

# CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CIGARETTE SMOKE HARM-REDUCTION ACTIVE-FILTER MOUTHPIECE DEVICE



**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 28 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 16:30**

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed an insertable cigarette mouthpiece filter, as a harm-reduction strategy from repeated and prolonged exposure to a range of tobacco smoke toxicants for people who smoke.

The cigarette smoke filter technology comprises an adsorbent material or materials, functionalised with unique surface properties and selectivity for target toxicant species removal, incorporated in a 3D-printed cigarette mouthpiece.

The CSIR hereby invites companies – potential commercial partner(s) – to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) to successfully manufacture and commercialise the harm-reduction cigarette mouthpiece filter. The ultimate objective is to take the tobacco harm-reduction mouthpiece filter to the global markets.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

### Organisations that:

- Have relevant tobacco industry knowledge;
- Have relevant manufacturing plant facilities, capabilities and/or relevant manufacturing partners required for pilot- to large-scale manufacture;
- Have established distribution channels;
- Have significant market information, i.e. market demand, size, trends, consumer landscapes, new and emerging markets;
- Have demonstrated good business acumen and market penetration strategy/strategies; and
- Are willing to invest financially or have demonstrated capabilities to successfully source funding from the public and private sectors.

## WHAT TO SUBMIT:

- Provide a brief description of the company's core business.
- Demonstrate relevant industry knowledge and experience in producing and/or manufacturing tobacco product accessories – outsourced production capabilities may be considered.
- A detailed business plan describing the applicant's suggested approach for commercialising the technology.
- An indication of the applicant's willingness to invest financially or source funding for commercialisation, should that be required.

## APPLICANTS MUST ALSO ATTACH:

- Audited/independently reviewed financial statements;
- For companies operating in South Africa, a valid tax clearance certificate;
- A valid B-BBEE certificate;
- Brief CVs (one page preferred) of each of the team members who will be driving the commercialisation of the products; and
- Company registration documents.

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS OR MOTIVATIONS WILL PREJUDICE THE ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED.**

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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