

PART CH75**TRACK ACCESS: EXTERNAL RAIL TRANSPORT OPERATORS****CONTENTS**

1. GENERAL
2. ACCESS TO THE RAIL CORRIDOR
3. PROTECTION OFFICERS
4. WORKING WITHIN the RAIL CORRIDOR

ATTACHMENT A: INTERFACES BETWEEN AMPRN AND EXTERNAL RAIL TRANSPORT OPERATORS.

1. GENERAL

- .1 This Part specifies the requirements for working within a Rail Corridor where Rail Infrastructure managed or operated by an External Rail Transport Operator is present.
- .2 The Contractor must comply with:
 - (a) AS 4292 Rail Safety Management
 - (b) AS 1085 Railway Permanent Way Material.
 - (c) where applicable, the Code of Practice.
- .3 The definitions in the [Rail Safety National Law \(South Australia\) Act 2012](#), the Access Licence and the following definitions apply to this Part.

“**Access Licence**” means an agreement made, or about to be made, between the Principal and an External Rail Transport Operator with respect to access to land which is under the care and control of an External Rail Transport Operator.

“**ARTC**” means Australian Rail Track Corporation, ABN 75 081 455 754.

“**DIRN**” means Defined Interstate Railway Network.

“**External Rail Transport Operator**” means a Rail Transport Operator other than the Rail Commissioner.

“**Licensed Area**” means the area specified in the Access Licence.

“**Protection Officer**” means the person responsible for ensuring that the work is undertaken in accordance with the Rail Transport Operator’s operating and safety requirements.

For the purpose of this Part only:

“**Code of Practice**” means the Code of Practice for the Defined Interstate Rail Network and addendums, available from www.arou.gov.au.
- .4 Refer to Attachment A for a summary of interfaces between the Adelaide Metropolitan Passenger Rail Network and External Rail Transport Operators (available from: http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/contractor_documents/specifications_-_division_CH).

2. ACCESS TO THE RAIL CORRIDOR**Site Access Licence**

- .1 The Principal has, or is about to, enter into an Access Licence with an External Rail Transport Operator. The Contractor:
 - (a) occupies the Licensed Area at its own risk;
 - (b) must comply with the terms and conditions specified in the Access Licence when accessing the Licensed Area;
 - (c) must not undertake any activity in the Licensed Area prior to the Principal’s confirmation that the Access Licence has been executed; and
 - (d) notify the Principal immediately if it requires access to other Rail Infrastructure which is not subject to the Access Licence.
- .2 Further details are included in the **Contract Specific Requirements**.

Liaison with the External Rail Transport Operator

- .3 The Principal will establish initial contact between the Contractor and relevant External Rail Transport Operator(s). Arrangements for the planning of track access and occupations, as well as review of any relevant design and construction information will be agreed during this initial contact.
- .4 Track access and occupations planning for the External Rail Transport Operator must be pursuant to the requirements outlined in the Access Licence.
- .5 Regular planning meetings must be held, in a consultative forum between the Contractor, Principal and the External Rail Transport Operator, Addenda for planning of occupations must be discussed in the consultative forum, and submitted in accordance with agreed requirements, no less than six weeks prior to any proposed occupation.
- .6 Unless specified otherwise, the Contractor must:
 - (a) give the External Rail Transport Operator at least six weeks notice of the Contractor's intention to enter the Rail Authority's property or work in the vicinity of railway infrastructure;
 - (b) provide advice to the External Rail Transport Operator of dates and times of proposed access during the permitted timeframe of this Contract and on a daily basis prior to commencing the activity, and immediately in the event of any emergency or incident concerning the track; and
 - (c) if requested, provide any relevant procedures, Safe Work Method Statements or other documentation to the External Rail Transport Operator at least two weeks prior to any access to the Licensed Area.
- .7 In the event of the Contractor becoming aware that it may delay an External Rail Transport Operator's train operations, the Contractor must notify the Principal and the External Rail Transport Operator immediately.
- .8 Except in an emergency, the Contractor must not undertake any work requested by an External Rail Transport Operator unless directed by the Principal.

3. PROTECTION OFFICERS

- .1 The Contractor must engage or employ appropriately qualified Protection Officers in accordance with the requirements of the External Rail Transport Operator.
- .2 The Contractor must ensure that Protection Officer(s) are in attendance whilst work is underway in the vicinity of Rail Infrastructure or vehicles, equipment and/or the Contractor's Personnel within 4 m of the outside rail of the rail track.
- .3 The minimum qualification requirements to undertake track protection activities on ARTC's network are:
 - (a) ARTC National Track Safety Awareness; and
 - (b) Transport Distribution Training 5301A or equivalent in accordance with the DIRN and the associated ARTC addendum.
- .4 The Protection Officer(s) responsibilities include:
 - (a) contact train / tram control regarding authority to place equipment on track, to work and, if applicable, to stable any machines/equipment;
 - (b) undertaking surveillance to verify that the External Rail Transport Operator's rail safety requirements are being met, including the appropriate use of high visibility clothing;
 - (c) erect and relocate appropriate speed restriction boards;
 - (d) erect any emergency warning signals and/or equipment if equipment is not removed from the track at the prescribed time; and
 - (e) liaise with the Contractor (including providing regular briefings) regarding Rolling Stock movements and any localised risks associated with work for that shift.
- .5 The Contractor must comply with any reasonable direction of a Protection Officer in regard to safety.
- .6 The cost of engagement of Protection Officers shall be borne by the Contractor.

4. WORKING WITHIN the RAIL CORRIDOR

General

- .1 The Contractor must not:
 - (a) erect any scaffolding, plant or structure that will obscure any signals or signage at any time on an operating railway or encroach on the minimum clearance reasonably specified by the Rail Transport Operator;
 - (b) place anything that cannot be readily removed before the passage of any Rolling Stock within 3.0 m of the nearest rail and 1.5 m from the nearest aerial;
 - (c) allow any movable equipment to remain within 3 m of the nearest rail of the Railway during the passage of any Rolling Stock;
 - (d) display lights, flags or other signs in a manner that may interfere with the safe operation of Rolling Stock;
 - (e) damage any signalling, communication cables and control equipment that may be present above or below ground at the site, or
 - (f) permit its construction activities to affect the stability or alignment of the rail tracks.

Safety Clothing

- .2 The Contractor's Personnel and any visitors must wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment and high visibility safety clothing while in the Rail Corridor. Red, yellow or green clothing (including hats or safety hats) or objects must not be brought into the Rail Corridor under any circumstances. The Contractor must ensure that all high visibility safety clothing is in good order.

Control of Access

- .3 The Contractor must provide any necessary security and access control measures, including provision of security guards where appropriate, to ensure the protection of the Works and any associated infrastructure, plant and equipment, and the safety of persons.
- .4 Where it is necessary to dismantle a permanent fence to gain entry to the site, the Contractor must maintain the opening as may be necessary to ensure the security of the Site, including when the Site is unattended. On completion of the Works, the permanent fencing must be restored to the same condition as existed immediately prior to the commencement of the work, unless specified otherwise.
- .5 Unless specified otherwise, the Contractor must maintain public access through pedestrian crossing points.
- .6 The Contractor is responsible for the adequacy of the systems used to ensure compliance with the External Rail Transport Operator's requirements.

Crossing of Rail Tracks

- .7 The Contractor must implement any measures necessary to ensure that vehicles and the Contractor's Personnel can safely cross railway tracks. The Contractor must comply with any reasonable requirement of the Rail Transport Operator and the Protection Officer regarding the crossings, which may include constructing temporary crossings, erecting temporary fencing and restricting the locations where crossing can take place.

Training

- .8 The Contractor must ensure that all persons working within the Site boundary have undertaken the relevant training and received the necessary certification in time to commence work on the project.
- .9 All of the Contractor's Personnel entering the Rail Corridor must attend any induction or training reasonably required by ARTC.
- .10 Track Safety Awareness is the basic training requirement for employees required to work within 4 m of the nearest rail.

Site Condition

- .11 The Contractor must keep disturbance of the Site to a minimum, contain all activities within the Site and must not intrude onto neighbouring properties.
- .12 The Contractor must continuously maintain the working area, including means of access and egress, in a clean and tidy condition. Rubbish and surplus / scrap material must be regularly removed in accordance with the environmental management requirements.

- .13 The Site must be restored to the same condition as existed immediately prior to the commencement of the work, unless specified otherwise.

Protection of Existing Infrastructure

- .14 The Contractor must take all reasonable measures to prevent damage to Rail Infrastructure, including any electrical / communications cables and control equipment that may be present above or below ground.
 - .15 In the event that the Contractor damages any Railway Infrastructure, the Contractor must immediately advise the Principal and the Protection Officer and comply with any reasonable instructions from the External Rail Operator with respect to undertaking any repairs deemed necessary.
-