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General Secretary, Bhutan Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Sub: Coordination meeting on Systemic Issues related Construction

Dear Sir(s),

We had very fruitful meeting on various systemic issues related to construction with good representation from your organizations. Thank you for your cooperation and support. The meeting reiterated the problems that afflict the construction industry. The problems are not unsolvable and the solutions do not require resources but commitment, diligence and professionalism.

As a follow-up of the meeting, we have drawn up a tentative schedule of activities and actions as deemed appropriate, to be fulfilled together with your support and collaboration. BCCI will coordinate with the private sector on pertinent issues on tendering & contract, which after review could be recommended for incorporating in the contract document. Further, small core groups or bilateral discussions will be held to concretize the following issues raised during the meeting:

1. Make evaluation criteria consistent/uniform & transparent (review mandatory requirements, flexibility on requirements which do not undermine contract value and fair competition, weightage for employing Bhutanese, deligency in evaluation, etc.).
2. Incorporate & harmonize contract clauses on debarment & blacklisting.
3. Tender committee members - draw clear criteria, authority & accountability.
4. Capacity building in procurement.
5. Systemic review of budget release procedure on construction.
6. Feedback & follow-up on Integrity Pact & Business Code of Conduct.

After the above reviews, we plan to convene the second meeting on 16th November 2006 (Thursday) to finalise and institutionalize the systemic improvement measures for implementation.

We, therefore, will continue to seek your valuable input on the above issues, which are aimed at making tendering and construction contracts uniform, transparent and efficient and cost effective.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Neten Zangmo)
Chairperson

Cc:

- 1) Wangdi Gyaltshen, Executive Director, CDB.
- 2) Bharat Tamang, Superintending Engineer, Department of Energy, MTI.
- 3) Kuenga Tshering, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Energy, MTI.
- 4) Basant Chhetri, Joint Director, SPBD, Ministry of Education.
- 5) Kapil, Deputy Director, Ministry of Finance, Tashichhodzong.
- 6) K.B. Biswa, Executive Engineer, Department of Industry, MTI.
- 7) Naichu, Deputy Director, BCCI- with a request to inform the private sector representation and send the feedback on the papers circulated at the meeting and other issues related to construction. We hope that you will organize consultative meetings with a representative private sector.
- 8) Wangchu Namgyel, Executive Engineer, Department of National Properties, MoF.
- 9) Kinlay Dorjee, Senior Manager, Customer Service, BPCL.
10. Shamsheer Pradhan, Manager, Development and Construction Department, BPCL.