

**Minutes of the 331<sup>st</sup> meeting of KWA held on 18/01/2010 at 10.00 a.m. in the Conference Hall, JICA Project Site, Cherthala.**

**Members Present:**

1. Dr. A. Jayathilak IAS	Chairman
2. Sri. Illickal Augusty	Member
3. Sri. C. Ravindran	Member
4. Sri. M. S. Gopakumar	Member
5. Smt. Susan Jacob	Managing Director
6. Sri. T. P. Mohanlal	Technical Member
7. Sri. S. Sunil Raj, IA&AS	Accounts Member

**Leave of Absence:**

1. Sri. Velayudhan Vallikkunnu	Member
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*Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 330<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 08/01/2010*

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 330<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 08/01/2010 with the following correction

The word 'evaluated' appearing on the last sentence of Resolution No 8407 shall be read 'evaluating'.

The words 'as an extraordinary case due to the urgency and public resentment' shall be added to last line of Resolution No. 8403.

*Item No. I (2) Review of Action Taken in the previous meetings*

Deferred for consideration in the next meeting to be held in Trivandrum.

*Item No. I (3) KWA - JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Submission of Progress Reports*

The Authority discussed in detail the Progress Report placed before it. The Chairman informed the Authority that the meeting was convened at Cherthala with the main intention of on-site review of the works on JICA Assisted KWSP to Cherthala. The Authority noted that still now the permission from the Railways has not been received for laying the pipe line across the railway line. Because of this the laying of the transmission line could not be completed. More over there are protests from the local non-beneficiary panchayats who are blocking the work of laying pipe lines by making

unreasonable demands. The Authority observed that the issue requires political settlement and decided to take up the issue with the District Collector and the District Panchayat Authorities for an amicable settlement. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to depute one or two officers who are good in liaison work to liaison with the Railways at their offices at Chennai and Bangalore to get the permission for laying the pipe line across the railway line.

*Item No. II (1)*

*Setting up of PVC manufacturing unit at Chavara*

**Res. No. 8412**

The Authority noted the item in detail. The Managing Director informed that the future requirement will be for PE pipes and that the plant to be set up shall be for manufacturing both PVC as well as PE pipes including necessary fittings. More over in the present scenario the possibility of setting up the factory under BOT shall also be explored. The Authority after discussions resolved to address Government for revised Administrative Sanction incorporating provision for manufacturing PE pipes and fittings for both PVC and PE pipes. The Authority further resolved to shortlist the firms **M/s Trichi Ramesh Pipe Industry (P) Limited, Tiruchirappally, M/s Toms Pipes Private Limited, Changanassery and M/s Kriti Industries, Indore** for obtaining the financial and technical bid for the work of setting up of a PVC manufacturing unit at Chavara.

*Item No. II (2)*

*ARWSS to Kulakkada and Pavithreswaram Panchayath Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of raw water pumping main using 300 mm DI K9 pipe (6150 m) from Thengumpuzhakadavu to treatment plant at Perumkulam-tender*

**Res. No. 8413**

The Authority discussed the tender in detail and resolved to accord sanction to award the work of Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of raw water pumping main using 300 mm DI K9 pipe (6150 m) from Thengumpuzhakadavu to treatment plant at Perumkulam for ARWSS to Kulakkada and Pavithreswaram Panchayath to Sri. Vinodlal at his quoted rate of Rs. 3,16,77,800/- which works out to 9.8% above the estimated PAC of Rs 288.50 lakhs

*Item No. II (3) ARWSS to Ottasekharamangalam and adjoining villages in Thiruvananthapuram District, Phase I, Dismantling damaged pipe and supplying and relaying 250mm AC Class 15 pipes from Kalippara to Ulattimoodu - 1169 m in the test failed reach – Tender*

**Res. No. 8414** The Managing Director informed the Authority that this tender was placed before the Authority for approval for consideration and decision in it's 323<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 01/06/2009. The work involved in this tender is for replacing the defective AC pipe laid for the scheme. The Authority in it's 323<sup>rd</sup> meeting directed the Managing Director to inform whether the amount to be spent for the replacement will be the liability of the original supplier of the pipe M/s ACP Industries and whether it is recoverable. The Managing Director informed the Authority that the expenditure incurred will be the liability of the firm M/s ACP Industries and that the amount can be debited from the security deposit given by the firm for the earlier purchase tenders which is still with KWA. The company had already been liquidated and now it is a non-existing one. The Authority noted the tender in detail and observed that the estimate for the work was prepared much earlier with 2007 SoR and after discussions resolved to **authorise the Managing Director to approve the tender to award the work of ARWSS to Ottasekharamangalam and adjoining villages, phase-I, Dismantling damaged pipe and supplying and relaying 250 mm AC Class 15 pipes from Kalippara to Ulattimoodu (1169 m along the test failed reach) to Sri.J.Stephen for an amount of Rs.17,49,761/- which works out to 55% in overall excess on the tendered PAC of Rs.11,28,878/- with the condition that the overall excess will works out to below 40% when the estimate is revised to the 2009 SoR.**

*Item No. III (1) Institutional Strengthening – IS Working Committee – Extension of time – Requested*

**Res. No. 8415** The Authority noted the item in detail. It is observed that even though eight areas were identified for implementation some are yet to be started and those already started require one more year for completion. The Authority stressed its desire to complete the Process re-engineering/policy & procedural reforms at the shortest time possible which is the need of the day. The Managing Director informed the Authority that Kannur District has been selected for the pilot project on

Asset Management with the Technical support of Kerala State Remote Sensing Environment agency and the work order for the same will be issued shortly. The Managing Director informed that once the pilot project is completed successfully the same will be rolled out to other districts also. It is expected that this can be completed in another one years time and requested to approve the request for extension of working period for one more year. The Chairman now enquired the details of the IS Committee and its constitution. He further suggested that as the Authority will be well informed of all activities of the committee and for the committee to be fully aware of the deliberations and views of the Authority regarding the institutional strength and weaknesses, it is better that Secretary KWA be the Chairman of the IS Committee. The Authority after discussion **resolved to extend working period of IS Working Committee up to 31st December 2010.** The Authority further directed the Managing Director to reconstitute the IS Working Committee with the Secretary its Chairman.

*Item No. III (2) JICA Assisted KWSP - Tender for supply of LD equipments – Price Bid Evaluation – approval*

**Res. No. 8416** The Authority **resolved to approve the tender for the supply of Group A and Group D item of LD equipment as noted below as recommended by the Technical Committee.**

Group	Name of Bidder	Quoted Amount (Rs.)
Group A	M/s. Fuji Tecom, Japan	1,99,51,200 JPY39,120,000)
Group D	M/s. Primayer, UK	1,30,13,206 (US 281,245)

The Authority further observed that there are no bidders for the Group B item namely Ground Penetrating Radar. The Authority directed the Managing Director to explore the possibility of obtaining the details of bids received for this particular item in other States implementing projects with external aid like JICA, World Bank etc. and obtain offer from these firms as the use of this equipment is very advantageous to KWA for its day to day functions.

*Item No. III (3) JICA Assisted KWSP - Cherthala - Package I - Intake Works WTP and Raw Water Pumping Main - Variation Proposal - approval*

**Res. No. 8417**

The Authority discussed the item in detail and resolved to approve the variation in BoQ items in respect of Package I contract of Cherthala Scheme as given below as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Schedule	Excess Amount (Rs.)
Schedule P 8	2,35,20,180.00
Schedule P 8 A	13,55,274.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,48,75,454.00</b>
<b>Overall Excess</b>	<b>1.33%</b>

*Item No. IV (1) Advocate fee Sri.Babu Varghese, Standing Counsel for KWA*

**Res. No. 8418**

The Authority noted the item in detail and observed from the notes presented before it that the Advocate claimed fees for the suits for which he has not even filed the counter in the court. After detailed deliberations the Authority resolved to decline the request.



SECRETARY



MANAGING DIRECTOR



CHAIRMAN