

PMC for 400 MLD SWRO Desalination Plant at Perur, Chennai

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Ref: SMEC/ CMWSSB / 5061185/033

Date: 16th March 2020

To,
The Superintending Engineer (Desalination)
6th floor, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
No.1, Pumping Station Road,
Chintadripet, Chennai 600 002
Tamil Nadu, India



Sub: 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"
Reply to CMWSSB letter for Novel Coronavirus threat – Reg.

Ref: 1. Your Letter no. Lr.no. CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant/PMC-005//2020, dated 13.03.2020
2. Our Letter no. Ref: SMEC/ CMWSSB / 5061185/021, dated 05.03.2020
3. Our Contract Agreement with CMWSSB, dated 09.01.2020

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 13.03.2020 (Ref-1) and request you to kindly consider the following points to explain the prevailing situation and to justify the grounds of PMC Consultant's request made in the letter dated 05.03.2020 (Ref-2):

1. Considering that the circumstances are beyond Consultant's Control, your kind attention is requested to Clause 2.7-'Force Majeure' of the General Conditions of Contract. This Letter aims to give notice that due to the wide spread of Covid-19 (which WHO characterized as a pandemic, see attached, hereinafter referred to as "event") we are encountering circumstances to be considered beyond the control of the JV/Consultant hereby represented.
2. The said circumstances are affecting not only the Key Persons that are stuck in transit while Government of India has suspended most visas to the Country in a determined effort to prevent the spread of coronavirus due to the following Restrictions CMWSSB can find at www.indianvisaonline.gov.in:

"Advisory: Travel and Visa restrictions related to COVID-19 "In suppression of all earlier advisories issued on this subject the following visa restrictions are issued for implementation. 1. All existing visas issued to nationals of any country except those issued to Diplomats, Officials, UN/International organizations, Employment, Project visas stand suspended till April 15, 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on March 13, 2020 at the port of departure of any foreigner for onward journey to India"

but also to provide a series of precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of JV/Consultant's employees and protect them from the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and ensure the wellbeing of their family; these measures include the sterilization of offices, facilities and areas to prevent the spread of diseases and panic, Smart Work for many reason including potential quarantine or isolation, demobilization and repatriation of expatriate employees who wants to return to their respective countries in the wake of the Event.

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