

PMC for 400 MLD SWRO Desalination Plant at Perur, Chennai

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Ref: SSNT PMC 400 MLD / CMWSSB / 5061185/481

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



Date: 31 January 2022

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 International Experts due to COVID Pandemic new variants and extended partial lockdown period from 01 February 2022 to 31 March 2022 – Reg.

Ref:

1. Your Letter no. Ref: CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant/PMC-059/2021, dated 17.12.2021
2. Our Letter no. Ref: SSNT PMC 400MLD /CMWSSB / 5061185/450, dated 01.12.2021
3. Your Letter no. Ref: CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant/PMC-057/2021, dated 26.11.2021
4. Our Letter no. Ref: SSNT PMC 400MLD /CMWSSB / 5061185/444, dated 24.11.2021
5. Your Letter no. Ref: CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant/PMC-050/2021 dated 06.09.2021
6. Our Letter no. Ref: SSNT PMC 400MLD /CMWSSB / 5061185/399 dated 25.08.2021
7. Our Letter no. Ref: SMEC/ CMWSSB / 7061563/005, dated 20.01.2020
8. Your Letter no. Lr.no.CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant / PMC/2020, dated 13.01.2020
9. Our Contract Agreement with CMWSSB, dated 09.01.2020

Dear Sir,

We 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 January 2022 vide your letter cited at reference no.1, dated 17.12.2021 for the subject project.

We wish to bring to your notice that the extended lockdown restrictions / International travel ban is still prevailing in most countries and is expected to continue March 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and new variant (Omicron), there are many international travel restrictions to India; and also due to current world uncertainties and the risks of bringing international key experts when they could effectively perform their functions from Work from Home. Also, we are closely monitoring the prevailing situation worldwide for mobilising our international experts at the Chennai office.

Therefore, in the interest of the project and maintaining the prevalent Government COVID and new variant (Omicron) protocols, we plan to mobilise/remobilise the international key experts to Chennai Project Office progressively as the improvement in the situation is recorded, and the respective countries ease the international travel restriction.

Please note that most staff are working from the Chennai office and international Expert need to provide their services intermittently, and as per the project requirement, we will bring them to the Chennai office whenever required.

As the project is at the crucial stage of its bid process management for the CP1 component, we request the Work from home for the following international experts due to various constraints of the COVID-19 pandemic and new variant (Omicron) across the globe.

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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 and Omicron Variant
2.	Dr. Ghulam Mustafa	Desalination Expert	Australia	International Travel restriction due to Covid-19 third wave and Omicron Variant
3.	Mr. Michel Morillon	Mechanical Engineer (Desal)	France	International Travel restriction due to Covid-19 third wave and Omicron Variant
4.	Mr. Abdel Fattah Toukan	Contract Specialist (Desal)	Canada	International Travel restriction due to Covid-19 third wave and Omicron Variant
5.	Dr. Uday G. Kelkar	Additional Key Expert (International)	Pune, India	Intermittent Input basis, as and when required, travelling to Chennai can be avoided
Non-Key International Expert				
6.	Mr. Hemant Chadha	Financial Expert	New Delhi, India	Intermittent Input basis, as and when required, travelling to Chennai can be avoided
7.	Dr. Alok Kumar	Environmental Specialist	Mumbai, India	Intermittent Input basis, as and when required, travelling to Chennai can be avoided
8.	Mr. Rajesh Mishra	Social Communication Specialist	Bhubaneswar, India	Intermittent Input basis, as and when required, travelling to Chennai can be avoided

Please find attached the list of the activities to be carried out by our staff for CP1 to CP4 component during this extended partial lockdown period and Pandemic across the globe (Annexure-1). 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.

Given the above, we request you reconsider based on the above international travel restrictions and provide the Work from home approval for the above-mentioned international experts from 01 February 2022 to 31 March 2022.

In addition, we kindly request CMWSSB to consider Dr. Uday G. Kelkar, Additional Key Expert (International) to work from home as his input required is intermittent. This has been requested to avail only the intermittent services as and when required and to avoid travelling to Chennai. Thereby, we kindly request to reconsidered to avail his services from work from home.

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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.

P. Dharmabalan

Dr. P. Dharmabalan
Project Manager/Team Leader



Encl: As above

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ANNEXURE-1: LIST OF ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT FOR CP1 TO CP4 DURING AN EXTENDED LOCKDOWN PERIOD FROM 01 FEBRUARY 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2022

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of final reply to pre-bid queries raised by the Prequalified Bidders Discussion with CMWSSB and JICA officials and attending the meeting on the CP1 bidding process management Coordinating the team and providing input and guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of final reply to pre-bid queries raised by the Prequalified Bidders on Bidding Document for CP1
2	CP2	Dr. P. Dharmabalan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation, review of Final Detailed Design Reports and Drawings. Preparation and review of Draft Bidding Document. Preparation of Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Monitoring Plan, Social Safeguard Review Report (Perur Pumping Station, Porur UGT and pumping station). Coordinating the team and providing input and guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Final Detailed Design Report and Drawings.
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 existing water distribution network provided by CMWSSB Preparation and review of Draft Design Report for Area XIII and VI. Review of hydraulic modelling of a proposed water distribution network for Area XIII and VI. Preparation of Environmental Assessment and Social Safeguard Report for Area XIII and VI. Coordinating the team and providing input and guidance. Review of progress and other reports prepared by team members before submission to CMWSSB. Attending the Review meetings with CMWSSB officials. <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Draft Hydraulic Design and Drawings for Area XIII and VI
4	General	Dr. P. Dharmabalan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 24) for January 2022 Preparation of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 25) for February 2022 Coordinating the team and providing input and guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 24) for January 2022 Submission of Monthly Progress Report (MPR 25) for February 2022 Day to day consultation on project issues.

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Effective date: December 15, 2021

Avoid non-essential travel outside Canada due to the risk of the Omicron variant that causes COVID-19.

This advisory overrides all other advisories on this page, with the exception of those where we advise against all travel.

Continue to avoid all cruise ship travel outside of Canada.

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Last updated: January 21, 2022 12:12 ET

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Latest updates: The Health tab was updated - travel health information (Public Health Agency of Canada)

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India - Exercise a high degree of caution

Exercise a high degree of caution in India due to the threat of terrorist attacks throughout the country.

Parts of Northeastern India - Avoid non-essential travel

Avoid non-essential travel to the following states due to the risk of terrorism and insurgency:

- Assam
- Manipur

Safety and security situation

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir - Avoid all travel

Avoid all travel to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir due to the unpredictable security situation.

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Still current at: 01 February 2022

Updated: 17 January 2022

Latest update: All international arrivals must quarantine at home for 7 days due to rising COVID-19 cases. Some states and union territories have introduced additional restrictions, including night curfews, school closures and limits to retail and public transport capacity. Restrictions may change at short notice.

We advise:

Exercise a high degree of caution in India overall due to:

the high threat of terrorist activity, civil unrest and crime.

the impacts of COVID-19.

Higher levels apply in some areas.

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