EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

HEMP AND CANNABIS BENEFICIATION PROJECT THROUGH BIOTECHNOLOGY (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

The **East London Industrial Development Zone SOC Ltd** is the operator of the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ), an entity which exists to help manufacturers to become globally competitive through the development and efficient management of a modern, purpose-built industrial location, which offers investing industries a streamlined business environment enhanced by a range of supporting services. The zone is already operational and currently houses a number of manufacturers that supply products for the local and international markets.

The ELIDZ's mandate is to contribute towards the development of a strong regional industrial base where local industries have improved global competitiveness and there is broadened and inclusive participation of communities in economy. ELIDZ, through the Science and Technology Park (STP), in partnership with the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DST&I), has established the Beneficiation of Hemp and Cannabis through the Biotechnology Programme.

The programme aims to support enterprises located within the Eastern Cape Province that:

- Develop and optimise processes for converting hemp and cannabis biomass into biofuels, including bioethanol, biodiesel, and biogas.
- Produce high-value biomaterials from hemp fibres and hurds, such as bio-composites, bioplastics, and textiles.

To be eligible for support, enterprises must be able to demonstrate that they have already developed a product prototype and require additional assistance to advance the product to pilot-scale, demonstration scale and commercial-scale development.

SCOPE OF WORK

The ELIDZ is seeking suitably qualified enterprises and innovators to respond to this re-advertised Expression of Interest (EOI), for the **Beneficiation of Hemp and Cannabis through Biotechnology within the ELIDZ Science & Technology Park.**

Reference No.	Description / Name	Closing Date
2026 EOI-HEMP-STP-02	**HEMP AND CANNABIS BENEFICIATION THROUGH BIOTECHNOLOGY (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)**	**07 December 2026 at 12h00**

KEY DATES

Activity	Date / Time
EOI document available for download	13 November 2026, 12h00
Non-compulsory online briefing session	25 November 2026, 10h00
Enquiries period	23 November – 27 November 2026
Closing date for responses to enquiries	30 November 2026
Closing date for submissions	07 December 2026, 12h00

BRIEFING MEETING:

Note: NON-COMPULSORY ONLINE BRIEFING MEETING. **Date: 25 November 2026, at 10:00. Online via Microsoft Teams - Join Meeting Here**

Meeting ID: 354 016 816 357 727 5 and **Passcode:** 9sa9pV9b

BID CONDITIONS:

Respondents are required to submit:

- Company registration documents
- ELIDZ procurement handbook with their EOI.
- Valid SARS PIN or Tax Clearance Certificate with their submission.
- Verified original or certified B-BBEE Certificate. Companies with annual turnover less than R10 million to submit an accountant letter confirming turnover, preference to be given to SMMEs with the lowest turnover

EVALUATION:

The evaluation will be guided by the East London Industrial Development Zone procurement policy. Points will be awarded based on Technical Functionality Matrix/Criteria.

Score breakdown:

- 100 Points for Technical Functionality

All respondents who do not provide compulsory responsive documentation and with functionality scoring less than 70%, will not be considered for the next stage of evaluation.

PROPOSAL DOCUMENT & SUBMISSION:

The RFP documents will be available for download on **13 November 2026 at 12h00 (Noon)** at **www.elidz.co.za** under **Opportunities >> Tenders.**

To make a tender submission for an open tender you must have completed the registration process before and have an active login account. Navigate to https://tenderportal.elidz.co.za and login with your credentials captured as part of the registration process.

It will be the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that the tender/bid reaches the ELIDZ. All tender/bids documents are to be submitted online at https://tenderportal.elidz.co.za before the closing date and time of 12h00, 07 December 2026. Only PDF documents must be uploaded with a maximum size limit of 30MB per file. No tenders are to be submitted at the ELIDZ premises and No late tenders will be accepted. Hard copy document submission will not be considered.

EOI ENQUIRIES:

Queries relating to this EOI proposal may be addressed to Anathi Mzantsi via email to anathi@elidz.co.za.
Enquiries: 23 November – 27 November 2026.
Closing Date for Responses to Enquiries: 30 November 2026

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