EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 30MWP SOLAR PV PLANT AT LUCARA BOTSWANA; LUCBOTS/PROC/TENDERS/2026/054

Background

Lucara Botswana is a diamond mining company operating Karowe Mine located 20km out of Letlhakane, and the Corporate and Sales office is based in Gaborone at the Diamond Technology Park in Block 8 Industrial. It is 100% owned by a Canadian company, Lucara Diamond Corp, listed on the TSX, Swedish Stock Exchange, and the BSE. Karowe mine, the state-of-the-art mine fully commissioned in Q2 2012, is a large-scale asset with tonnage and throughput upside. It is one of the world's foremost producers of large, high-quality, Type IIA diamonds in excess of 10.8 carats. Lucara Botswana has embarked on an underground project to enable the mine to continue operating until 2040.

Introduction

Lucara Botswana, is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from suitably qualified and experienced Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and renewable energy developers to develop a 30MWp Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Plant for the supply of electricity to the Karowe Mine. The successful developer will be responsible for the financing, construction, operation and maintenance of the facility under a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The mine currently relies on conventional grid electricity and/or diesel generation to support mining and processing operations.

Objectives

The purpose of this project is to evaluate and develop a commercially viable Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) solution that can provide the mine with a more cost-competitive, reliable, and sustainable electricity supply alternative to conventional utility power. Through this initiative, the mine seeks to:

- Reduce exposure to rising electricity tariffs and energy price volatility.
- Improve long-term energy cost predictability and operational efficiency.
- Enhance energy security and supply reliability.
- Support the mine's ESG and decarbonization commitments.
- Explore renewable energy solutions capable of delivering long-term commercial value and sustainability benefits.

Project Overview

In line with the company's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategy and long-term business objectives. The mine intends to develop a 30 MWp Solar PV Plant on approximately 20–30 hectares of available land through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) arrangement. The project may be implemented in two phases: (i) 20 MWp Solar PV (grid-tied) and (ii) an additional 10 MWp Solar PV integrated with a 20 MW BESS. The expected Commercial Operation Date (COD) is 2027/2028, and the plant will operate in a grid-tied/hybrid configuration.

Interested bidders are invited to submit the following documentation for evaluation and pre-qualification. The submitted information will be used to determine eligibility for participation in the subsequent stages of the procurement process.

- Company profile (In case of Joint Ventures, provide JV agreements signed by commissioner of Oaths).
- CIPA Registration documents and Valid Tax Clearance.
- Relevant project experience and proven track record in designing, financing, constructing, owning and operating utility-scale solar PV projects above 20 MW (project references from past and current clients).
- Financial strength capability to undertake projects of similar size, submit audited financial statements for the last three years as well as funding strategy.
- Proposed development execution approach and methodology.
- Organizational structure and key personnel with relevant certifications of professional bodies, ECSA, ERB etc.
- Local content and community development commitments.
- Health, Safety, Environment, and Quality performance.

Shortlisting Outcome

The purpose of this Expression of Interest (EOI) is to identify respondents with the requisite capability, experience, and capacity to undertake the project. The evaluation outcomes will be used solely to develop a shortlist of vendors who may be invited to participate in a subsequent Request for Proposal (RFP) or formal tender process. Lucara Botswana reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or reject any EOI submission, shortlist or not shortlist any respondent, and amend, suspend, or cancel the EOI process at any time without incurring any obligation or liability to respondents.

EOI Submission

Tenderers are required to submit one original and one copy clearly marked **"EOI WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 30MWP SOLAR PV PLANT AT LUCARA BOTSWANA; LUCBOTS/PROC/TENDERS/2026/054''**to:

The Procurement
Tender Box, Lucara Botswana, Karowe Diamond Mine
Letlhakane office Raffles Complex,
Mokgobelele Ward Plot 12602, Steinberg Road

The closing date for the receipt of tender submissions shall be **10th July 2026 at 12:30 pm.** Tenders received after the closing date and time shall not be considered. Enquiries relating to this tender must be addressed to the Strategic Sourcing & Contract Specialist at: **Kmotsumi@lucarabotswana.co.bw.**

Submission of Expression of Interest should not be taken as a guarantee for inclusion on the shortlist. Lucara Botswana shall not be bound to engage any respondent or obliged to give reasons for shortlisting or non-shortlisting any respondent.

Enquiries relating to this EOI shall be emailed by **Friday, 3rd July 2026**, to Kmotsumi@lucarabotswana.co.bw