

**RAIL SUB-SECTOR CODE FOR BBBEE**



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### **1. SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

- 1.1 The scope of this Sub-Sector Code extends to the entire rail industry value chain. The key players are the state-owned operators and infrastructure companies.
- 1.2 However, the challenge is for these companies to use their purchasing power to drive the transformation of the entire rail industry value chain, including manufacturers, suppliers' consultants and maintenance companies.
- 1.3 The Sub-Sector Code will also have an impact on other sectors of the economy that are not rail specific, for example, general services.
- 1.4 This Sub-Sector Code shall remain in effect until amended, substituted and repealed under Section 9 of the BBEE Act, or with the parties to this Sub-Sector Code process agreeing to do so.
- 1.5 The Sub-Sector Code Council will review this Sub-Sector Code following the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> year after its gazetting and despite the aforementioned, it shall be reviewed on an annual basis for monitoring purpose.

### **2. VISION**

#### **2.1 Overarching Vision**

- 2.1.1 Our overarching vision is to develop a world-class rail industry that will grow in size, stimulate economic growth and development, facilitate trade, comply with safety standards agreed with the Railway Safety Regulator (RSR) Act 16 of 2002. In addition deliver efficient and quality services to customers, and achieve a significant increase in black participation in ownership, management and employment in companies throughout the industry value chain. Stakeholders will pursue a growth strategy that prioritises the retention and creation of quality jobs.
- 2.1.2 To make this vision become a reality will require a deliberate strategy to increase access to skills, capital and economic opportunities. This will require all stakeholders to recruit new black people into the industry and increase their skills (and those of existing employees) to best-practice international levels, while creating a supportive culture for their talents to thrive. It will also require all stakeholders to facilitate the creation of new black owned enterprises (and the development of existing ones) who can participate in economic opportunities throughout the rail industry value chain.
- 2.1.3 The signatories to this document believe that every company in South Africa must embrace Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) voluntarily, recognising that it is an economic imperative to secure a prosperous future for all our country's citizens. Accordingly, we commit ourselves to embark on a major communications and marketing campaign that will take this "Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Sub-Sector Code for the Rail Industry" to every organisation within our industry to ensure maximum participation by all stakeholders.

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- 2.1.4 Accordingly, all private sector stakeholders committing themselves to this Sub-Sector Code will agree to have their B-BBEE achievements (in terms of the indicators in the balanced scorecard) rated by an independent accredited B-BBEE verification agencies or company that is accredited by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Public sector organisations will be monitored and their contributions annually verified in a separate process that will be designed by the DoT and DPE. However, an independent B-BBEE verification agency/company will verify the B-BBEE contribution of their suppliers. The B-BBEE verification agencies will go a long way towards eliminating any form of misrepresentation and fraudulent practices within the industry. Other parties committed to this Sub-Sector Code will have their contributions assessed and verified as to their compliance to their undertakings.
- 2.2 National Government Undertakings (to achieve this vision)**
- 2.2.1 Government is the most important player in the industry through its ownership of the majority of rail industry assets and operations and the employment of the majority of workers. Accordingly, Government commits to demonstrate the political will to revive the rail network.
- 2.2.2 Make decisive and direct interventions to enhance the competitiveness of rail as a mode of transport for freight and commuters. This will also require urgent action to improve the internal efficiencies of the state-owned operators.
- 2.2.3 Set up structures that will ensure inter-governmental co-ordination between departments to align their programmes with the Transport and Rail Sector BEE processes. Examples of cross-cutting issues that require interventions across government departments and agencies include:
- 2.2.3.1 The countrywide shortage of matriculants with mathematics and science at higher grade.
- 2.2.3.2 The countrywide shortage of engineers and artisans across all disciplines.
- 2.2.3.3 Increasing awareness within the transport sector of available government investment incentives and grants.
- 2.2.3.4 Monitoring of stakeholder achievements in terms of the indicators on the Rail Sub-sector Balanced B-BBEE Scorecard.
- 2.2.4 Accelerate its programme (together with the relevant parastatals) to increase investments in freight and passenger rail infrastructure to eliminate current backlogs and expand the network, where necessary.
- 2.2.5 Convene a multi-stakeholder forum to investigate the scale of B-BBEE opportunities at the edges of the main network – eg private sector operations, private sidings, shunting, industrial townships, mining, tourism – and reach agreement on the modalities of effecting the entry of black entrepreneurs into the industry.
- 2.2.6 Continue existing initiatives with Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) formally known as Spoornet, provincial governments, local communities and the business sector to revive branch lines.

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- 2.2.7 Investigate (together with the relevant parastatals and labour) the possibility of introducing job-sharing programmes at TFR, Shosholoza Meyl and SARCC/Metrorail.
- 2.2.8 Ensure that the restructuring of rail assets to effect new institutional arrangements must proceed in a manner that results in an increase in black participation at all levels – in employment and the procurement of services and goods.
- 2.2.9 Enforce and monitor compliance with existing legislation that may impact on B-BBEE such as the Employment equity, Skills Development and Competition Acts.
- 2.2.10 Publish an annual report on B-BBEE and job creation within the Rail industry that consolidates reports and information from all stakeholders. Stakeholders will use this report to review progress at an annual Transport Industry BEE Forum.
- 2.3 Labour Undertakings (to achieve this vision)**
- 2.3.1 Encourage trade union controlled pension funds, where trade unions have significant influence, and trade union investment companies to make investments in the sector to help achieve the ownership targets.
- 2.3.2 Encourage employers to first look towards their own employees when considering options for achieving black equity participation.
- 2.3.4 Investigate opportunities to establish collective investment vehicles (including employee share ownership schemes) that will make investments in the sector. These investment vehicles must ensure the empowerment of workers to develop the skills required to own and manage companies in the industry. These initiatives need to be aligned to the tripartite report published in September 2003 and should be utilised in this regard.
- 2.3.5 Ensure that workers are empowered through skills development and create opportunities to deploy them into management positions.
- 2.3.6 Mobilise members to ensure compliance with existing legislation e.g. the Employment Equity (EE), Skills Development (SD), Labour Relations and Basic Conditions of Employment Acts. Non-complying companies must be reported to the Transport Sector B-BBEE Forum/Council to take further action by inspecting the causes for non-compliance and reviewing performance targets as necessary.
- 2.3.7 Mobilise members to monitor the performance of their employers in implementing the Growth and Development Summit (GDS) agreement on promoting local content and/or procurement and supporting the Proudly South African campaign.
- 2.3.8 Monitor the impact of procurement/outsourcing on job creation and report findings to the Transport Sector BEE Forum/Council
- 2.4 TETA Undertakings (to achieve this vision)**
- 2.4.1 Play a more interventionist role to influence training priorities in the Rail Chamber.
- 2.4.2 Assist stakeholders with the analysis of people in a particular skills set (or job category) broken down by race and gender.
- 2.4.3 Continuously conduct analysis and update statistics about the future demand of critical skills sets and the supply side of the equation.
- 2.4.4 Continuously conduct an analysis of the quantity, quality and nature of training that organisations and companies are doing.

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- 2.4.5 Commit to this B-BBEE Sub-Sector Code and strive to achieve the targets set (where applicable) as per the indicators (Management, Employment Equity, Skills Development, Preferential Procurement and Enterprise Development) in the balanced scorecard both internally and with specific reference to service providers.
- 2.4.6 Align its mission and vision with the imperatives of B-BBEE and assist with the implementation and monitoring of the B-BBEE Charter.

### 3 INDICATORS OF EMPOWERMENT

#### 3.1 Rail Sub-sector Code and the Scorecard

The B-BBEE Sub-Sector Code for the Rail Industry seeks to encourage all stakeholders to pursue an aggressive transformation agenda according to the broad guidelines set out in the National Strategy and BEE Balanced Scorecard. It is necessary to set different targets and timeframes for the public and private Industry's because the two are at different stages of the transformation process.

#### 3.2 Ownership

##### 3.2.1 Guiding Principles

- 3.2.1.1 Our guiding principle is to increase black ownership of assets, management control and operational involvement across the entire spectrum of the rail industry value chain and design appropriate funding mechanisms to facilitate the process. We recognise that the majority of rail industry assets are publicly owned. However, the challenge is to identify opportunities outside the public sector and use the purchasing power of the rail parastatals to fast track the development of new black enterprise in the industry.

##### 3.2.2 The Private Industry Commits to:

- 3.2.2.1 Pro-actively seek opportunities to broaden the ownership base of their enterprises and ensure that a minimum of **25%+1** vote is the hands of **black people**;
- 3.2.2.2 Ensure that a minimum of **25%** of economic interest accrues to **black people**;
- 3.2.2.3 Ensure that a minimum of least **10%** voting rights is in the hands of **black women**;
- 3.2.2.4 Ensure that **10%** of economic interest is in the hands of black women;
- 3.2.2.5 Ensure that **3%** is earmarked for black designated groups (including black people living with disabilities) and/or black participants in Employee Ownership Schemes, Broad based Ownership Schemes and Co-operatives within five years. This refers to **Black Natural People**;
- 3.2.2.6 If the ownership by black people living with disability is through a Non profit organisation or Public benefit organisation, the organisation will require to evidence that **85%** of the beneficiaries are black people living with disability as defined in the Employment Equity Act in order to realise maximum bonus points; and
- 3.2.2.7 **Qualifying Small Enterprises (QSEs)** as defined in this Sub-Sector Code will commit to:

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- 3.2.2.7.1 Increasing the ownership base of their companies and ensure that a minimum of **25%** of economic interest is in the hands of **black people**;
- 3.2.2.7.2 **25%+1** vote voting rights, or equivalent thereof, are in black hands; and
- 3.2.2.7.3 Ensure that the net economic interest of the black equity participants is 100% of their acquired share of the business within 5 years. If this is achieved, it will be deemed that Ownership Fulfilment has been achieved for both bigger entities (i.e. companies with turnover above R35 million) and Qualifying Small Enterprises (i.e. companies within R5 million and R35 million turnover threshold).
- 3.2.3 Measurement Principles and Application of the Charter**
- 3.2.3.1 Measurement principles associated with the ownership element is contained in Statement 100 of Code 100 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.2.3.2 The formulae required in the determination of the ownership score is contained in Annexure 100 (c) of Statement 100 of Code 100 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.2.3.3 The recognition of the sale of assets under the ownership element has the same meaning as that contained in Statement 102 of Code 100 of the Generic Code of Good Practice. The target contained in the ownership element of this Sub-Sector Code will apply.
- 3.2.3.4 The recognition of the equity equivalent programmes for multinational has the same meaning and interpretation as that contained in Statement 103 of Code 100 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.2.3.5 The formulae required in the determination of the ownership score based on equity equivalent contributions are contained in Annexure 103 (A) of Statement 103 of Code 100 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.2.3.6 Measurement principles relating to the ownership element for QSEs are contained in Statement 801 of Code 800 of the Generic Codes of Good Practice.
- 3.3 Management Control**
- 3.3.1 Private Industry Commits to:**
- 3.3.1.1 Ideally, an equal level of management control should accompany black ownership. Private industry will therefore aspire to the following 5-year targets regarding management control:
- 3.3.1.1.1 **Board Members**: 33% of the exercisable voting rights in the hands of black people.
- 3.3.1.1.2 **Women Board Members**: 16.5% of exercisable voting rights in the hands black women.
- 3.3.1.1.3 **Executive Directors**: 33% of all executive director positions occupied by black people.
- 3.3.1.1.4 **Women Executive Directors**: 16.5% of all executive positions occupied by black people.
- 3.3.1.1.5 **Senior Top Management**: 40% of all top senior management positions occupied by black people.
- 3.3.1.1.6 **Women Senior Top Management**: 20% of all top senior positions occupied by black women.

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- 3.3.1.1.7 **Other Top Management:** 40% of all other top management positions occupied by black people.
- 3.3.1.1.8 **Women Other Top Management:** 20% of all other top management positions occupied by black women.
- 3.3.1.1.9 QSEs within the sector commits to recruiting black people at Top Management positions, where they should constitute 50.1% of total Top Management.
- 3.3.1.1.10 Recruiting black women at Top Management level; where they should constitute 25% of all such positions.
- 3.3.2 Measurement Principles and Application of the Charter**
- 3.3.2.1 Measurement principles associated with the management control element is contained in Statement 200 of Code 200 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.3.2.2 The formulae required in the determination of the management control score are contained in Annexure 200 (A)-B of Statement 200 of Code 200 of the Generic Code of Good Practice. The Adjustment Recognition for Gender will not apply Annexure 200 (A)-A.
- 3.3.2.3 Measurement principles needed for the application of the Sub-Sector Code with regards to the management control element for QSEs are contained in statement 802, of Code 800, of the Generic Codes of Good Practice.
- 3.4 Employment Equity**
- 3.4.1 Guiding Principle**
- 3.4.1.1 Our guiding principle is to increase the participation of black people in top management, senior management and professional and technical occupations in the rail industry to create a workforce that truly represents the racial, ethnic and gender diversity of our country. This will require that all stakeholders create a supportive culture within their organization to attract new talent, facilitate the development of existing employees, and accelerate their progress into key positions within the industry.
- 3.4.2 Private Industry Commits to:**
- 3.4.2.1 **Senior Management:** The minimum compliance level for total black representation is set at 60% and the minimum compliance level for black women representation is set at 30% of all senior management positions.
- 3.4.2.2 **Middle Management:** The minimum compliance level for total black representation is set at 75% of all middle management and the minimum compliance level for black women representation is set at 37% of all middle management positions.
- 3.4.2.3 **Junior Management:** The minimum compliance level for total black representation is set at 80% and the minimum compliance level for black women representation is set at 40% of all junior management positions.
- 3.4.2.4 **Black Disabled Employees** – The minimum compliance level for black disabled representation is set at 3% of total staff.



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- 3.4.2.5 Black Women Disabled Employees–The minimum compliance level for black women disabled representation is set at 1.5% of total staff.
- 3.4.2.6 Measured entities falling within the QSEs threshold commit 40% of all management staff is black within 5 years. 50% of these positions should be earmarked for black women.
- 3.4.2.7 QSEs within this sub-sector commit to all 60% of all staff should be black within the next 5 years. Black women should occupy 30% of all positions within the next 5 years.
- 3.4.3 TETA commits to:
- 3.4.3.1 Play a significant role in monitoring and supporting stakeholders in meeting their targets.
- 3.4.4 **Measurement Principles and Application of the Charter**
- 3.4.4.1 Measurement principles on the employment equity element, is contained in Statement 300 of Code 300 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.4.4.2 The formulae required in the determination of the employment equity score are contained in Annexure 300 (A)-B of Statement 300 of Code 300 of the Generic Code of Good Practice. The formula for the determination of the Adjusted Recognition for Gender – Annexure 300 (A)-A will not apply.
- 3.4.4.3 Measurement principles for the determination of the Employment Equity score for QSEs are contained in Statement 803 of Code 800 of the Generic Codes of Good Practice.
- 3.5 **Skills Development**
- 3.5.1 **Guiding Principle**
- 3.5.1.1 Our guiding principle is to increase the economic value added of every employee in the rail sector through best-practice Human Resource Development, Skills Development, Employment Equity and Gender policies. A key element will be to identify the critical skills, retain and create quality employment in the sector.
- 3.5.2 **Private Industry Commit to:**
- 3.5.2.1 Investing a minimum of **3.5%** of the leviable amount on skills development expenditure on Learning programmes as per the Learning Matrix contained in the Codes, for black people. The target is inclusive of all associated costs and the current 1% skills development levy.
- 3.5.2.2 Investing a minimum of 1.5% of the leviable amount on skills development expenditure on Learning Programmes as per the Learning Matrix contained in the Codes for black women employees.
- 3.5.2.3 Investing a minimum of 0.3% of the leviable amount on skills development expenditure on Learning Programmes as per the Learning Matrix contained in the Codes for black disabled employees.
- 3.5.2.4 Investing a minimum of 0.15% of the leviable amount on skills development expenditure on Learning Programmes as per the Learning Matrix contained in the Codes for black women disabled employees.

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- 3.5.2.5 The number of black employees participating in Learnerships or Category B, C or D as a percentage of total employees will be 5%.
- 3.5.2.6 The number of black women employees participating in Learnerships or Category B, C or D as a percentage of total employees will be 2%.
- 3.5.2.7 Measured entities qualifying as QSEs to invest 2% of the leviable or payroll whichever is applicable on skills development expenditure on learning programmes for black employees. 50% of this amount to be spend on learning programmes for black women employees.
- 3.5.3 TETA Commits to:**
- 3.5.3.1 Expand the number of learnerships available based on the sector's skills requirements identified in the sector skills plan and the demands of the industry.
- 3.5.3.2 Facilitate easy access to finance learnerships and eliminate bottlenecks and bureaucratic procedures in accessing grants. This would entail streamlining processes and developing user-friendly procedures that encourage companies to participate in learnerships programmes.
- 3.5.3.3 Introduce, after consulting stakeholders and completing the skills audit, new categories of learnerships-in management, technical and professional occupational categories-to help public and private sector organisations to achieve their employment equity targets.
- 3.5.3.4 Conduct research to identify the management, professional and technical skills that the industry will require over the next decade and map out future demand/supply scenarios in a detailed skills audit that will guide and inform stakeholders in implementing their EE targets.
- 3.5.3.5 Pay particular attention to the issue of addressing the current shortage of engineering professionals in the rail industry and make proposals on how to eliminate the skills deficit in the medium term. The proposal will quantify the financial resources that may be required to eliminate the skills deficit.
- 3.5.3.6 Conduct research on the supply side of the skills development equation – i.e. the institutions that will provide the required management, professional and technical skills. The research will determine whether the identified institutions have the capacity to meet the expected demand and whether their curricula meet the needs of industry.
- 3.5.3.7 Collect and publish detailed and aggregated statistics on the EE profile of the industry according to occupational level and occupational category.
- 3.5.3.8 Assist in unlocking the funds from the National Skills Fund (NSF) for Management and Learnership Programmes in the identified areas.
- 3.5.4 Measurement Principles and Application of the Charter**
- 3.5.4.1 Measurement principles associated with the skills development element, is contained in Statement 400 of Code 400 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.5.4.2 The formulae required in the determination of the skills development score are contained in Annexure 400 (A)-B of Statement 400 of Code 400 of the Generic Code of Good Practice. The formula for the determination of the Adjusted Recognition for Gender – Annexure 400 (A)-A will not apply.

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- 3.5.4.3 The measurement principles required in the determination of the skills development score for QSEs are contained in Statement 804 of Code 800 of the Generic Code of Good Practice
- 3.6 Preferential Procurement**
- 3.6.1 Guiding Principle**
- 3.6.1.1 Our guiding principle is to use the significant purchasing power of the rail parastatals to develop and support existing BEE companies in the sector and make deliberate attempts to identify new entrants, particularly in areas such heavy engineering and maintenance, which have traditionally excluded black people. A key area of focus will be to identify areas where there is relatively little procurement from black suppliers and develop strategies to rectify the situation. However, quality and specification issues have to be reflected under procurement in order to ensure compliance with safety standards.
- 3.6.2 Private Industry Commits to:**
- 3.6.2.1 B-BBEE Procurement: The Private Sector commits itself to procure a minimum of **50% of B-BBEE procurement** spend based on the Recognition levels (see Appendix B) as a percentage of Total Measured Procurement Spend.
- 3.6.2.2 B-BBEE Procurement-QSEs and EMEs: The Private Sector commits itself to procure a minimum of **10% of all B-BBEE procurement** spend from Qualifying Small Enterprises and EMEs.
- 3.6.2.3 Procurement from **50% Black-Owned Enterprises**: The Private Sector commits itself to procuring a minimum of 9% of B-BBEE procurement spend from 50% Black-Owned Enterprises.
- 3.6.2.4 Procurement from **30% Black Women-Owned Enterprises**: The Private Sector commits itself to procuring a minimum of 6% of B-BBEE procurement spend from **30% Black Women-Owned Enterprises**.
- 3.6.2.5 QSEs within this sub-sector commit to procuring a minimum of 50% of total procurement from B-BBEE compliant suppliers.
- 3.6.2.6 Adopt the guidelines on Accounting for Affirmative Procurement that will be set by the Transport Sector BEE Forum/Council.
- 3.6.3 All stakeholders commit to:**
- 3.6.3.1 Ensure that companies and organisations develop uniform policies on Accounting for Affirmative Procurement and adopt the guidelines that will be set by the Transport Sector BEE Forum/Council.
- 3.6.3.2 Ensure that companies and organisations constantly explore possibilities to increase the amount of discretionary spending—for example by supporting local procurement and/or content in line with the agreements reached by stakeholders at the Growth and Development Summit (GDS) whilst at all times complying with their Safety Management System requirements.
- 3.6.3.3 This will require that companies and organisations state in their annual BEE reports the reasons for classifying an item of expenditure as “non-discretionary.” This information should be disclosed in a detailed statement that reconciles discretionary and non-discretionary expenditure.

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- 3.6.3.4 Companies and organisations should support the Proudly South African (PSA) campaign and note the agreement at the GDS that PSA is "an important means of taking the message of local content, fair labour standards, environmental sustainability and quality products and services to the nation."
- 3.6.3.5 As far as possible, companies and organisations should use local as opposed to foreign suppliers and state the reasons for using a foreign supplier. Where a foreign supplier must be used, companies and organisations must use the offset principle to secure the commitment of these companies to a set of BEE obligations.
- 3.6.3.6 As far as possible include early payment cycles, securities, guarantees etc when procuring from to Black owned enterprises, QSEs & EMEs.
- 3.6.4 **Measurement Principles and Application of the Charter**
- 3.6.4.1 Measurement principles associated with the preferential procurement element, is contained in Statement 500 of Code 500 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.6.4.2 The formulae required in the determination of the preferential procurement score are contained in Annexure 500 (A) of Statement 500 of Code 500 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.6.4.3 Measurement principles required in evaluating the preferential procurement contributions made by QSEs within this sector are contained in Statement 805 of Code 800 of the Generic Codes of Good Practice.
- 3.7 **Enterprise Development**
- 3.7.1 **Guiding Principle**
- 3.7.1.1 Our guiding principle is to help set up, nurture and grow viable BEE enterprises in the rail sector that are majority-owned by black operators while developing existing companies.
- 3.7.2 **The Private Industry Commits to:**
- 3.7.2.1 Pro-actively seek opportunities to enter into joint ventures (and other forms of alliances) and make direct investments in BEE companies.
- 3.7.2.2 Facilitate the development of creative financial mechanisms to enable BEE companies and employees to purchase equity in their companies.
- 3.7.2.3 Enterprise development in the private sector will be measured as a percentage of Net Profit After Tax (NPAT) over a 5 year period. The private sector commits itself to an average annual value of Enterprise Development of 3% of NPAT.
- 3.7.2.4 QSEs within this sub-sector aspire to make contributions to enterprise development, which will amount to 2% of NPAT evaluated annually over the next 5 years.
- 3.7.3 **TETA commits to:**
- 3.7.3.1 To developing training programmes specifically designed for black entrepreneurs within the Rail Industry.
- 3.7.3.2 Contribute 10% of its allocation to developing training programmes specifically for entrepreneurs in this sector.

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- 3.7.3.3 Having 50% of all Learners in such programmes being black people.
- 3.7.4 Measurement Principles and Application of the Sub-Sector Code**
- 3.7.4.1 Measurement principles associated with the enterprise development element are contained in Statement 600 of Code 600 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.7.4.2 Qualifying contributions for the enterprise development element are contained in Annexure 600 (A) – Benefit Factor Matrix of the Statement 600 of Code 600 of the Generic Codes of Good Practice.
- 3.7.4.3 The formulae required in the determination of the enterprise development score are contained in Annexure 600 (A) of Statement 600 of Code 600 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.7.4.4 Measurement principles required in evaluating the enterprise development contributions made by QSEs within this sub-sector are contained in Statement 806 of Code 800 of the Generic Codes of Good Practice.
- 3.8 Social-economic Development**
- 3.8.1 Guiding principles**
- The rail sub-sector is well placed to make a contribution towards the development of local rural communities. Our guiding principle is to increase the impact of companies and organisations within the rail venue chain on rural communities.
- 3.8.2 All Stakeholders commit to:**
- 3.8.2.1 A target of 1% of NPAT on social development projects as identified by the organisation/company with a specific focus on rural development, which may include HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention, education, etc.
- 3.8.2.2 QSEs within this sub-sector will contribute a minimum of 1% of NPAT evaluated annually to socio-economic development initiatives over the next 5 years.
- 3.8.2.3 The rand spend on contributions directed in the following programmes that will be Rail Sector specific and designed areas will be enhanced by a factor of 1.25:
- 3.8.2.3.1 HIV Treatment and Prevention;
- 3.8.2.3.2 Education; and
- 3.8.2.3.3 Rural Development structures.
- 3.8.3 Measurement Principles and Application of the Charter**
- 3.8.3.1 Measurement principles associated with the socio-economic development element are contained in Statement 700 of Code 700 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.
- 3.8.3.2 Qualifying contributions for the socio-economic development element are contained in Annexure 700 (A) – Benefit Factor Matrix of the Statement 700 of Code 700 of the Generic Codes of Good Practice.
- 3.8.3.3 The formulae required in the determination of the socio-economic development are contained in Annexure 700 (A) of Statement 700 of Code 700 of the Generic Code of Good Practice.

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- 3.8.3.4 Measurement principles required in evaluating socio-economic development contributions made by QSEs within this sub-sector are contained in Statement 807 of Code 800 of the Generic Codes of Good Practice.