

Tender Number: T26/07/21

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT A TECHNO-ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RAIL MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN SOUTH AFRICA

Question and Answers Version 1

No.	Question	Type	Answer
1	Is the duration of the project eight (8) weeks or eight (8) months?	Technical	As per point 4 on Page 16 of the tender document, the duration of the project is eight (8) weeks. Phase one (1) to be completed in five (5) weeks and phase two (2) to be completed in three (3) weeks.
2	The RFP specifies five (5) weeks for the technical portion of the work and three (3) weeks for the techno-economic analysis giving a total of eight (8) weeks for the work. We believe that it will not be able to return a study with the specified level of detail within this period. Is the IDC amenable to extending the time frame for the study to be completed in?	Technical	Due to the urgency around this project, the IDC would need to complete this study in the shortest possible time. It is for this reason that the IDC has proposed the eight (8) weeks period and would not be in a position to extend the timelines of the project.
3	We are in strong agreement with the need for the study outlined in the RFP document from the IDC. However, given the complexity of the steel industry, would like to suggest as a first step that a desktop study of potential paths forward be investigated before proceeding to techno-economic analysis. This study would investigate a green fields, brown fields, and mixed path forward for rail manufacture and would provide background and input to a more detailed "deep dive" study that we believe is required for this analysis. A prefeasibility study of this kind would also be possible within the eight (8) week time frame.	Technical	The completion of the proposed desktop study is part of phase one (1) of the IDC's scope of work.
4	Would you consider extending the bid submission date for this proposal?	Commercial	The IDC advertised this tender for a period of three (3) weeks as opposed to the standard two (2) weeks period in order to ensure sufficient time for potential bidders to complete their bid proposals. We therefore cannot extend the closing date any further due to the urgency of the request.