

PMC for 400 MLD SWRO Desalination Plant at Perur, Chennai

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Ref: SSNT PMC 400 MLD / CMWSSB / 5061185/399

Date: 25th August 2021

To,
The Superintending Engineer (Desalination)
Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Urban Administrative Building,
2nd Floor, No.75, Santhome High Road,
Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai 600 028, Tamil Nadu, India



Sub: JICA Assisted Project for Construction of 400 MLD Seawater Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant at Perur (JICA Loan ID-P267) – Request for Work from Home for PMC Staffs - List of activities to be carried out for CP1 to CP4 components during extended partial lockdown period from 01 September 2021 to 30 November 2021 – Reg.

Ref: 1. Email received from your office, dated 09.08.2021
2. Your Letter no. Ref: CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant/PMC-042/2021, dated 21.06.2021
3. Our Letter no. Ref: SMEC/ CMWSSB / 7061563/005, dated 20.01.2020
4. Your Letter no. Lr.no.CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant / PMC/2020, dated 13.01.2020
5. Our Contract Agreement with CMWSSB, dated 09.01.2020

Dear Sir,

Thank you for providing the approval and allowing the international staff to work from home at their respective countries in view of the Corona Pandemic and restrictions in international travel till 31 August 2021 vide your letter cited at reference no.2, dated 21.06.2021 for the subject project.

Further, we have received an email from your office on 09.08.2021 stating that the international experts should plan their working from the PMC's Chennai office henceforth, since the intensity of pandemic has reduced and in some countries the lockdown / travel restrictions has been ended.

In this regard, we wish to bring to your notice that in most countries, the extended lockdown / international travel ban is still prevailing and is expected to continue till the end of the year 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many international travel restrictions to India; the copy of the international travel advisory document of proof of restriction is attached along with this letter (Annexure-1). PMC has strived to mobilise the international experts [Electrical Engineer (Desal) and Pipeline Engineer] from their respective home country, wherever possible, based on the international travel relaxation. Also, we are closely monitoring the prevailing situation worldwide for mobilising our international experts at Chennai office.

Therefore, in the interest of the project and maintaining the prevalent Government COVID protocols, we plan to mobilise/remobilise the international staff to Chennai Project Office progressively as the improvement in the situation is recorded and the international travel restriction is eased by the respective countries.

It is to be noted that the staff stationed in India are continuously working from our Project Office in Chennai as per the scheduled/targeted plan with the full-fledged involvement from the international experts (Key and Non-key) who are working from their respective home country due to international travel restrictions. The PMC team is carrying out all the data collection, field activities and local coordination with CMWSSB as scheduled and all the team members are working in close coordination with the officials of CMWSSB and JICA. The relevant experts are also interacting with all the stakeholders via online media to the utmost satisfaction of CMWSSB.

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It may further be informed that the non-key international staff provides the services intermittently and their involvement is minimal on ground, and they have limited input in terms of man-months. Hence, their input to the project is used judiciously as per the requirement. So, it is requested to allow work from home to the non-key international staff if the deployment is less than seven days in a month.

Please note that overall, majority of the staff are working from Chennai office, except two international staff from Australia. Other International staff need to provide their services intermittently and as per the project requirement we will bring them to Chennai office.

It is pertinent to mention here that as the project is at the crucial stage of its design and bid process management, we request the Work from home for the following international experts due to various constraints of the COVID pandemic across the globe.

Sl. No.	Name of Expert	Position	Country	Reason
	Key International Expert			
1.	Dr. P. Dharmabalan	Team Leader / Project Manager	Australia	International Travel restriction due to Covid-19 third wave
2.	Dr. Ghulam Mustafa	Desalination Expert	Australia	International Travel restriction due to Covid-19 third wave
3.	Mr. Michel Morillon	Mechanical Engineer (Desal)	France	Will be mobilised to Chennai office as per the project requirement and International Travel guidelines.
4.	Mr. Abdel Fattah Toukan	Contract Specialist (Desal)	Canada	Will be mobilised to Chennai office as per the project requirement and International Travel guidelines.
5.	Dr. Uday G.Kelkar	Additional Key Expert (International)	Pune, India	Intermittent Input basis
	Non-Key International Expert			
6.	Mr. Hemant Chadha	Financial Expert	New Delhi, India	Intermittent Input basis, as and when required, travelling to Chennai
7.	Dr. Alok Kumar	Environmental Specialist	Mumbai, India	Intermittent Input basis, as and when required, travelling to Chennai
8.	Mr. Rajesh Mishra	Social Communication Specialist	Bhubaneswar, India	Intermittent Input basis, as and when required, travelling to Chennai

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Please find attached the list of the activities to be carried out by our staff for CP1 to CP4 during this extended partial lockdown period (Annexure-2). We affirm that if any meetings and/or discussions are planned, we will connect through an Online MS Teams Meeting / Video Conference call for the subject project.

In view of the above, we request you to kindly provide the Work from home approval for the above-mentioned international experts from 01 September 2021 to 30 November 2021.

This is for your kind consideration and approval, please.

Yours truly,

For Consortium of SMEC International Pty Ltd -TCE Ltd.-NJS Engineers India Ltd.-SMEC (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Dr.P.Dharmabalan
Project Manager/Team Leader



Encl: As above

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ANNEXURE-1

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ADVISORY : AUSTRALIA

COVID-19 AND TRAVEL Do not go overseas. A travel ban is in place. Exemptions apply. [View details >](#)

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23 March 2021

There's a ban on overseas travel from Australia. You can't [leave Australia](#) unless you have an [exemption](#) from the Department of Home Affairs, or are travelling to a destination that is [exempt from the ban](#).

Our global travel advice remains at '[Do not travel](#)' due to the health risks from the COVID-19 pandemic and the significant disruptions to global travel. Some destinations were already set at Do Not Travel prior to COVID-19 due to the extreme risk to your safety.

If you're overseas and wish to return to Australia, be prepared for delays and read our advice on [trying to get home](#).

When you [arrive in Australia](#) you must quarantine for 14 days at designated facilities in your port of arrival, unless you have an [exemption](#) or are travelling on a [quarantine-free flight](#) from a green zone destination. At this time, vaccination against COVID-19 does not change this quarantine requirement. You may be required to pay for the costs of your quarantine. View [State and Territory Government COVID-19 information](#) for information about quarantine and domestic borders.

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If you're [staying overseas](#), make plans to stay for an extended period. Follow the advice of local authorities and minimise your risk of exposure to COVID-19. Stay in touch with family and friends so they know you're safe.

Our network of [embassies and consular posts around the world](#) will provide you with up-to-date local advice and support throughout this difficult period. Be aware consular services may be limited due to local measures.

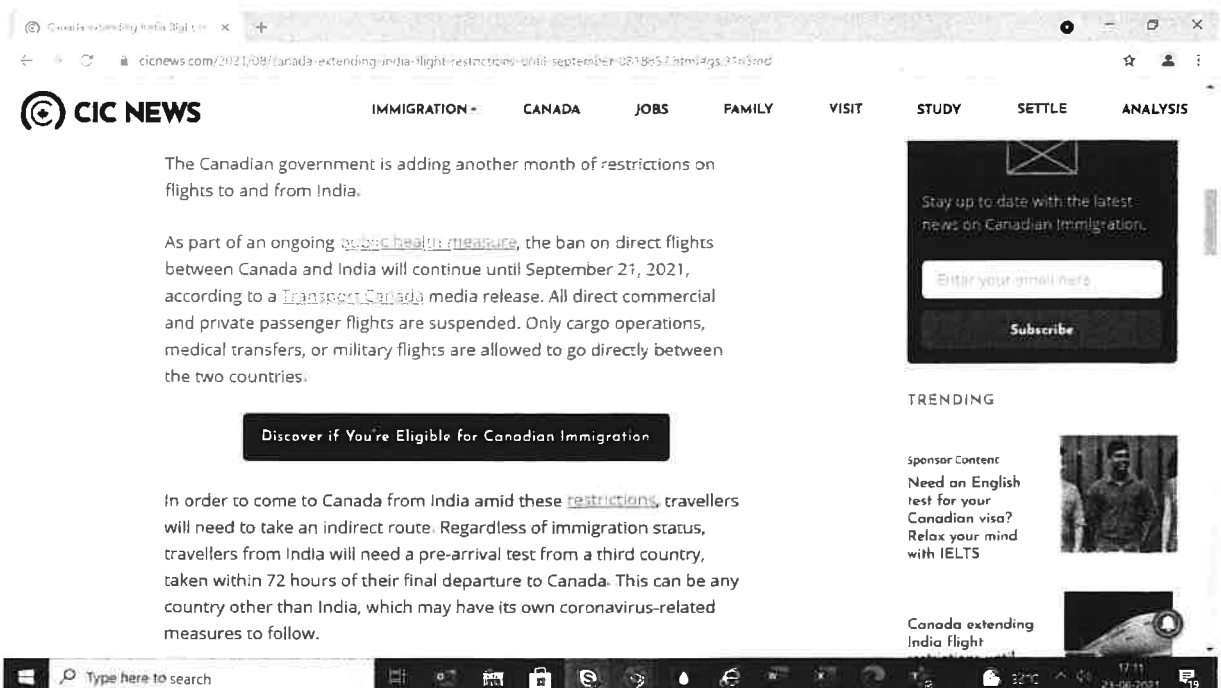
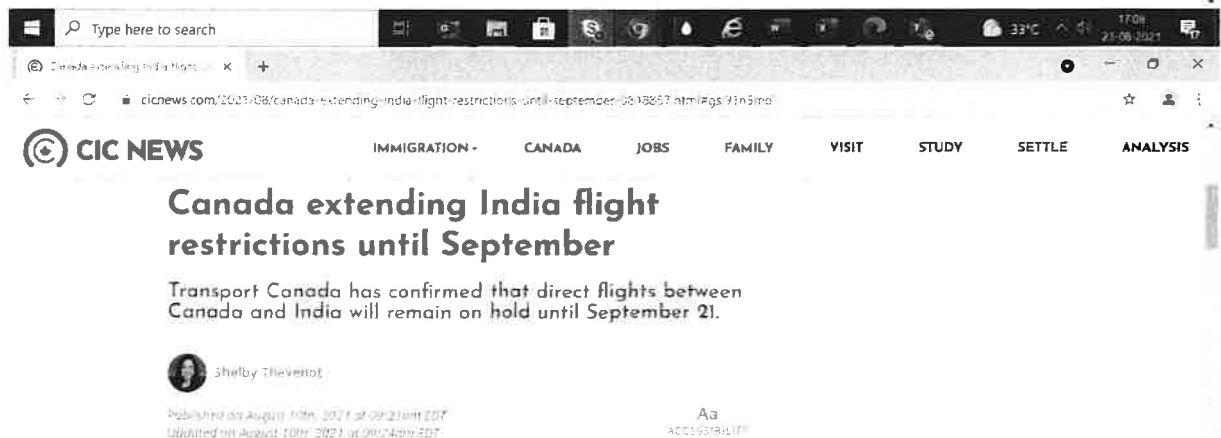
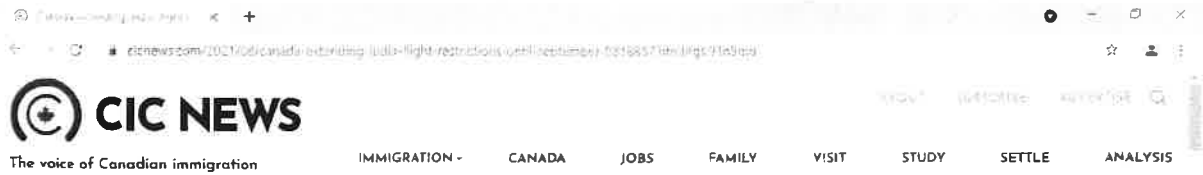
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ANNEXURE-2 : LIST OF ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT FOR CP1 TO CP4 DURING AN EXTENDED LOCKDOWN PERIOD BETWEEN 01 SEPTEMBER 2021 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2021

Sl. No.	Contract Package	Name of the Staff	Activities carried out for the project	Key Deliverables
1	CP1	Dr.P.Dharmabalan Dr.Ghulam Mustafa Mr.Michel Morillon Mr.Abdel Fattah Toukan Dr.Uday G.Kelkar Mr.Hemant Chadha Dr.Alok Kumar Mr.Rajesh Mishra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of Final Bid Document (Part-I, II, III and IV) for CP1 component on a DBO basis to the Shortlisted Bidders Attending the Pre-bid meeting for CP1 Preparation of reply to pre-bid queries raised by the Bidders Discussion with CMWSSB and JICA officials and attending the meeting on CP1 bidding process Coordinating the team and providing input and guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Final Bidding Document for CP1 Submission of reply to pre-bid queries raised by the Bidders on Bidding Document for CP1
2	CP2	Dr.P.Dharmabalan Dr.Alok Kumar Mr.Rajesh Mishra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on water demand allocation to enroute beneficiaries from Perur DSP to Porur WDS to review product water transmission main pipeline design. Submission of Geotechnical Investigation Report for CP2 (Perur Pumping Station, Porur UGT and pumping station). Preparation of Detailed Design Report and Drawings. Preparation of Draft Bidding Document. Preparation of Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Monitoring Plan, Social Safeguard Review Report for CP2 (Perur Pumping Station, Porur UGT and pumping station). Coordinating the team and providing input and guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Detailed Design Report and Drawings. Submission of Draft Bidding Document for CP2
3	CP4	Dr.P.Dharmabalan Dr.Alok Kumar Mr.Rajesh Mishra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the inventory data of zone-wise water distribution network provided by CMWSSB Verification, analysis of the zone-wise data, reports shared by CMWSSB officials, and PMC observations on the same, if any. Review of hydraulic modelling of a water distribution network for Area X and XIII. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compilation of data collection, water distribution network drawings for the Area IV, V, VI and IX Submission of Draft Hydraulic Design and Drawings for Area X and XIII

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating the team and providing input and guidance. Review of progress and other reports prepared by team members before submission to CMWSSB. Preparation of Initial Environmental Management Plan and Environmental Monitoring Plan for Area X & XIII of CP4 component. Preparation of Draft Social Safeguard Review Report for Area X & XIII of CP4 component. <p>Note: The above activities will be carried out subject to making available the required data. However, PMC will try to obtain the data from a different organization to the possible extent.</p>	
4	General	Dr.P.Dharmabalan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 19) for August 2021 Preparation of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 20) for September 2021 Preparation of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 21) for October 2021 Preparation of Quarterly Progress Report (QPR 07) for July to September 2021 Coordinating the team and providing input and guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 19) for August 2021 Submission of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 20) for September 2021 Submission of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 21) for October 2021 Submission of Quarterly Progress Report (QPR 07) for July to September 2021

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