

**Minutes of the 253<sup>rd</sup> meeting of KWA held on 30/12/2003 at  
10.00 a.m. in the Conference Hall of Jalabhavan,  
Thiruvananthapuram.**

**Members Present:**

1. Sri. K.J.Mathew, IAS	Chairman
2. Sri. Baby Pathippally	Member
3. Sri. Thomas Babu	Member
4. Sri. K.N.Murali	Member
5. Smt. Jessy Peter	Member
6. Sri. K.Lokesan Nair	Technical Member & Accounts Member (Addl. Charge)
7. Smt. T.R.Indira	Managing Director

*Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the minutes of 252<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2003.*

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 252<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 29/11/2003.

*Item No. II (1) Revision of Billing and Collection for the month of October 2003*

Res. No. 6504 The Authority discussed the Division wise statements of demand, collection and balance of domestic, non-domestic and industrial consumers. It is noted that the outstandings in PH Division, Thiruvananthapuram is about Rs. 65.00 crores. Similar amounts are outstanding in one other Division also. The Chairman wanted that reviews shall be conducted with specific attention given to such Divisions and also indicated that a review of PH Division Thiruvananthapuram will be conducted in January by the Chairman himself.

*Item No. II (2) Review of the status of pending inspection para. Audit para and PUC recommendations:*

The Authority noted the contents. The Chairman directed to place the number of paras pending and number of paras settled ~~in~~ every month) so as to have a meaningful appreciation of the progress in clearing pending paras.

*Item No. II (3) Cash Flow statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003*

The Authority noted the contents.

*Item No. III (1) Rate Contract Order No. KWA/HO/SP-12882/CI/Valves (D/F)/MINOTI, dated: 20/3/2003 -- request for extension of delivery period and exemption from additional bank guarantee.*

Res. No. 6505 The Authority resolved to exempt the firm M/s. Minoti Engineering Works, Howrah from furnishing the additional security deposit of Rs. 1,35,000/- for the enhancement in Rate Contract amount for Rate Contract No. KWA/HO/SP-12882/2001/CI/ VALVES (D/F)/MINOTI, dated: 20/3/2003 as a special case in view of the large sums pending payment to the Rate contract holder for the materials already supplied. This is however; subject to the condition that an equivalent amount shall be withheld towards security deposit from the balance payment due to the contractor. It is also resolved to extend the delivery period of the Supply Order No. KWA/HO/SP-12882/2001/CI/VALVES(D/F)/MINOTI, dated: 16/8/2003 for a period of 45 days from the date of order without imposing Liquidated Damages.

*Item No. IV (1) Tender No. 2I/SE/PHCK/2002-03 opened on 10/6/2003 for the construction of 10 lakh litres capacity OII Tank for CARWSS to Chennithala, Thriperunthura, Mammur and Kurattissery Villages -- tender*

Res. No. 6506 The Authority resolved to accord sanction to award the work to M/s. New Construction Company, Kollam at an over all excess of 50% over the estimated PAC of

Rs. 58,44,760/- including cost of cement and steel if the tenderer is willing to take up the work at this rate. The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority shall specify the rate of cement and steel and the present excess of working charges so as to make the over all excess ~~to~~ 50%, before issuing orders.

*Item No. IV (2) Tender No. 20/SE/PHCK/2002-03 opened on 06/5/2003 Construction of 8.85 lakh litres capacity OH Tank at Kurathikkady for CARWSS to Bharanikkavu and adjoining villages – tender approval sought for*

Res. No.6507 The Authority resolved to accord sanction to award the work to M/s. J&B Engineering Construction Company, Thiruvalla at an over all excess of 50% over the estimated PAC of Rs. 38,16,452/- including cost of Cement and Steel if the tenderer is willing to take up the work at this rate. The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority shall specify the rate of cement and steel and the present excess of working charges so as to make the over all excess ~~to~~ 50%, before issuing orders.

*Item No. IV (3) Tender No. 34/EE/PHK/2002-03 opened on 08/1/2003 for the construction of 1 lakh litres capacity OH Tank at Kaveenkunnu for Aug. of UWSS to Pala – tender*

Res. No. 6508 The Authority noted that the work was tendered five times and hence the chance for getting a better offer on re-tendering has ~~to be completely ruled out~~ <sup>in tender.</sup> The original lowest quoted rate of 130% above estimate rate has been reduced to 85% above, through several rounds of negotiations. Since the work is found to be essential, it is resolved to accord sanction to award the work to Sri. Vinod Thomas, Kattachira at his negotiated rate of 85% above estimate rate ~~as a very special case.~~

*Item No. IV (4) ARWSS to Chiranellur and adjoining villages-supplying and laying distribution system in different zones in Chalode and Kandanassery Panchayat – sanction*

Res. No. 6509 The Authority resolved to approve the proposal of the Chief Engineer for laying 8325 m of AC, PVC and GI pipes for Zone I, 11995 m of AC, PVC and GI pipes for

Zone II, and 8190 m of AC, PVC and GI pipes for Zone III for the distribution system of the scheme, ARWSS to Chiranellur and adjoining villages on supplying and laying basis at a total cost not exceeding Rs. 31.54 lakhs as a single package contract.

*Item No. IV (5) Adhoc Aug. of Kochi WSS-financial assistance from Federal Bank-loan sanction of Rs. 50.00 crores - Govt. guarantee for availing the loan and revised Administrative Sanction.*

Res. No. 6510 The Authority discussed the outcome of the discussion with Bank Authorities by the Managing Director on 29/12/2003, regarding reduction in interest rate and relaxation of certain terms and conditions. The Authority was informed that the Bank is likely to agree for an interest rate of 9% (quarterly compounded rate) against 9.5% as per earlier loan sanction letter. The interest rate will work out to around 8.94% on a monthly basis. As regards the condition No. 1 in the loan sanction letter that the Kerala Water Authority shall always maintain a balance of Rs. 550.00 lakhs (equal to 2 quarterly installments and interest for two quarters), during the entire period of the loan, they are now agreeable for reducing the amount to about Rs. 92.00 lakhs (equal to one monthly installment and one month interest). Moreover they will allow to keep this as a Fixed Deposit for minimum three years so that Kerala Water Authority can avail 6.25% interest. The Bank is not agreeable for relaxing the 2<sup>nd</sup> condition in the loan sanction letter to escrow collection from other centers if collection from Kochi Corporation alone is not adequate. The Authority noted that the reduced interest rate and the relaxed terms are favorable. The Kerala Water Authority has so far availed institutional finance at interest rate higher than 9%. The interest rates of loan availed from HUDCO, LIC etc. so far is higher. Considering the urgency to complete the scheme and avoid cost escalation in estimated costs, the Authority resolved to authorize the Managing Director to take up the matter with

Government for approval of the revised terms and conditions after confirmation of the points by the Bank Authorities. If there is any substantial variation in the points agreed upon by them, the matter shall be brought back to the Authority. The Authority also authorized the Managing Director to explore possibilities of availing bank finance on similar lines for completion of schemes at acceptable interest rates and other terms and conditions.

*Item No. V (1) KWA-Estt. Renaming of HUDCO Circle, Kochi as Project Division, Kochi.*

Res. No. 6511 The Authority resolved to approve the proposal to rename the present HUDCO Circle, Kochi as Project Circle, Kochi and to expand its jurisdiction by bringing the control of Quality Control Division, Aluva and IPD Division, Kochi under the Circle.

*Item No. V (2) KWA-Estt. Pay Revision '97 Operators-implementation of judgments -- further action.*

Res. No. 6512 The Authority discussed the report and recommendations of the committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the FM & CAO for examining the issue and resolved to accept the recommendation and also to seek the approval of the Government for taking further action based on these recommendations.

*Item No. V (3) KWA-Estt. Employees who die-in-harness waiver of liabilities due to Kerala Water Authority up to 2 lakhs - proposal furnishing of*

Res. No. 6513 The Authority resolved to write off an amount of Rs. 86,042/- being the outstanding liability towards House Building Advance of Late M.Gopi, Operator, PH Sub Division, Perumbavoor in accordance with the existing rules.

*Item No. V (4) KWA-Estt. Interest free advance for medical purpose to Sri. Subhash Chandra Bose, UD Clerk, KWA (HO), Thiruvananthapuram*

Res. No. 6514 The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs. 45,000/- (Rupees Forty five thousand only) to Sri. Subhash Chandra Bose, UD Clerk, KWA (Head Office), Thiruvananthapuram towards Interest free advance for the treatment of Cancer for his wife 'Epilepsy Brain Surgery' at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Science, Thiruvananthapuram subject to the following conditions.

1. The advance shall be utilized within three months or else it should be refunded in full immediately on expiry of three months.
2. The amount shall be adjusted against the final claim within 6 months and any balance amount remaining unadjusted shall be recovered from the DCRG admissible to the incumbent.
3. The sanction of the medical claims of the incumbent shall be subject to the Government rules, which are now applicable to Kerala Water Authority also and in case the claim becomes inadmissible, the amount of advance spent towards the treatment shall be recovered from the DCRG.
4. The undertaking shall be obtained to the above effect, ie, for complying with items 1,2 and 3 before disbursing the advance sanctioned.

*Item No. V (5) KWA-JB-Sri. K.Reghu, W/Supdt. (Retd.) Pensionary claims -- releasing of*

Res. No. 6515 The Authority resolved that pensionary benefits including DCRG, commutation of pension etc. may be released to Sri. K.Reghu, Work Superintendent (Retd.) subject to the condition that he will give a written undertaking in Stamp Paper agreeing to refund the amount if any fixed as liability against him in due course based on the vigilance investigation in progress and subject to the conditions as laid down in GO (P) No. 185/02/Fin, dated: 27/3/2002.

*Item No. V (6) Merits and demerits of arranging works on HR basis and entrusting maintenance works on running contract basis*

Deferred

*Item No. V (7) KWA/ JB-Late. N.V.Lincon, Executive Engineer, Pensionary claims - releasing of.*

Res. No. 6516 The Authority resolved that pensionary benefits including DCRG, commutation of pension etc. may be released to the legal heirs of late N.V.Lincon, Executive Engineer subject to the condition that they will give a written undertaking in a Stamp Paper agreeing to refund the amount if arising fixed as a liability against late Lincon in due course based on the vigilance investigation in progress and subject to the conditions laid down in GO (P) No. 185/02/Fin, dated: 27/3/2002.

*Item No. VI (1) Tender No. 2/2003-04/CE-JBIC opened on 11/11/2003 for carrying out Geo Technical Investigation.*

Res. No. 6517 The Authority resolved to accept the lowest/negotiated rates of the two firms noted below for carrying out Geo-technical Investigation.

Sl. No.	Name	Name of Scheme	Lowest quoted/ Negotiated Amount (Rs.)
1.	SECON Surveys (P) Ltd. Bangalore	Kozhikkode	13,52,250.00
		Pattuvam	11,47,875.00
		<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>25,00,125.00</b>
2.	Geo Foundations and Structures (P) Ltd., Kochi	Thiruvananthapuram	6,44,216.00
		Meenad	14,07,665.00
		Cherthala	19,17,516.00
		<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>39,69,397.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>64,69,522.00</b>

The Authority also decided to ratify the action of the Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority in having given approval to the Chief Engineer (JBIC Project) for

issuing work order to the firm, M/s. SECON Surveys (P) Ltd., Bangalore before the expiry of validity period of their offer, in anticipation of sanction by the Authority based on the recommendation of the Tender Committee.

*Item No. VI (2) JBIC aided Kerala Water Supply Project – Consultancy Agreement – Local key staff for Design Phase – change requested by the consortium.*

Res. No. 6518 The Authority resolved to accord approval to the request of the consultants to enhance the number of Design Engineers (Environmental) from 3 to 5 and the number of Design Engineers (Hydraulics) from 3 to 6 in the Consultants' Staff pattern, by reducing the number of Design Engineers (Electrical) from 5 to 3, Design Engineers (Mechanical) from 5 to 4 and Design Engineers (Structural) from 5 to 3, subject to the condition that there shall be no financial commitment due to the changes allowed and that the staff replacement shall be effected by evaluating the new CV's of the staff as per the Terms and Conditions of the TOR for Consultancy Service.

*Item No. VI (3) JBIC Aided Kerala Water Supply Project Physical and Financial Achievements – Progress Report for November 2003.*

The Authority noted the contents.

*Item No. VI (4) Proposal for the procurement of Court Case Monitoring System for Legal Wing, KWA (HO), Thiruvananthapuram*

Res. No. 6519 The Authority resolved to approve the proposal for the purchase of Software package titled "Court Case Monitoring System" from M/s. Keltron at their negotiated rate of for Rs. 67,990/- for implementation in the Legal Wing of KWA Head Office subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Agenda Note. Also the Law Officer shall ensure full use of the Software through the Nodal Officer suggested for monitoring the cases.

- Item No. VI (5) APHEK diary 2004 Request for advertisement of KWA*  
 Res. No. 6520 The Authority resolved to issue sanction for giving full-page display advertisement worth Rs. 4,000/- to the General Secretary, All Kerala Public Health Engineers Association in the Engineer's diary 2004.
- Item No. VI (6) KWA Staff Association Diary 2004 advertisement display*  
 Res. No. 6521 The authority resolved to issue sanction for giving full-page advertisement amounting to Rs. 3,000/- in the Kerala Water Authority Staff Association's diary to be released on January 2004.
- Item No. VI (7) Request for giving display advertisement to the Diary of KWA Employees Association*  
 Res. No. 6522 The Authority resolved to issue sanction for giving full-page display advertisement for Rs. 3,000/- to the Secretary, Kerala Water Authority Employees Association in the diary to be released on 2004.
- Item No. VI (8) NC/PC-Water Supply arrangements to various schemes -- Proposal for pipeline extension -- to Ward II and IV in Vellamunda Pt. and Ward IX of Mananthavady Pt. under supplying and laying basis -- sanction request.*  
 Res. No. 6523 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the proposal of arranging the extension of pipeline to Ward II and IV in Vellamunda Pt. and Ward IX of Mananthavady Pt. from the existing pipeline under supplying and laying basis for a total length of 10022 m at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.4 lakhs. The work shall be arranged as single package tender.
- Item No. VI (9) Agri Fest 2004 -- All India Exhibition at Police Maidan setting KWA Pavilion*  
 Res. No. 6524 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the proposal for participating Kerala Water Authority in the Agri-Fest Exhibition 2004 as a special case subject to the condition that the expenditure should be limited to Rs. 50,000/-

*Item No. VII (1) Additional Economy Measures-relaxation - Medical Reimbursement Scheme*

Deferred

*Item No. VII (2) KWA-Estt. - Regularization of unqualified NMR hands.*

Res. No. 6525 The Authority resolved to recommend to Government for proposal to regularize the unqualified NMR hands as per the list A & B with all attendant benefits with prospective effect only from the date of the government order regularizing the service and subject to the condition specified in the agenda notes.

*Item No. VII (3) Improvement of water supply to NC/PC wards (Wards: III & V) of Thamarakkulam Pt. - laying pumping main & distribution mains - arranging the work on supplying and laying basis - sanction sought for*

Res. No. 6526 The Authority recommended to accord sanction for arranging the work of replacing a portion of the damaged pumping main and new distribution mains for the improvement of water supply to Ward III & V of Thamarakkulam Panchayat on supplying and laying basis subject to the condition that the expenditure shall not exceed the estimate cost of Rs. 19.75 lakhs including road restoration charges.

*Item No. VII (4) ATM facility inside Water Works Campus*

Deferred

*Item No. VII (5) WSS to Mahe Region - supplying and laying 450 mm/400 mm CI Class LA pipe from Mailady TP to Parimadom Service Reservoir on Turnkey/EPCM basis.*

Res. No. 6527 The Authority resolved to direct the Managing Director to obtain the necessary clarifications from the firms and place the proposal in the next board meeting after reevaluation based on the clarifications.

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*Item No. VII (6) Formation of Anti Water Theft Squad – Ratification sought for*

Res. No. 6528 Taking into consideration, the practical difficulties in having staff of other circle office as members in the Anti Theft Squads of a Circle it is resolved that the words 'Other Circle Office' may be deleted so that members of the squad can be selected from the same circle to avoid practical difficulties. The squad shall consist of sufficient number of members to enable their deployment in such a way that the inspecting team shall not include persons from the same division where the inspection is carried out.

*Item No. VII (7) KWA-conducting cases in subordinate courts – consumer dispute redressal forum*

Res. No. 6529 The authority resolved to extend the term of the existing panel of Advocates for a further period of one year from 27/12/2003 for defending Kerala Water Authority cases in the districts.

*Item No. VII (8) Details of files pending in the Vigilance Section and Vigilance Cell*

Deferred.



SECRETARY



MANAGING DIRECTOR



CHAIRMAN