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POLICY MATTERS – TECHNICAL (45/2010)
(Decision taken on TIC Division's File No. NHAI/Tech/Genl/2009)

Sub: Maintenance of existing roads in traffic worthy condition in PPP Projects.

As per clause 12.2 of Model Concession Agreement (MCA), "During the Construction Period, the Concessionaire shall maintain, at its cost, the existing lane(s) of the Project Highway so that the traffic worthiness and safety thereof are at no time materially inferior as compared to their condition 7 (seven) days prior to the date of this Agreement, and shall undertake the necessary repair and maintenance works for this purpose".

2. There is also a provision in the Model Concession Agreement for compensation in case of default by the Concessionaire. As per Clause 35.1 of MCA, "In the event of the Concessionaire being in material default or breach of this Agreement, it shall pay to the Authority by way of compensation, all direct costs suffered or incurred by the Authority as a consequence of such material default, within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of the demand supported by necessary particulars thereof; provided that no compensation shall be payable under this Clause 35.1 for any breach or default in respect of which Damages are expressly specified and payable under this Agreement or for any consequential losses incurred by the Authority".

3. References have been received regarding non-proper maintenance of the existing lanes during the construction period. It may be noted that there are adequate provisions in the MCA for taking action against defaulting Concessionaires. In case, the existing roads are not maintained in traffic worthy condition by the Concessionaire, suitable action for maintaining the roads after issue of necessary notices to the Concessionaire shall be taken and the cost incurred on the maintenance may be recovered from the Concessionaire.

4. This issues with the approval of Chairman, NHAI.


(S.K. Nirmal)

Chief General Manager (Coord)

To:

1. PS to Chairman
2. PS to All Members
3. PS to All CGMs/CVO
4. All GMs/DGMs/Managers
5. All ROs/PIUs/CMUs/SPVs
6. Librarian/Hindi Officer

ARTICLE 12

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT HIGHWAY

12.1 Obligations prior to commencement of construction

Prior to commencement of Construction Works, the Concessionaire shall:

- (a) submit to the Authority and the Independent Engineer its detailed design, construction methodology, quality assurance procedures, and the procurement, engineering and construction time schedule for completion of the Project in accordance with the Project Completion Schedule as set forth in Schedule-G;
- (b) appoint its representative duly authorised to deal with the Authority in respect of all matters under or arising out of or relating to this Agreement;
- (c) undertake, do and perform all such acts, deeds and things as may be necessary or required before commencement of construction under and in accordance with this Agreement, the Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits; and
- (d) make its own arrangements for quarrying of materials needed for the Project Highway under and in accordance with the Applicable Laws and Applicable Permits.

12.2 Maintenance during Construction Period

During the Construction Period, the Concessionaire shall maintain, at its cost, the existing lane(s) of the Project Highway so that the traffic worthiness and safety thereof are at no time materially inferior as compared to their condition 7 (seven) days prior to the date of this Agreement, and shall undertake the necessary repair and maintenance works for this purpose; provided that the Concessionaire may, at its cost, interrupt and divert the flow of traffic if such interruption and diversion is necessary for the efficient progress of Construction Works and conforms to Good Industry Practice; provided further that such interruption and diversion shall be undertaken by the Concessionaire only with the prior written approval of the Independent Engineer which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the Concessionaire shall at all times be responsible for ensuring safe operation of the Project Highway.

12.3 Drawings

In respect of the Concessionaire's obligations relating to the Drawings of the Project Highway as set forth in Schedule-H, the following shall apply:

- (a) The Concessionaire shall prepare and submit, with reasonable promptness and in such sequence as is consistent with the Project

ARTICLE 35

COMPENSATION FOR BREACH OF AGREEMENT

35.1 Compensation for default by the Concessionaire

Subject to the provisions of Clause 35.6, in the event of the Concessionaire being in material default or breach of this Agreement, it shall pay to the Authority by way of compensation, all direct costs suffered or incurred by the Authority as a consequence of such material default, within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of the demand supported by necessary particulars thereof; provided that no compensation shall be payable under this Clause 35.1 for any breach or default in respect of which Damages are expressly specified and payable under this Agreement or for any consequential losses incurred by the Authority.

35.2 Compensation for default by the Authority

Subject to the provisions of Clause 35.6, in the event of the Authority being in material default or breach of this Agreement at any time after the Appointed Date, it shall pay to the Concessionaire by way of compensation, all direct costs suffered or incurred by the Concessionaire as a consequence of such material default within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of the demand supported by necessary particulars thereof; provided that no such compensation shall be payable for any breach or default in respect of which Damages have been expressly specified in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, compensation payable may include interest payments on debt, O&M Expenses, any increase in capital costs on account of inflation and all other costs directly attributable to such material default but shall not include loss of Fee revenues, debt repayment obligations or other consequential losses, and for determining such compensation, information contained in the Financial Package and the Financial Model may be relied upon to the extent it is relevant.

35.3 Extension of Concession Period

Subject to the provisions of Clause 35.6, in the event that a material default or breach of this Agreement set forth in Clause 35.2 causes delay in achieving COD or leads to suspension of or reduction in collection of Fee, as the case may be, the Authority shall, in addition to payment of compensation under Clause 35.2, extend the Concession Period, such extension being equal in duration to the period by which COD was delayed or the collection of Fee remained suspended on account thereof, as the case may be; and in the event of reduction in collection of Fee where the daily collection is less than 90% (ninety per cent) of the Average Daily Fee, the Authority shall, in addition to payment of compensation under Clause 35.2, extend the Concession Period in proportion to the loss of Fee on a daily basis. For the avoidance of doubt, loss of 25% (twenty five per cent) in collection of Fee as compared to the Average Daily Fee for four days shall entitle the Concessionaire to extension of one day in the Concession Period.