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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The study investigated the supply-chain management practices in Capricorn District Municipality and Aganang Local Municipality. The study also looked at the implementation of the supply-chain management policies in the Capricorn District and Aganang Local municipalities.

The study critically analysed the practice of supply-chain management in Capricorn and Aganang municipalities and the challenges faced by these municipalities in terms of procurement and supply-chain management in general. The findings of the study will assist government with interventions that are necessary for the improvement of the supply-chain management practices in the local sphere of government.

The study also investigated and analysed possible non-compliance with supply-chain management legislation and policies, and purchasing and tender irregularities in Capricorn District and Aganang Local municipalities. It also investigated whether the evaluation and adjudication of bids were in accordance with the applicable legislation. The study further recommended possible strategies and mechanisms to improve procurement and supply-chain management to prevent fraud and corruption.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ALM	–	Aganang Local Municipality
BBBEEA	–	Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment Act
BEE	–	Black Economic Empowerment
CDM	–	Capricorn District Municipality
CFO	–	Chief Financial Officer
CPAR	–	Country Procurement Assessment Review
EoI	–	Expression of Interest
HDI	–	Historically Disadvantaged Individuals
IDP	–	Integrated Development Plan
LED	–	Local Economic Development
MFMA	–	Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003
MM	–	Municipal Manager
MoU	–	Memorandum of Understanding
PDI	–	Previously Disadvantaged Individuals
PFMA	–	Public Finance Management Act
PPP	–	Public Private Partnership
PPPFA	–	Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act
RDP	–	Reconstruction and Development Programme
RFP	–	Request for Proposals
RFQ	–	Request for Quotations
SCM	–	Supply-Chain Management
SCMU	–	Supply-Chain Management Unit
SMME	–	Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises
TOR	–	Terms of Reference

DEFINITIONS OF SELECTED TERMS

(a) Supply-Chain Management

Hugo *et al.* (2002:29) view supply-chain management as a management philosophy aimed at integrating a network of upstream linkages, internal linkages inside the organisation and downstream linkages in performing specific processes and activities that will ultimately create and optimise value for the customer in the form of products and services which are specifically aimed at satisfying customer demands.

Hugo *et al.* (2004:5) define supply chain management as the new approach aimed at enhancing customer service and providing a firm with a competitive advantage through the efficient management of the flow of materials and services.

According to Saunders (1997:44), the phrase Supply Chain Management is concerned with processes and techniques brought into play to manage the flow of supplies through such chains.

(b) Procurement

Pauw *et al.* (2002:227) define procurement as the acquisition of goods and services other than the services of officials for the people and their administration by means of commercial transactions.

Bowersox & Closs (1996:35) view procurement as being concerned with purchasing and arranging inbound movement of materials, parts and/or finished inventory from suppliers to manufacturing or assembly plants, warehouses, or retail stores. Depending on the situation, the acquisition process is commonly identified by different names. In manufacturing, the process of acquisition is typically called purchasing. In government circles, acquisition has traditionally been referred to as procurement.

(c) Tendering

Pauw *et al.* (2002:234) define tendering as process whereby an organisation invites offers for the supply of goods and services and awards the contract to the best offer according to pre-determined criteria without negotiation.

(d) Purchaser

Purchaser is an entity that requests procurement of goods, obtains services or performs works and which conducts all the activities necessary for implementing the public procurement.

(e) Supplier

Supplier is every local or foreign legal entity or an individual – the supplier or provider of goods, services or works - which submits an offer.

(f) Offer

An Offer is a supplier's proposal prepared for the purchaser based on its defined request and it is the basis for closing an agreement for delivery of goods, services or performance of works.

(g) Goods

Goods are movable objects of all kinds, including the raw materials and spare parts, industrial and other facilities, copyrights of intellectual or industrial property (patents, licenses, transfer of technology and software programmes).

(h) Service

Service is every other activity that is not goods or work that is used to provide conditions for performing the function or the production.

(i) Tender documentation

Tender documentation is the documentation that is prepared by the purchaser with an aim to having the suppliers submit offers.