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Letter No. 1.5.9./Goharganj-Bhopal/Pkg.-V/AE/2022,

To,

Shri Abhijeet Palit The Bridge/ Structural Engineer of Authority Engineer, M/s Theme Engineering Services Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur.

Sub: Rehabilitation and upgradation of Goharganj to Bhopal section of NH-12 from existing Km 255/300 to km 301/200 including construction of Obedullaganj bypass from existing km 278/450 of NH-12 to existing km 3/600 of NH-69 in the state of Madhya Pradesh to four lanes with paved shoulder under NHDP-III on Engineering, Procurement &construction (EPC) basis. <u>Regarding:-SUSPENSION AND DEBARRMENT OF BRIDGE ENGINEER FROM PARTICIPATING IN ONGOING/FUTURE BIDDING & SHOW CAUSE NOTICE FOR MAJOR FAILURE OF RETAINING WALL OF KALIYASOT BRIDGE IN KM. 294+920 AS UNDER SOP DATED 07.10.2021 OF MORT&H.
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Ref:- Agreement dated 22.07.2016.

This is in reference to Project for Rehabilitation and up-gradation of Goharganj to Bhopal Section of NH-12 from existing Km 255/300 to km 301/200 including Construction of Obedullaganj bypass from existing km 278/450 of NH-12 to existing km 3/600 of NH-69 in the State of Madhya Pradesh to four lanes with paved shoulder under NHDP-III on EPC mode was awarded to M/s Centrodorstroy India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi and agreement signed on 07.12.2017. Provisional Completion issued on 25.05.2021 and you were appointed as authority engineer for rehabilitation and up-gradation of Jabalpur Bhopal section of NH-12 from km 130.00 to km 301.200 to Four lane with paved Shoulder with Provision of rigid pavement on EPC mode under NHDP-III in the State of M.P.

During the night intervening 24th & 25th July 2022, the retaining wall of major bridge at Kaliyasot River at Km. 294+920 on left hand side of service road has overturned in a length of 45m (25m+20m). Failure of retaining wall has resulted in disruption of traffic on service road as well as two lane of main carriageway which led to material adverse effect on project road & endangered the public safety.

As per clause 4 of section 6 TOR of Authority's Engineer Agreement, the Authority Engineer has to adhere with following sub clauses :

- 4.1 During the Construction Period, the Authority's Engineer shall review the Drawings furnished by the Contractor along with supporting data, including the geo-technical and hydrological investigations, characteristics of materials from borrow areas and quarry sites, topographical surveys, and the recommendations of the Safety Consultant in accordance with the provisions of Clause 10.1.6 of Model EPC Agreement. The Authority's Engineer shall complete such review and send its observations to the Authority and the Contractor within 15(fifteen) days of receipt of such drawings; provided, however that in case of a Major Bridge or Structure, the aforesaid period of 15 (fifteen) days may be extended upto 30(thirty days). In particular, such comments shall specify the conformity or otherwise of such drawings with the Scope of the Projects and Specification of Standards.
- 4.3- The Authority's Engineer shall review the Quality Assurance Plan submitted by the Contractor and shall convey its comments to the Contractor within a period of 21 (twenty-one) days stating the modification, if any, required.

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4.4 - The Authority's Engineer shall complete the review of the methodology proposed to be adopted by the Contractor for executing the works, and convey its comments to the Contractor within a period of the 10(ten) days form the date of receipt of the proposed methodology form the Contractor.

As per SOP dated 07.10.2021 issued by MoRTH for to debar/penalize/ declare as Non-Performer the Authority's Engineer/Independent Engineer/Construction Supervision Consultant/Project management Consultant in National Highways and centrally sponsored road projects:-

S. No.	Type of Deficiency	Action to be taken against Consultant No. (IEAE/CSC/PMC) engaged during construction & maintenance	
		Key Personnel	Firm
2(a)	Failure to detect design/quality deficiency in Key Component** not having substantial cost (below 1% of civil work (cost) and /or time implication (below 5% or project completion period)	The concerned Key Personnel & Team Leader to be removed from the Project and debarred upto 1(one) Year	Declaring the Consultant as Non- Performer up to 1 year or till rectification of deficiencies and taking adequate measures not to repeat such instances in future, whichever is earlier.
3(c)	Failure to detect deficiency/ not reviewing design (including temporary works) and construction (including methodology) of structural components of flyover/ bridges/ underpasses/ overpasses/ ROB /RUB etc.	The concerned Key Personnel & Team Leader to be removed from the Project and debarred upto 2(two) Year	In addition to rectification of deficiencies and taking adequate measures not to repeat such instances in future, the consultant to be debarred up to 2 years.

In light of the above facts & field visit inspection by both MoRT&H & MPRDC officials, it can be understood that you had endangered the public safety and as per MoRT&H- Standard operating procedure to debar/penalize/declare the Authority Engineer as non-performer in National Highway and other centrally sponsored road projects dated 07.10.2021, the Authority is left out with no option but to act as per aforesaid SOP and hereby suspend your candidature from participating in ongoing/future bidding across MoRT&H and other projects for one-month period from today. Further, you are hereby directed to submit your reply as to why action shall not be initiated as under SOP dated 07.10.2021 within stipulated time period thereof. In case of no reply or the reply is not found tenable by the authority, you shall be debarred for 2 year in NH or centrally sponsored road works.

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(Ashutosh Mishra) Chief Engineer (BOT) MPRDC, Bhopal

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- 1. PA to Managing Director, MPRDC, Bhopal.
- 2. The Engineer-in-Chief, MP Public Works Department, Nirman Bhawan, Bhopal.
- 3. The Chief Engineer(Zone-IV), MORTH, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 4. The Chief Engineer-RO, MORTH, Nirman Bhawan, Arera Hills, Bhopal.
- 5. The Divisional Manager, MPRDC, Bhopal.
- 6. The AGM(MIS), MPRDC, Bhopal.

Chief Engineer (BOT) MPRDC, Bhopal

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