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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

Vegetation and Bush Clearing Services

Perseus – Zeus 765kV Transmission Line, Section B

Title	Detail
RFQ Reference Number	MK/PEZEB/01
Issuer	Mkhulu Electro Distribution Projects (Pty) Ltd ("Mkhulu")
Client	National Transmission Company South Africa (NTCSA)
Date of Issue	15 July 2026
Version	Rev 1 – Revised for clarity and commercial completeness
Submission Deadline	29 July 2026, 16:00 (South African time)
Submission Email	rfq@mkhulu-edp.co.za
Email Subject Line (must use exactly this)	RFQ – MK/PEZEB/01
Enquiries / Questions Email	rfq@mkhulu-edp.co.za (subject: RFQ QUERY – MK/PEZEB/01)
Site Visit/Clarification Date (if applicable)	22 July 2026
Query Cut-Off Date	24 July 2026, 12:00 — no queries will be answered after this time

1. Background

Mkhulu Electro Distribution Projects (Pty) Ltd has been awarded, through a competitive bidding process issued by NTCSA, the construction of the overhead transmission line in Perseus Zeus Section B.

The works involve the construction of a new 112 km Section B of the 765 kV single circuit overhead transmission line between Perseus Substation in the Free State Province, Tower 263 to Tower 526 near Virginia and Edenville in the Free State Province, forming part of the overall 434 km Perseus–Zeus 765 kV line.

This project is a key component of the Cape Phase 4 Strengthening Scheme, aimed at improving the stability and capacity of the national grid, while also providing a backup power transfer route (N-1 contingency) beyond 2028.



The full Perseus–Zeus line has been divided into four construction sections (A, B, C & D) and this advert covers Section B only.

2. Scope of Work/ Services required

Mkhulu Electro Distribution Projects (Pty) Ltd. requires the appointment of a bush clearing service provider for a period of two (2) months to provide pre-construction vegetation/bush clearing services and post-construction vegetation maintenance along the powerline servitude as follows:

- Clear from the centre of the power line up to the outer conductor, plus an additional 10 meters on either side.
- Clearing of tower positions:
 - 90m X 80m for self-support towers
 - 90m X 80m for guy towers
- Clearance of alien vegetation (entire servitude) along the line route
- Application of herbicides on all cut vegetation (except near rivers, streams and wetlands)

The above scope of work is to be done in line/compliance with the specifications listed below.

The services will ensure safe, efficient, and compliant construction activities while maintaining environmental standards.

The service provider must provide evidence of compliance to all applicable legislation and client requirements/specifications in line with applicable standards:

- 240-52456757-Contractor Specification for Vegetation Management Services on Eskom Networks)
- 240-70172585-Vegetation Management and Maintenance within Eskom Land, Servitudes and Rights of Way
- 240-89383921-Maintenance Strategy for Vegetation, Environmental Management Programme, Vegetation Permits, and Vegetation Clearing method statements.

These services will be for as and when required, and the opportunity may be awarded to one or more service providers, or not awarded at all, at the sole discretion of Mkhulu Electro Distribution Projects (Pty) Ltd.

A site visit to assess the scope of work and prepare an accurate cost estimate will be scheduled within five (5) days of the placement of this advertisement. This will ensure that the pricing submitted is competitive, market-related, and based on the actual site conditions.

Suppliers will be required to confirm their site visit attendance by sending an email to: rfq@mkhulu-edp.co.za within three (3) days of placement of this advertisement. The location and time of the clarification meeting will be shared with the suppliers that have confirmed



attendance.

The following will be required for the site visit:

- 4 X4 Vehicle
- PPE (safety boots and reflective vest)

The service providers are required to submit pricing for the items listed below to ensure that quotations are competitive and aligned with current market rates.

3. Pricing Schedule (Annexure 1 - to be completed by service provider)

Complete every line of the table below.

- All prices must be in South African Rand (ZAR).
- All prices must exclude VAT.
- Show prices to two decimal places (cents), for example R125.50, not R125 or R125.5.
- Do not leave any price blank. If an item does not apply to you, or you have no cost for it, write "0.00", not a blank space or a dash.

EXTRACT AS PER NTCSA'S BOQ			PERSEUS-ZEUS 765KV LINE CONSTRUCTION-SECTION B		
ACCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL
	Formula to be applied		A	B	A x B
1	BUSH CLEARING To be carried out in three phases.				
1.1	Phase 1				
1.1.1	Clear from the centre of the power line up to the outer conductor, plus an additional 10 meters on either side.	km line route	112		R -
1.1.2	Clearance around tower sites and guys (90m X 80m)	No.	261		R -
1.1.3	Clearance of alien vegetation (entire servitude) along the line route	km line route	112		R -
1.1.4	Herbicide supply and application (by Pest Control Operator) of cut vegetation	km line route	112		R -
1.1.4	Removal of cut bushes for disposal (Dependent on whether the landowner takes the cut bushes or not)	Per truck Load	1		R -
1.2	Phase 2:				



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1.2.1	Clear from the centre of the power line up to the outer conductor, plus an additional 10 meters on either side.	km line route	112		R -
1.2.2	Clearance around tower sites and guys (90m X 80m)	No.	261		R -
1.2.3	Clearance of alien vegetation (entire servitude) along the line route	km line route	112		R -
1.2.4	Herbicide supply and application (by Pest Control Operator) of cut vegetation	km line route	112		R -
1.2.4	Removal of cut bushes for disposal (Dependent on whether the landowner takes the cut bushes or not)	Per truck Load	1		R -
1.3	Phase 3:				
1.3.1	Clear from the centre of the power line up to the outer conductor, plus an additional 10 meters on either side.	km line route	112		R -
1.3.2	Clearance around tower sites and guys (90m X 80m)	No.	261		R -
1.3.3	Clearance of alien vegetation (entire servitude) along the line route	km line route	112		R -
1.3.4	Herbicide supply and application (by Pest Control Operator) of cut vegetation	km line route	112		R -
1.3.5	Removal of cut bushes for disposal (Dependent on whether the landowner takes the cut bushes or not)	Per truck Load	1		R -
C	Bush Clearing Sub total				R -
1.6	Preliminary and General:				
1.6.1	SHE File compilation, submission and maintenance	Lump Sum	1		R -
1.6.2	Medical Assessment – Entry (per employee, prior to deployment) AND Medical Assessment – Exit (per employee, on completion/exit)	Per employee	10		R -
1.6.3	Legal Appointments incl. Supervisor and SHE Representative	Months	2		R -
1.6.4	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) per employee (overalls, boots, reflective vest, hard hat)	Per employee	10		R -
1.6.5	Local transportation of Workers	Months	2		R -
1.6.6	Facilities e.g., ablution facilities for suppliers' team & provision of drinking water	Months	2		R -
D	Preliminary and General Sub-Total				R -
All quantities are estimated and will be re-measured on completion.			Formula		
			(C + D) = E	Subtotal (E)	R -
			E *0.15 = F	15% VAT (F)	R -
			E & F = G	Total Price (G)	R -

All pricing must be provided excluding VAT.



Measurement and Line Route Length:

Measurement of the above quantities will be done based on unit rate.

To note that the line route means the total length of the line to be cleared and paid as per rate; this unit rate will be applicable both to areas with minimum or no vegetation clearing needed or very dense vegetation; thus, at work competition, the full line length will have to be cleared as per specifications provided.

4. Performance Requirements

Service providers are responsible for:

- Complying with all applicable laws, including health, safety, and environmental legislation.
- Protecting existing infrastructure (for example, fences, pipelines, other cables) and other people's property while you work.
- Meeting environmental requirements, and rehabilitating (fixing) any area you disturb, if required.
- Safely disposing of, or otherwise correctly managing, all cut vegetation and waste.
- Repairing, at your own cost, any damage caused by your staff, vehicles, or equipment.
- Comply with Mkhulu representatives' instructions.

If you do not meet these requirements, Mkhulu EDP may take any of the following actions, depending on how serious the issue is:

1. A written warning describing the problem and the deadline to fix it.
2. Withholding payment for the specific work that is incomplete, defective, or non-compliant, until it is corrected.
3. Suspending your work on site until the problem is fixed.
4. Ending (terminating) your contract, for serious or repeated cases.

5. Location

At various locations along the servitude and/or in proximity of the 112km line route.

The exact access points and priority areas will be identified and communicated by Mkhulu's site management from time to time, based on project needs.

6. Duration

Submission Deadline: **29th of July 2026**
Contract Duration: **2 months**
Submission Validity: **3 months**



The duration of the contract will be 2 (two) months from the date work is instructed to start, unless extended, reduced, suspended, or terminated early.

All quotations must remain valid for three months after the submission deadline and shall be binding upon the service provider during this period.

Prices must stay fixed and firm for the full duration of the contract, unless Mkhulu agrees to a change in writing.

7. Minimum Requirements to Submit a Quotation

You must submit every document listed below. A quotation missing any of these documents may be disqualified without further notice.

7.1 Minimum Procurement Requirements

- A copy of your company registration documents (CK or COR documents from the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission).
- A recent company profile (a short document describing your company, your experience, and your team).
- A valid B-BBEE Certificate, or, if you are a small business that qualifies, a signed Sworn Affidavit instead.
- A letter from your bank confirming your company's bank account details.
- Proof of your business address (for example, a utility bill or lease agreement, no older than 3 months).
- A valid Tax Clearance Certificate (or valid Tax Compliance Status PIN) from SARS.
- A valid Letter of Good Standing from the Compensation Commissioner, or proof of registration with the Compensation Fund (Workman's Compensation).

7.2 SHEQ Requirements

- Proof of previous experience in vegetation/bush clearing work (for example, reference letters, previous purchase orders, or completion certificates).
- Proof of knowledge of local plant species relevant to this project area (for example, a staff CV, training certificate, or a written method statement).
- Pest Control Officer registered with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE).

8. Requirements For Appointed Service Provider

If your company is appointed, you must provide the following before you may start work on site:

- Medical Fitness Certificates (including Annexure 3) done by an occupational practitioner



- A police clearance dated not older than 3 months at the time of submission for all employees.
- A complete Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) File, which Mkhulu will check against legal and client requirements before you may begin work.
- Proof of your Health and Safety legal appointments (for example: your Health and Safety Representative, your appointed Supervisor, and your First Aider).
- Trained chainsaw/brush cutter operators
- A First Aid Kit on site at all times.
- A fire beater and fire extinguishers on site at all times.
- Mobile chemical toilets 1 for every 30 employees, and an additional toilet if there are ladies in the team
- Signage at the work station i.e. induction point, emergency assembly point, parking
- 210 litre wheelie waste bins (one general waste and the other hazardous waste)
- Spill kit to clean up hydrocarbon spillages
- A truck or suitable vehicle for transporting cut vegetation ('cut-offs') away from site.
- Personal Protective Equipment for every worker, including at minimum: ear muffs, shin guards, a hard hat, gloves, and coveralls.
- Pest Control Officer registered with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE).
- Completion of the bush clearing form (to be provided by Mkhulu)

Mkhulu will carry out further checks and evaluations on the appointed service provider to confirm ongoing compliance with legal and client requirements.

9. Submission Requirements

Interested service providers must submit:

- All documents listed in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 above.
- A fully completed pricing schedule (**Annexure 1**) with every line filled in.
- Resource Schedule (**Annexure 2**)
- Works Programme (**Annexure 3**) (this will include a breakdown of the various activity duration. Start and Finish dates e.g. establishment, cut trees, remove trees, apply herbicide, etc.). The work may require non-sequential movement and areas that will be prioritized due to operational requirements. The actual work location will be agreed upon with the site management.
- A Submission Checklist (**Annexure 4**)



10. Payment Terms

You will only be paid for work that has been instructed in writing (by Purchase Order or written instruction) and completed to the required standard.

To claim payment, you must submit a valid tax invoice together with supporting proof of the work done. Supporting proof may include: signed timesheets, service slips, job cards, delivery notes, or progress measurement sheets, as required by Mkhulu for that job.

Mkhulu will check and approve your invoice and supporting documents within 7 (seven) working days of receiving them. If anything is missing or incorrect, Mkhulu will tell you in writing within this period, so you can fix it and resubmit.

Once your invoice is approved, Mkhulu will pay you within 7 (seven) working days.

No payment will be made for work that is incomplete, defective, not authorised, or does not meet the required standard. If work is rejected, Mkhulu will explain in writing why, so that you can correct it.

11. Procurement Preference Criteria and Evaluation Criteria

NB: Where similar services at similar rates can be provided, the preference criteria may apply as per Mkhulu procurement procedures and policies and PPPFA guidelines.

- Procurement Preference will be given to EME and QSE Suppliers
- Procurement Preference will be given to BWO and BYO
- Procurement Preference to Local site entities

All quotations will be evaluated based on the following:

- Compliance with minimum requirements
- Completeness of the quotation (all items priced)
- Relevant experience and capability
- Pricing competitiveness
- Ability to meet project timelines and requirements

12. RFQ Response Process

Email your full quotation and all supporting documents to: rfq@mkhulu-edp.co.za

The email subject line must read exactly: **RFQ – MK/PEZEB/01**

Your quotation must be received before 16:00 on **29 July 2026**. Quotations received after this time will not be considered, even by a few minutes, and even if the delay was caused by technical problems on your side.



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Please be aware that we will not respond to queries submitted through other email addresses or by telephone. All queries must be sent via email to rfg@mkhulu-edp.co.za with the subject "RFQ QUERY – MK/PEZEB/01", before 12:00 on the 24th of July 2026. Mkhulu will issue written answers to all suppliers where the answer affects the scope or requirements of this RFQ.

For additional information that Mkhulu may publish, visit the website: www.mkhulu-edp.co.za. Any addendums, revisions, or further correspondence will be communicated through the website.

If Mkhulu does not contact you before your quotation's validity period ends, you should consider your quotation unsuccessful.

13. Contact Information

For all enquiries relating to this RFQ, email: rfg@mkhulu-edp.co.za

14. General Contract Terms

14.1 Subcontracting

Suppliers may not subcontract any part of this work to another company without Mkhulu's written permission first. If you subcontract without permission, Mkhulu may end your contract immediately.

14.2 Extension, Reduction, or Suspension

Mkhulu may extend, reduce, suspend, or change the volume of work at any time, based on project needs, budget, or performance. This will be communicated to you in writing. You will only be paid for work actually instructed and completed.

14.3 Ending the Contract

- Mkhulu may end the contract immediately, without notice, if the supplier commits a serious breach (for example: a serious safety incident caused by your negligence, fraud, dishonesty, working without a valid Purchase Order, or repeated non-compliance after being warned).
- For reasons other than a serious breach, either party may end the contract by giving the other party **14** (fourteen) calendar days written notice.
- If the contract ends for any reason, you will be paid for all correctly completed and approved work up to the date the contract ends, and for no other amount.

14.4 Confidentiality

You must keep all project information confidential, and may not share drawings, routes, schedules, or other project details with anyone outside your own company, without Mkhulu's written permission.



14.5 Anti-Bribery and Ethical Conduct

The supplier nor their employees are permitted to offer, give, or accept any bribe, gift, or improper benefit connected to this RFQ or any resulting work. Any breach of this may result in immediate termination and may be reported to the relevant authorities.

14.6 Compliance with Labour Laws

You must comply with all South African labour laws, including the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, the Labour Relations Act, and COIDA, for all of your workers on this project.

14.7 Force Majeure

Neither party will be held responsible for a delay or failure to perform caused by an event beyond their reasonable control (for example: a natural disaster, war, or a government-ordered shutdown), provided the affected party tells the other party in writing as soon as reasonably possible.

14.8 Disputes

If you disagree with a decision made by Mkhulu under this RFQ or any resulting contract, first raise it in writing with your Mkhulu site contact. If it cannot be resolved this way within 10 (ten) working days, either party may refer the matter to mediation or arbitration in South Africa before going to court.

14.9 Governing Law and Language

This RFQ and any resulting contract are governed by the laws of the Republic of South Africa. All documents, communication, and instructions will be in English

15. Additional Information and Disclaimer

Mkhulu Electro Distribution Projects (Pty) Ltd reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to award this RFQ in whole or in part, to one or more service providers, or not to award at all.

The issuance of this RFQ does not constitute a commitment to award any contract or to engage with any service provider.

Mkhulu further reserves the right to:

- Cancel or withdraw this RFQ at any time without prior notice
- Not award the lowest or any quotation received
- Request additional information, clarification, or supporting documentation from any service provider
- Negotiate with one or more service providers



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- Appoint multiple service providers where deemed necessary

Only successful service providers will be contacted. If no communication is received within the validity period, the submission should be considered unsuccessful.

Mkhulu may ask any supplier for more information, clarification, or documents at any time during evaluation.

All costs incurred by service providers in the preparation and submission of quotations shall be for their own account.

Further information, including the detailed scope of work and specifications, may be provided to shortlisted or selected service providers during the evaluation process.

By submitting a quotation, you confirm that you have satisfied yourself on all commercial, technical, operational, environmental, health & safety, legal, and site-related matters relevant to this work, and that you will not later claim you were unaware of something contained in, or reasonably to be understood from, this RFQ and its attachments.