

The glossary below comprises common procurement terms used within the mining industry.

Use this glossary to familiarise yourself with procurement jargon.

TERM	EXPLANATIONS			
B-BBEE	Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment			
Contractor	A business owner who negotiates a deal and works on a contractual basis for an agreed-upon fee.			
CSD	Central Supplier Database			
EOI	Expression of Interest			
HDI	Human Development Index			
ITT	Invitation to Tender			
PFMA	Public Finance Management Act			
PQQ	Pre-qualification questionnaire			
Quality control	A system of maintaining standards in manufactured products by testing a sample of the output against the specification.			
RFI	Request for Information			
RFP	Request for Proposal			
RFQ	Request for Quotation			
Service level agreement	An agreement between a service provider and a customer detailing particular aspects of the service — such as quality, availability and responsibilities.			
SMME	Small, medium and micro-enterprises			
Subcontracting	To employ a firm or person outside one's company to do (work) as part of a larger project			
Supply chain	A network of organisations, people, activities, information and resources involved in delivering a product or service			
ZAR	South African Rand			