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Mine Health and Safety Council

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To: Prospective Bidders – MHSC 022/2026-27: Appointment of a service provider to undertake research project CoE 240604 “investigate the reduction of the Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS) exposure risk associated with the use of backfill in underground gold mines for support”.

Clarifying Questions and Answers: 31 July 2026

1. PURPOSE

To provide prospective bidders with answers in response to questions raised by email for the “Appointment of a service provider to undertake research project CoE 240604 “investigate the reduction of the Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS) exposure risk associated with the use of backfill in underground gold mines for support”. MHSC 022/2026-27.

2. BACKGROUND

The Mine Health and Safety Council (MHSC) has issued Bid MHSC 022/2026-27 for appointment of a service provider to undertake research project CoE 240604 “investigate the reduction of the Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS) exposure risk associated with the use of backfill in underground gold mines for support.

3. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following answers address the questions asked during the non-compulsory briefing session.

The table below consolidates the post-briefing queries and MHSC’s corresponding responses.

Summary of Questions with Answers:

NO#	Error	Responses
1	<u>CRITERIA 3: TEAM MEMBER EXPERIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL</u> There was an error on criteria 3 of the functionality evaluation. It was mentioned that bidders will score 0 points for submitting CV with less than 5 years' experience	The correct value is as follows: Less than 10 years' experience or no CV attached = 0 points. (Please see attached addendums).

All other terms and conditions of the tender document remain unchanged. Bidders are requested to take this addendum to take this addendum into account when preparing their bids.

4. ISSUED BY:

MHSC Supply Chain Management

5. ENQUIRIES:

All further questions must be submitted in writing to the address stipulated in the bid by the deadline indicated therein. Responses (if any) will be circulated to all prospective bidders.