

Supply Chain Management (SCM)

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CANCEL A TENDER

The CSIR allow cancellation of tenders under the following conditions:

- Due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the goods or services as specified in the invitation;
- Funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure;
- No acceptable tender is received; or
- There is a material irregularity in the tender process.

The cancellation notice must be published on the same platform(s) on which the original tender was published.

1	Division	Division 3
2	Cluster / Portfolio	Safety, Health, Environment and Quality
3	Requestor from Cluster / Portfolio	Prashanth Naidoo
4	Final Approver (The official that approved the request to publish the tender)	Estee Opperman
5	Estimate/Actual value of the transaction	R45 000 000.00
6	Tender No.	3720/20/02/2026 -
7	Tender Description	Supply and delivery of gases and other related consumable products to the CSIR on an "as and when" required basis for five (5) years.
8	Reasons for tender cancellation	☐ Due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the goods/services specified in the invitation. ☐ Funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure. ☒ No acceptable tender is received. ☐ There is a material irregularity in the tender process.
9	Explanation for the cancellation <i>This is mandatory and detailed reason why the tender needs to be cancelled must be provided</i>	RFP was cancelled because none of the submissions met the technical requirements of the tender.

10	Will the tender be republished?	☒ Yes ☐ No If the tender will not be reissued, how will the need be satisfied? ○ Segment the scope into distinct procurement streams: - Cylinder supply and refilling - Gas-related consumables - Bulk installations (procured separately on demand) ○ The prescribed insurance threshold will be a post-award contractual requirement. Bidders will be required to submit a current cover and commit to increasing cover prior to contract commencement. ○ A detailed Safety, Health and Environmental Plan will be required post-award within a defined timeframe.
11	Measures to be put in place to ensure that the re-issued tender is successful	Not applicable.

Compilation and Approvals

	Name	Designation	Signature	Date
SCM Practitioner	Unathi Manda	Div. Procurement Manager		22/07/2026
Approved by Final approver (Cluster/Portfolio) or delegated official. <i>If approval has been given on an evaluation report or any other document, this signature is not required.</i>	Estee Opperman	Chief Financial Officer		22/07/2026
Approved by:	Nokuthula Mguni	Senior Manager: Supply Chain	 Client: P. Manda (14.03.2026 10:08:52 GMT+2)	23/07/2026
Reason for rejection – if rejected				
Other Comments				

NOTICE OF TENDER CANCELLATION

Tender Number: 3720/20/02/2026

Tender Description: Supply and delivery of gases and other related consumable products to the CSIR on an “as and when” required basis for five (5) years.

On Wednesday, 21 January 2026, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) advertised a tender for the supply and delivery of gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years. The closing date for the tender was Friday, 06 March 2026.

This notice serves as a formal notification that the invitation for the referenced tender has been officially cancelled. The published tender is cancelled for the following reason:

- No acceptable tenders were received.

The CSIR sincerely apologises for any inconvenience caused and appreciates your understanding. We hope this will not deter you from tendering in future.

Any enquiries may be directed to tender@csir.co.za

Yours sincerely


Olwethu Fakude (Jul 23, 2026 10:06:52 GMT+2)

Nokuthula Mguni
Senior Manager: Supply Chain

15 July 2026

To whom it may concern

**RE: EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CSIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 2 JULY 2026**

Attendees:

Thulani Dlamini, Chairperson
Kaven Naidoo
Bongi Ntsoelengoe *o.b.o. Motodi Maserumule*
Justice Mampuru *o.b.o. Esmé Kennedy*
Andile Mabindisa
Esteé Opperman
Sandile Malinga
Rachel Chikwamba
Sarah Ramokhoase, Meeting Secretariat

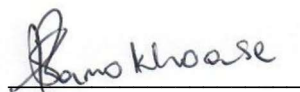
Attended by invitation:

Gregory Paulse	Bheki Mpofu	Justice Mampuru
Marelize Ackerman	Motshidisi Mathibe	Rian du Plooy
Miranda Gouws	Sabelo Dlamini	Kulani Chauke
More Manda	Nomcebo Monama	Teboho Ntsamai
Koni Rashamuse	Sandile Nene	Matthew Chetty
Carol Mtshali	Kweku Arthur	

Decision:

The request for approval of the cancellation and reissuance of a Request for Proposal for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and the rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites, on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years, with a total amount of R 45 000 000.00 (incl. VAT) budgeted for the procurement was approved by the Executive Committee at a meeting held on 2 July 2026.

The team was requested to ensure that interim supply arrangements are in place for continuity purposes.



Secretary

Document Title

Request for cancellation and Re-issuance of a Request for Proposal for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years

Author

Nomcebo Monama
GM: Supply Chain Management

Document
approved by

Estee Opperman, Chief Financial Officer

Date

02 July 2026

PURPOSE

The CSIR Executive Committee (ExCo) is requested to **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** the cancellation and reissuance of a Request for Proposal for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and the rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites, on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years. An amount of R 45 000 000.00 (incl. VAT) was budgeted for this procurement. The bid was non-responsive in that none of the bids received met the technical requirements.

BACKGROUND

CSIR Executive Committee (ExCo) approved the initiation of a procurement process for the supply and Delivery of Gases and the rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years.

Following this approval, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to the market through an open tendering process on 21 January 2026. The initial closing date for the Gas tender was scheduled for 20 February 2026; however, following requests from market participants and the issuing of an Erratum (18 February 2026), the closing date was ultimately extended to 06 March 2026. The tender was published on the National Treasury e-tender portal and CSIR website.

Five (5) bids were received by the closing date and time, namely African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd, Weldamaxhamisa Industrial Supplies (Pty) Ltd, Air Products SA (Pty) Ltd, Air Liquide (Pty) Ltd and Mulemba Distributors

EVALUATION PROCESS

Elimination Evaluation Stage

All five (5) bidders were evaluated on the elimination criteria. Four (4) bidders were disqualified for non-submission of mandatory and other essential requirements. One (1) bidder (African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd) passed this stage of the evaluation and was eligible for Functional Evaluation.

Elimination Evaluation Results

- a. Weldamaxhamisa Industrial Supplies (Pty) Ltd - Bidder was disqualified for the following reasons:
 - Bidder was given two (2) days to provide the following information as per the tender requirements:
 - Proof of Hazchem training certificate for the driver, i.e. for the transportation of the Dangerous Goods (Dangerous Goods Certificate), coupled with PDP. The bidder submitted a PDPD licence that did not correspond to the proof of Hazchem training provided.
 - Three (3) latest Audited Annual Financial Statements.
 - Transit / Goods in Transit Insurance of R2 million per load.
 - Public Liability Insurance of R100 million per event.
 - Product Liability Insurance of R100 million per claim.
 - Environmental Impairment / Pollution Liability of R100 million.
 - Professional Indemnity (If bidding for installation or specialist work) of R100 million.
- b. Air Products SA (Pty) Ltd - Bidder was disqualified for the following reasons as per the tender requirements:
 - Bidder was given two (2) days to provide the following information:
 - Transit / Goods in Transit Insurance of R2 million per load.
 - Public Liability Insurance of R100 million per event

- Product Liability Insurance of R100 million per claim.
 - Environmental Impairment / Pollution Liability of R100 million.
 - Professional Indemnity (If bidding for installation or specialist work) of R100 million.
 - Three (3) latest Audited Annual Financial Statements.
- c. Air Liquide (Pty) Ltd- Bidder was disqualified for the following reasons as per the tender requirements:
- o Bidder was given two (2) days to provide the following information:
 - Transit / Goods in Transit Insurance of R2 million per load.
 - Public Liability Insurance of R100 million per event
 - Product Liability Insurance of R100 million per claim.
 - Environmental Impairment / Pollution Liability of R100 million.
 - Professional Indemnity (If bidding for installation or specialist work) of R100 million.
 - Three (3) latest Audited Annual Financial Statements.
- d. Mulemba Distributors- Bidder was disqualified for the following reasons, per the tender requirements:
- o Bidder was given two (2) days to provide the following information:
 - Public Liability Insurance of R100 million per event
 - Product Liability Insurance of R100 million per claim
 - Environmental Impairment / Pollution Liability of R100 million
 - Professional Indemnity (If bidding for installation or specialist work) of R100 million.

Functional Evaluation Stage

Only one (1) bid met the eligibility requirements for the functional evaluation stage; however, it did not achieve the pre-determined minimum overall score of 70% and scored below 50% on individual criteria, thereby rendering the RFP non-responsive.

Technical Evaluation Results

No	Functional Factors	Weighted Score (WS)	African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd	
			Points	WS (%)
1	Technical	30	10	30
2	Quality	30	10	30
3	References	10	0	0
4	Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Policy	15	0	0
5	Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA)	15	0	0
TOTAL (%)		100	20	60

Detailed Technical Evaluation Results

No	Functional Factors	African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd
1	Technical Bidders are required to confirm compliance with specifications on each item quoted for. Bidders must indicate compliance with specifications, or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification for each item quoted for. Details of alternative functional specifications must be outlined in Annexure A1. Bidders must complete and return Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements • 100% Compliance with specifications or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification for each item quoted for =10 points • Non-compliance with any one of the specifications or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification on each item quoted for = 0 points	Bidder met requirements 100% Compliance with specifications or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification for each item quoted for. =10 Points
2.1	Quality The bidder must indicate the UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 for each gas item quoted for in Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements (Gas Requirements). • Bidder indicates 100% UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 on each gas item quoted for =10 points • Bidder did not indicate 100 % UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 on each gas item quoted for = 0 points	Bidder met requirements Bidder indicated 100% UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 on each gas item quoted for. = 10 Points
2.1	Quality The bidder must indicate the quality standard compliance on each item quoted for in Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements (Other Consumable Products) complied with. Note: The product specification quality standard includes SABS/SANS or equivalent international standards, reflecting that all safety standards have been met. • Bidder indicates 100% quality standard compliance on each item quoted for =10 points • Bidder did not indicate 100% quality standard compliance on each item quotation for = 0 points	Bidder met requirements Bidder indicates 100% quality standard compliance on each item quoted for. =10 Points
3	References The bidder must complete the Table in 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience and must provide a minimum of three (3) clients where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025.	Bidder did not meet the requirements Bidder did not provide evidence for this requirement. = 0 Points

No	Functional Factors	African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd
	Note: • If the references are unable to validate, verify or provide additional information on the projects, no points will be awarded for that particular reference. • It is the bidders' responsibility to ensure that the details provided are correct before submitting this tender and that the references will be available and be able to provide additional feedback, if necessary. • The bidder completed Table 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience and provided five (5) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025; and the references were verified. = 10 points • The bidder completed Table 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience and provided four (4) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025; and the references were verified. = 7 points • The bidder completed Table 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience and provided three (3) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025; and the references were verified. = 5 points • No submission or the bidder did not complete Table 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience or provided less than three (3) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025, or the references could not be verified. = 0 points	
4	Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Policy The bidder must submit the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority and the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7. • Bidder submitted the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority and the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7 = 10 Points • Bidder did not submit the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority, and the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7 = 0 Points	Bidder did not meet the requirements Bidder submitted the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority. Bidder did not submit the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7. = 0 Points
5	Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA) The bidder must provide the methodology used for the	Bidder did not meet the requirements Bidder did not provide the methodology for the risk assessment together with the

No	Functional Factors	African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd
	risk assessment together with the BRA. The methodology must include Identification, assessment and management of OHS risks, gases bidding for, movement of trucks, decanting, and a response plan to emergencies related to the scope of work • Bidder submitted methodology used for the risk assessment together with the BRA, and the methodology includes Identification, assessment and management of OHS risks, gases bidding for, movement trucks, decanting, and a response plan to emergencies related to the scope of work. = 10 Points • Bidder did not provide the methodology for the risk assessment together with the BRA, or the methodology submitted does not include Identification or assessment and management of OHS risks or gases bided for or movement of trucks or decanting or a response plan to emergencies or is not related to the scope of work. = 0 Points	BRA, or the methodology submitted does not include Identification or assessment and management of OHS risks or gases bided for or movement of trucks or decanting or a response plan to emergencies or is not related to the scope of work. = 0 Points

CONCLUSION

The only bid that was eligible for functional evaluation criteria was evaluated, and the bid did not achieve the predetermined minimum point of 50% threshold on each of the individual criteria, nor a predetermined minimum threshold of 70% on the overall 100%, thereby rendering the bid non-responsive.

LESSONS LEARNED AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Lessons learned:

- The consolidation of multiple service components (cylinder supply, bulk installations, consumables, and infrastructure) into a single tender reduced market responsiveness and made it difficult for bidders to provide complete and compliant submissions.
- The prescribed insurance thresholds (e.g., R100 million) exceeded typical market coverage levels, resulting in multiple non-compliant bids despite bidders having adequate operational capability.
- Requiring detailed SHE plans at the bidding stage was impractical, as such detailed plans are typically developed after contract award, when project-specific requirements are known.

Corrective Actions:

- Segment the scope into distinct procurement streams:
 - Cylinder supply and refilling services;
 - Gas-related consumables and/or accessories; and
 - Bulk installations and infrastructure (procured separately, as and when required).

- The prescribed insurance threshold will be a post-award contractual requirement. Bidders will be required to submit a current cover and commit to increasing cover prior to contract commencement.
- A detailed Safety, Health and Environmental Plan will be required post-award within a defined timeframe.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the CSIR Executive Committee (ExCo) **CONSIDERS** and **APPROVES** the cancellation and reissuance of a Request for Proposal for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and the rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years

Requested by:



Nomcebo Monama
GM: Supply Chain Management

29/06/2026

Date

Recommended and submitted to ExCo by:



Estee Opperman
Chief Financial Officer

29/06/2026

Date

EXCO Memo - Supply and Delivery of Gas

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EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years.

Request for Proposals (RFP)No. 3720/20/02/2026

To: Estee Opperman
Chief Financial Officer

From: **Supplier Selection Committee (SSC)**

Thenzie Stewart (Chairperson), Ashton Swartbooi, Sebastian Brown, Prashanth Naidoo, Sandy Majatladi, Carien van Stade, Khaya Lingani, Tebatjo Maja, Oscar Sono, Unathi Manda, Pieter De Koker, Sandy Majatladi

Procurement Steering Committee

Chris Serfontein (PSC Chairperson), Simon Sioto Maabe (PSC Co-Chairperson), Sinethemba Sidzatane, Letho Dlamini, Lerato Tshabalala, Masopha Moshoeshoe

Date: 26 June 2026

REQUEST

The Chief Financial Officer is requested to **CONSIDER** and further **RECOMMEND** to the CSIR Executive Committee (ExCo) the request for the cancellation and reissuance of a Request for Proposal for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years with a budgeted value of R 45 000 000.00 inclusive of VAT. The bid was non-responsive in that none of the bids received met the technical requirements.

Additionally, the re-issuance of a revised RFP will be structured to enhance market responsiveness and competitiveness, through:

- Segmentation of scope into distinct procurement events, namely:
 - Cylinder supply and refilling services
 - Gas-related consumables and accessories
 - Bulk tank installations and infrastructure (to be procured on an as-and-when-required basis through separate processes)

BACKGROUND AND BUSINESS NEED

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to the market via an open tendering process on 21 January 2026, with an initial closing date of 20 February 2026. An erratum was issued on 18 February 2026, extending the closing date to 06 March 2026, which allowed bidders sufficient time to respond to the tender.

The Supplier Selection Committee (SSC) received five (5) proposals from the market by the closing date and time and conducted tender evaluations. This report provides a detailed account of the evaluation process as outlined in the RFP document, RFP number 3720/20/02/2026.

TENDER PROCESS

The RFP was published on the National Treasury e-Tender Portal and the CSIR website.

Key tender dates:

Description	Date
RFP Issue Date	Wednesday, 21 January 2026
Compulsory Briefing Session	Wednesday, 28 January 2026
Compulsory Onsite briefing session	Thursday, 29 January 2026
Date for submission of enquiries/ clarifications	Monday, 02 February 2026 at 16:30
Erratum Issue Date	Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Description	Date
Initial RFP Closing Date	Friday, 20 February 2026 at 16:30
Final RFP Closing Date	Friday, 06 March 2026 at 16:30
Bid Validity Period	180 calendar days from the closing date of the RFP, which will be on Wednesday, 02 September 2026.

EVALUATIONS COMMITTEES

Supplier Selection Committee (SSC)

The SSC members below were involved in the evaluation process:

Name	Cluster / Portfolio	Role
Thenzie Stewart	Financial Systems Manager	SSC Chairperson
Prashanth Naidoo	Manager: SHEQ	SSC Member
Khaya Lingani	Engineer: CSIR Equipment & Machinery	SSC Member
Klaus Muller	Business Development Manager	SSC Member
Sandy Majatladi	Principal Project Manager	SSC Member
Tebatjo Maja	Chef de Cuisine	SSC Member
Ashton Swartbooi	Senior Tech/Eng/KA	SSC Member
Oscar Sono	Project Manager	SSC Member
Carien van Stade	Finance Manager: Budget & Portfolio Support	SSC Member
Unathi Manda	Div. Procurement Manager	SSC Member

*None of the above SSC members from the table declared any conflict of interest.

Procurement Steering Committee (PSC)

The PSC members signed the declaration of interest form, and no member has declared a conflict of interest. The committee is responsible for assessing the evaluation report prepared by the SSC in line with the RFP requirements and, when satisfied with the process followed, recommend for support and further recommendation by the Chief Financial Officer

The PSC members considered the matter:

Name	Cluster / Portfolio	Role
Simon Sioto Maabe	Operations Manager	PSC Co-Chairperson
Sinethemba Sidzatane	CA Facilities Manager	PSC Member
Masopha Moshoeshoe	Group Manager: SHEQ	PSC Member
Lerato Tshabalala	Research Group Leader	PSC Member
Letho Dlamini	Compliance and Reporting Manager	PSC Member

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

On 9 March 2026, an email was submitted to ICT requesting the execution of a Message Trace Report, which was subsequently completed by ICT on 10 March 2026. The report showed that all email submissions were received in the tender mailbox.

Five (5) bids were received by the closing date and time via the CSIR tender mailbox, tender@csir.co.za

List of all proposals received by the closing date and time

No.	Bidder Name	Date and Time Proposal Received
1	African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd	Thursday, 05 March 2026 at 11:52
2	Weldamaxhamisa Industrial Supplies (Pty) Ltd	Friday, 06 March 2026 at 13:25
3	Air Products SA (Pty) Ltd	Friday, 06 March 2026 at 10:38
4	Air Liquide (Pty) Ltd	Friday, 06 March 2026 at 12:21
5	Mulemba Distributors	Friday, 06 March 2026 at 1:11

BID EVALUATION PROCESS

Elimination Evaluation (Phase 1)

Bidders were eliminated for the following reasons:

- Bidders who submitted late bids were not considered.
- Bidders that submitted to the incorrect location or email address were not considered (Only electronic submission to tender@csir.co.za would be considered).
- Proposals submitted via cloud solutions such as WeTransfer, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc., were not considered.
- Bidders that are listed on the NT database of restricted suppliers were not considered.
- Bidders that are registered on the NT Register of Tender Defaulters were not considered.
- Bidders who failed to attend the compulsory online MS Teams session were not considered.
- Bidders that failed to attend the compulsory site visit were not considered.
- Bidder that did not submit any one of the mandatory returnable documents listed in Annexure E: Proposal Form and List of Returnable Documents were not considered:
 - Annexure C: Pricing Schedule
 - Completed Annexure A1: Product Technical Requirements; failure to complete the technical specifications as indicated will result in a bid being non-responsive
 - In the case of Joint Ventures, the bidder must submit a copy of the signed Joint Venture Agreement. (The Joint Venture Agreement must be signed by all parties.)

- In the case of subcontracting arrangements, the bidder must submit a copy of the signed subcontracting agreement. (If the agreement is not fully signed by both parties by the closing date and time, and where the subcontracting agreement has not been finalised, the bidder must submit a signed letter of intent or preliminary agreement, and a signed subcontracting agreement will be submitted within seven (7) days upon request.)

Other Essential Returnable Documents

According to the Other Essential Returnable Documents clause in the RFP, *"Failure to provide other essential Returnable Documents may result in a Respondent's disqualification. Bidders are therefore urged to ensure that all these documents are returned with their Proposals. However, if the bidder indicated YES in the SUBMITTED column and the documents are not submitted, then the bidder may be given two (2) days to provide the missing information."*

Compulsory briefing session online (Microsoft Teams) and Compulsory physical site visit Results

Fifteen (15) bidders attended the Compulsory briefing session online (Microsoft Teams) on 28 January 2026, and fifteen (15) bidders attended the Compulsory physical site visit on 29 January 2026. All bidders that submitted proposals by the closing date and time attended both the Compulsory briefing session online (Microsoft Teams) and the Compulsory physical site visit.

Restricted suppliers, Tender defaulters and other mandatory administrative requirements checks.

No.	Supplier name	NT Restricted Supplier (Y/N)	Supplier on NT Register of Tender Defaulter (Y/N)	Bidder met all elimination criteria	Eliminated (Y/N)	Elimination reason*
1	African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd	N	N	Y	N	Bidder met all requirements
2	Weldamaxhamisa Industrial Supplies (Pty) Ltd	N	N	N	Y	The bidder was disqualified. The bidder was given an additional two (2) days, and the bidder did not submit the following Other Essential Returnable Documents: - o Proof of Hazchem training certificate for the driver, i.e. for the transportation of the Dangerous Goods (Dangerous Goods Certificate), coupled with PDP. - o Three (3) latest Audited Annual Financial Statements. - o Transit / Goods in Transit Insurance of R2 million per load. - o Public Liability Insurance of R100 million per event. - o Product Liability Insurance of R100 million per claim. - o Environmental Impairment / Pollution Liability of R100 million. - o Professional Indemnity (If bidding for installation or specialist work) of R100 million.
3	Air Products SA (Pty) Ltd	N	N	N	Y	The bidder was disqualified. The bidder was given an additional two (2) days, and the bidder did not submit the following Other Essential Returnable Documents: - o Transit / Goods in Transit Insurance of R2 million per load. - o Public Liability Insurance of R100 million per event - o Product Liability Insurance of R100 million per claim. - o Environmental Impairment / Pollution Liability of R100 million. - o Professional Indemnity (If bidding for installation or specialist work) of R100 million. - o Three (3) latest Audited Annual Financial Statements.
4	Air Liquide (Pty) Ltd	N	N	N	Y	The bidder was disqualified. The bidder was given an additional two (2) days, and the bidder did not submit the following Other Essential Returnable Documents: - o Proof that the vehicle to be used for the transportation of the gas must comply with the NRT Act, 93 of 1996 (compliance certificate to be supplied or permit to be provided, e.g COF, Dangerous goods permit, Emergency information panel, Dangerous goods signage. - o Proof of Hazchem training certificate for the driver, i.e. for the

						transportation of the Dangerous Goods (Dangerous Goods Certificate), coupled with the PDP. Three (3) latest Audited Annual Financial Statements A valid letter of good standing with the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA). Transit / Goods in Transit Insurance of R2 million per load. Public Liability Insurance of R100 million per event. Product Liability Insurance of R100 million per claim. Environmental Impairment / Pollution Liability of R100 million. Professional Indemnity (If bidding for installation or specialist work) of R100 million.
5	Mulamba Distributors	N	N	N	Y	The bidder was disqualified. The bidder was given an additional two (2) days, and the bidder did not submit the following Other Essential Returnable Documents: Public Liability Insurance of R100 million per event Product Liability Insurance of R100 million per claim Environmental Impairment / Pollution Liability of R100 million Professional Indemnity (If bidding for installation or specialist work) of R100 million.

Only one (1) bid from the five (5) bids received met all the elimination, mandatory and other essential requirements and was considered for the technical evaluation criteria, which is the next phase of evaluation.

Results of the technical evaluation

Proposals with functionality / technical points of less than the pre-determined minimum overall percentage of 70% and less than 50% on each of the individual criteria were eliminated from further evaluation.

No	Functional Factors	Weighted Score (WS)	African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd	
			Points	WS (%)
1	Technical	30	10	30
2	Quality	30	10	30
3	References	10	0	0
4	Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Policy	15	0	0
5	Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA)	15	0	0
TOTAL (%)		100		60

The only bid that was eligible for functional evaluation criteria was evaluated, and the bid did not achieve the predetermined minimum point of 50% threshold on each of the individual criteria, nor a predetermined minimum threshold of 70% on the overall 100%.

No bids qualified to be evaluated on price and preference points.

Detailed technical evaluation results

No	Functional Factors	African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd
1	Technical Bidders are required to confirm compliance with specifications on each item quoted for. Bidders must indicate compliance with specifications, or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification for each item quoted for. Details of alternative functional specifications must be outlined in Annexure A1. Bidders must complete and return Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements • 100% Compliance with specifications or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification for each item quoted for =10 points • Non-compliance with any one of the specifications or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification on each item quoted for = 0 points	Bidder met requirements 100% Compliance with specifications or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification for each item quoted for. = 10 Points
2.1	Quality The bidder must indicate the UN Number in line with the UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 for each gas item quoted for in Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements (Gas Requirements). • Bidder indicates 100% UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 on each gas item quoted for =10 points • Bidder did not indicate 100 % UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 on each gas item quoted for = 0 points	Bidder met requirements Bidder indicated 100% UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 on each gas item quoted for – 10 Points
2.1	Quality The bidder must indicate the quality standard compliance on each item quoted for in Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements (Other Consumable Products) complied with. Note: The product specification quality standard includes SABS/SANS or equivalent international standards, reflecting that all safety standards have been met. • Bidder indicates 100% quality standard compliance on each item quoted for =10 points • Bidder did not indicate 100% quality standard compliance on each item quoted for = 0 points	Bidder met requirements Bidder indicates 100% quality standard compliance on each item quoted for. – 10 Points
3	References The bidder must complete the Table in 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience and must provide a minimum of three (3) clients where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025. Note: • If the references are unable to validate, verify or provide additional information on the projects, no points will be awarded for that particular reference. • It is the bidders' responsibility to ensure that the details provided are correct before submitting this tender and that the references will be available and be able to provide additional feedback, if necessary. • The bidder completed Table 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience and provided five (5) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025; and the references were verified. = 10 points • The bidder completed Table 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience and provided four (4) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025; and the references were verified. = 7 points • The bidder completed Table 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience and provided three (3) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025; and the references were verified. = 5 points • No submission or the bidder did not complete Table 4.10 Bidder's Past Experience or provided less than three (3) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025, or the references could not be verified. = 0 points	Bidder did not meet the requirements Bidder did not provide evidence for this requirement. = 0 Points
4	Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Policy The bidder must submit the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority and the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7. • Bidder submitted the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority and the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7 = 10 Points	Bidder did not meet the requirements Bidder submitted the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority.

No	Functional Factors	African Oxygen (Pty) Ltd
	• Bidder did not submit the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority and the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7 = 0 Points	Bidder did not submit the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7. = 0 Points
5	Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA) The bidder must provide the methodology used for the risk assessment together with the BRA. The methodology must include Identification, assessment and management of OHS risks, gases bidding for, movement of trucks, decanting, and a response plan to emergencies related to the scope of work • Bidder submitted methodology used for the risk assessment together with the BRA, and the methodology includes Identification, assessment and management of OHS risks, gases bidding for, movement trucks, decanting, and a response plan to emergencies related to the scope of work. = 10 Points • Bidder did not provide the methodology for the risk assessment together with the BRA, or the methodology submitted does not include Identification or assessment and management of OHS risks or gases bided for or movement of trucks or decanting or a response plan to emergencies or is not related to the scope of work. = 0 Points	Bidder did not meet the requirements Bidder did not provide the methodology for the risk assessment together with the BRA. = 0 Points

CONCLUSION

The only bid that was eligible for functional evaluation criteria was evaluated, and the bid did not achieve the predetermined minimum point of 50% threshold on each of the individual criteria, nor a predetermined minimum threshold of 70% on the overall 100%, thereby rendering the bid non-responsive.

LESSONS LEARNED AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Lessons learned:

- The consolidation of multiple service components (cylinder supply, bulk installations, consumables, and infrastructure) into a single tender reduced market responsiveness and made it difficult for bidders to provide complete and compliant submissions.
- The prescribed insurance thresholds (e.g., R100 million) exceeded typical market coverage levels, resulting in multiple non-compliant bids despite bidders having adequate operational capability.
- Requiring detailed SHE plans at the bidding stage was impractical, as such plans are typically developed after contract award, when project-specific requirements are known.

Corrective Action:

- Segment the scope into distinct procurement streams:
 - Cylinder supply and refilling
 - Gas-related consumables
 - Bulk installations (procured separately on demand)
- The prescribed insurance threshold will be a post-award contractual requirement. Bidders will be required to submit a current cover and commit to increasing cover prior to contract commencement.
- A detailed Safety, Health and Environmental Plan will be required post-award within a defined timeframe.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Chief Financial Officer CONSIDERS and further RECOMMEND to the CSIR Executive Committee (ExCo) the request for the cancellation. The bid was non-responsive in that none of the bids received met the technical requirements.

The PSC further request the reissuance of a Request for Proposal for: the Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years with a budgeted value of R 45 000 000.00 inclusive of VAT.

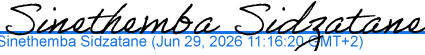
the re-issuance of a revised RFP, to be structured to enhance market responsiveness and competitiveness, through:

- Segmentation of scope into distinct procurement events, namely:
 - Cylinder supply and refilling services
 - Gas-related consumables and accessories
 - Bulk tank installations and infrastructure (to be procured on an as-and-when-required basis through separate processes)

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APPROVAL

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Comments (optional):



Date: 30/06/2026

Estee Opperman

Chief Financial Officer

Final approver sign off must be in line with the CSIR's Approval framework.

Signing of Contracts of Suppliers and/or award of business	Board	CEO	EXCO	CFO	Exco Member/Group Executive	Executive Cluster/Group Manager	Input Area Research Centre Manager	Group Manager: Procurement	Senior Department Official
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More than R10m and up to R30m		D	A		A	R			
More than R3m and up to R10m					D	A	R		
More than R300k and up to R3m						D	A		R
From R30k and up to R300k							D		R

R-Recommender- the persons who initiates or drive the process;

A-Approver-the persons who agree with or approves the recommendation;

P- Perform- the person who carries out the decision once it has been made;

I-input- the person who must be consulted on the recommendation before a decision is made. **D**- Decide-the person has final authority, and who can commit the organisation to action.

Note 1: Any person who has been authorised to execute any legal documents, including deeds, leases, patents, copyrights, assignment, contracts, application, financial instruments, and external submissions to or on behalf of the CSIR may only do so with prior advice or sign-off of the legal service department.

Note 2: Unless otherwise stipulated in the CSIR Approval Framework, the authority to execute a contract or other binding carries with it the same authority to cancel or modify it (within the prescripts of the law or any National Treasury Regulations).

Note 3: Approval limits are per transactions/contract value.

Note 4: The authority to execute a contract or other binding document, carries with it the obligation that payment will follow, thereby understanding that an authorised payment will be made once proof of receipt has been obtained. No person is authorised to obligate the CSIR to an amount greater than such payment or create more onerous obligations than those contained in the contract or binding document. Increases in the original scope of work or services of the binding document must be supported by properly authorised amendment.

Note 5: The Procurement Framework and other Procurement Procedures stipulate the process to be followed for properly authorised amendments. All requests for approvals for amendments (i.e. scope, value or period) must be done in collaboration with SPU. No employee, even with delegation to sign and/or award the contract, may effect an amendment without prior written approval by the relevant internal or external authority.

Note 6: Contract award delegations carry with them the authority to issue letters of intent, letters of award, letters of regret (where necessary) and signing of the final contract.

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