



TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL

an Operating Division of **TRANSNET SOC LTD**

[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet**]

[Registration No. 1990/000900/30]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION [RFI]

Information is requested from appropriate role players with regards to proposals/approaches to reinstate the current signalling system (significantly less vulnerable to theft / vandalism) on the Coalline based on the current condition of the train authorisation system (i.e., colourlight signalling).

RFI NUMBER: HOACYS-HO-45268

ISSUE DATE: 22 February 2024

CLOSING DATE: 22 March 2024

CLOSING TIME: 10:00 AM

Note to the bidders:

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SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM

PART A

INVITATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL, A DIVISION TRANSNET SOC LTD							
BID NUMBER:	HOACYS-HO-45268	ISSUE DATE:	22 FEBRUARY 2024	CLOSING DATE:	22 MARCH 2024	CLOSING TIME:	10H00AM
DESCRIPTION	INFORMATION IS REQUESTED FROM APPROPRIATE ROLE PLAYERS WITH REGARDS TO PROPOSALS/APPROACHES TO REINSTATE THE CURRENT SIGNALLING SYSTEM (SIGNIFICANTLY LESS VULNERABLE TO THEFT / VANDALISM) ON THE COALLINE BASED ON THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE TRAIN AUTHORISATION SYSTEM (I.E. COLOURLIGHT SIGNALLING).						
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION							
RESPONDENTS ARE TO UPLOAD THEIR BID RESPONSE PROPOSALS ONTO THE TRANSNET SYSTEM AGAINST EACH BID/RFI SELECTED (please refer to section 2, paragraph 4 for a detailed process on how to upload submissions): https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net							
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO				TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			
CONTACT PERSON	Yvonne Scannell			CONTACT PERSON	Yvonne Scannell		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 315 2059			TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 315 2059		
FACSIMILE NUMBER	-			FACSIMILE NUMBER	-		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Yvonne.scannell@transnet.net			E-MAIL ADDRESS	Yvonne.scannell@transnet.net		
SUPPLIER INFORMATION							
NAME OF BIDDER							
POSTAL ADDRESS							
STREET ADDRESS							
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER			
CELLPHONE NUMBER							
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER			
E-MAIL ADDRESS							
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER							
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:			OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE	UNIQUE REGISTRATION REFERENCE NUMBER:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE B-BBEE ACT]							

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

- ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	- ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER QUESTIONAIRE BELOW]
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QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

IF THE ANSWER IS “NO” TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 1.3 BELOW.

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

1. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER’S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
- BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- IN BIDS WHERE UNINCORPORATED CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE: _____

Respondent’s Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 2: NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

1. INFORMATION REQUEST

Information is requested from interested persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as the **Respondent(s)**] to supply the aforementioned information to Transnet. Respondents are to note that no business will be awarded on this RFI. The information requested will merely be used to determine what is available in the market, and should Transnet decide to pursue this acquisition further, it will be on the basis of a totally separate RFP.

DESCRIPTION	Information is requested from appropriate role players with regards to proposals/approaches to reinstate the current signalling system (significantly less vulnerable to theft / vandalism) on the Coalline based on the current condition of the train authorisation system (i.e. colourlight signalling).
RFI ADVERT	All Transnet tenders are advertised on the National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal and the Transnet website. Should one of these media (i.e. National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal or Transnet website) not be available, respondents are advised to check on the other media for advertised tenders.
RFI DOWNLOADING	<p>This RFI may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge.</p> <p>To download RFI and Annexures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on "Tender Opportunities"; • Select "Advertised Tenders"; • In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd; <p>Once the tender has been located in the list, click on the "Tender documents" tab and process to download all uploaded documents.</p> <p>The RFI may also be downloaded from the Transnet Portal at https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net (please use Google Chrome to access Transnet link) free of charge (<i>refer to section 2, paragraph 3 below for detailed steps</i>),</p>
COMMUNICATION	<p>Any addenda to the RFI or clarifications will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Respondents are required to check the e-tender portal and Transnet website prior to finalising their RFI submissions for any changes or clarifications to the RFI.</p> <p>Transnet will not be held liable if Respondents do not receive the latest information regarding this RFI.</p>
ISSUE DATE	22 February 2024
BRIEFING SESSION	<p>Yes – Non-Compulsory teams meeting</p> <p>Respondents are required to confirm their attendance and to send their contact details including the number of representatives (where applicable) to the following address: yvonne.scannell@transnet.net</p> <p>This is to ensure that Transnet may make the necessary arrangements for the briefing session and that the Microsoft teams meeting link can be shared.</p> <p>Refer to paragraph 2 for details.</p>
CLOSING DATE	10 am on Friday 22 March 2024
	<p>Bidders must ensure that bids are uploaded timeously onto the system.</p> <p>As a general rule, if a bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.</p>

 Respondent's Signature

 Date and Company Stamp

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BID VALIDITY PERIOD	Not applicable since this is an RFI issued for information purposes only.

Any additional information or clarification will be published on the e-Tender portal and Transnet website, if necessary.

2. FORMAL BRIEFING

A non-compulsory briefing session will be conducted by means of Microsoft Teams on the **29 February 2024** at 10:00 am for a period of **± 2 hours**. The briefing session will start punctually at 10h00, and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents log in late.

Note: All respondents that want to attend the Briefing session, need to send a e-mail to Yvonne.scannell@transnet.net. Upon receipt of mail, the Microsoft teams meeting link will be shared with the respondent.

There will also be **site briefings** scheduled at the specific depots on the Coalline during the week **4 – 8 March 2024** (where site visits will also take place). Details to be communicated to potential bidders at the RFI briefing session scheduled for 29 February 2024.

- 2.1 A Certificate of Attendance set out in **Section 9** hereto must be completed and submitted with your RFI response as proof of attendance is required.
- 2.2 Respondents are required to RSVP to Yvonne.scannell@transnet.net, notifying intention to attend the non-compulsory briefing session before 08:00 am on Thursday, 29 February 2024, providing detail of email addresses, names, contact numbers and number of attendees.
- 2.3 Dependent on the number of anticipated attendees, the non-compulsory briefing session will be conducted by means of Microsoft Teams. Clarification will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Respondents are required to check the e-tender portal and Transnet website prior to the briefing session taking place.
- 2.4 Despite the briefing session being non-compulsory, Transnet nevertheless encourages all Respondents to attend. Transnet will not be held responsible if any Respondent who did not attend the non-compulsory session subsequently feels disadvantaged as a result thereof.

2.5 A Site visit/walk will take place, tenderers are to note:

- Tenderers are required to wear safety shoes, goggles, long sleeve shirts, high visibility vests and hard hats.
- Tenderers without the recommended PPE will not be allowed on the site walk.
- Tenderers and their employees, visitors, clients and customers entering Transnet Offices, Depots, Workshops and Stores will have to undergo breathalyser testing.
- All forms of firearms are prohibited on Transnet properties and premises.
- The relevant persons attending the meeting must ensure that their identity documents, passports or drivers' licences are on them for inspection at the access control gates.

3. RESPONSE SUBMISSION

Transnet has implemented a new electronic tender submission system, the e-Tender Submission Portal, in line with the overall Transnet digitalization strategy where suppliers can view advertised tenders, register their information, log their intent to respond to bids and upload their bid proposals/responses on to the system.

- The Transnet e-Tender Submission Portal can be accessed as follows:
- Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website/ Portal ([\(\(transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net\)\)](https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net)
Please use **Google Chrome** to access Transnet link/site)
- Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised tenders;
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER – for bidder to register their information (must fill in all mandatory information);
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER" - to sign in if already registered;
- Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button to submit a bid;
- Submit bid documents by uploading them into the system against each tender selected.
- No late submissions will be accepted. The bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net

4. RFI/ INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 All returnable documents listed in the expression of interest [section 5] in this RFI must be returned with your submission.
- 4.2 The person or persons signing the submission must be legally authorised by the respondent to do so.

5. B-BBEE LEVEL

Respondents are required to indicate the B-BBEE status and the categories of their enterprise in the table below:

Enterprise	Annual Turnover	Indicate what is applicable	B-BBEE status	Level
Large	>R50 Million			
QSE	>R10 Million <R50 Million			
EME	<R10 Million			

6. COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 For specific queries relating to this RFI a Clarification Request Form should be submitted onto the system and to Yvonne Scannell before **12:00 pm on 18 March 2024**, substantially in the form set out in Section 8 hereto. In the interest of fairness and transparency Transnet’s response to such a query will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website.
- 6.2 After the closing date of the RFI a Respondent may only communicate with the Prudence Nkabinde, at telephone number (011) 584 0821, email prudence.nkabinde@transnet.net on any matter relating to its RFI Proposal.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information related to this RFI is to be treated with strict confidence. In this regard Respondents are required to certify that they have acquainted themselves with the Non-Disclosure Agreement. All information related to a subsequent contract, both during and after completion thereof, will be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information related to this RFI, written approval must be obtained from Transnet.

8. STATUS OF THIS RFI AND SUBSEQUENT PROCESS

- 8.1 This RFI is not an offer to procure and Transnet is under no obligation to accept any proposals in this process.
- 8.2 As this is a Request for Information only, no business will be awarded through this process.

9. DISCLAIMERS

- 9.1 Respondents are hereby advised that Transnet is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFI and/or its receipt of submissions in response to it. In particular, please note that Transnet reserves the right and at its sole and full discretion to:
 - 9.2 utilise any information provided to it in response to this RFI to draft the scope of requirements for inclusion in an RFP;
 - 9.3 take no further action whatsoever, if it so decides
 - 9.4 withdraw from this process and the provisions of this project at any time;
 - 9.5 select the RFI participants based on Transnet's criteria;
 - 9.6 not bind itself to accept any or all of the RFI's;
 - 9.7 increase or decrease the quantities/scope as indicated in the RFI; and/or
 - 9.8 validate any information submitted by Respondents in response to this bid. This would include, but is not limited to, requesting the Respondents to provide supporting evidence. By submitting a bid, Respondents hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to Transnet to do so.
- 9.9 Kindly note that Transnet will not reimburse any Respondent for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with this submission.
- 9.10 Transnet reserves the right to eliminate or shortlist respondents based on the quality of their proposed solution(s).

10. NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

Respondents are required to self-register on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD) which has been established to centrally administer supplier information for all organs of state and facilitate the verification of certain key supplier information. Respondents must register on the CSD prior to submitting their bids. Only foreign suppliers with no local registered entity need not register on the CSD.

11. TAX COMPLIANCE

Respondents must be compliant when submitting a proposal to Transnet with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

It is a condition of this bid that the tax matters of the successful Respondents be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations. The Tax Compliance status requirements are also applicable to foreign Respondents / individuals who wish to submit bids.

Where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must be registered on the Central Supplier Database and their tax compliance status will be verified through the Central Supplier Database.

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SECTION 3: RFI SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

The availability of the rail infrastructure assets is crucial to Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) in order to ensure rail infrastructure capacity is available to achieve volume throughputs on the various rail corridors in South Africa. The importance of ensuring rail infrastructure capacity to meet customer demand is crucial on especially our export railway lines in order to generate and maximise revenue (and foreign exchange) for Transnet and the South African economy.

The Coalline has been plagued by serious incidents of theft and vandalism of the rail infrastructure system in the recent past. This has severely impacted the signalling system and necessitated the introduction of "Emergency Working" which resulted in lower volume throughput and higher risk due to the potential of human error.

TFR is therefore looking at initiatives/proposals to significantly reduce the vulnerability of the signalling system to theft and vandalism whilst also reinstating the current signalling system.

This document is a Request for Information (RFI) regarding vendors' capacity/capabilities to assess the current signalling system and generate proposals/approaches to reinstate the current signalling system i.e. colourlight signalling (significantly less vulnerable to theft / vandalism). on the Coalline.

2. BACKGROUND

Transnet Freight Rail (TFR), a Division of Transnet, is the main operator of rail freight service in South Africa. Its rail network comprises approximately 20 000 km of lines with varying axle loading, electrification, and train authorization systems.

The train authorisation system (i.e., signalling system) on the Coal line has been installed and commissioned during the early nineteen eighties. It comprises predominantly of Spoorplan Mk1B electro-mechanical interlockings with lineside colour light signalling. Track vacancy detection is achieved by track circuits and/or axle counters systems.

Over the past number of years incidents of vandalism and theft of rail infrastructure have increased significantly with the associated negative impact on volume throughput with a drastic reduction in coal exports. Coal exports peaked at around 77Mtpa in the 2017/18 financial year and had since dropped to under 50Mtpa in the 2022/23 financial year. This reduction in Coal exports is not only due to vandalism and theft, however vandalism and theft had a significant contribution to reduced volume throughput.

With a non-functional train authorisation system, a fallback system is normally introduced to enable train movements, however at a reduced throughput. Such a fallback system is hugely dependent on manual procedures being followed by employees and are therefore prone to human error.

In the short term it is therefore important to restore / reinstate the signalling system to address potential safety risks and eliminate / reduce the probability of human error with a positive impact on volume throughput.

3. KEY OBJECTIVES OF THIS RFI PROCESS

The purpose of this document is to obtain adequate information from appropriate role players with regards to proposals/approaches to reinstate the current signalling system (significantly less vulnerable to theft / vandalism) on the Coalline based on the current condition of the train authorisation system (i.e., colourlight signalling). On a high level this will entail the following:

- 3.1. Assessment / confirmation of the current condition / status of the signalling asset base (inclusive of power supply systems)
- 3.2. Assessment of target hardening measures (i.e., anti-vandalism/theft measures) that reduce the impact of theft attempts.
- 3.3. Proposal to restore / reinstate the current system (less vulnerable to vandalism & theft) in the shortest possible time with associated costs and timelines

4. SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

4.1. Assessment

The assessment must include the following:

- 4.1.1. Desktop study of current TFR signalling information and Infra data on the Coalline (indicating the impact on train control)
- 4.1.2. Technical assessment of the signalling system and associated assets e.g., protection / target hardening measures / security fencing / etc. (e.g. detailed site visits to signalling installations listed on the Priority List [Table 1 below] on the section Blackhill – Ogies - Richards Bay).

4.2. Proposal

The short-term proposal must address the following:

- 4.2.1. Maintenance/retrofit approach of existing system (Blackhill – Ogies - Richards Bay) with a short-term focus
- 4.2.2. Proposed design alterations/retrofits of existing systems (Blackhill – Ogies - Richards Bay) with a short-term focus that must have a positive impact on train control in the next 6 – 12 months.
- 4.2.3. Proposed rationalisation of signalling layouts (Blackhill - Ogies - Richards Bay) that will be implementable in the next 6 – 12 months.
- 4.2.4. Proposed target hardening measures/improvements to significantly reduce the vulnerability of the signalling system to theft and vandalism
- 4.2.5. Design criteria/cost estimates/timelines of retrofits and re-engineering of the current system to keep it functional for the next 3 to 5 years.
- 4.2.6. Priority order: The proposal must address the proposed actions in a priority order as indicated in Table 1 below. These priorities (i.e., Priority P1, P2 & P3) must be addressed and costed separately should a decision be made to postpone the initiatives linked to a lower priority item. The balance of initiatives linked to items not included in this priority list, must also be addressed separately.

Table 1: Priority List

Priority	Depot		
	Richards Bay	Vryheid	Ermelo
P1	Richards Bay North	Piet Retief	Maviristad
	Elubana	Kemp	Boschmansfontein
	Idonotha	Wildrand	Ogies
	Emakwezini - Idonotha	Iswepe	Blackhill
	Emakwezini	Panbult	
	Umunywana - Emakwezini	Ngwempisi	
	Isangoyana	Sheepmoor	
	Umunywana		
P2			Hamelfontein
			Blinkpan
			Koornfontein
			Vandyksdrif
			Pullenshope - Rietkuil A
			Meerlus
P3	Richards Bay Junction	Vryheid	Ermelo
	Richards Bay South	Moolman-Confidence	
	Enqolothi	Moolman	
	Ilangakazi	Mkondo	

4.3. Evaluation of submissions

Respondents will be evaluated according to the criteria listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Evaluation criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Information submitted		Adequacy of the information	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
<p><u>Functional capability/characteristics of contractor and experience in similar projects</u></p> <p>The respondent must submit a list of similar completed traceable projects indicating the size and complexity (and associated traceable references) that they have successfully executed over the past 10 years</p>				
<p><u>CVs of personnel</u></p> <p>The respondent must submit a comprehensive list of CVs of personnel earmarked for this project and also indicate in which signalling projects they have been involved in over the past 10 years.</p>				
<p><u>Proposal for reinstatement of the signalling</u></p> <p>Proposal for the reinstatement the signalling system on the Coalline (inclusive of target hardening initiatives to eliminate/reduce theft and vandalism)</p>				
<p><u>Project plan and timelines</u></p> <p>The project plan must indicate how the respondent will deliver the reinstatement of the signalling installations on the "Priority List" in accordance with the short-term nature of this project.</p>				

5. GENERAL RESPONDENT OBLIGATIONS

- 5.1. The Respondent(s) shall be fully responsible to Transnet for the acts and omissions of persons directly or indirectly employed by them.
- 5.2. The Respondent (s) must comply with the requirements stated in this RFI.

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

6. CONFIDENTIALITY AND COMPLIANCE

This RFI and information contained herein or provided for purposes thereof, remain the property of Transnet and may not be reproduced, sold or otherwise disposed of. All recipients of this document (whether a RFI is submitted or not) shall treat the details of this document as strictly private and confidential.

Information disclosed in this RFI is given in good faith and only for the purposes of providing sufficient information to the Respondent to enable submission of a well-informed and realistic RFI.

7. UNDERTAKINGS BY RESPONDENT

It will be accepted that the Respondent, on submitting the RFI response, has read, understood and accepted all the terms and conditions of the document. The submission of an RFI by any Respondent shall presume complete acceptance of the terms and conditions of the document. All qualifications and or exceptions should be noted in the RFI Response document.

8. COSTS TO RESPOND TO THE RFI

All Respondents wishing to submit a RFI response must be in possession of this document, the RFI. Transnet will not be responsible for or pay any expense or losses which may be incurred by any Respondent in the preparation and submission of the RFI and the costs of the RFI at all stages of the RFI process. Costs, if any, will be for each Respondent's own account.

Transnet reserves the right to invite certain Respondents to present or otherwise demonstrate their proposed solution as per their RFI, at the Respondent's own cost.

9. AUTHORITY OF SIGNATORY

- 9.1. If the RFI Respondent is a company, a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors (i.e. personally signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the Board) authorising the person who signs this RFI to do so and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement on behalf of the company, must be submitted with their RFI.
- 9.2. If the RFI Respondent is a partnership, a certified copy of the resolution of the partners (personally signed by all the partners) authorising the person who signs this RFI to do so and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement on behalf of the partnership, must be submitted with this RFI.
- 9.3. If the RFI Respondent constitutes a "one-man business", certified proof must be submitted that the person signing this RFI and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement is the sole owner of the one-man business.

10. OFFERING OF COMMISSION OR GRATUITY

If a Respondent, or any person employed by him, is found to have either directly or indirectly offered, promised or given to any person in the employ of Transnet, any commission, gratuity, gift or other consideration, Transnet shall have the right and without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have in regard to any loss or additional cost or expenses, to disqualify the RFI Respondent from further participation in this process and any other subsequent processes in this regard. The RFI Respondent will be responsible for all and any loss that Transnet may suffer as a result thereof. In addition, Transnet reserves the right to exclude such a Respondent from future business with Transnet.

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 4: TRANSNET'S RFI INFORMATION

1. ASSET BASE INFORMATION

1.1. Current (As Is) Situation

1.1.1. Current Signalling Asset Base

There are currently 92 relay interlockings (crossing places/stations) on the Coal line allocated as follow to the following Rail Network depots:

- Richards Bay: 29
- Vryheid: 27
- Ermelo: 36

Detail of the signalling asset base is provided directly hereunder.

Table 3: Richards Bay Depot signalling asset base (also refer to Figure 1)

Station	Inter-locking	Points machines	Track vacancy detection		Signals	Remote control
			Track circuits	Axle counters		
Coal Terminal	Mk1b	VAE	ML	None	Colour light	CS90
Bermwall	Mk1b	VAE	ML	None	Colour light	CS90
Richards Bay Junction	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Richards Bay South	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Richards Bay North	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Elubana	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Idondotha	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Emakwezini - Idondotha	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Emakwezini	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic, Key release points	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Umunywana - Emakwezini	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Isangoyana	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic, Key release points		Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Umunywana	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Enqolothi	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Insthamanzi	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Ilangakazi	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Ulundi	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic, Key release points	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Uloliwe	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Eqwasha - Uloliwe	Mk1b		DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Eqwasha	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Izolof	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Nhlazatshe	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Bloubank	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Komvoorhoogte - Bloubank	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Komvoorhoogte	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic, Key release points	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Engogweni	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Lenjanedrift - Engogweni	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Lenjanedrift	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic, Key release points	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Dassieshoogte	Mk1b		DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Tintasdrift	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90

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Table 4: Vryheid Depot signalling asset base (also refer to Figure 2)

Station	Inter-locking	Points machines	Track vacancy detection		Signals	Remote control
			Track circuits	Axle counters		
Vryheid East B	Mk1b	VAE DLD	ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Vryheid East A	Mk1b	Actom C1H and VAE DLD	ML	None	Colour Light	CS90
Vryheid	Mk1b	Switchmatic	ML	None	Colour Light	CS90
Sikame	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	ML	None	Colour Light	CS90
Zungwini - Sikame B	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Zungwini - Sikame A	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Mswaneni	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Zungwini	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Mqwabe	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
MQM	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Mahulumbe	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Mgojane	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Paulpietersburg	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Key release points	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Dumbe	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Hlungwane	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Commondale	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Key release points	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Confidence	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Moolman-Confidence	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Moolman	Mk1b	Actom C1H and VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Mkondo	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Piet Retief	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Kemp	Mk1b	B1 Switchmatic, VAE DLD and Actom C1H	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Wildrand	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Key release points	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Iswepe	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Panbult	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Ngwempisi	Mk1b	None	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90
Sheepmoor	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour Light	CS90

Table 5: Ermelo Depot signalling asset base (also refer to Figure 3)

Station	Inter-locking	Points machines	Track vacancy detection		Signals	Remote control
			Track circuits	Axle counters		
Maviristad	Mk1b	VAE DLD	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Overvaal	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Camden	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	DC and ML	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Ermelo	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	ML	Siemens 350U & Frauscher axle counters	Colour light	CS90
Rietvleirus - Ermelo A	Microlock	VAE DLD, Switchmatic		Frauscher axle counters	Colour light	CS90
Rietvleirus	Mk1b	VAE DLD	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Hamelfontein - Rietvleirus	Mk1b	VAE DLD	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Hamelfontein	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Webbsrus B	Mk1b	VAE DLD	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Webbsrus A	Mk1b	VAE DLD	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Halfgewonnen C	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Halfgewonnen B	Mk1b	VAE DLD	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Gelukplaas	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Broodsnyersplaas B	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Broodsnyersplaas A	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Blinkpan	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Koornfontein	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Vandyksdrif	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Kleinkoppie	Mk1b	Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Kromklip	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Boschmansfontein	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Saaiwater	Mk1b	Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Ogies - Saaiwater	Mk1b	Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Ogies	Mk1b, HR92	Switchmatic	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Ogies - Minnaar	Mk1b, HR92	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Minnaar	Mk1b	Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Minnaar - Blackhill	Mk1b	Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Blackhill	Mk1b	VAE DLD, Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90

Table 6: Ermelo Depot feeder lines signalling asset base (also refer to Figure 3)

Station	Inter-locking	Points machines	Track vacancy detection		Signals	Remote control
			Track circuits	Axle counters		
Driefontein	Mk1b	Switchmatic	Jeumont	N/A	Colour light	CS90
Pullenshope	Mk1b	Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Pullenshope - Rietkuil A	Mk1b	Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Pullenshope - Rietkuil B	Mk1b	Switchmatic	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Rietkuil	Mk1b	Switchmatic	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U and Thales axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Umcebo	Mk1b	Switchmatic	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Meerlus	Mk1b	Switchmatic	ML and Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90
Hartebeesfontein	Mk1b	Switchmatic	Jeumont	Siemens 350U axle counter	Colour light	CS90

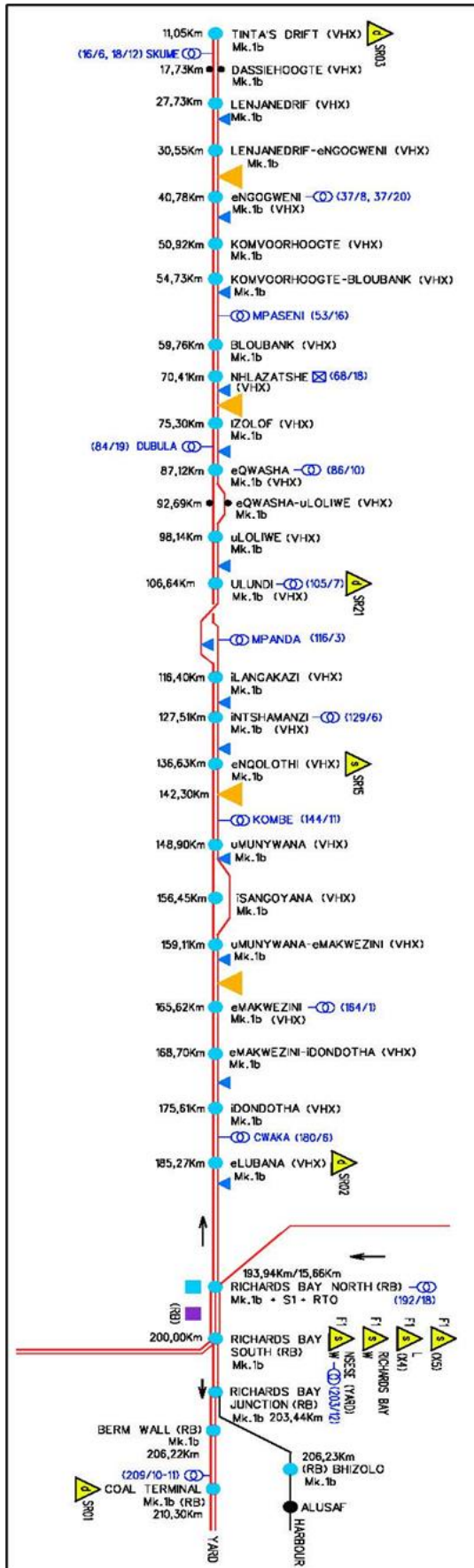


Figure 1: Richards Bay Depot geographic map

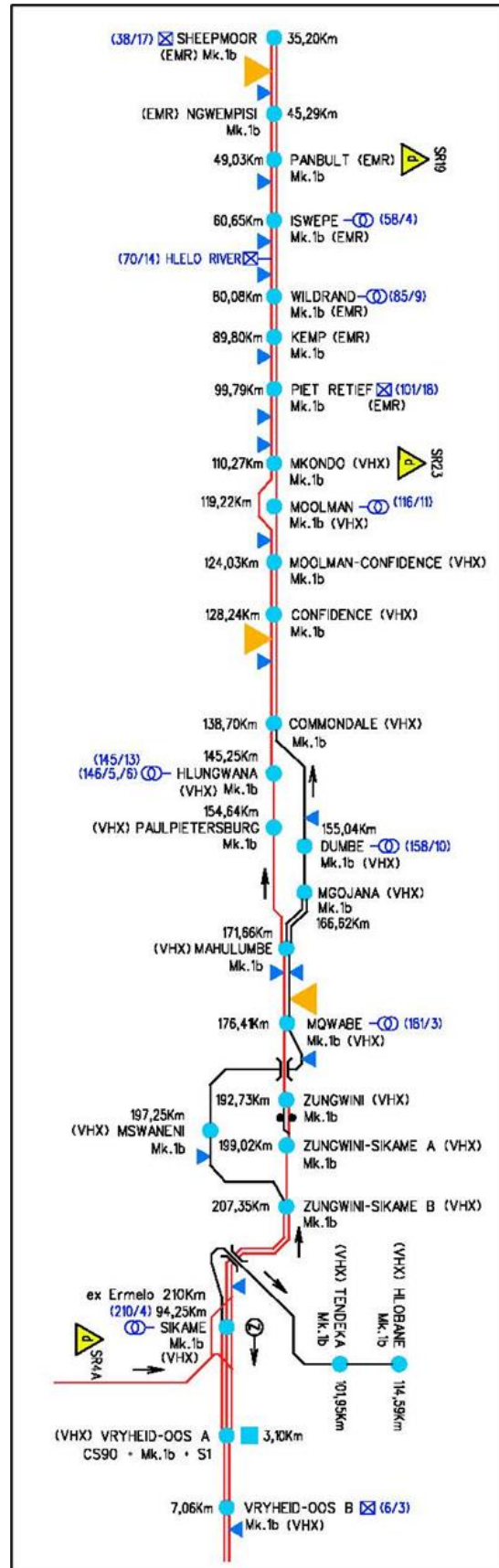


Figure 2: Vryheid Depot geographic map

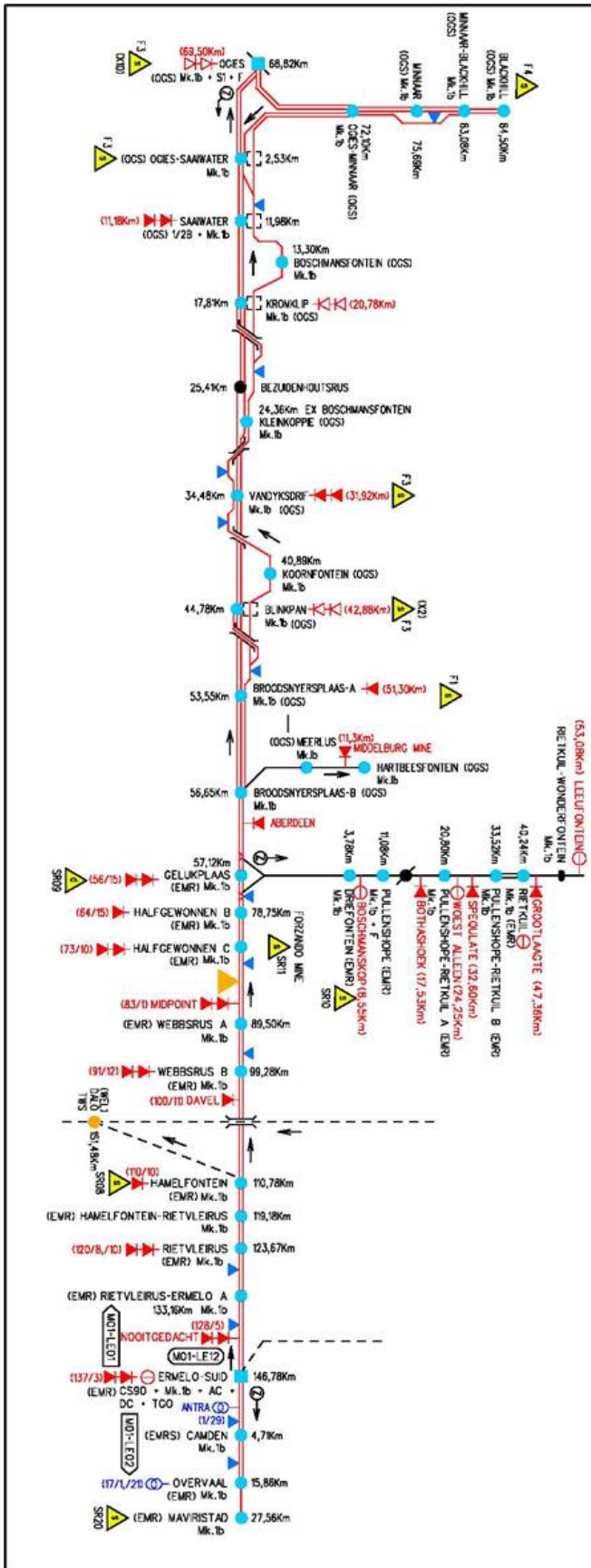


Figure 3: Ermelo Depot geographic map

1.1.2. Current Signalling Asset Condition

There are currently 92 relay interlockings (crossing places/stations) on the Coal line as indicated in Figures 1, 2 & 3 above. Thirteen (13) of these relay interlockings are completely non-functional (unavailable) and twenty-one (21) are partially available (functional).

The non-availability of signalling equipment is mainly due to theft and vandalism of trackside equipment, relay room equipment and cables. Power equipment within the relay rooms is also vulnerable to theft and vandalism as there are currently forty-five (45) relay rooms without any backup power supplies.

Table 7 below depicts the breakdown of the availability of these signalled crossing places/stations per depot.

Table 7: Availability of stations per depot (VDU warrant systems excluded)

<i>Depot</i>	<i>Total no. stations</i>	<i>Unavailable</i>	<i>Partially available</i>
<i>Richards Bay</i>	29	8	4
<i>Vryheid</i>	27	5	6
<i>Ermelo</i>	36	0	11
Total	92	13	21

Due to the high rate of theft and vandalism, 37% of the signalling stations on the North Corridor are impacted. Trackside equipment such as track circuits, axle counters, colour light signals and points machines have been vandalized. Steel apparatus cases are used to house some of the trackside equipment. Copper cables between these apparatus cases as well as cables from the relay room to the cases have been vandalized. Due to forced entry, the steel apparatus cases have also been vandalized.

Table 8, 9 & 10 below lists the stations that have been impacted by theft and vandalism.

Table 8: Richards Bay Depot

Station	Equipment typically vandalised
Richards Bay Junction	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, and relays.
Richards Bay South	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, cables, and apparatus case inserts.
Richards Bay North	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, cables, and apparatus case inserts (currently being re-instated)
Elubana	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, cables, and apparatus case inserts.
Idondotha	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, cables, and apparatus case inserts.
Emakwezini – Idondotha	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, cables, and apparatus case inserts.
Emakwezini	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, cables, and apparatus case inserts.
Umunywana-Emakwezini	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, cables, apparatus case inserts and interlocking within relay room.
Isangoyana	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, cables, apparatus case inserts and interlocking within relay room.
Umunywana	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, cables and apparatus case inserts.
Enqolothi	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, relays, and apparatus case inserts.
langakazi	Track circuits, transformers, axle counters, signals, and cables.

Table 9: Vryheid Depot

Station	Equipment typically vandalised
Vryheid	Relays and points machines
Moolman – Confidence	Cables
Moolman	Cables
Mkondo	Axle counters
Piet Retief	Axle counters
Kemp	Track circuits
Wildrand	Axle counters
Iswepe	Cables
Panbult	Cables
Ngwempisi	Cables
Sheepmoor	Relays and transformers

Table 10: Ermelo Depot

Station	Equipment typically vandalised
Maviristad	Relays
Ermelo	Cables and relays
Hamelfontein	Track circuits, relays, and transformers
Pullenshope - Rietkuil A	Cables
Meerlus	Cables
Blinkpan	Cables
Koornfontein	Cables
Vandyksdrif	Cables
Boschmansfontein	Cables
Ogies	Transformers
Blackhill	Cables, track circuits, relays, and transformers

In the event of an 11kV mains power failure, train movements are severely impacted at stations where there are no backup power supplies within the relay rooms. The backup power supply comprises of the battery banks, Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS), Power Distribution Cubicle (PDC) and transformer cubicle.

There are currently 45 stations without backup power supplies. From Table 11 below there are 32 stations without batteries, 33 that require UPSs, 7 without PDCs and 8 without transformer cubicles.

Table 11: Backup power supply situation

Depot	Stations that require batteries	Stations that require Uninterrupted Power Supply	Stations that require Power Distribution Cubicle	Stations that require Transformer cubicles
Ermelo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driefontein • Pullenshope - Riektuil B • Koornfontein • Kromklip • Boschmansfontein • Rietkuil • Pullenshope - Riektuil A • Umcebo • Hartebeesfontein • Saaiwater • Ogies • Minaar • Blackhill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meerlus • Broodsnyersplaas A • Koornfontein • Kromklip • Ogies-Saaiwater • Ogies • Minaar-Blackhill • Blackhill • Hartebeesfontein • Ermelo • Saaiwater • Ogies • Pullenshope - Riektuil A • Broodsnyersplaas A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halfgewonnen B • Halfgewonnen C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hartbeesfontein • Saaiwater
Vryheid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vryheid East B • Confidence • Dumbe • Mqwabe - Mahulumbe • Zungwini – Sikame A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vryheid Yard 		
Richards Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dassieshoogte • Lenjanedrift-Engogweni • Bloubank • Eqwasha-Uloliwe • Intshamanzi • Enqolothi • Umunywana • Isangoyana • Umunywana-Emakwezini • Emakwezini • Emakwezini-Idondotha • Idondotha • Bermwall • Elubana • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dassieshoogte • Bloubank • Eqwasha-Uloliwe • Ilangakazi • Enqolothi • Umunywana • Isangoyana • Umunywana-Emakwezini • Emakwezini • Emakwezini-Idondotha • Idondotha • Richards Bay Junction • Elubana • Lenjanedrift-Engogweni • Intshamanzi • Richards Bay North • Bermwall • Uloliwe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isangoyana • Umunywana-Emakwezini • Emakwezini • Emakwezini-Idondotha • Elubana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isangoyana • Emakwezini • Emakwezini-Idondotha • Elubana • Umunywana-Emakwezini • Umunywana

SECTION 5 : EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I/We _____

[name of company, close corporation or partnership]

of [full address] _____

carrying on business under style or title of [trading as]

represented by _____

in my capacity as _____

being duly authorised, hereby lodge an **Expression of Interest** in the provision of an out-come based solution for Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) on the Coalline

ADDRESS FOR NOTICES

Respondent to indicate its *domicilium citandi et executandi* hereunder:

Name of entity: _____

Facsimile: _____

Address: _____

NAME(s) AND ADDRESS / ADDRESSES OF DIRECTOR(S) OR MEMBER(S)

The Respondent must disclose hereunder the full name(s) and address(s) of the director(s) or members of the company or close corporation [C.C.] on whose behalf the RFI is submitted.

Registration number of company / C.C.

Registered name of company / C.C.

Full name(s) of director/member(s):	Address/Addresses:	ID Number/s:
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Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

Respondents must submit with their responses to this RFI, as a minimum requirement, all the returnable documents indicated below with a [✓]. All Sections must be signed and dated by the Respondent.

Minimum Requirements - Returnable Documents	Submitted [✓]
SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM	
SECTION 2: Notice to Respondents	
SECTION 3: RFI Scope of Requirements	
SECTION 4: Transnet’s RFI Information	
Technical Submission (i.e., Condition assessment and Technical proposals [with associated costs and timelines])	
SECTION 5: Expression of Interest	
SECTION 6: Certificate Of Acquaintance with RFI, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents	
SECTION 7: RFI CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM	
SECTION 8: SBD 4 - Bidder’s Disclosure	
SECTION 9: Certificate of attendance of non-compulsory Site Meeting / RFI Briefing	
SECTION 10: Protection of Personal Information	

CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

The Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its valid proof of B-BBEE status, for the duration of this RFI process.

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: _____

Respondent’s Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 6: CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFI, TERMS & CONDITIONS & APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

By signing these RFI documents, the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with all the conditions governing this RFI, including those contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof including but not limited to the documents stated below. Transnet SOC Ltd will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such term or condition.

1.	Transnet's Supplier Integrity Pact
2.	Non-disclosure Agreement

Should the Respondent find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in this RFI unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead, attached to its submitted proposed solution.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid to which they intend to respond on, before submitting the bid. The Bidder agrees that he/she will have no claim or cause of action based on an allegation that any aspect of this RFI was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.

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: _____

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 7: RFI CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

RFI No: HOACYS-HO-45268

Deadline for RFI clarification submissions: Before **12:00 pm on Monday, 18 March 2024**

TO: Transnet SOC Ltd
ATTENTION: Yvonne Scannell
EMAIL Yvonne.scannell@transnet.net
DATE:
FROM:

RFI Clarification No [to be inserted by Transnet]

REQUEST FOR RFI CLARIFICATION:

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SECTION 8: SBD 4 - BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1 PURPOSE OF THE FORM

- 1.1 Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.
- 1.2 Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2 Bidder's declaration

- 2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**
 - i. If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

- 2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**
 - 2.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:
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- 2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any **YES/NO**

¹ the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

Respondent's Signature

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interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

2.3.1. If so, furnish particulars:

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3 DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name)..... in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.5 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.7 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

² Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 9: CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OF NON-COMPULSORY RFI BRIEFING

It is hereby certified that –

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Representative(s) of _____ *[name of entity]*

attended the RFI briefing in respect of the proposed Services to be rendered in terms of this RFI on

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TRANSNET'S REPRESENTATIVE

RESPONDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE

DATE _____

DATE _____

EMAIL _____

NOTE:

This certificate of attendance must be filled in duplicate, one copy to be kept by Transnet and the other copy to be kept by the Respondent.

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 10: PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. The following terms shall bear the same meaning as contemplated in Section 1 of the Protection of Person information act, No.4 of 2013.(“POPIA”):

consent; data subject; electronic communication; information officer; operator; person; personal information; processing; record; Regulator; responsible party; special information; as well as any terms derived from these terms.
2. Transnet will process all information by the Respondent in terms of the requirements contemplated in Section 4(1) of the POPIA:

Accountability; Processing limitation; Purpose specification; Further processing limitation; Information quality; Openness; Security safeguards and Data subject participation.
3. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in relation to personal information that will be processed pursuant to this RFI, the Responsible party is “Transnet” and the Data subject is the “Respondent”. Transnet will process personal information only with the knowledge and authorisation of the Respondent and will treat personal information which comes to its knowledge as confidential and will not disclose it, unless so required by law or subject to the exceptions contained in the POPIA.
4. Transnet reserves all the rights afforded to it by the POPIA in the processing of any of its information as contained in this RFI and the Respondent is required to comply with all prescripts as detailed in the POPIA relating to all information concerning Transnet.
5. In responding to this bid, Transnet acknowledges that it will obtain and have access to personal information of the Respondent. Transnet agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by Respondent in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluating and subsequent award of business and in accordance with any applicable law.
6. Transnet further agrees that in submitting any information or documentation requested in this RFI, the Respondent is consenting to the further processing of their personal information for the purpose of, but not limited to, risk assessment, assurances, contract award, contract management, auditing, legal opinions/litigations, investigations (if applicable), document storage for the legislatively required period, destruction, de-identification and publishing of personal information by Transnet and/or its authorised appointed third parties.
7. Furthermore, Transnet will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal data submitted by the Respondent or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal data to any third party without the prior written consent from the Respondent. Similarly, Transnet requires the Respondent to process any personal information disclosed by Transnet in the bidding process in the same manner.
8. Transnet shall, at all times, ensure compliance with any applicable laws put in place and maintain sufficient measures, policies and systems to manage and secure against all forms of risks to any information that may be shared or accessed pursuant to this RFI (physically, through a computer or any other form of electronic communication).
9. Transnet shall notify the Respondent in writing of any unauthorised access to information, cybercrimes or suspected cybercrimes, in its knowledge and report such crimes or suspected crimes to the relevant authorities in accordance with applicable laws, after becoming aware of such crimes or suspected crime. The Respondent must

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take all necessary remedial steps to mitigate the extent of the loss or compromise of personal information and to restore the integrity of the affected personal information as quickly as is possible.

10. The Respondent may, in writing, request Transnet to confirm and/or make available any personal information in its possession in relation to the Respondent and if such personal information has been accessed by third parties and the identity thereof in terms of the POPIA. The Respondent may further request that Transnet correct (excluding critical/mandatory or evaluation information), delete, destroy, withdraw consent or object to the processing of any personal information relating to the Respondent in Transnet’s possession in terms of the provision of the POPIA and utilizing Form 2 of the POPIA Regulations.

11. In submitting any information or documentation requested in this RFI, the Respondent is hereby consenting to the processing of their personal information for the purpose of this RFI and further confirming that they are aware of their rights in terms of Section 5 of POPIA

Respondents are required to provide consent below:

YES		NO	
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12. Further, the Respondent declares that they have obtained all consents pertaining to other data subject’s personal information included in its submission and thereby indemnifying Transnet against any civil or criminal action, administrative fines or other penalty or loss that may arise as a result of the processing of any personal information that the Respondent submitted.

13. The Respondent declares that the personal information submitted for the purpose of this RFI is complete, accurate, not misleading, is up to date and may be updated where applicable.

Signature of Respondent’s authorised representative: _____

Should a Respondent have any complaints or objections to processing of its personal information, by Transnet, the Respondent can submit a complaint to the Information Regulator on <https://www.justice.gov.za/infoereg/>, click on contact us, click on complaints.IR@justice.gov.za