

PMC for 400 MLD SWRO Desalination Plant at Perur, Chennai

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Ref: SSNT PMC 400 MLD / CMWSSB / 5061185/435

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,
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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 clarification on the Monthly Invoice of June 2021 to August 2021 – Reg.

Ref: 1. Your Letter No: CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant / PMC-051/2021, Dt:18.10.2021
2. Our Letter no. Ref: SSNT PMC 400 MLD / CMWSSB / 5061185/411, dated 09.09.2021
3. Our Letter no. Ref: SSNT PMC 400 MLD / CMWSSB / 5061185/396, dated 10.08.2021
4. Our Letter no. Ref: SSNT PMC 400 MLD / CMWSSB / 5061185/378, dated 22.07.2021
5. Our Letter no. SMEC/ CMWSSB / 7061563/005, dated 20.01.2020
6. Your Letter no. Lr.no.CMWSSB/SE(Desal)/400 MLD Plant / PMC/2020, dated 13.01.2020
7. Our Contract Agreement with CMWSSB, dated 09.01.2020

Dear Sir,

With reference to the letter received from CMWSSB on the clarification on monthly invoices vide our letter cited in reference no.1, dated 18.10.2021 for the subject project, please find enclosed the reply to the queries/clarifications on the submitted monthly invoices of June 2021 to August 2021.

We request you to kindly release the payment at the earliest.

Thanking you and assuring our services at all times.

Yours truly,

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


S. Srinivasarao
Project Coordinator



Encl: Reply to queries/clarification on the monthly invoice from June 2021 to August 2021

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Sl. No.	Clarifications required by CMWSSB on 18.10.2021	Reply / Clarification on the monthly invoice
1	The bid document RfP was finalised in the month of July 2021. But, for the experts Dr. Ghulam Mustafa & Mr. Guilbert, 7 days & 22 days were claimed respectively in the month of August 2021	<p>Dr. Ghulam Mustafa: He coordinated and assisted in preparing the technical data to obtain the Consent to Establish (CtE) from TNPCB for the CP1 component. Also, he was involved in the review and submission of the bidding document for the CP1 component. So, we have claimed 7 days of his input for August'2021.</p> <p>Mr. Guilbert: He coordinated and assisted in preparing the technical data to obtain the Consent to Establish (CtE) from TNPCB for CP1. He also discussed with the Assistant Executive Engineer (Desal, CMWSSB) at the PMC office regarding the electrical requirements for CP1. Also, he was involved in the review and submission of the bidding document for CP1 and the preparation of the Draft Design Report for the CP2 component. So, we have claimed 22 days of his input for August'2021. Moreover, it was expected that the RFP would be issued immediately after the finalization, therefore, his presence in the office was required for any clarifications, but delay in issuing the same has made him support other packages in the spared time.</p>
2	In MPR, it is stated that Dr. Alok Kumar conducted reconnaissance survey at Porur site. The necessity of Environmental expert for reconnaissance survey to be clarified.	An environmental expert, Dr. Alok Kumar, has visited and verified the site to identify environmental impact features (if any) at Porur site to prepare the Environmental Assessment Report as part of the Draft Design Report for the CP2 component. So, it's necessitated to visit the site by an Environmental Expert.
3	The flight ticket bills claimed for Mr. Moneim are in INR, whereas PMC has made the claim under USD	The flight ticket was booked from SMEC Corporate office in India for the International travel for Dr. Moneim (Pipeline Engineer). Since he is an International Key Expert, we have claimed his flight ticket in USD currency per the Contract Agreement. So, the international flight ticket cost is in INR currency.
4	In MPR, it is stated that Mr. Afzal Abdul Latheef has contributed towards RfP in the month of July for 22 days. But, JICA's comments in the month of July 2021 were purely based on contractual terms; no instrumentation part was involved during that period.	Mr. Afzal Abdel Latheef has intermittent input for the Chennai Desalination project and provided his intermittent input for the review and submission of the Final Bidding Document (Rev.10) at the end of July 2021. So, we have claimed 5 days only of his intermittent input for July'2021.
5	The flight tickets enclosed for Dr. Alok Kumar shows that he has travelled from Patna to Chennai & Chennai to Mumbai. He has travelled to various destinations which may be clarified.	Dr. Alok Kumar has intermittent input for the Chennai Desalination project. Due to the project requirement in Chennai, he travelled from other project locations to Chennai to prepare an environmental assessment report for CP2 and CP4 components. He travelled back to his home office in Mumbai. So, we have claimed his flight ticket for one trip not exceeding the allocated amount of each trip as per the Contract Agreement.

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6	For Mrs. Kanmani, Social communication Specialist, 21 days has been claimed in the month of August for RfP document work. The necessity of Social communication Specialist at this stage is to be clarified	It is to be noted that the Social Communication Specialist's input is continuous as per the contract terms. Her input is involved in all project stages as per the Table in Clause 5 of Contract, Staffing and consulting input in different project phases. Hence, the Social communication Specialist input covers all phases of the project like Design, tender assistance, construction supervision and Capacity Development and Organisational improvement." Also, she was involved in the review and submission of the bidding document for CP1 and the preparation of the Social Assessment Report as part of the Draft Design Report for the CP2 and CP4 component. So, we have claimed 21 days of her input for August'2021.

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