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## Dear Mr Khuzwayo

RE: LOCAL CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACT NUMBER: 13/2020-CON- UTHUKELA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY (THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOBSLAND TO INDAKA BULK WATER. FEEDER MAIN - STAGE 3 PROJECT)

As you may be aware, the government has identified public procurement as a strategic policy instrument to re-industrialise South Africa by making local content mandatory in the procurement of goods designated for local production in line with the Preferential Procurement Regulations, which came into effect on the 7th December 2011 and amended by the current regulations as at April 2017. To this date, 27 products/sectors have been designated for local production, including Plastic Pipes (OPVC Pipes). The National Treasury, being the custodian of supply chain policy in government has circulated circulars which regulate the environment within which organs of state may procure designated products. This means that any procurement of designated products should be subjected to the local content requirements.

It has come to the attention of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic) that uThukela District Municipality issued out the above-mentioned tender, which has to comply with local content requirements. In this regard, plastic pipes have been designated for local production. Regulation 8.2 of the 2017 Preferential Procurement Regulations requires that where products are designated for local content, organs of state must include local content in their invitation of bids and tenders. Regulation 8.5 states that bid and/or tenders that fail to meet the required local content are unacceptable. Therefore, to be in line with the requirements of the

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Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017 (PPR 2017) the municipality must cancel the above mentioned tender and re-issue with requirements for local content.

In terms of the local content requirements for designated products, blds should be evaluated first to make sure that production will happen within the borders of the country (see the Plastic Pipes designation circular by following the link, <a href="http://ocpo.treasury.gov.za/Buyers\_Area/Legislation/Pages/Practice-Notes.aspx">http://ocpo.treasury.gov.za/Buyers\_Area/Legislation/Pages/Practice-Notes.aspx</a>).

The Circular make it a requirement that once tenders are awarded by the procuring organ of state, the dtic must be:

- notified of all the successful bidders and the estimated value of the contracts; and
- (ii) provided with copies of the contracts, the municipal bidding documents (MBD 6.2) together with the Local Content Declaration C submitted by the successful bidders.

The purpose of the above requirements is for the dtlc to conduct compliance audits with a view to monitor the implementation of local content as part of the industrial development policy objectives. Broadly, it is imperative that the bulk of expenditure to be spent in the procurement is leveraged to develop domestic manufacturing supply chains and limits unnecessary high volumes of imports.

We hope that uThukela District Municipality will review its position to be in line with the requirements of the PPR 2017. Please note that this letter will be shared with the Auditor General and National Treasury.

For further engagements on this matter, you may contact the following senior managers: Dr Tebogo Makube, Chief Director: Industrial Procurement on (012) 394 3927 or <a href="mailto:TMakube@thedtic.gov.za">TMakube@thedtic.gov.za</a> and Ms Claudy Steyn, Chief Director: Chemicals and Plastics on 012 394 5160 or <a href="mailto:CSteyn@thedtic.gov.za">CSteyn@thedtic.gov.za</a>

**Yours Sincerely** 

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## **TENDER CANCELATION NOTICE**

## HOBSLAND TO INDAKA BULK WATER FEEDER MAIN STAGE 3 Contract: 13/2020-CON

UThukela District Municipality would like to thank all the bidders that responded to the tender invitation published 06 July 2020. Notice is hereby given that the above mentioned tender has been cancelled. UThukela District Municipality apologises for any inconvenience caused.

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