

## INVITATION TO TENDER

### PROVISION OF DRILLING SERVICES FOR SMALL DIAMETER BLASTHOLES (127MM - 172 MM) AT JWANENG MINE

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Suitably qualified and experienced Companies are hereby invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate on the following RFP:

**DOC3276954828 – PROVISION OF DRILLING SERVICES FOR SMALL DIAMETER BLASTHOLES (127MM - 172 MM) AT JWANENG MINE**

#### BRIEF

Debswana Diamond Company invites reputable drilling contractors to tender for the provision of Down-the-Hole (DTH) pre-split and perimeter (trim) drilling services at Jwaneng Mine, Botswana, for a period of three (3) years from 2027 to 2029. The services will support mine wall control and bench preparation activities through the execution of pre-split and perimeter drilling in accordance with Debswana's operational and technical requirements.

The preferred drilling method is conventional drilling using manually operated drilling equipment operated by competent personnel. The contractor will be required to provide all drilling equipment, operators, supervision, maintenance support, consumables, and associated resources necessary to safely and efficiently execute the drilling works and achieve the required production targets. The scope of work is divided into two separate packages, each comprising an estimated drilling requirement of 1,467,395 metres.

The drilling fleet shall include small-diameter DTH drilling rigs suitable for pre-split and perimeter drilling applications, as well as at least one (1) Super Roc 5000 or equivalent percussion drilling rig capable of drilling double benches of up to thirty-two (32) metres. The percussion rig shall be dedicated to double-bench drilling activities and may also be utilised for single-bench drilling where operational conditions permit.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This tender is open to both Debswana-Ariba registered and non-Ariba registered companies. However, only contractors that meet the following minimum requirements, in addition to other stipulated in the Request for Proposal (RFP) documentation, will be considered eligible:

### 1. Relevant Experience

Contractors must demonstrate proven experience and successful delivery of similar small-diameter drilling operations, size, scope, and complexity.

### 2. Access to Critical Resources

Bidders must demonstrate availability of and access to all essential resources required for the successful and timely execution of the works:

- **Equipment & Tools:**

Contractor must provide evidence of ownership or leasing arrangements of the drill rigs and key equipment and tools proposed for the project. All rigs, equipment and tools shall be compliant to Debswana's FRCS Technical Standards.

- **Qualified and Experienced Personnel:**

Bidders are present the proposed execution team organogram comprising of personnel with relevant qualifications and experience, including project management, engineers, SHE officers, and skilled operators.

All submissions must be accompanied by relevant documentation specified on the RFP Document, such as equipment asset registers, CVs, qualifications certifications, standard operating procedures and method statements etc.

### 3. Local Empowerment and Participation

Debswana places significant emphasis on **citizen economic empowerment** and **skills development**. In line with this commitment, contractors are expected to actively demonstrate support for the following:

- **Meaningful participation** of citizen-owned or majority citizen-owned companies in project execution
- **Local procurement** of goods and services wherever possible
- **Skills transfer and capacity-building initiatives**, particularly where the bidding entity is majority foreign-owned.

- **Corporate Social Investments**
- **Social Performance**

These expectations align with Debswana's broader socio-economic development goals and its commitment to fostering sustainable local growth.

#### **4. Joint Ventures and Partnerships**

Bids from Joint Ventures (JVs), Partnerships, and Sub-Contracting arrangements are permitted and encouraged, provided that:

- All JV or partnership agreements are submitted with their bid.
- Roles and responsibilities of each party are clearly defined
- The overall arrangement contributes to skills transfer and citizen participation

Debswana remains committed to sustainable development and inclusive economic participation and therefore encourages Contractors who align with these principles in submitting their proposals.

**NB:** Further details, submission procedures, and full evaluation criteria are provided in the RFP documentation.

The RFP Submissions must include robust supporting documentation, such as:

- Traceable client references
- Detailed project profiles highlighting size, schedule, budget, and outcomes
- Clearly defined scopes of work for each referenced project

The submission should demonstrate the contractor's capacity to execute, manage and deliver projects of similar magnitude, ensuring safety, quality and on-time completion.

#### **TENDERING ON ARIBA**

Debswana has adopted SAP Ariba – an online bidding and supplier management solution for all its tendering and supplier registration requirements.

It is important to note that bidders who are already registered with Debswana on SAP Ariba are only required to register their interest to participate on the RFP as per Part 1 below.

On the one hand, bidders who are **NOT** registered with Debswana as Suppliers on SAP Ariba are required to register their interest as per Part 1 below and shall be sent an invite to register as per Part 2, subject to the conditions stipulated therein.

## PART 1: INDICATING INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RFP

- a) Interested bidders are required to submit their Expression of Interest by **07 September 2026** at 1700hrs through completion of the Microsoft Forms on the link below or follow the QR code:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?origin=NeoPortalPage&rpring=Business&rp session=d84be641-6ab1-465f-aec7fe95a732df65&subpage=design&id=UocJQMEsjkaiDOwEaXjPI22wWOps8DRDn-94TonG4pJU00J0RzBUSOFDT1pMREtESURYMzQwUUo3Ti4u>



- b) Bidders who have registered their interest to participate and are not registered on SAP Ariba will undergo internal vetting to determine eligibility, and if successful shall be emailed a registration link and will subsequently be required to create a SAP Ariba Network Supplier account. (Refer to Part 2 for further details.).

**NB:** This registration will only be partial registration to allow receipt of the RFP documents and participation on the RFP event, full registration will only take place if supplier is awarded the RFP.

- c) The RFP will only be issued to bidders who meet Debswana's internal compliance and supplier participation requirements, in line with applicable trading and governance policies. A notification email will be issued confirming the invitation to participate in the RFP process.

- d) Participants will be able to access the RFP via the SAP Ariba platform and will be required to submit their responses within the same system.

## PART 2: REGISTERING AS A VENDOR ON SAP ARIBA

In order to participate in any event on Ariba, a supplier will need to be registered on Ariba and have a valid SAP Ariba Network Supplier account and profile by following the steps below:

- a) Click on the registration link sent via email to complete and submit the Supplier Registration Request, this link will be shared following the Part 1 above.
- b) Follow the outlined steps provided to start the vendor registration process.

- c) Suppliers are expected to initiate the registration process within three (3) days of receiving the registration link. Failure to do so will be deemed as a forfeiture of participation.

## PRE-TENDER BRIEFING & SITE VISIT

## SUBMISSION

Bidders are required to submit their respective bids on or before the **25 September 2026 at 1600hrs (CAT)** through the **Debswana SAP Ariba platform** as per the instructions to be provided on the RFP.

Offline Tenders and Tenders received via telephone, telex, email or facsimile will not be considered. Debswana reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender.

For any enquiries please contact Mr. S. Molefe at Tel: +267 361 4275 / 72 526 758 or e-mail: [smolefe@debswana.bw](mailto:smolefe@debswana.bw)

This tender notice can also be viewed at: <https://www.debswana.com/about-the-debswana-supply-chain/>