STELLENBOSCH LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For the appointment of Independent Power Producers to supply

Energy Output generated from one or more Solar PV Facilities

and/or

stored Energy Output delivered by one or more Battery Energy Storage Systems

TENDER NUMBER: B/SM 89/25

STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME

Briefing Note No: 5

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Briefing Note 5 is issued in terms of clause 7.6 of the Request for Proposals issued by the Stellenbosch Municipality in respect of the Stellenbosch Municipality Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (Tender number: B/SM 89/25) ("**STMIPPPP RFP**" or **"RFP"**), dated 29 March 2025.

1.2 Unless otherwise expressly stated, or the context otherwise requires, words and expressions defined in the STMIPPPP RFP shall bear the same meaning in this Briefing Note as those ascribed to them in the STMIPPPP RFP.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS BRIEFING NOTE

2.1 The purpose of this Briefing Note is to:

2.1.1 provide Bidders with responses to clarification requests received by Stellenbosch Municipality during the period 19 July 2025 to 6 August 2025 which includes clarifications raised at the Compulsory Bidders Conference ("CBC").

3. LIST OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED TOGETHER WITH THIS BRIEFING NOTE / AMENDMENTS TO THE STMIPPPP RFP

3.1 Please refer to the Table in section 4, detailing Bidder clarification requests and responses.

3.2 Annexure 1 - CBC Presentation and Attendance List.

3.3 Annexure 2 – Further information in respect of credit support.

3.4 Bidders should take note that further comments have been received on the legal agreements forming part of the RFP that requires further consideration. The responses to the comments received will be issued through Briefing Note 6.

4. RESPONSES TO CLARIFICATION REQUESTS RECEIVED BY STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY

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1.	CBC			Please explain the process of appointing the Independent Engineers	Please refer to item No. 1 in Briefing Note 3.
2.	CBC			Could you please elaborate as to whether SM will apply its own grid connection requirements (or apply for exemption from Grid Codes) or follow the published NERSA Distribution Grid Codes and associated RETEC process?	Please refer to the definition of Grid Codes in Clause 3.85 of the RFP and the definition of Codes in the PPA. Please also refer to the requirements and processes outlined in the Distribution Agreement and its associated Annexures.
3.	CBC			Is the previous Feasibility study undertaken available to the public, ... and where?	No, the feasibility study is not available to the public.
4.	CBC			Any special considerations for local content - "locally manufactured"?	The RFP and PPA do not include special considerations for local content within the Project.
5.	CBC			Please advise where we can get clarity on the "licensed area" as defined by NERSA?	The Stellenbosch Local Municipality Distribution Licence is available on the NERSA website. The licensed area of supply is included in the Distribution Licence.
6.	CBC			Grid Connection: for connection to the municipal substation, do we have a to apply with SM or Eskom for Grid Connection Cost	Neither. It is the Bidder's responsibility to cost (and include in its Price) the grid connection works. This is referred to as the Distribution Connection Works in the RFP and the PPA. Refer to Appendix 36 of the RFP for the Delivery Point Options.
7.	CBC			What is considered value for money in terms of impact on tariffs	A number of factors will be considered which includes that the Price of the Solar PV and BESS purchased through the STMIPPPP should not result in an increase in the Municipality's electricity cost.

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8.	CBC			If the previous feasibility study undertaken by SM indicated feasibility, why is there a need for a "Value for Money" assessment?	A Value for Money Assessment is typical and required for any large infrastructure procurement and must be assessed throughout the feasibility and procurement cycle. Since the completion of the feasibility study there have been changes to the Eskom Tariff Structure, which may affect expected renewable energy savings. Other input assumptions may also have changed. It is prudent and typical in public procurement to confirm validity of feasibility study assumptions.
9.	CBC			Should any misalignment/conflict exist between any of issued/published draft agreements and the RFP/PPA, which document would take precedence?	The Stellenbosch Municipality is not aware of any inconsistencies between the published draft Project Agreements and the RFP. Please notify the Municipality of any such inconsistencies through the official communication channel. The RFP governs the procurement process, and the Project Agreements govern the contractual relationship between Sellers and the Buyer.
10.	CBC			If the proposed Solar PV plant site is located approximately 5 km from the nearest substation, can you please clarify whether it is the bidder's responsibility to design, supply, and construct the electrical infrastructure (including the transmission line and associated works) required to connect the plant to the substation? Additionally, are there any specific requirements or approvals from the municipality or utility that must be considered in this regard?	It is the Bidder's responsibility to design, supply, and construct the electrical infrastructure (including the transmission line and associated works) required to connect the plant to the substation. This is referred to as the Distribution Connection Works in the RFP and the PPA.
11.	CBC			Regarding signatures, will scanned copies / electronic signatures be accepted for submission documents	Electronic signatures will be acceptable to the following extent: Where the RFP requires that a document be "signed" by or on behalf of a Bidder or any other person, that document may be signed: (a) by hand, on paper containing the document requiring signature; or (b) by means of one of the following types of electronic signatures (as defined in the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002)

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					only, namely (i) a digitised image of a handwritten signature, or (ii) a digital signature that originates with a digital certificate (albeit it need not be an advanced digital signature as defined in the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002), including a DocuSign enabled signature, applied to the document requiring signature.
12.	CBC			Where delivery is via municipal land or existing municipal servitudes or 3rd party property this creates a requirement for permission from Eskom in terms of NERSA regs. How is this "risk" dealt with.	NERSA does not issue regulations, only guidelines, rules and codes of practice. This question is not sufficiently precise for the Stellenbosch Municipality to be able to provide an answer.
13.	CBC			Have the SS connection point limits specified allowed for any land/building that may be required to achieve these connections?	There is sufficient space (indoor and/or outdoor) to accommodate the Distribution Connection Works which are outlined in Appendix 36 of the RFP for each Delivery Point Option.
14.	CBC			PV experience - why 3 x 3MW when most of the projects will be below this size? Experience at 1MW plus would be sufficient to demonstrate a capacity to deliver projects of the size envisaged.	Please refer to item No. 7 in Briefing Note 3.
15.	CBC			Is there any update to the potential credit support mechanisms from DFI's to mitigate for consequences of buyer's default?	Refer to Annexure 2 of this Briefing Note 5.
16.	CBC			is there any update on the additional guarantees please	Refer to Annexure 2 of this Briefing Note 5.
17.	CBC			Re BESS - 624 full cycles per year (is this the contracted kWh basis) / 15 year = 9360 cycles. There is no battery suppliers prepared to warranty this level. Is it expected that Inverter and BESS replacement is included to meet this cycle level	There is no minimum requirement for the number of cycles for a BESS Project. Bidders shall populate the Contracted Capacity (including end of life capacity) and Round-Trip Efficiency at each of the cycle intervals as set out in Appendix 27 - BR1 - Technical Information.

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18.	CBC			What's the required CIDB grading for this tender?	There is no required CIDB grading for this tender.
19.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 8.1.5	**Bid Guarantee:** This clause states that the municipality may call on a Bid Guarantee more than once (provided that the aggregate amount payable there under shall not exceed the maximum amount of the Bid Guarantee in question) without notice or legal process, in any of the circumstances referred to in the form of guarantee at Appendix 11 (Form of Bid Guarantee). One of the reasons given in 8.1.5.2 states that 'the bidder submits a bid response which is not a compliant bid'. **Query:** We respectfully propose that bidders be given written notice with reasons prior to the guarantee being drawn. This allows the bidder an opportunity to clarify or rectify any potential non-compliance, which may ultimately avoid unnecessary recourse to the guarantee. Such a process would ensure fairness and transparency. Further, for point 8.1.5.2- Please elaborate on what constitutes a "non-compliant bid" for the purposes of triggering the bid guarantee. As bidders will make every effort to meet submission requirements, there may still be differing interpretations. We kindly request clarity to avoid any ambiguity.	The Municipality has reserved the right, in its discretion, to call on a Bid Guarantee in circumstances where a Bid Proposal is not a Compliant Bid. Please note however that the Municipality has constitutional and statutory obligations in regard to the tender process, including duties to act rationally, reasonably, fairly and in accordance with procedural fairness requirements. The Municipality will act in accordance with those obligations in its conduct of the tender process.
20.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 8.2.6.	Appendix 1 to Appendix 9- please specify that which forms are required to be submitted by all the members of a consortium? Also, for foreign consortium members, can a scanned signed copy work (as long as they are not the lead members). Further, pls confirm that for Appendix 1, do we need to submit it for all the members separately or it needs to be in the name of the consortium only, with lead members' contact details?	Regarding Appendices 1 to 9: • Appendix 1: to be completed by the Lead Member, on behalf of the Bidder consortium. • Appendix 2: to be completed by the Lead Member, on behalf of the Bidder consortium. However, a CSD number and TCS PIN of each Member of the consortium must be submitted along with Appendix 2 • Appendix 3: must be completed once, but has to be signed by / on behalf of every consortium member

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					• Appendix 4 (MBD4): must be completed separately by each member of a Bidder consortium • Appendix 5 (MBD5): must be completed separately by each member of a Bidder consortium • Appendix 6 (MBD8): must be completed separately by each member of a Bidder consortium • Appendix 7 (MBD9): must be completed by the Lead Member, on behalf of and providing the undertakings for the consortium as a whole • Appendix 8 (MBD10): must be completed separately by each member of a Bidder consortium • Appendix 9 (COIDA): must be completed separately by each consortium Member which is subject to the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act, 1993. With regard to electronic signatures, please see the response to question 11 in this Briefing Note 5. Regarding Appendix 1, please see above.
21.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 10.2.5.3.7	Preferred Bidder Guarantee - This clause states that the municipality can draw on the preferred bidder guarantee if the municipality revokes the preferred bidder status for any reason. Kindly specify which reasons can this be as it is unfair to call on a BG firstly without any notice and secondly if the municipality itself revokes the preferred bidder status without any fault of the bidder. Further, clause 10.2.5.3.2 states that the guarantee may be called if the bidder fails to obtain grid allocation confirmation. Our understanding is that grid capacity confirmation is the responsibility of Stellenbosch Municipality or its Distributor, not the bidder. Please confirm.	See clause 10.1 of the RFP which sets out the consequences of acceptance of Preferred Bidder status. Any additional grounds on which Preferred Bidder status may be revoked, not already provided for in the RFP, will be set out in the letter of appointment as Preferred Bidder, which the Preferred Bidder will have the opportunity to review and decide whether to accept.

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					Regarding the duty to obtain grid allocation confirmation, the confirmation of capacity will be provided by the Municipality / Distributor prior to Preferred Bidder appointment. However, securing the allocation will require the Preferred Bidder to commit to the applicable terms and conditions.
22.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 11.2.3	In line with the **clause 11.2.3**, Please confirm whether a member of one consortium may join another consortium to submit a separate, non-competing project in this tender.	The scenario contemplated in the question does not appear to give rise to a contravention of clause 11.2.3 of the RFP. The key purpose of clause 11.2.3 of the RFP is to give effect to the statutory prohibition on collusive bidding.
23.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 14.2.3	If the legal opinion says that the bidder can achieve the land acquisition and land use condition within the bid timeframes but for some reasons municipality believes otherwise, does this mean the municipality can draw upon the bid guarantee?	This is notionally possible, but the Municipality has constitutional and statutory obligations in regard to the tender process, including duties to act rationally, reasonably, fairly and in accordance with procedural fairness requirements. If the Municipality has concerns regarding conclusions drawn in the Bidder's Legal Opinion, it will engage with the Bidder before taking any further action.
24.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 15.3.2.3	**EIA Legal Opinion & Reference Number** For projects eligible for registration under the Norms of Exclusion, the EIA reference number is only issued after registration, not at application stage. **Request:** Please confirm that this requirement is not applicable for such cases.	Confirmed. Clause 15.3.2.3 states that the Legal Opinion must cover "*at least the following, in relation to any applicable Key Environmental Consents which have been secured by the Bid Submission Date…*" The RFP recognises that for Key Environmental Consents not yet secured, some of the information will not yet be available.
25.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 16.2	With respect to the 'experience in equity funding', we assume that this experience can be in any capital investment and not just energy projects. Kindly confirm. Further, pls also confirm that equity raising from public market through IPO will also be considered as part of this experience?	Correct. Will be considered as experience.

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26.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 16.5.1.2.	"The funding plan must to the extent applicable provide evidence of existing funding to advance the Project, including all permitting and grid connection requirements." Please clarify what is required to be submitted as evidence.	In principle approved term sheets for both equity and debt must be submitted
27.	6 August 2025	RFP		Experience in Debt funding, equity funding, technical experience- In order to demonstrate any of these experiences, we assume international experience by any of the consortium member (meeting the bid requirements) will be acceptable, as the same has been accepted by other municipalities under similar programs, kindly confirm.	Correct. International experience will be considered.
28.	6 August 2025	RFP		Group company experience - Kindly confirm if the group company's experience will be acceptable under this tender. Pls let us know what additional documents will be required to be submitted in this case.	It is difficult to respond not knowing the exact arrangement and role of the Group in the Project. This could be acceptable if the Bidder can clearly demonstrate the role of the Group and how the Groups experience will be utilized on the Project.
29.	6 August 2025	ED Schedules	Schedule 12, 13 & Annexures of the PPA re SED	Schedule 12, Annexure B & D and schedule 13, Annexure B&D of the PPA regarding SED- Pls confirm if these forms need to be submitted at this stage?	Schedule 12 of the PPA (BESS) and Schedule 13 of the PPA (Solar PV), which includes Annexures A, B, C and D are not to be completed at bidding stage. These Annexures are included to make bidders aware of how the SED obligations for awarded projects will be recorded, scheduled, planned for and reported on.
30.	6 August 2025	ED Schedules	Schedule 13, Annexure B	Schedule 13, Annexure B – Schedule of SED Semesterly Obligations – The template/ excel given under this category is same as the template for bidder's experience. Could be an error here.	Please note that the Schedule 13, Annexure B – Schedule of SED Semesterly Obligations has been updated to reflect the correct schedule.
31.	6 August 2025	BESS	Municipal Land	For the BESS projects, it would be ideal to have the BESS facility inside the existing Substation yard (where adequate space allow for) OR right next to the substation yard. This will yield the most optimal BESS Business case for the Municipality.	Clause 14.1.1.2 of the RFP sets out the land acquisition criterion and describes the rights which a Bidder must have secured by the Bid Submission Date (which could be in the form of ownership, a lease or an option).

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				From the feedback of the Municipality Property Management, the approval process for leasing Municipal Ground will take at least 3 months (best case) to 6 months (general case). Would it be sufficient for Bidders to show their application, and all additional progress, to the Municipality Property Management by submission date, even if the Municipality has not formally approved the lease of the land to a specific bidder? Alternatively, the Municipality can provide the option to lease to the Bidders that applied for the land, and final approval will go to the appointed / preferred Bidder.	Bidders can contact Mr. A Kannemeyer - Acting Director: Corporate Services for more information in respect of Municipal Land: Alexander.Kannemeyer@stellenbosch.gov.za
32.	6 August 2025	BESS	Operating Philosophy	BESS discharge philosophy: The RFP and BESS agreement is based on 2 times 2-hour cycles on Weekdays and Saturdays. With the new Eskom tariff having the 3-hour evening Peak period, how will this be handled in terms of the BESS dispatch philosophy and BESS agreement? Will the total amount of daily cycles still result to 4 hours (2x 2-hour cycles) or will the full morning and evening peaks form part of the arbitrage cycles (resulting in 5-hours per day).	The BESS will be dispatched in accordance with Dispatch Instructions issued from the Buyer to the Seller. Dispatch Instructions may result in more, less, or exactly 2x cycles per day, so long as the Dispatch Instruction is not a Non-Compliant Dispatch Instruction. Refer to Clause 7 (Declarations and Dispatch) of the BESS PPA which sets out this approach. The 2x cycles per day on Weekdays and Saturdays (i.e. the Baseline Equivalent Number of Cycles as defined in Schedule 9 of the BESS PPA) feeds into the calculation of Minimum Energy Quantity which, in essence, ensures that the Seller receives a minimum payment each month, irrespective of how the BESS was actually dispatched. This concept, which is set out in Schedule 9 of the BESS PPA, will remain as it is, despite the change in Eskom's tariff structure. The Contracted Capacity for a BESS Project, as defined in Clause 4.2.3.15 of the RFP and Clause 1.24 of the BESS PPA, will also remain

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33.	6 August 2025	Appendix 36		New Bien Donne Substation: i. What is the planned date for commissioning and operation of the new Eskom Bien Donne 11kV substation? ii. Please confirm if the coordinates of the planned new Bien Donne Substation are correct in Appendix 36. The coordinates supplied in Appendix 36 (18° 58'54.1"E 33°50'42.7"S) does not seem like a plausible location. Refer to attached image of location. 	i. A response will be provided to this question in Briefing Note 6. ii. Please note the substation position has been amended: The substation site is located along Bien Donne Road of the R45 in the Groot Drakenstein area in the Western Cape. The site co-ordinates are Latitude 33° 51' 32.52" South and Longitude 18° 58' 29.19" East. Access to the site will be via existing roads (Bien Donne gravel road).
34.	6 August 2025			TECHNICAL AND INSTALLATION STANDARDS - General: None of the STMIPPPP project documents (RFP, PPA and IE agreement) published to date specify any technical standards, other than a non-specific list for the equipment. In light of the fact that many standards related to renewable energy and battery storage technologies are not adequately matured, it would be in the interest of the project to specify, at least minimum installation standards, to ensure safe facilities.	Please refer to the Distribution Agreement and its Annexures. Further to this, it is the responsibility of the Seller (as the owner and operator of its Facility) to ensure that its Facility complies with applicable codes, standards, and laws, and that it acts in accordance with the standards of a Reasonable and Prudent Operator.

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35.	6 August 2025			NERSA (GRID) CODES – General: A number of the NERSA Grid Codes and related approval and compliance testing requirements may not have been revised to efficiently accommodate embedded generation at municipal level. · What are the Stellenbosch Municipality specific requirements with regard to grid connection requirements, and where are they documented. · Would Stellenbosch Municipality assist the Project with exemption applications from Grid Code requirements, in cases where such exemptions are in the interest of the Project?	Please refer to Appendix 36 (Electrical Networks and Distribution Connection Works) and the Distribution Agreement, including its Annexures. Additional information regarding this question will be provided in Briefing Note 6. It is not expected that any exemptions from the Grid Codes would be required.
36.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 4.1.4	RFP – Clause 4.1.4: Kindly make a copy of this Feasibility study available to potential bidders	The feasibility study will not be made available to the public.
37.	6 August 2025	RFP	PPA	What guarantees exist around the Buyer's ability to pay the IPPs under the PPA, especially given municipal financial constraints?	Please refer to Clause 1.115 of the Solar PV PPA and the Definition of "Liquidity Support" in the BESS PPA. Liquidity support equal to three months of IPP revenue is provided.
38.	6 August 2025			Will bidders with land supplied by Eskom distribution, be considered and allowed to participate in the IPP programme.	If the question is whether it is permissible for a Bidder to secure rights to a Project Site which is owned by Eskom, we confirm that there is no prohibition against this kind of arrangement.
39.	6 August 2025			Are changes in shareholding post-award allowed without prior approval?	Further clarity will be provided in Briefing Note 6, which will address comments received on the legal agreements.
40.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 4	Would wheeling and supplying through the Eskom Network to Stellenbosch Municipality be considered?	No. Refer to Clause 4.2.3.12 of the RFP.
41.	6 August 2025	RFP	Clause 4	**Battery Specification:**	No, there is no preferred battery technology, so long as the BESS Project complies with the various technical requirements set out in the RFP such as, minimum RTE at COD (see

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				• Is there a preferred battery technology (e.g., lithium-ion, flow) and required discharge duration for the 14.8 MWh capacity?	Clause 4.2.3.16) and Contracted Capacity at COD (see Clause 4.2.3.15). Refer to the definition of Capacity in Clause 1.24 of the BESS PPA which sets out the requirement for discharge duration.
42.	6 August 2025			**Operational Requirements:** • What is the intended function of the battery (e.g., peak shaving, energy shifting, backup, or grid support)? • Who will control dispatch (municipality, IPP, or Eskom)?	At this stage, it is expected that BESS Projects will primarily provide an energy shifting function. However, this may change over time. The Buyer (i.e. the Municipality) will issue Dispatch Instructions to the Seller as set out in Clause 7 (Declarations and Dispatch) of the BESS PPA.
43.	6 August 2025			**Integration & Standards:** • Should the BESS be AC- or DC-coupled with the PV plant, and which standards (IEC/SANS/NRS) must it comply with?	BESS Projects are entirely separate to Solar PV Projects – refer to Clause 4.2.3.1 of the RFP. Therefore, coupling of a BESS Project with a Solar PV Project (AC or DC) is irrelevant. A BESS Project which is coupled with a PV Project would be considered a non-compliant bid. Refer to the response in item No. 34 above with respect to standards.
44.	6 August 2025			**Performance & Warranty:** • What performance guarantees and warranty periods are required (e.g., round-trip efficiency, degradation, lifecycle)?	Refer to: • Clause 17.2 (BESS Technical Criteria) in the RFP • Table D (Guaranteed Parameters) in Schedule 1 (Details of the Project and Facility) in the BESS PPA • Schedule 9 (Calculation of Payments) in the BESS PPA which together set out the minimum requirements, information which must be submitted by the Bidder, and the key contractual

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					mechanisms relating to performance of a BESS Project. There is no requirement for equipment or installation warranty periods in the RFP or BESS PPA.
45.				**Grid Connection** • Are bidders expected to include costs and technical arrangements for grid upgrades or connections beyond the point of common coupling	Yes. Refer to the concept of Distribution Connection Works in the RFP, Solar PV PPA and BESS PPA. Specifically, refer to Clause 4.2.3.12 and Appendix 36 (Electrical Networks and Distribution Connection Works) of the RFP.
46.				**Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Requirements** • Can the Municipality confirm whether the BESS is expected to provide grid services (e.g., peak shaving, load shifting, backup) or is it strictly for energy shifting. • Are there any minimum round-trip efficiency or technology preferences	Refer to the responses in items No. 41 and 42 above.
47.				**Tariff Structure and Escalation** • Is there a preferred tariff structure (e.g., fixed, indexed to CPI, TOU)	Please refer to Clause 16.4 of the RFP and PPAs.
48.				**Permitting and Approvals** • Can the Municipality confirm whether it will assist with obtaining key permits (e.g., SPLUMA, environmental authorisations)	Where an approval or permit is required from the Stellenbosch Municipality itself, its standard permitting procedures will apply. The Municipality has no jurisdiction in respect of permits and approvals required from other institutions.
49.				**Evaluation Criteria and Weightings**	Refer RFP sections 19 to 21

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				• Please provide a breakdown of the evaluation criteria, including technical, financial, B-BBEE, local content and socio-economic development components.	**ED**: Preference points in the bid evaluation process will be awarded in accordance with the MBD 6.1. returnable.
50.				**SPLUMA Compliance** • If required at bid stage, will a valid rezoning application suffice pending certificate issuance	Yes – see clause 14.1.1.3 of the RFP
51.				**Municipal Support and Guarantees** • Will the Municipality issue a letter of support or commitment for the offtake to enable financing? • Is there a creditworthiness enhancement mechanism or support agreement contemplated?	No letter of support to be issued; several credit enhancement mechanisms exist in the local and international markets including first loss facilities; partial risk guarantees; escrow accounts and possible insurance; not prescriptive re product type and funding entity
52.				**Job Creation and Local Content** • What are the specific expectations regarding job creation, local content, and SMME participation? • Are there prescribed targets for women, youth, or previously disadvantaged individuals?	See clause 4.2.5 of the RFP, Section 15 of the PPA, Schedule 12 of the PPA (BESS) and Schedule 13 of the PPA (Solar PV) and Definitions and Interpretation in the PPA.
53.				**B-BBEE and Ownership Structure** • Are there minimum thresholds for black ownership or local shareholding for the project SPV? • Will a majority black-owned SPV receive scoring advantage under the evaluation framework?	There are no minimum thresholds for black ownership or local shareholding for the project SPV. Preference points in the bid evaluation process will be awarded in accordance with the MBD 6.1. returnable.

5. Schedule of Briefing Notes

Briefing Note No.	Issue Date	Details of Briefing Notes
1	11 April 2025	This Briefing Note addresses Bidders' queries and clarification requests received between 29 March 2025 and 9 April 2025.
2	14 May 2025	This Briefing Note addresses Bidders' queries and clarification requests received between 10 April 2025 and 29 April 2025.
3	15 July 2025	This Briefing Note addresses Bidders' queries and clarification requests received between 30 April 2025 and 4 July 2025 and contains Appendix 18: Draft Distribution Agreement as well as comments received on the PPA together with responses and mark-ups to Appendix 15: Solar PV PPA and Appendix 16: BESS PPA.
4	31 July 2025	This Briefing Note addresses Bidders' queries and clarification requests received during 5 July 2025 and 18 July 2025.
5	14 August 2025	This Briefing Note addresses Bidders' queries and clarification requests received during 19 July 2025 and 6 August 2025 as well as clarifications received during the Compulsory Bidders Conference.