



**WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES COMPANY
ABBOTTABAD**

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No. CEO/WSSCA/023/ 9249

22/09/2023

To,

The Project Director,
Project management Unit,
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cities Improvement Project
Peshawar.

Project: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cities Improvement Project. (KPCIP)
EXTENSION OF JICA GRAVITY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME
ABBOTTABAD (Lot-2)

Subject: Cutting of trees from construction of site of water treatment
plant without securing NOC from the forest department.

- Reference: i) TL letter no KPCIP/PMCSC/PMU/PD117 DATED 18th September
ii) RE letter no KPCIP/PMCSC/RE-ATD/CW-02/LOT-2/025 ON 16th
September 2023.
iii) CEO-WSSCA Letter No CEO/WSSCA/023/9174 dated 08/09/2023.

I am writing in reference to the aforementioned letters. We would like to bring to your attention that, as outlined in **Annexure VI (Tree Management Plan)** of the **Site Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP)** approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the ownership of trees on the site unequivocally belongs to KP LGERDD. Presently, the site is under the possession of the Water and Sanitation Services Company (WSSC) Abbottabad. It is incumbent upon the Construction Implementation Unit (CIU) of WSSC Abbottabad to liaise with the Forest Department regarding tree removal and the subsequent replanting of new trees.

Moreover, it is of paramount importance that, prior to commencing any tree-cutting activities, there is a mandatory consultation with various stakeholders, including the Forest Department, aimed at enhancing the flora of the affected area. The contractor is under a binding obligation to strictly adhere to the rules and regulations established by the respective line departments before embarking on any tree-cutting activities.

Regrettably, we must highlight a significant procedural breach in this matter. The concerned Resident Engineer or The Engineer issued a letter intimating WSSCA about the handover of the trees without obtaining prior approval or the necessary No Objection Certificate (NOC), as mandated by the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). This departure from the established procedure is a matter of grave concern.



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When confronted, the contractor's representative asserted that they had completed the activity with the permission of the Resident Engineer. However, it is crucial to emphasize that no formal notice or NOC was issued by WSSCA to the Engineer or Resident Engineer, rendering the tree removal activity unauthorized.


In light of these circumstances, we earnestly request an immediate and thorough review of this matter. It is imperative that strict corrective actions be taken in accordance with established protocols and procedures.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.


Chief Executive Officer,
Water & Sanitation Services, Company,
Abbottabad.

Copy to:

- 1) Director Technical, PMU KPCIP, Peshawar.
- 2) Deputy Team Leader, PMCSC, Peshawar.
- 3) Focal Person, CIU-KPCIP, Abbottabad.
- 4) Infrastructure Engineer (WATSAN).
- 5) The Engineer/Resident Engineer (concerned)


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