

Gibela Rail – Earthworks & Site Services & Main Manufacturing Building



Client: Gibela consortium

Location: Springs

Date: January 2016

Value: R535 m

This project incorporates the preparation of the site bulk earthworks and site services as well as the construction of the Main Manufacturing Plant. Trencon plans to employ various empowered subcontractors, including Xihungaso Construction Services, a black women-owned construction service provider.

The R1-billion Dunnottar train manufacturing facility, in Ekurhuleni, is being developed by the Alstom-led (61%) Gibela consortium. The other members of the Gibela consortium are Ubumbano Rail (30%) and New Africa Rail (9%).

The manufacturing facility, which will be situated at the old Dunnottar airport site, near Springs in eastern Gauteng, will be used to build 580 of the 600 trains to be supplied to the State-owned Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) as part of a R51-billion multiyear contract awarded in early 2014. Each train will have six cars, translating to 3 600 cars in total.