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*(to be filled and signed by the Manufacturer and submitted together with relevant copies of the Manufacturer's catalogues; brochures, drawings, technical data & calculations, sales records for past five years, four customer reference letters, details of manufacturing capacity, the manufacturer's experience, copies of complete type test reports and accreditation certificate to ISO/IEC 17025 for the testing laboratory for tender evaluation, all in English Language)*

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**FOREWORD**

This specification has been prepared by the Research and Development Department in collaboration with Distribution Division both of The Kenya Power and Lighting Company Limited (abbreviated as KPLC) and it lays down requirements for single core XLPE insulated aluminium cables, 33kV. It is intended for use by KPLC in purchasing the cables.

The bidder shall submit information which demonstrates satisfactory service experience of the manufacturer with products which fall within the scope of this specification.

**1. SCOPE**

This specification is for single core, stranded aluminium conductors, XLPE insulated, aluminium wire armoured, PVC outer sheathed power cables for operation at a.c. voltages of 19000 Volts to sheath, 33000 Volts between conductors and highest system voltage of 36000 Volts for use in KPLC distribution network operated at 50Hz.

The specification is for the following sizes of 33kV single core cables:

1 x 300 mm<sup>2</sup> AL/XLPE/AWA/PVC

1 x 630 mm<sup>2</sup> AL/XLPE/AWA/PVC

The specification also covers inspection and test of the cables as well as schedule of Guaranteed Technical Particulars to be filled, signed by the manufacturer and submitted together with other required details for tender evaluation.

The specification stipulates the minimum requirements for single core XLPE insulated aluminium 33kV cables acceptable for use in the company and it shall be the responsibility of the supplier to ensure adequacy of the design, good workmanship, good engineering practice and adherence to standards, specifications and applicable regulations in the manufacture of the cables for The Kenya Power & Lighting Company Ltd.

The specification does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract.

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The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text constitute provisions of this specification. Unless otherwise stated, the latest editions (including amendments) apply.

IEC 60502-2: Power Cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages from 1kV (Um=1.2kV) up to 30kV (Um=36kV)- Part 2: Cables for rated voltages from 6kV (Um=7.2kV) up to 30kV (Um=36kV).

IEC 60228: Conductors of insulated cables.

BS 6622: Specification for cables with extruded cross-linked polyethylene or ethylene propylene rubber insulation for rated voltages from 3.8/6.6kV to 19/33kV.

### 3. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this specification the definitions given in IEC 60228 and IEC 60502-2 apply, together with the following:

AL: Aluminium

PVC: Polyvinyl chloride

AWA: Aluminium-wire armour

XLPE: Cross-linked polyethylene

### 4. REQUIREMENTS

#### 4.1. SERVICE CONDITIONS

The cables shall be suitable for the following service conditions and applications:

##### 4.1.1 Cable Application

- a) The cable shall be a distribution cable for use in outdoors installations and tropical conditions (temperature range of -1°C to +40°C, humidity of upto 95%, saline conditions and altitudes of upto 2200m above sea level).
- b) The cable shall be suitable for laying in cable ducts and directly in the ground in switching stations, between stations and underground to overhead conversion.
- c) The cable shall also be suitable for laying on slopes.
- d) Permissible continuous loading operating temperature shall be 90°C.
- e) Permissible emergency loading temperature shall be 130°C for at least 8 hours.
- f) Permissible short circuit temperature shall be 250°C (for short-circuit duration of 5s as per IEC 60502).

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- 4.1.2 The cables shall be connected to underground system operating at a nominal voltage of 33kV, 50Hz and maximum system voltage of 36kV and are solidly earthed at the transformer neutrals. The short circuit fault level shall be taken as 25kA 3s.
- 4.1.3 The cables shall have suitable anti-termite protection (details to be submitted by supplier to KPLC for approval before manufacture).
- 4.1.4 The cable shall have an oversheath with a fire performance that conforms to the requirements of IEC standards.
- 4.1.5 The cable shall be designed for reliable service life of at least 30 years.

## 4.2. MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION

### 4.2.1. Design

4.2.1.1 The cable shall be designed and manufactured to BS 6622, IEC 60502-2 and the requirements of this specification.

4.2.1.2 All materials used shall be compatible and the cable shall have continuous operating temperature of 90°C and short circuit temperature of 250°C (5 seconds duration) as per IEC 60502-2.

### 4.2.2. Conductor

The cable shall be made from circular stranded compacted plain aluminium conductor that conforms to IEC 60228.

### 4.2.3. Conductor Screen

4.2.3.1 A conductor screen consisting of an extruded layer of cross-linkable semi-conducting compound shall be applied over the conductor and cover the surface of the conductor completely.

4.2.3.2 The extruded conductor screen shall be applied in the same operation as the insulation and be fully bonded to the insulation.

### 4.2.4. Insulation

4.2.4.1 The insulation shall be cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) conforming to the requirements of IEC 60502-2.

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4.2.4.2 The insulation shall be applied by extrusion and cross-linked to form a compact and homogeneous layer.

4.2.4.3 The colour of the insulation shall be such that it is easily distinguishable from the screening materials.

#### 4.2.5. Insulation Screen and Metallic Screen

4.2.5.1 There shall be an insulation screen consisting of a cross-linked extruded semi-conducting layer in combination with a metallic layer.

4.2.5.2 The extruded semi-conducting layer shall consist of a strippable semi-conducting compound capable of removal for jointing and terminating. It shall be applied in the same operation as the insulation, directly over the insulation and shall cover the surface of the core completely.

4.2.5.3 A metallic screen shall be applied around the core. The screen shall consist of helically applied overlapped copper tape. An energy absorbing bedding layer shall be applied.

#### 4.2.6. Armour

4.2.6.1 An extruded separation sheath of black polyvinyl chloride (PVC) shall be applied between the metallic screen and the armour.

4.2.6.2 The armour shall consist of a single layer of round aluminium alloy wires applied helically with a left-hand lay.

#### 4.2.7. Oversheath

4.2.7.1 There shall be an extruded oversheath of black polyvinyl chloride (PVC) as per IEC 60502-2.

4.2.7.2 The cable shall be clearly and permanently embossed with the following information throughout the length of the oversheath.

- (i) 33000 VOLTS XLPE POWER AL CABLE PROPERTY OF KPLC
- (ii) Name of the manufacturer
- (iii) Year of manufacture
- (iv) The number of cores, type and nominal area of conductors

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Letters and figures shall be raised and consist of upright block characters. Minimum size of characters shall be not less than 15% of average overall cable diameter and the distance between one set of markings and the next shall not exceed 500mm.

An indelible marking shall also be given at every one meter interval to assist field personal in cutting required length.

#### 4.3. STANDARD SIZES AND CHARACTERISTICS

The standard sizes for the XLPE cables shall be as follows:

Conductor nominal sectional area	mm <sup>2</sup>	300	630
Voltage Designation U <sub>0</sub> /U (U <sub>m</sub> )	19/33 (36) kV		
Conductor shape	Stranded compacted circular		
Thickness of insulation	mm	8.0	8.0
Thickness of separation sheath	mm	1.9	2.0
Nominal armour wire diameter	mm	3.15	3.15
Thickness of oversheath, minimum	mm	3.6	4.0
Power frequency single phase test voltage, 5 min	kV	63	63
Maximum conductor resistance	Ω/km	0.100	0.0469

*Note: The Current Carrying Capacity of the cable in the ground and in air shall be stated by the manufacturer in the Guaranteed Technical Particulars as per Annex A.*

#### 4.4. QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

4.4.1 The bidder shall submit a quality assurance plan (QAP) that will be used to ensure that the cable design, material, workmanship, tests, service capability, maintenance and documentation, will fulfil the requirements stated in the contract documents, standards, specifications and regulations. The QAP shall be based on and include relevant parts to fulfil the requirements of ISO 9001:2008.

4.4.2 The Manufacturer's Declaration of Conformity to reference standards and copies of quality management certifications including copy of valid and relevant ISO 9001: 2008 certificate shall be submitted with the tender for evaluation.

4.4.3 The bidder shall indicate the delivery time of the cables, manufacturer's monthly & annual production capacity and experience in the production of the type and size of cable being offered. A detailed list & contact addresses (including e-mail) of the manufacturer's previous customers for similar rating of cables sold in the last five years as well as reference letters from at least four of the customers shall be submitted with the tender for evaluation.

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## 5. TESTS AND INSPECTION

- 5.1 The cable shall be inspected and tested in accordance with the requirements of this specification, IEC 60228 and IEC 60502-2. It shall be the responsibility of the supplier to perform or to have performed all the required tests.
- 5.2 Copies of previous test certificates and test reports by a third party testing laboratory that is accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 shall be submitted with the offer for evaluation. A copy of the accreditation certificate to ISO/IEC 17025 for the testing laboratory shall also be submitted. Any translations of certificates and test reports into English language shall be signed and stamped by the Testing Laboratory that carried out the tests.

The type test reports shall include the following as per IEC 60502-2:

- a) Bending test, followed by a partial discharge test;
- b) Tan  $\delta$  measurement;
- c) Heating cycle test, followed by a partial discharge test;
- d) Impulse test, followed by a voltage test;
- e) Voltage test for 4 h.

As per IEC 60502-2, when type tests have been successfully performed on a type of cable with a specific conductor cross-sectional area and rated voltage, type approval shall be accepted as valid for cables of the same type with other conductor cross-sectional areas and/or rated voltages, provided the following three conditions are all satisfied:

- a) The same materials, i.e. insulation and semi-conducting screens, and manufacturing process are used;
- b) The conductor cross-sectional area is not larger than that of the tested cable, with the exception that all cross-sectional areas up to and including 630 mm<sup>2</sup> are approved when the cross-sectional area of the previously tested cable is in the range of 95 mm<sup>2</sup> to 630 mm<sup>2</sup> inclusive;
- c) The rated voltage is not higher than that of the tested cable.

Approval shall be independent of the conductor material.

- 5.3 Routine and sample test reports for the cables to be supplied shall be submitted to KPLC for approval before shipment of the goods. KPLC Engineers will witness these tests at the factory before shipment and shall include the following:

- 5.3.1 The routine tests as per IEC 60502-2 and are as follows:

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- a) Measurement of the electrical resistance of conductors;
- b) Partial discharge test
- c) Voltage test.

5.3.2 The sample tests as per IEC 60502-2 and are as follows:

- a) Conductor examination;
- b) Check of dimensions;
- c) Voltage test;
- d) Hot set test for XLPE insulation and elastomeric sheaths.

In addition to Routine and Sample Tests as per IEC 60502-2, KPLC Engineers will verify the length on a randomly selected drum at the factory during Acceptance Testing.

5.4 Sampling (as per IEC 60502-2)

5.4.1 Samples shall be selected as per Table 1 and IEC 60502-2 for other lengths.

**Table 1: Number of samples for sample tests**

Cable length				Number of samples
Multicore cables		Single-core cables		
Above km	Up to and including km	Above km	Up to and including km	
2	10	4	20	1
10	20	20	40	2
20	30	40	60	3
30	40	60	80	4
40	50	80	100	5

5.4.2 If any sample fails in any of the tests, two further samples shall be taken from the same batch and subjected to the same test or tests in which the original sample failed. If both additional samples pass the tests, all the cables in the batch from which they were taken shall be regarded as complying with the requirements of this specification. If either of the additional samples fails, the batch from which they were taken shall be regarded as failing to comply.

5.5 During delivery of the cables, KPLC will inspect them and may perform or have performed any of the relevant tests in order to verify compliance with the specification. The supplier shall replace/rectify without charge to KPLC, cables which upon examination, test or use fail to meet any of the requirements in the specification.

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## 6. MARKING, LABELLING AND PACKING

- 6.1 The finished cable shall be wound in one continuous length on metallic drum such as to prevent damage during transportation and handling. The drums shall be lagged with wood all round to prevent damage to the cable.
- 6.2 Each drum shall have one continuous length of 500m and 300m for cable sizes 1x300mm<sup>2</sup> and 1x630mm<sup>2</sup> respectively. The actual length of cable shall not be less than the length indicated on the drum.
- 6.3 Both ends of the drum length of cable shall have been sealed to prevent the ingress of water during transportation, storage, handling and installation. The sealing shall enclose the oversheath completely and shall be by close fitting plastic caps. Both ends of the cable shall be secured to the drum to prevent mechanical damage.
- 6.4 The following information shall be marked legibly and in a permanent manner on the flange of the drum:
- The manufacturer's name;
  - The type and rating of cable;
  - The conductor cross-sectional area in mm<sup>2</sup>;
  - The length of the cable, in metres;
  - The year of manufacture;
  - The gross mass and net mass, in kilogram;
  - The instructions for handling and use (in English Language);
  - The words "**PROPERTY OF THE KENYA POWER & LIGHTING CO.**"

*Note: The cable shall have been marked in accordance with clause 4.4*

## 7. DOCUMENTATION

- 7.1 The bidder shall submit its tender complete with technical documents required by Annex A (Guaranteed Technical Particulars) for tender evaluation. The information shall include the following:
- Guaranteed Technical Particulars signed by the manufacturer;
  - Copies of the Manufacturer's catalogues, brochures, drawings and technical data;
  - Sales records for the last five years and at least four customer reference letters;
  - Details of manufacturing capacity and the manufacturer's experience;
  - Copies of required test reports by a third party testing laboratory accredited to ISO/IEC 17025;

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