

**Minutes of the 301st meeting of KWA held on 29/09/2007 at 2.30 p.m.
in the Conference Hall, Kerala Water Authority, Jalabhavan,
Thiruvananthapuram.**

Members Present:

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| 1. Sri. K.Jayakumar IAS | Chairman |
| 2. Sri. S.M.Vijayanand IAS | Member (Ex-Officio) |
| 3. Sri. Illickal Augusty | Member |
| 4. Sri. C.Ravindran | Member |
| 5. Sri. Velayudhan Vallikkunnu | Member |
| 6. Sri. M.S.Gopakumar | Member |
| 7. Sri. C.Suresh Babu | Technical Member and in additional charge of Managing Director |
| 8. Sri. V.K.Girijavallabhan, IA&AS | Accounts Member |

Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 300th Meeting held on 21/8/2007.

The Authority confirmed the Minutes of the 300th Meeting held on 6th September 2007.

Item No. I (2) Review of action taken in the previous meetings.

The Authority noted the contents.

Item No. I (3) Review of on going schemes as on 31/8/2007.

The Authority noted the status report as on 31st August 2007 of the on going schemes placed before it. After review, the Authority directed the Managing Director to place before it in the next meeting the status report of works taken up under Relief works on Natural Calamities, different deposit works (Local Self Government and other deposits) and the externally aided projects (Tsunami relief and JBIC). The Authority also directed the Managing Director to present before it the details of all pending tenders pending in the Head Office, regional Chief Engineer's Office, Circle offices and Division offices in the next meeting.

Item No. II (1) Cash Flow Statement for the period 01/04/2007 to 31/08/2007.

The Authority noted the cash flow statement presented before it.

Item No. II (2) Review of Billing and Collection for the month of July 2007.

The Authority noted the contents and directed the Managing Director to forward the copies of all the demand raised on the Local Bodies to the Principal Secretary, LSG for getting the dues of the Local Bodies through the Government directly.

Item No. III (1) Third party inspection/pre-delivery inspection of AC/PVC/CI/DI/SW/GI/MS & HDPE pipes and other materials to be purchased by the Kerala Water Authority - Administrative Sanction.

Res. No. 7508 The Authority noted the items and after discussion **resolved to accord sanction to invite tenders for undertaking Third party inspection / pre - delivery inspection of AC/PVC/CI/DI/SW/ GI/MS & HDPE pipes and other materials to be purchased by the Kerala Water Authority directly or through contractors (in the case of lump sum tenders) during 2007 – 08 at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.00 lakhs and to ratify the action of the chief Engineer (HRD & GL) KWA in inviting tenders for undertaking Third party inspection / pre – delivery inspection of AC/PVC/CI/DI/SW/GI/MS & HDPE pipes and other materials in anticipation of formal approval of Authority**

Item No. III (2) Purchase of VerDIS Software related to court decisions.

Res. No. 7509 The Authority **resolved to accord sanction to purchase the software “VerDIS” at the cost of Rs. 14,560/- plus Rs.1000/- for annual upgradation.**

Item No. IV (1) International Stadium at Kaloor- Transfer of land between Kerala Water Authority and GCDA.

Res. No. 7510 The Authority noted the item in detail. The issue relates to the transfer of land owned by Kerala Water Authority at Kaloor, Ernakulam to GCDA for the construction of the International Stadium in which an amount of Rs. 133.00 crores is due to Kerala Water Authority from GCDA. After detailed discussion the Authority, considering the complicity of the issue, **resolved to request the Government to constitute a committee at the Government level consisting of the Principal Secretaries of Water Resources, LSG Finance and Law representatives of**

Kerala Water Authority and GCDA to study the whole issue and formulate a solution to settle the matter once for all.

Item No. IV (2) Request to use Swimming Pool free of charge for cerebral palsy affected child

The Authority discussed the item in detail and noted that the issue requires a policy decision on a humanitarian basis. Hence directed the Managing Director to place before it a detailed proposal so as to recommend to Government for its approval.

Item No. IV (3) Printing & Supply of Kerala Water Authority Calendar for 2008.

Res. No. 7511 The Authority **resolved to accord sanction to print 4000 Nos. of Kerala Water Authority calendars for the year 2008 after inviting competitive quotations.** The Authority directed the Managing Director to examine whether the quality of the calendar could be improved.

Item No. IV (4) Empanelling Janayugom daily in Kerala Water Authority media list – Request.

Res. No. 7512 The Authority **resolved to empanel Janayugom daily also in the media list of Kerala Water Authority at Rs. 132/- per column centimeters, the PRD rate with 15% discount.**

Item No. IV (5) Engagement of Sri. Issac Samuel, Advocate, Former Standing Counsel for the conduct of OS 168/06.

Res. No. 7513 The Authority noted the items and **resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in allowing Advocate Issac Samuel to conduct O.S.No.168/06 before the Sub Court, Thiruvananthapuram in anticipation of formal approval from the Authority.**

Item No. IV (6) Setting up of PVC pipe manufacturing unit at the Premo Pipe Factory premises – Appraisal report by KITCO.

Res. No. 7514 The Authority noted the appraised report submitted by M/s. KITCO on the setting up of the PVC pipe manufacturing unit. After detailed discussion, the Authority **resolved to recommend the appraisal report of M/s. KITCO to Government for approval.**

Item No. V (1) Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP) - Arranging the work on Supplying & Laying basis.

Res. No. 7515 The Authority noted the item in details and **resolved to accord sanction for arranging the pipeline works included in the 110 nos. of TRP proposals amounting to Rs. 64.05 crores under Supplying and Laying basis and sanction to accord approval of supplying and further resolved to authorize the concerned Executive Engineer, Superintending Engineer or regional Chief Engineer to approve the estimates prepared for the pipeline works on supplying and laying basis to the extend to their delegated powers for issue of Technical Sanction as the case may be.**

Item No. V (2) ARWSS to Pathanapuram and adjoining villages – Construction of well cum pump house -- Revised Estimate.

The Authority noted vide Resolution No. 7300 of the 289th Meeting held on 20/12/2006, the Authority declined to accord sanction for the Revised Estimate. The matter was again placed before the Authority for the reconsideration of its earlier decision. The Authority after detailed discussion directed the Managing Director to place before it a detailed note on the whole issue after site inspection and review of all records of the works with emphasis to the following points.

1. Whether any amount is still payable to the contractor for works he had already executed.
2. Whether Kerala Water Authority is utilizing the entire work executed for this scheme by the contractor in which payment is pending along with its details.

Item No. V (3) ARWSS to Erattayar Panchayat in Kalkoonthal village – Supplying and Laying of various sizes of AC, PVC and GI pipes for distribution system in Zone II, Reach II.

Res. No. 7516 This item relates to the request for review of its earlier decision to award the subject work at a cost which is 40% above the estimated amount against the quoted amount. After detailed discussion, the Authority decided not to review its earlier decision and **resolved to re-tender the work after revising the estimate to 2007 schedule of rates if the contractor is not willing to take up the work as per the earlier decision.** The Authority

for reconsideration of its decision shall not be entertained in future.

Item No. V (4) ARWSS to Erattayar Panchayat in Kalkoonthal village – Supplying and Laying 9136 m of 125 mm GI(M) pipes for clear water pumping main - Treatment Plant to tanks T3 & T1(a) to T2.

Res. No. 7517 This item relates to the request for review of its earlier decision to award the subject work at a cost which is 40% above the estimated amount against the quoted amount. After detailed discussion, the Authority decided not to review its earlier decision and **resolved to re-tender the work after revising the estimate to 2007 schedule of rates if the contractor is not willing to take up the work as per the earlier decision.**

Item No. V (5) ARWSS to Erattayar Panchayat in Kalkoonthal village – Supplying and Laying of various sizes of AC, PVC and GI pipes for distribution system in Zone IV.

Res. No. 7518 This item relates to the request for review of its earlier decision to award the subject work at cost which is 40% above the estimated amount against the quoted amount. After detailed discussion, the Authority decided not to review its earlier decision and **resolved to re-tender the work after revising the estimate to 2007 schedule of rates if the contractor is not willing to take up the work as per the earlier decision.**

Item No. V (6) Water Supply Augmentation to Parur Municipality and adjoining Panchayats – Improvements to Chowara Head works and Laying Pumping Main from Chowara to Parur sum.

The Authority noted that the item relates to the work connected with the Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme to Parur Municipality and adjoining Panchayats entrusted to M/s. Kerala State Construction Corporation. A decision has to be taken on the following issues raised by M/s. Kerala State Construction Corporation.

1. Kerala Water Authority denied payment for the approval of material change than envisaged in the NIT.
2. The decision taken on the Minister's meeting dated 07.02.2007 is not implemented and delayed.
3. Time extension is granted up to 30/9/2006, the project commissioned and now working.

The Authority noted that a decision was taken in a High Level Meeting convened in the presence of the Hon. Minister to have a techno-economic study on disputed electromechanical items through M/s. FEDO to sort out the issue on quality and financial aspects of the items supplied. However the study or report of M/s. FEDO is not forthcoming. Hence the Authority directed the Managing Director to address M/s. FEDO from Head Office to get the study conducted and report obtained urgently. On getting the report the issue may again be placed before the Authority for its consideration and decision.

Item No. V (7)

JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Additional staff for the Project Implementation Unit and Regional Project Offices.

~~The Managing Director~~^{It was} informed the Authority that the proposal for the creation of 48 points for the implementation of Kerala Water Supply Project already recommended by the Authority in its 284th meeting held on 31/08/2006 as Resolution No. 7236 is still pending with the Government without additional man power, it is very difficult to attend to the day to day affairs and hence this item. The Authority after detailed discussion directed the Managing Director to explore the possibility of deployment of the idling posts and to fill up of vacancies of Assistant Engineers, through Employment Exchange. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to employ, in the case of Divisional Accountants, if deployment is not possible, a chartered accounting firm, to be charged on the project, to audit and recommend the bills submitted for payment by the contractors within a reasonable time until regular appointments are made to the posts as per proposal submitted to Government for sanction.

Item No. V (8)

JBIC Assisted KWSP– Institutional Strengthening – Procurement of Services – ToR for Engagement of Management Consultant.

Res. No. 7519

The Managing Director informed the Authority that based on the outcomes of the Institutional Strengthening Workshop organized on 27th July 2007, the draft ToR was prepared and copies were forwarded to the office bearers of all the service organization for their comments. However their replies are yet to be received. The ToR is now placed before the Authority for its approval. After evaluation the Authority **resolved to approve the ToR for the engagement of Management Consultants for preparation and implementation of Strategic Development Plant, the**

Organization Re-arrangement Plan and Policy and Procedural Reforms subject to the condition that the remarks/comments received from the service organizations shall be incorporated in ToR before tendering. For the submission of the comments, the service organizations may be given ten days more time.

Item No. V (9) JBIC Assisted KWSP – Institutional Strengthening – Procurement of Services – KWA Utility Management Development Programme.

Res. No. 7520 The Authority noted the item in detail. This is regarding the Utility Management Development Programme driven primarily in response to the changing role of Kerala Water Authority brought about by new priorities in water supply and thinking for the development of water supply and sewerage services. This programme is intended to prepare Kerala Water Authority management level staff to take up the challenges that will be brought about by the implementation of change management programme. The present proposal is splitting up the Utility Management Development Programme into three modules. The Authority discussed the item in detail and **resolved to approve the proposal for splitting the procurement of services package into 3 as detailed below and to approve the utility Management Development Programme to be conducted through IIM, Bangalore at a total cost of Rs. 1,55,91,000/-.** The Authority also directed the Managing Director to seek approval of the JBIC for repackaging the procurement of services package.

1. **Technical Consultancy Services consisting of:**
 - **Non Revenue Water Reform Programme**
 - **Preparation and Implementation of Asset Management Plan**
2. **Management Consultancy Services consisting of:**
 - **Preparation and Implementation of Strategic Development Plan**
 - **Preparation and Implementation of Organisation Rearrangement Plan**
 - **Policy and Procedural Reforms to support Implementation of Strategic Development Plan and Organisation Rearrangement Plan**

3. Training Services for KWA Utility Management Development Programme

Item No. V (10) Replacement of Team Leader for the JBIC Assisted KWSP.

Res No. 7521

The Authority noted the contents and resolved to approve the engagement of Mr. Kevin Mowforth as Team Leader of the TEC Consortium, the Consultants for the JBIC assisted Kerala Water Supply Project with retrospective effect from 23.08.2007.

Item No. V (11) KWA - JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Domestic Training Programme – Proposal for exposure visit program for Trade Union leaders.

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Res. No. 7521

The Authority resolved to approve the proposal to nominate 29 trade union representatives and the Principal Information Officer for the exposure visit to Hyderabad under the domestic training component of the consultancy contract at a total cost of about Rs. 7.50 lakhs.

Item No. VI (1) DFID & Adhoc Augmentation to Kochi Water Supply Scheme – Rehabilitation of Electrical works at Treatment Plant at Aluva – Erection, Testing and commissioning of 110 kV substation including completion of civil works.

The Managing Director informed that this item relates to the work entrusted to M/s. TELK for the erection, testing and commissioning of 110kv substation including civil work. As per the agreement the work has to be completed by 20/09/2004 however the same was extended to 31/12/2005 without imposing liquidated damages due to various force majeure reasons. Even during this extended period also the work was not completed. Now the firm had requested extension of time of completion up to 31/12/2007 citing various reasons and without imposing liquidated damages. The Authority discussed the issue in detail and decided that the request can be considered once the work is completed by the firm in all respects. The Managing Director was directed to inform the firm accordingly and place fresh notes on completion of the work by the firm for consideration.

SECRETARY

Technical Member in full additional
charge of Managing Director

CHAIRMAN