# thugela

SAP Ariba: How-to-Guide

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## **Logging into SAP Ariba**

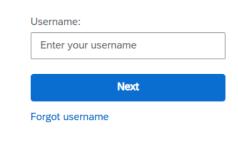
- Go to: https://supplier.ariba.com
- Enter your username and password

## **Troubleshooting:**

- Forgot password? Click on "Forgot Password" to reset.
- Ensure pop-up blockers are disabled for Ariba in your browser.



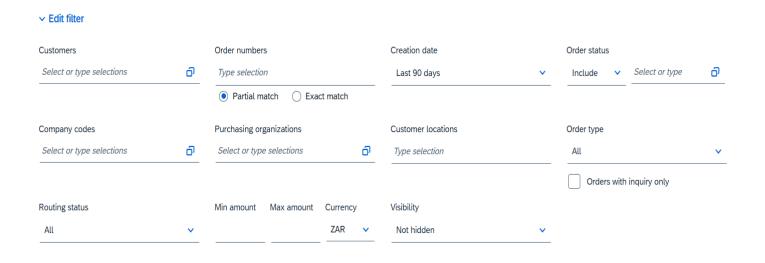
Account sign in





## **Searching for a Purchase Order (PO)**

- Go to "Orders" → "Purchase Orders"
- Use filters (PO number, buyer name, date range) to find a specific PO.



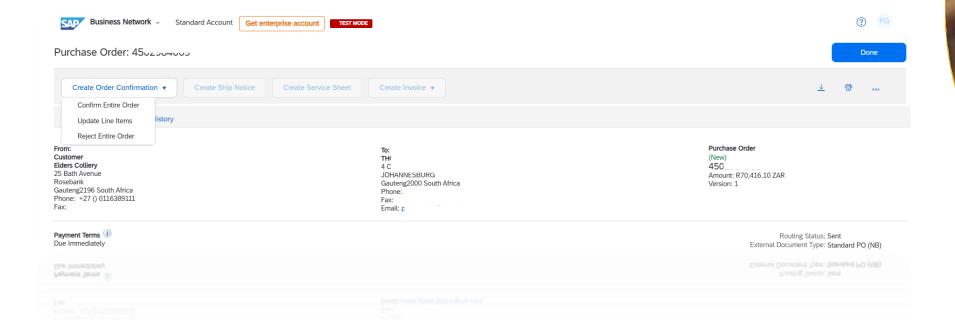


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## **Confirm a Purchase Order (PO)**

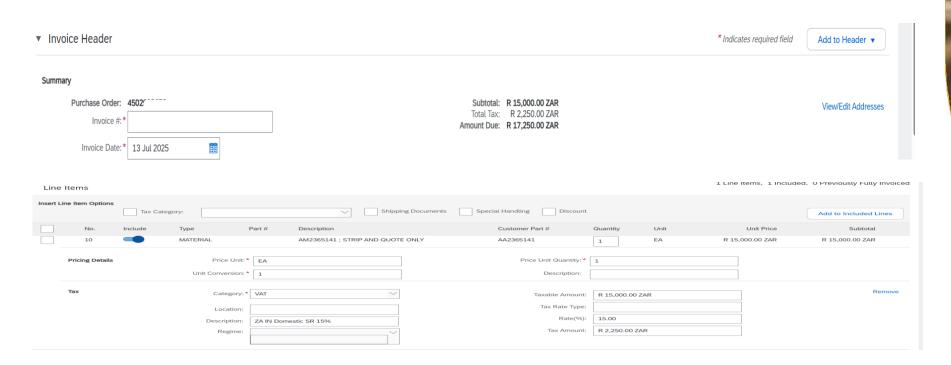
- Open the PO > Click create order Confirmation
- Choose:
  - ☐ Confirm Entire Order
  - ☐ *Update Line Items*
  - ☐ Reject Entire Order (If not accepting)





## **Creating an Invoice**

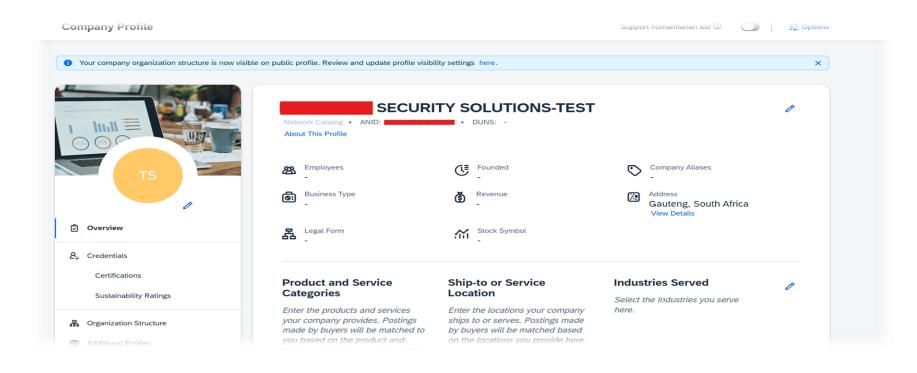
- 1. Open the related PO.
- 2. Click "Create Invoice" → "Standard Invoice".
- 3. Enter invoice number, date, tax, and line-item details.
- 4. Click Submit.





## **Updating Company Profile**

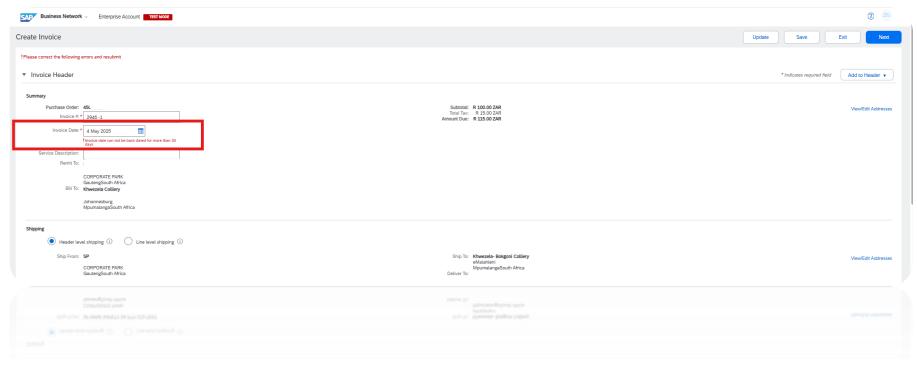
- Click your username → "Company Profile".
- Edit business details, certifications, or payment methods.
- Save changes and ensure approval if required by buyers.

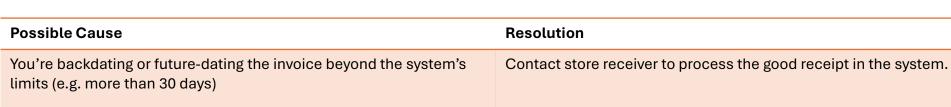




## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

• "Invoice date must be within the allowed range"

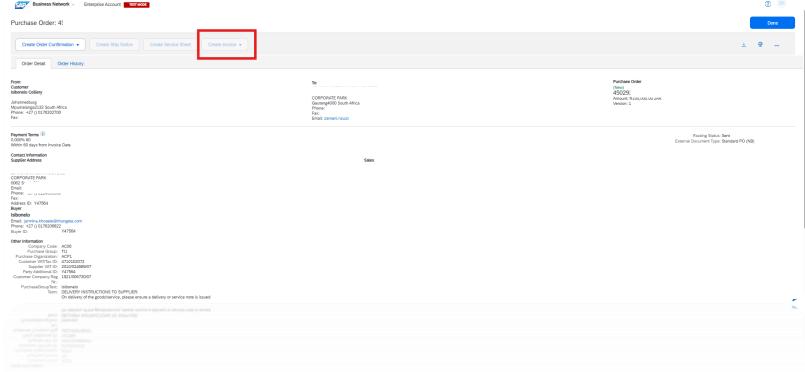


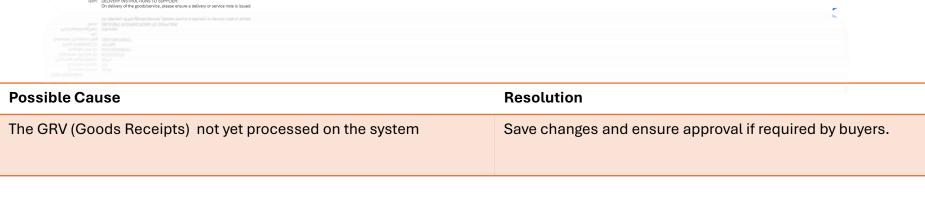




## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

 "Supplier is not allowed to invoice this purchase order" / Invoice button is greyed out"

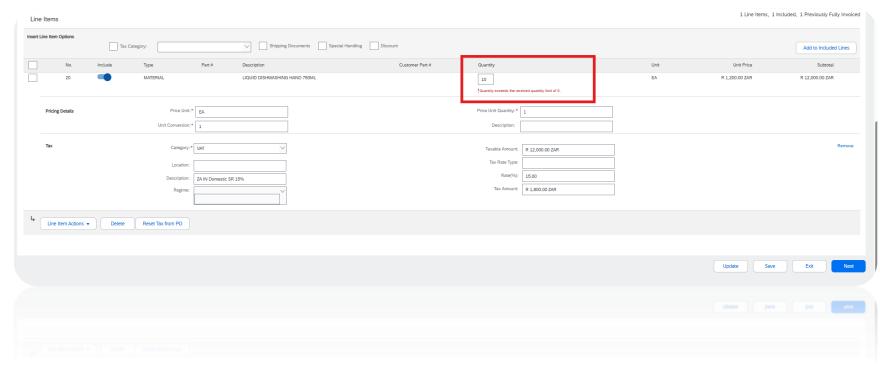


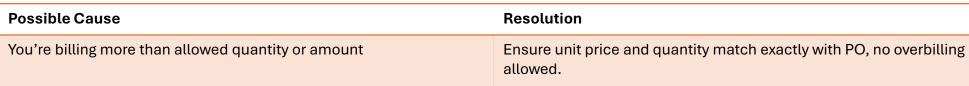




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"Line-item amount exceeds allowed tolerance"

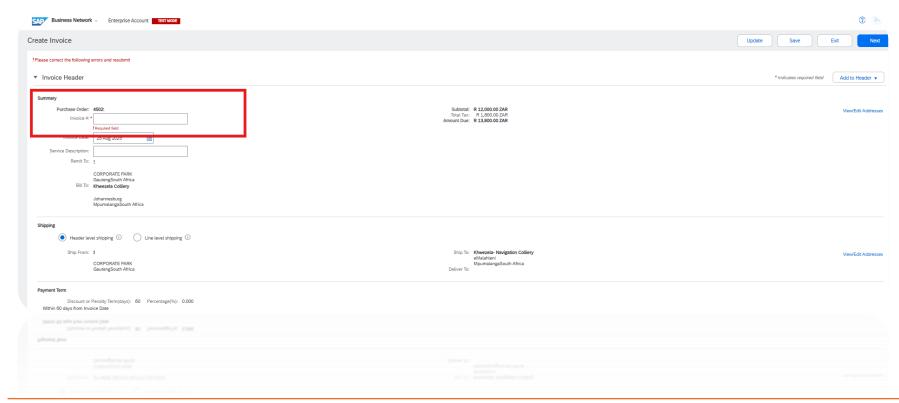






## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

"Missing mandatory field"



Possible Cause Resolution

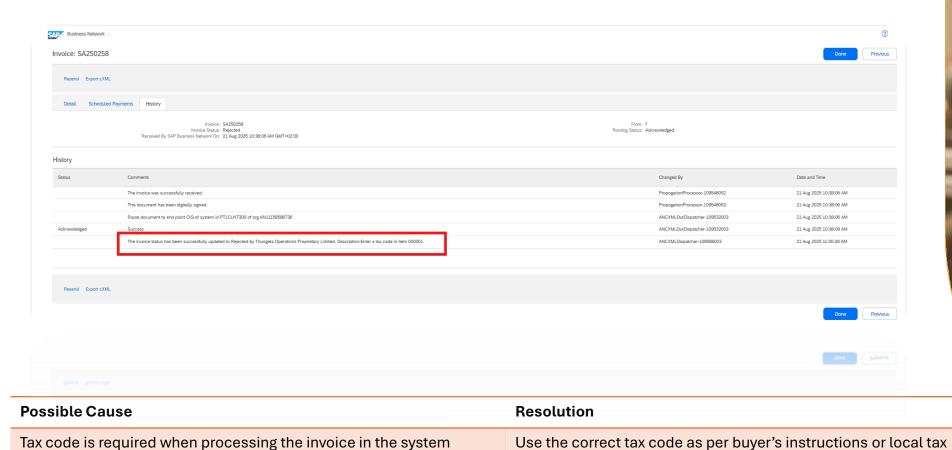
Required data (like Tax, Invoice Number, Commercial Identifier or Attachments) not filled

Go back and complete all required fields before submission.



## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

"Enter a Tax Code"

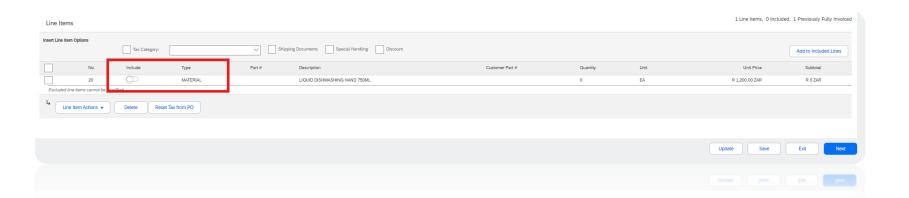


regulations (like VAT)



## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

"Cannot add lines to the order"

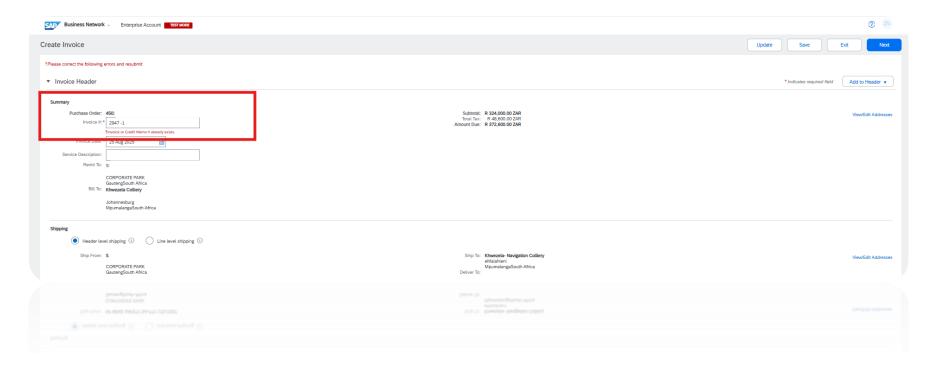






## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

"The invoice has already been submitted"

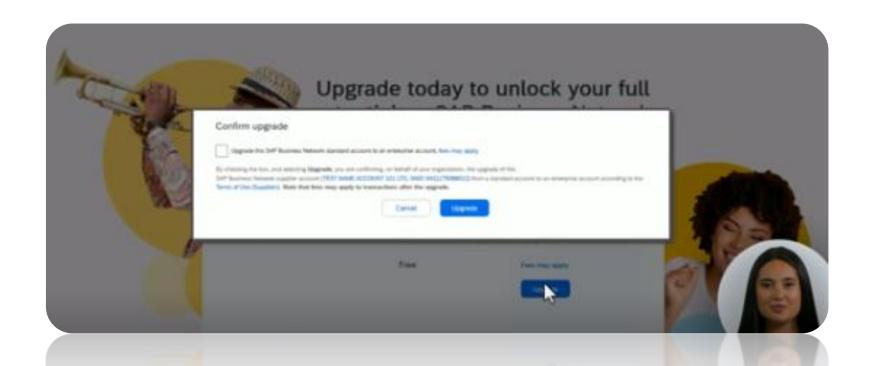






## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

"Account suspended"

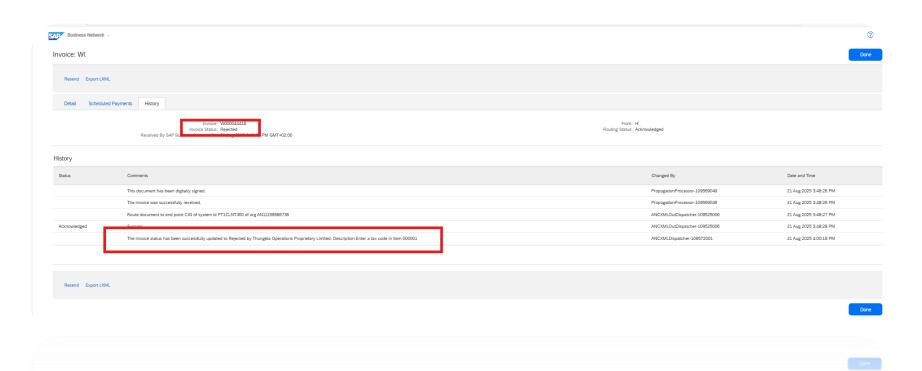






## Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve

"Service entry has a status "rejected"



#### Possible Cause Resolution

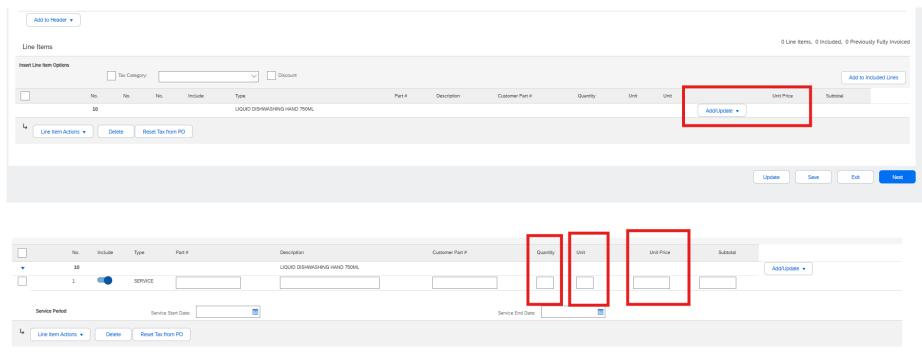
Service entry sheet has been rejected by the Thungela approvers , PO fail 3-way match

Check invoice history tab on a clear error message and correct the invoice as per rejection message or contact ariba admin for assistance.



## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

• "Limits order (unplanned order) has no available line to process invoice"

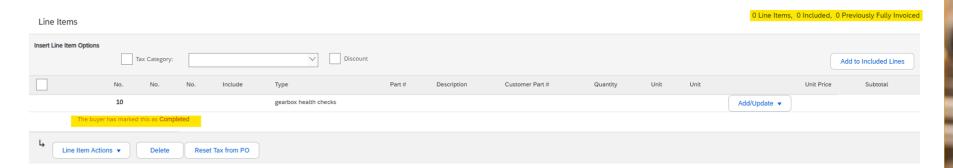


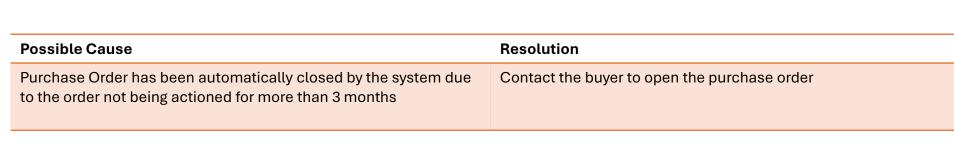
Possible Cause	Resolution
Services orders are based on the limit(unplanned) value of the order and the unit price can change anytime.	The supplier has to manual enter the current unit price , hours worked and unit of measure (C62)



## Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve

"The buyer has marked this as Completed"

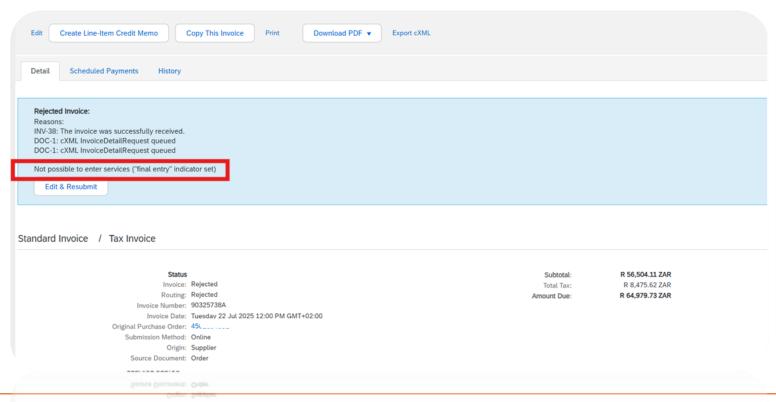






## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

"Final entry indicator set"



Possible Cause Resolution

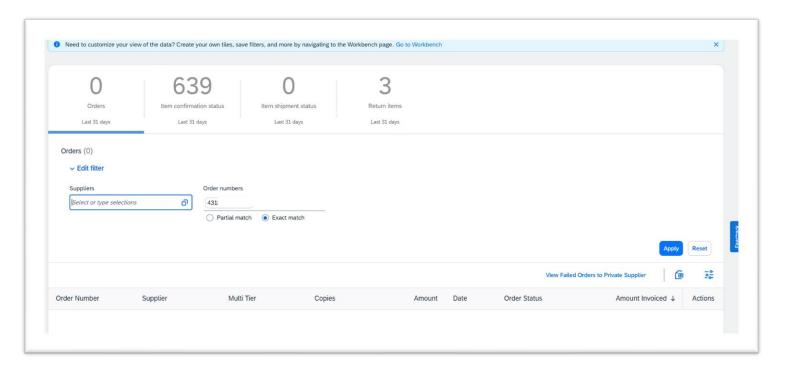
Purchase Order has been automatically closed by the system due to the order not being actioned for more than 3 months

Contact the buyer to open the purchase order



## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

• "Where do we find online orders for offline POs (POs starting with 413)"



Possible Cause	Resolution
Purchase orders that are received after working hours	Send a query to support. These offline POs are not auto-linked and may require manual mapping.



## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

"Can I still use vendor email or other platforms like TIP/S?"

#### Good day

Thank you for submitting your document via the Thungela Invoice Platform (TIP)

- Email Reference: = VINVC-20250815151432-1
- Record Reference: = RITM0909341

We are unable to process your request using this mailbox as you are an Ariba vendor.

Please re-submit your invoice to: aribasupport@thungela.com

Thank you for your co-operation.

Thungela Invoice Processing Services (TIPS)

For ease of future reference:

Submit your invoice: <u>vendorinvoices@thungela.com</u>

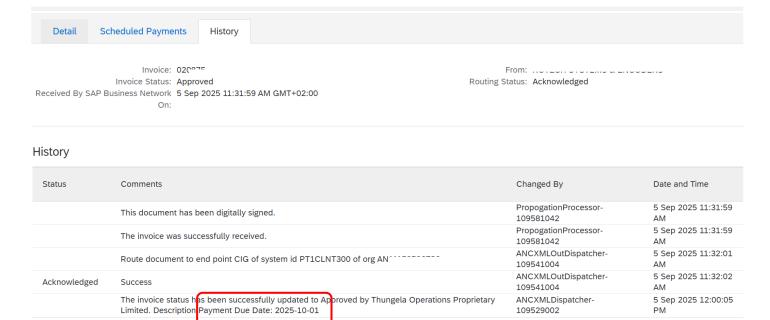
Culturit vour statement: vendorstatements@thundela.com

Possible Cause	Resolution
Purchase orders that are still not processed	<b>No</b> . Once you are enabled on Ariba, you must: Submit all invoices through <b>Ariba only</b> . Do <b>not</b> use email or other platforms for invoice submission.



## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

"Delayed Payments Despite Approval"

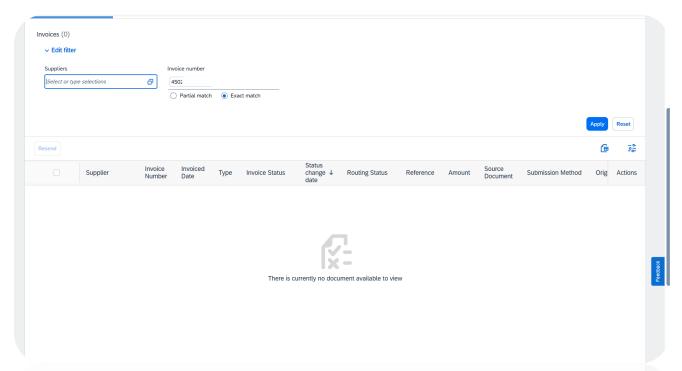


Possible Cause	Resolution
Payment terms misalignment or validation delays	Confirm PO terms and log exceptions if payment terms are breached



## Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve

"Purchase Order not found" or "PO number invalid"

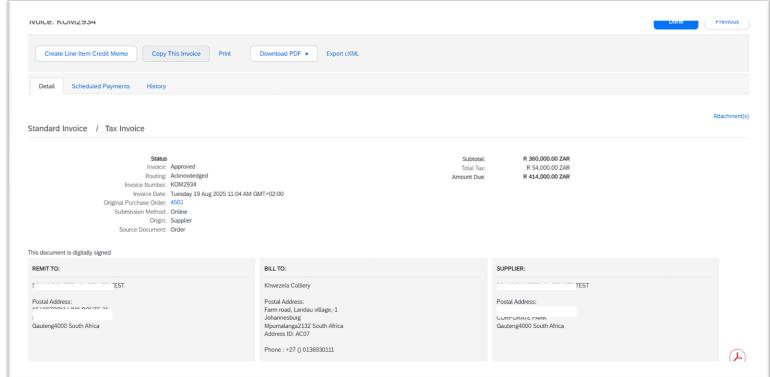


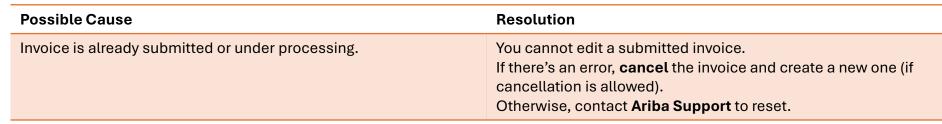
Possible Cause	Resolution
The PO was raised <b>before the supplier was migrated to Ariba</b> , so it was processed offline	These POs may not be visible in your Ariba account.  Contact <b>Support</b> and provide the <b>PO number</b> – the support team will assist in linking or manually processing where applicable.



## Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve

"Edit invoice option is greyed out"

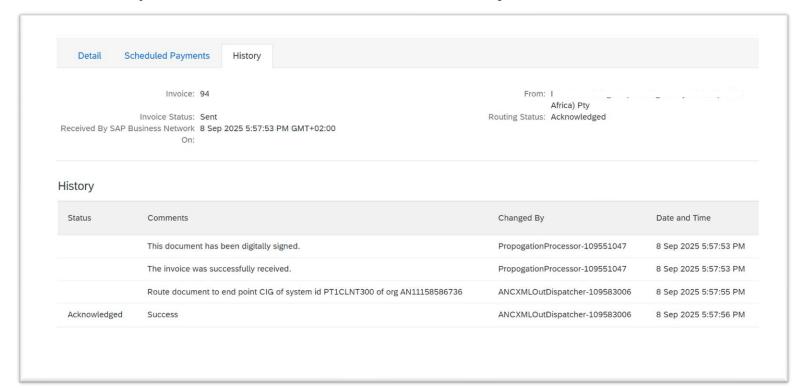






## **Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve**

• "Invoice rejected – reason not shown in history"

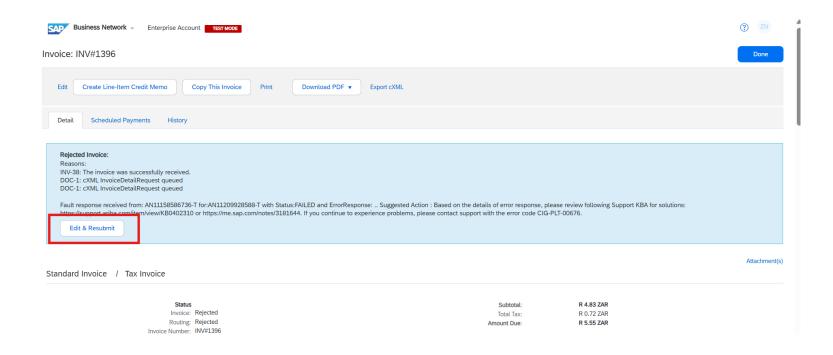


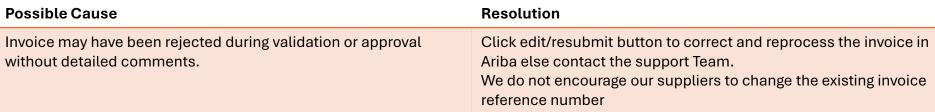
Possible Cause	Resolution
Invoice may have been rejected during validation or approval without detailed comments.	Contact support or the buyer to understand the reason. Recheck common rejection reasons: wrong date, tax, missing attachments, etc.



## Common Ariba Error Messages and How to Resolve

"Invoice rejected – reuse invoice reference number"







# **How to Resolve**

## **Tips for Avoiding Errors**

- Always match your invoice exactly to the PO (quantity, price, tax).
- Don't try to invoice before the buyer has approved/accepted the PO.
- Always confirm the order after the buyer has made changes to it.
- If unsure, contact buyer's procurement or Ariba support before submitting.

