



**Superintending Engineer  
(Desalination)**



**CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY  
AND SEWERAGE BOARD**



Letter No: CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant/PMC-035/2021

Dt:12.03.2021

To

M/s. SMEC International Pty Limited, Australia in consortium  
with M/s. NJS Engineers India Pvt Ltd., Pune,  
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Sir,

Sub: CMWSSB - SE (Desal) – Project for Construction of Chennai Sea Water Desalination Plant(I) in Tamil Nadu(Setting up of 400 MLD SWRO Desalination Plant at Perur & its allied works) with JICA fund assistance– Project Management Consultant-Replacement of Non-Key Expert- Mechanical Engineer- Reg.

- Ref: 1. W.O.No.CMWSSB/CNT/CON/DESAL/ICB/GoI/016/2018-19 dated 06.11.2019  
2. Lr.No.SMEC/CMWSSB/5061185/118, dated 20.07.2020  
3. Lr.No.SMEC/CMWSSB/5061185/146, dated 20.08.2020  
4. Lr.No.SMEC/CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant/PMC-018/2020, dated 10/09/2020  
5. Lr.No SMEC/CMWSSB/5061185/297, dated 04/03/2021

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The work of Consultancy for "Design, Preparation of Bid Documents & Evaluation of Bids for the Proposed Construction of 400 MLD Capacity Seawater Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant at Perur along East Coast Road, South of Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Construction Management & Supervision for the Proposed Desalination Plant and its Product Water Conveyance Pipeline from the Plant and upto Porur and all allied works was commenced by your firm on 13.01.2020.

As per the contract, the PMC service has to utilize the inputs from International Experts - 20 Nos (Both Key and Non Key Experts) and Local Experts 21 Nos (Both Key and Non Key Experts).

In this regard, the PMC had requested for Replacement of Experts frequently stating various reasons including covid pandemic situation. So far 2 International Key Experts, 1 International Non-Key Expert and 9 Non-Key Local Experts had been requested and replaced within a short period of 1 year.

In the meantime, the PMC vide letters dated 20.07.2020 & 20.08.2020 had requested for the replacement of Mechanical Engineer-B3 under Non-Key/Local Expert category Mr.Surajith Debnath, with Mr.Mayur Gupta.


Subsequently, vide reference 4 cited, CMWSSB had communicated the acceptance of replacement of Mr.Surajith Debnath with Mr.Mayur Gupta to PMC, stating that no replacement of the expert will be allowed in the near future.

However, now vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited, the request for Replacement is again submitted for the position "Mechanical Engineer-B3" under Non-Key/Local Expert category which had been already replaced. As such, PMC is requesting to replace the Non-Key/Local expert Mr.Mayur Gupta, Mechanical Engineer with Mr.Akilesh.M.Hegde.

Sl.No	Original Staff Name	Already Replaced Staff name	Proposed Staff Name	Position	
1	Mr.Surajith Debnath	Mr.Mayur Gupta	Mr.Akilesh.M.Hegde	Mechanical Engineer	Non-Key/LE

Further, on scrutiny of Curriculum Vitae(CV) of Mr.Akhilesh.M.Hegde, it is observed that he is less experienced in relevant field when compared to the experts, Mr.Surjith Debnath(as per agreement) and Mr.Mayur Gupta(already replaced). Hence the request of PMC firm for replacing the above staff under Non-Key/Local expert category cannot be considered.

Moreover, it is to state that frequent request by PMC for the replacement of experts will not be entertained in the near future ,as it would affect the continuity and effective functioning of the consultancy work.

  
12/03/21.  
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