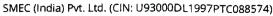
PMC for 400 MLD SWRO Desalination Plant at Perur, Chennai

Consortium Partners







Ref: SSNT PMC 400 MLD / CMWSSB / 5061185/436

Date: 27 October 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)

Reply to CMWSSB letter for request to work from PMC's Chennai office - Reg.

Ref:

- 1. Your Letter No: CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant / PMC-052/2021, Dt:20.10.2021
- 2. Our Letter no. Ref: SSNT PMC 400 MLD / CMWSSB / 5061185/399, dated 25.08.2021
- 3. Our Letter no. 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,

With reference to the letter received from CMWSSB for the request to work from PMC's Chennai office vide our letter cited in reference no.1, dated 20.10.2021, please find the reply below for the subject project:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many international travel restrictions to India. The COVID related restrictions are still in place in many countries of origin of our Key International experts and Non-Key International experts, like borders are still not open for countries like Australia and Malaysia. Also, because of the international travel restrictions, the direct flights are not available, and the experts have to go for long haul flights, which is taking cumulatively around two days to reach Chennai from such locations. The quarantine rules are not consistent and changing every day and hence it is becoming very difficult to plan for travel. In this regard, we wish to bring to your notice that the extended lockdown / international travel ban is still prevailing in most countries and is expected to continue till the end of the year 2021.

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 respective countries ease the international travel restriction. Also, we are closely monitoring the prevailing situation worldwide for mobilising our international experts to the Chennal office. Under such circumstances, it is requested to allow work from home inputs of international experts as and when required till normalcy returns in terms of international travel and guarantine rules.

Please consider our request for the subject matter.

Thanking you and assuring our services at all times.

PMC for 400 ML CHENNAL

Yours truly,

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

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