

Empower · Big Five Group™

Big Five Connect profile

Get found. Get verified. Get trusted. Get paid.

SupplierAdvisor® is a supply-chain operating system built around a verified network of companies. It is designed to help African SMEs, suppliers and buyers do four things that decide whether a business grows: get found, get verified, get trusted and get paid. Big Five Connect sits in Big Five Group™ alongside Big Five Foods™.

We exist so Africa can prosper.

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EMPOWER · WHO WE ARE

Big Five Connect × SupplierAdvisor®

Big Five Connect, part of the Empower side of Big Five Group™, runs SupplierAdvisor®. When an SME can be found, verified, trusted and paid, it can hire, grow and supply with confidence: empowerment in its most practical form, a fair chance to compete.

Get found

Company-to-company connections, marketplace reach and supplier discovery, so buyers who need exactly what you do can find you.

Get verified

Company verification and certificate metadata let counterparties know who they are trading with.

Get trusted

Buyers score every delivery on OTIFEF and peer ratings follow the relationship: a reputation you carry into the next deal.

Get paid

POs, quotes, orders and invoices sit on the same books, with payments and accounts receivable in the same workspace.

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Systems in one OS	Markets: B2B · B2G · B2C	Full-platform trial	Workspace per company	Team seats on the plan

“Across Africa I meet business owners who make good products and give good service, yet struggle to be seen. What is often missing is access to markets, and the proof that opens them.”

Dr Craig R. Muller, founder of Big Five Group™

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · THREE MARKETS

B2B, B2G and B2C on one fabric.

Most platforms pick one market. SupplierAdvisor® is built so private trade, public procurement and consumer trust share the same verification, traceability and operating discipline.

B2B

Business to business

Manufacturers, distributors, traders and brands run the full OS: network, buy and sell, inventory, make, ship, finance, SHEQ and quality, with counterparties you can score and prove. Verified company graph and OTIFEF ratings POs, quotes, orders and invoices on the same books Lot holds that stop the ship when QA fails

B2G

Business to government

Public entities and suppliers need transparent procurement, accountable spend and audit-ready trails, not email chains and disconnected spreadsheets. Transparent supplier discovery and handshakes Documented trade and performance scores SHEQ, NCR/CAPA and export packs for scrutiny

B2C

Business to consumer

One free personal wallet. Link any business on the platform to manage that account: shop, subscriptions, bookings, check-in, family, waitlist and medical records. No company needed. Free app: shop, book, check in, hire, subscriptions Family book, waitlist, .ics calendar, gym door QR Pay or send proof of payment

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · THE TRUST LAYER

Trust is earned on real trade.

Verification, peer stars, OTIFEF and RIAD risk live where you buy and sell, so bad counterparties show up before the next PO. Invite suppliers and customers, connect public buyers, and give consumers a path into verified brands: the same fabric of trust.

Separate company workspaces, team roles and membership-scoped data: groups and brands stay clean, not tangled in one login. The same login can run a B2B or B2G company and keep a personal SA Member wallet; they never mix.

Verified companies

Company verification and certificate metadata, so counterparties know who they trade with.

Lot-level traceability

Product → lot → warehouse → movement → QA. Mock recalls and hold gates before goods leave the gate.

Quality release gates

Inspections that block ship. HACCP CCPs. Auditor export packs when regulators call.

SHEQ operators use

Incidents, hazards, NCR/CAPA wired to the same inventory that runs the business.

On-chain pedigree

Optional product passports and PO escrow when capital or authenticity must be proven.

Peer ratings & RIAD

Bilateral stars after trade and RIAD risk logs that follow every supplier relationship.

Score every delivery On-Time, In-Full, Error-Free. Peer stars and RIAD risk logs follow the relationship, and ratings are bilateral after trade, not vanity reviews. For a small supplier, that record becomes a reputation it can carry into the next conversation, rather than starting from zero every time.

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · GET PAID

From PO to payment, on one set of books.

Being trusted means little if the invoice is lost in an inbox. On SupplierAdvisor®, the commercial trail and the money trail are one: every PO rides a trusted relationship, and every invoice lands in the same ledger.

Network

Company-to-company connections, pricing edges with connected companies, marketplace reach and invites, so every PO rides a trusted relationship, not a cold email.

Suppliers (SRM)

Discover verified partners, connect on-platform, raise POs with optional on-chain escrow, and run OTIFEF scorecards after every delivery.

Customers (CRM)

Pipeline, quotes, sales orders, invoices and loyalty, plus platform invites that turn buyers into live trading edges. Leads → quotes → orders → AR.

Finance

Double-entry CoA, journals, AR/AP, payments, bank import, VAT, fixed assets and management accounts, with live bank feeds on selected banks (FNB Integration Channel and BankLink open banking).

In-app messaging

Internal team threads and external threads with connected suppliers and customers on the same model, not email silos.

Where settlement needs stronger proof, optional wallet-signed escrow on purchase orders is available, without forcing crypto on every workflow.

PO loop: Draft → Sent → Accept → Deliver → Rate

Purchase orders move through the same states on both sides. When the goods arrive, the buyer scores the delivery and rates the partner, and the score follows the company across the network.

- Register & verify — Company profile, team, certificates. Multi-entity groups get separate workspaces.
- Connect & trade — Invite suppliers and customers. Handshakes, POs, docs, OTIFEF scorecards.
- Operate the chain — Inventory, manufacturing, distribution, finance: one membership-scoped OS.
- Prove & improve — SHEQ, QA holds, traceability, CAPA and auditor packs when it matters.

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · CORE OS

Not a pile of apps. One operating system.

Not a pile of apps: a single operating system for how goods, money and trust move through African and global supply chains. Every module shares the same command chrome, so teams switch systems without relearning the UI.

Control Tower, Company (identity, modules, billing), Network, Suppliers, Customers, Inventory, Operations, Quality, Finance, Intelligence and Guide: one workspace, one trust fabric.

Operations
Procure, receive, store, make, ship and fulfil on one live tower; exceptions surface first.

Suppliers (SRM)
Discover and invite, POs with optional escrow, OTIFEF scorecards, peer ratings and RIAD.

Customers (CRM)
Leads and opportunities, quotes → orders → AR, buyer portal and reviews.

Inventory
SKU master, multi-site stock, QR receive, GPS transfers, lots and serials, on-chain passports.

Network
Connection graph, pricing edges, marketplace reach and business invites.

SHEQ
Incidents, HIRARC hazard scores, NCRs and CAPAs; failed QA inspections auto-raise NCRs.

Quality & food safety
Holds that block shipping, HACCP plans with CCPs, lot pedigree, recall drills, auditor packs.

Finance
Journals and GL, bank allocation, VAT, fixed assets, budgets and management accounts.

Projects
Portfolio, kanban boards, milestone gates, timesheets and risk registers.

Impact (ESG)
Scope 1–3 style carbon tracking and report packs wired to real inventory and logistics.

Intelligence
Live pulse across network, supply, demand, finance and ops, plus Super-Cube® leadership.

Core is R299 per month after the 30-day trial. Industry packs are R199 each.

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · HOW IT FITS

Start with Core. Layer what you need.

Every company starts with the same Core operating system, then layers sector and industry packs for how it actually trades. Public-sector programmes and fully custom process design are specialist-led.

Core OS
Trade, ops, finance, assure and insight: the foundation every company starts with.

Sector
Manufacturing, distribution and container outlets for secondary and tertiary operations.

Industry
Industry hubs for primary production and services, without removing Core process trees.

Government
National → Provincial → Municipal → Local workspaces: SchoolAdvisor®, HealthAdvisor®.

Bespoke
Custom workflows, multi-entity models and integrations when your group runs differently.

Manufacturing
BOMs, master production schedules, MRP, work centres and work orders with OEE-style throughput.

Distribution
Inbound and outbound logistics, carriers, fleet and drivers, Incoterms® 2020 and event-level tracking across road, ocean and air.

Containers
Container retail outlets, contractors and resellers, live stock, jobs and meals impact, and feasibility models.

- SAM messenger — SAM (Grok), the SupplierAdvisor® Messenger: in-app setup and how-to without a manual.
- Guide — In-app how-to curriculum for every module.
- Sales contractors — Pipeline, quotes and personal commission (4–6% programme).
- Supply-chain referral — Earn 6/3/1% of partners' subscriptions (max 10%).

Software for the chain. Development for the humans who run it.: Super-Cube® is a doctoral leadership model embedded in the product, so teams grow decision quality alongside OTIFEF, cost centres and compliance.

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · INDUSTRY ADVISORS

Vertical depth, one pack at a time.

Industry Advisors add vertical depth with diaries, waitlist desks, industry PWAs, rooms, marketplace listings and in-app messages. Enable only the packs you need from Company → Modules. Most Advisors bill the operating company a subscription; members and patients never pay SupplierAdvisor®.

Primary & make

CropAdvisor® · QuarryAdvisor® · ApparelAdvisor® · ConstructionAdvisor®

Fitness & clinical services

GymAdvisor® · PhysioAdvisor® · DentalAdvisor® · PsychiatryAdvisor® · MedicalAdvisor® · VetAdvisor®

Hire & retail

HireAdvisor® · RetailAdvisor®

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · GOVERNMENT (B2G)

SchoolAdvisor® and HealthAdvisor®.

Transparent supplier discovery, documented trade, verification and export packs, plus SchoolAdvisor® (NSNP / DBE · public sector only) and HealthAdvisor® (DoH) programme pathways on the same platform. Government programmes are set up by SupplierAdvisor® admin.

SchoolAdvisor®

SchoolAdvisor® runs only on the government / public-sector pathway: DBE and PEU govern catalogue, menus and compliance; schools run kitchen, learners, approved brands and serve day; service providers (SPs) deliver against school POs. Not a private industry pack. DBE / PEU: Catalogue · menus · PEU visits · claims · School kitchen: Stock · orders · serve day · prizes · SP supply: PO → deliver → POD · SLA

HealthAdvisor®

HealthAdvisor® brings Department of Health facility pathways onto the same OS, as an admin-set-up government programme rather than a private pack.

Government (B2G) is not self-serve: national, provincial or municipal offices submit a request, and a SupplierAdvisor® admin approves it before the workspace opens.

The pain

Opaque supplier selection Audit packs assembled after the fact No performance trail on suppliers Programme ops split from procurement systems

With SupplierAdvisor®

Verified company graph and peer ratings OTIFEF and SHEQ / NCR trails for oversight SchoolAdvisor® process design (DBE · school kitchen · SP) HealthAdvisor® facility pathways on the OS

DBE × KZN school nutrition: Big Five Connect runs SupplierAdvisor® so the Department of Basic Education can align school nutrition delivery across KwaZulu-Natal: service providers and schools on one verified operating fabric, where approved products, menus and compliance incentives live in the same place as trade. Approximate programme-scale estimates for the case study, not a real-time census. Confirm live scope with Big Five Connect.

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · SA MEMBER (B2C)

One free account for every business you use.

Create one free SA Member profile. Link it to any gym, clinic, hire desk or shop on SupplierAdvisor®, then manage that account: book, buy, check in, family, waitlist, subscriptions, medical records, pay and proof, and push alerts. Desks can still print a QR or send WhatsApp.

No subscription, no platform take-rate. Brands charge their own gym, clinic or hire prices. You pay them, not us.

Install as an app

Add to the home screen: a full-screen PWA for shop, brands, check-in and your profile.

Create & verify yourself

Name, email, phone, city. SA ID via VerifyNow or passport via Didit.

Link any business

Search a company, scan a desk QR, or tap Add to wallet on its public page.

Book your Advisor

Medical, dental, physio, psychiatry and gym: open diary slots on your phone.

Hire golden path

Request → docs → approved → pay → out → return → done, with next action and deposit.

Shop sale & hire

Browse what brands are selling or hiring out, and listed gyms and clinics.

Gym class check-in

Scan the studio QR; your coach and the desk see you are in.

Family & household

Book a child or household attendee onto a class or clinic slot.

Waitlist + calendar

Join the waitlist when a slot is full; download .ics or open Google Calendar.

Pay & proof of payment

See charges from the gym or clinic, pay in-app, or upload proof.

Your medical information

Allergies, scripts, medical aid and care notes your practice shares.

Share your care profile

Consent to share care notes with another linked Advisor desk.

Push alerts

Appointment reminders, waitlist offers and hire updates on your phone.

Reviews after visit or hire

Rate the gym, clinic or hire desk once the visit or hire is done.

Dual-life identity

One login for your personal wallet and any company you operate, kept separate.

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · COMPARE

Spreadsheets, accounting, ERP, or one OS.

Spreadsheets fragment truth. Accounting clouds stop at the books. Major ERPs take years and seven figures. SupplierAdvisor® is the supply-chain OS: network and in-app messaging, ops, finance, quality, people, trust and Industry Advisors in one membership.

Before

Excel / Sheets · Email POs · Xero / Sage · WhatsApp ops · Separate WMS · Standalone CRM · SHEQ PDF packs · HR folder + payroll bureau

After

Network & trust · SRM + CRM + POs · Inventory · lots · holds · Make · ship · fulfil · Finance + bank + BS · SHEQ · HACCP · CAPA · People · payroll · org · Intelligence + SAM

Excel / Sheets

Everyone can edit. Nobody owns a single source of truth. No network, no holds, no OTIFEF, no group tree.

Xero-class accounting

World-class ledgers and bank feeds, but not a full supply-chain, multi-entity group OS or trading graph.

Major ERP

SAP, Oracle, Dynamics: deep modules and hierarchy, 12–24 month projects, enterprise licence gravity.

SupplierAdvisor®

Network, ops, finance with live bank feeds on selected banks, people, Industry Advisors, branded PWAs and free SA Member.

Comparison is illustrative of typical capability classes (spreadsheets, cloud accounting, enterprise ERP suites), as on supplieradvisor.com. Individual products and add-ons vary.

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · TRUST & SECURITY

Controls where trade happens.

Role-based access

Owner, admin, finance, ops, viewer, sales contractor: module rights per person.

Company-scoped data

Membership gates every API. Multi-entity groups keep workspaces clean.

Audit-ready trails

Journals, PO status, QA holds, CAPA and activity logs for scrutiny.

Cloud Postgres + RLS

Supabase-backed, with row-level security patterns and service isolation.

Modern auth

Privy-based sign-in with team invites: no shared hero passwords.

Controls where trade happens

SHEQ, holds and verification live in the same OS as POs and stock.

- HTTPS only, with HSTS
- An enforced Content Security Policy
- Framing blocked (X-Frame-Options: DENY) and a strict referrer policy
- CIPC company verification via VerifyNow, with a 24h paid SLA
- SA ID (VerifyNow) or passport (Didit) checks for members
- Paystack billing in ZAR · Apple Pay ready

Personal information is handled in line with South Africa's POPIA: you may request access, correction, deletion or restriction of personal information, and object to certain processing. Clinical Advisors carry POPIA notices on patient portals.

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · PRICING

Start free for 30 days. Then R299/mo.

Monthly
R299
Monthly list rate.

1 year
R3 050
12-month prepaid term · Save 15% (R538) · Effective R254/mo.

2 years
R5 382
24-month prepaid term · Save 25% (R1 794) · Effective R224/mo.

3 years
R7 535
36-month prepaid term · Save 30% (R3 229) · Effective R209/mo.

- Unlimited team users per company
- Core OS: ops, SRM, CRM, inventory, manufacturing, distribution
- SHEQ, quality and finance
- Projects, ESG / impact, intelligence and Super-Cube®
- Verified network, quotes, invoices and cost allocation to the balance sheet
- Secure Paystack billing in ZAR · 30-day free trial

Industry Advisor packs
+R199/mo each

Paid CIPC verification
R69 once

SA Member (B2C)
Free for members

HireAdvisor® hire GMV
2.5% to the listing business

Government & bespoke
Specialist-led setup

Early companies on SupplierAdvisor® receive complimentary lifetime access. After the founding cohort fills, the standard trial and paid tiers apply. Invite real trading partners. When they pay for SupplierAdvisor®, you earn a share of their platform subscription, not product sales. Fees apply only to qualifying subscription payments, and the combined payout is capped at 10%. No card is required to start the trial. Prices in ZAR as listed on supplieradvisor.com/pricing on 7 October 2026. After the trial, pick any tier in Billing; early renewals extend your access period.

SUPPLIERADVISOR® · GET STARTED

Three paths. Pick yours.

Member account

One personal wallet. Link any business to shop, book, check in, family-book, join a waitlist, pay or send proof, and share care notes after you consent. No company, no card.

Business

Register a company. Next you choose the organisation type (private, public, NPO or association), then sector, industry and role. The trial starts automatically.

Government

National, provincial or municipal offices. Your request is held until a SupplierAdvisor® admin activates the workspace.

- Register your company: the trial starts automatically for 30 days.
- Use the full platform with your team, with unlimited users.
- Pick a tier in Billing: monthly, or prepaid multi-year via Paystack.

Links

- Pricing — https://www.supplieradvisor.com/pricing
- How it fits — https://www.supplieradvisor.com/how-it-fits
- Industries — https://www.supplieradvisor.com/industries
- CIPC verification SLA — https://www.supplieradvisor.com/verification-sla
- Marketplace — https://www.supplieradvisor.com/marketplace
- Install the app — https://www.supplieradvisor.com/install

TALK TO BIG FIVE CONNECT

Get found. Get verified. Get trusted. Get paid.

Start a 30-day free trial of SupplierAdvisor® today, with no card required. Or talk to Big Five Connect about a programme, a network or a government workspace.

Trial
supplieradvisor.com
https://www.supplieradvisor.com/login?next=%2Fonboarding%3Ft

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A first conversation with Big Five Connect.

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A direct line for a short brief.

Enquire
bigfivegroup.africa/contact
https://bigfivegroup.africa/contact?interest=connect

Live feeding snapshot
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Meals provided (live, adult meals) · 4 feeding projects · Generated 14 November 2026, 21:24 SAST

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