

Construction Commercial process:

1. Transmission normally follows a process of limited tendering to the approved line construction contractors that are registered on our supplier/vendor data base.
2. There are only a handful of these contractors in South Africa and where we invite some of the international line construction contractors to tender as well the same issues with the utilisation of local skilled and unskilled labour would apply.
3. Depending on the length of line that has to be constructed, a labour force of up to 400 people could be utilised during the construction phase.
4. At least 50% of the required workforce could be sourced from the area where the line will be constructed.
5. The type of skills needed would amongst other include the following: Bulldozer, excavator and drill rig operators. Batch plant operators, ready mix truck drivers and skilled steel assembly workers. Unskilled labourers to assist with pre-assembly of towers and general civil works are also required.
6. The construction schedule of a transmission line can vary according to design, terrain, number of bend points and type of foundations needed but a line of a 100km can take up to one year to construct.
7. The transmission line construction contractors normally approach the local authorities to assist with the recruitment of the skills needed. It is also important to note that the local authority that is situated closest to the first construction camp is normally approached albeit that the line may traverse other local authorities along the route.