be at: N/A		Khutso Sebea Graduate-In-Training P & SCM	

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1.

Q: I just want to find out if there's any OEM parts that are needed to be noted in this RFI for instance, OEM for inverters/ batteries conceptual design that Eskom has pre-approved and that we must incorporate into the design. The reason being that I need to know interface compatibility and so forth. Should there be any preferred makes or manufacturers that you've got on your side.

A: We do not have a specific OEM preference for this bid.

2.

Q: From the tender documents it is mentioned that the bidder should state the level of adherence to international engineering standard as well as the Eskom standard where applicable. Please advise which of those lists comprehensive list of Eskom standard for references are you referring to ECSA maybe for example in the engineering standard.

A: What pertains to primarily is your low voltage (LV) connection requirements regarding the voltage specifications for LV or the connection point. You are aware that this connection and the entire system are involved. The LV system that will be established will connect to this. Thus, this is what the ESKOM standards reference; however, it is also important to note that adhering to the relevant NRS will indeed ensure your compliance in this regard. We will verify our documentation to confirm that it conveys the same clarity as I am expressing, and if it does not, we will provide additional information. In the case that your inverter is not certified locally but has certification from another location, as indicated in the presentation, please share that information with us. We want to ensure that we do not overlook this aspect and also be transparent about the fact that you may only comply with certain international standards.

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- 3.** **Q:** On previous RFI's from Eskom. I have seen that there is a list of specific manufacturers with regards to batteries and inverters that's approved by Eskom.
I just want to know if it's possible to publish that on to the Tender Bulletin or e-mail it to all parties concerned.
So that we know that we are working in the framework.
I don't know if you are familiar with that specific list that I'm referring to, but I know it's not attached on to this RFI, but I have seen some kind of document like that before.
- A:** We do not favor any particular OEM, battery technology, or solar PV panel technology. We remain open to all options.
- Please inform us if your technology is certified according to any international standards, as well as its performance in relation to the requirements outlined in the RFI.

- 4.** **Q:** On the transportation side, obviously we will need to give costing on the microgrids, do we quote? Let's say per kilometre from a specific manufacturing point.
And do we differentiate between 6 metre and 12 metre containers?
That's going to be used so you going to have two different transport rates or how would you like us to propose the transport and delivery to the various sites? because obviously these units are going to be deployed all over the country and If we've got our manufacturing plant or workshop, let's say at a certain address, do we just quote per kilometre and differentiate between 6 and 12 metres containers or how would you prefer to present it to you?
- A:** The cost should be calculated as a Rand per kilometre.
- Subsequently, you must address your design transport needs. If you are utilizing a six-meter container, then you will apply the corresponding cost.
- Conversely, if you are employing a twelve-meter container, you will apply the relevant cost based on the mode of transportation required to reach a site. To make it uniform, we have opted for a Rand per kilometre.

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5. A comment concerning the Eskom standards. Interested parties may wish to obtain the complete list of Eskom's standards and specifications, which are classified as control disclosures. Accessing this information is relatively straightforward. There appears to be a nominal fee associated with this, and perhaps the program office could publish the relevant details. Additionally, in relation to accessing the SCOT index and the means by which they can obtain all pertinent ESKOM standards, it would be beneficial to identify a contact person. I believe this information would be quite advantageous for those interested in reviewing all available control disclosure standards that may be relevant to this field of work.

6. In the tender document, it is mentioned that the service provider will be expected to demonstrate capability in end-to-end delivery of solar PV microgrid system. is it necessary to provide materials to prove the delivery capability?

A: All you need to demonstrate is in relation to personnel or workforce. You have this structure in place. For instance, this illustrates your human capital.
Thus, such demonstrations are essential. There is nothing tangible that we would necessarily wish to observe. It is entirely a written submission, merely showcasing on paper that you possess the necessary capabilities. A demonstration would be the listing of relevant and applicable projects that the Tenderer has done and completed that will also serve as evidence of the capability.

7. **Q:** It's mentioned in the RFI that we need to prove how many employees that we have in South Africa. But in the case that we don't, we're not based in South Africa how can that affect us in this RFI.

A: Kindly indicate this in your submission.

Then, please proceed with providing your costing information.

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While concerns may arise regarding the duration and logistics involved, I encourage you to submit your information. However, please make it clear that you are not located in the country.

8.

Please give us as much information as you can and if you realize that we didn't ask for something and you know that it will assist us looking at the value in what you can provide. Please put that as additional information. It will really be appreciated. Thanks.

4.

Q:

I have seen the integration with Wind power as well and the standard microgrids are Solar PV microgrids. As per your requirement that we should integrate wind power as well or is that optional that we can do.

A: The requirement is for an A PV along with a battery microgrid, based on the sizes displayed on the screen. This is the primary requirement; however, if you have an option for small wind and micro wind turbines, please include that as supplementary information, as it may indeed be relevant.

4.

Q: If there's any further technical questions that's going to be raised by our suppliers, will you be able to share it via the tender bulletin in order for us to make sure we are all informed with regards to technical clarities?

A: Clarifications will be published on both the Eskom Tender Bulletin and the National Treasury site.

4.

Q: Can you kindly advise what is the outcome of the RFI. Will the bidders be shortlisted for the second stage of bidding or is it purely for the benefit of Eskom for testing of the market. Is there a benefit for us as a bidder?

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A: Please be advised that this is only an RFI and there is no prequalification.

4.

Q:

Due to a communications fault on our side, we were late in entering the non-compulsory clarification meeting held on 10 June 2025.

Please confirm if there are any recording / minutes of the meeting that could assist us with our planned submission.

A: Minutes are published on both Tender Portals, The Eskom Tender Bulletin and the National Treasury Tender Portal.

Signed as a correct record:

Chairman

Date: 23 June 2025

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