



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI): "Forzando Access Road Construction Project ANN09_26"

Thungela Resources ("Thungela") hereby requests your company information to be considered for the undermentioned procurement/opportunities.

Colliery Name: Annea Colliery – Govan Mbeki Local Municipality
Reference: Forzando Access Road Construction Project ANN09_26
RFI Issue Date: 31 July 2026
RFI Closing Date and Time: 12 August 2026

1. The Opportunity

Thungela's Annea Colliery plans to initiate a Tender process for the **Forzando Access Road (6.5km) Construction Project** as outlined in the scope of work below.

Proof of meeting the following criteria is required to be submitted, which will be utilised for the RFI evaluation.

2. Qualifying Criteria

- A minimum of 51% Black-owned businesses from within Annea Colliery's Host Communities
- CIPC Registration: Valid South African company registration documents.
- Tax Compliance: A valid Tax Clearance Certificate or SARS PIN showing a compliant status.
- Letter of Good Standing: Active COIDA (Workmen's Compensation) certificate.
- The company must have a CIDB grading of 8CE or higher (must be CE or Civil Engineering registered)
- The company must have successfully completed road projects of at least R80 million (CIDB 8CE baseline) or higher within the last 5 years.
- Employ or have access to Skilled Labour Resources (Site Agent, Contracts Manager, and registered Professional Engineers (Pr.Eng) or Professional Technologists (Pr.Tech Eng) and Equipment (graders, excavators, tippers, paving trains) required to execute the **Forzando Access Road Construction Project**
- Have relevant experience and references for the **Forzando Access Road Construction Project**

3. Scope of Work

The Contractor shall be responsible for the full construction, completion and handover of the Forzando Access Road and associated infrastructure, including all labour, materials, plant, supervision and temporary works necessary to execute the Works. The scope includes, but is not limited to:

3.1 Clearing and Grubbing

- Clearing of vegetation, topsoil stripping and removal of obstructions along the road reserve.
- Stockpiling and/or disposal of sub-soil and topsoil as directed by the Engineer must be placed in the allocated areas as marked on a drawing layout. The topsoil and subsoil are to be separately removed and stockpiled at the designated locations. Preparation of the road reserve for earthworks.

3.2 Earthworks and Layerworks

- 3.2.1 Bulk earthworks including cut and fill operations to achieve the required road formation levels.
- 3.2.2 Excavation in all material types, including soft and hard material where applicable.
- 3.2.3 Hauling, placing, and compaction of fill material in accordance with specified compaction standards.
- 3.2.4 Construction of the road formation layer, including preparation of subgrade.
- 3.2.5 Supply (From Commercial Sources), placing and compaction of pavement layerworks, including:
 - (i) Selected G8 material (from mine stockpiles), placed in 150 mm layers and compacted to 95% Mod AASHTO.
 - (ii) G8 material compacted to 93% Mod AASHTO.
 - (iii) G7 subbase material compacted to 93% Mod AASHTO.
 - (iv) G5 subbase material compacted to 95% Mod AASHTO.
 - (v) G4 wearing course material (including bitumen emulsion), compacted to 98% Mod AASHTO. (Subject to change during implementation.)
- 3.2.6 Placement and compaction of dump rock in weak or unsuitable ground conditions using a 20t vibrating roller.

3.3 Road Construction

Construction of a dual-lane gravel road (one lane per direction), including:

- Lane widths of 3.6 m per lane.
- Shoulders of 3.0 m width.
- Median - no median.
- Road surface to be 100mm higher than shoulder to define the lane and extent of layer works and prevent trucks from driving on the shoulder. Minimal layer works are to be used on the shoulder.
- Shoulder level to be placed as close as possible to the natural ground level (within the constraints of the longitudinal profile in accordance with the TRH 17 requirements) to minimize the amount of fill required for the shoulders.
- Layer works shown are indicative and are to be finalised during the detail design phase based on ROM tonnage and geotechnical investigation information.
- Application of dust suppression measures and/or dust palliatives on the wearing course.
- Construction of tie-ins and upgrades to the D622 intersection, including:
 - Preparation of subgrade through ripping and recompacting.
 - Placement of G7, G3 and G1 pavement layers to specified compaction standards.
 - Application of 50 mm asphalt surfacing including tack coat.
 - Installation of road markings and cat's eyes at the D622 intersection.

3.4 Stormwater and Drainage Works

- Construction of all stormwater infrastructure, including:
 - Culverts under the road designed for peak flows (as per drawings).
 - Inlet and outlet structures.
 - Wingwalls to culverts.
 - Erosion protection measures (e.g., gabions).
- Installation of drainage systems to safely convey stormwater runoff to natural discharge points.

3.5 Bridges / River Crossings

Construction of the Viskuil River crossing, which shall be constructed as a low-level overflow crossing. The Works shall further include:

- Prior to demolishing the existing crossing, the accumulated sediment at the crossing shall be excavated. The sediment is to be stockpiled adjacent to the topsoil and subsoil stockpiles.
- In-situ water monitoring shall be implemented daily (upstream and downstream) via Thungela prior to excavation and after the work has ceased, to monitor the oxygen (measured in mg/l) and turbidity levels (measured in NTU), ensuring they are suitable to support aquatic life. The Contractor shall temporarily pause excavation if the downstream dissolved oxygen decreases below 5 mg/l, and turbidity increases by more than 10% of the background levels.
- Restricted excavation within the river and floodplain areas.
- Construction of the river diversion where required.
- Placement of selected backfill (G6) and dump rock stabilisation.
- Construction of structural concrete works including:
 - Blinding layers.
 - Reinforced concrete bases, walls, and associated elements.

3.6 Ancillary Works

- Installation of cattle fencing (1.2 m high barbed wire) along both sides of the road by the Contractor.
- Installation of additional medium security fencing (2.4 m high) at Annea Colliery.
- Construction of farmer access crossings (level crossings) where required.
- Construction of gate and gatehouse at the Annea Mine eastern security boundary. No electronic access control is required at this gate.
- Installation of road signage and markings in accordance with the South African Road Traffic Signs Manual, including:
 - Warning signage for heavy vehicle usage.
 - Restricted access signage at the D622 intersection.

3.7 Interface with Existing Infrastructure

- Tie-in of the new road to:
 - Annea Mine TLOS area.
 - The D622 road to Forzando North Intersection. The scope includes lane widening, asphaltting of widened lanes, and road signage in accordance with the detailed designs and specifications.

NB: Please note the road is between 6.5km long.

4. Technical Requirements

4.1 Relevant Project Track Record:

The company must have successfully completed road projects of at least R80 million (CIDB 8CE baseline) or higher within the last 5 years.

4.2 Technical Resource Capacity:

4.2.1 Plant & Equipment: A list of company-owned or explicitly leased yellow fleet (e.g., graders, excavators, tippers, paving trains).

4.2.1 Key Personnel: Qualifications and CVs of critical site staff, specifically the Site Agent, Contracts Manager, and registered Professional Engineers (Pr. Eng) or Professional Technologists (Pr. Tech Eng).

4.3 Financial Capability & Risk Mitigation:

4.3.1 Confirmation of an annual turnover that aligns with major works (typically R65 million+ for Grade 8 metrics).

4.3.2 Proof of ability to secure a 10% performance guarantee and a 10% retention guarantee from an approved financial institution.

4.3.3 Proof of ability to secure adequate Public Liability Insurance and Contractors All Risk (CAR) Insurance matches a project of this value.

NB: Registration on SAP Ariba is required to submit Tenders. Hard copies of the Tender shall not be accepted.

5. How to Apply

5.1 For submissions, please copy and paste the link below to Internet Explorer/google- chrome/Edge browsers: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/RMaVxpzE31>

5.2 Supporting documents and list of relevant work done and contactable references - Send separately to the following email address: rfx.submissions@thungela.com with the reference number and company name on the subject line. This information is to be sent to the email (quoting RFI reference) on or before the closing date of this RFI.

NB: Only submissions received via this link and email address will be considered.

6. Thungela's Thuthukani (ESD) Programme

If you are interested in Thungela's Enterprise and Supplier Development (Thuthukani) Programme, kindly click the link to apply: [Thungela | Raizcorp](#)