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Dear Sir,

Violation of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 – Prequalification Process not conducted under Rule No.16

1. Reference is made to Government of Pakistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (Cabinet Division), Islamabad dated 16th July, 2010 on the above cited subject.

2. The work "Equipment and Allied Works for New Air Traffic Control Tower at Multan Int'l Airport" for which prequalification notice appeared in press on 31st May, 2010, is a part of CAA's high priority project "Upgradation of Multan Airport Project (Phase-1)" whose progress is closely being monitored by the Govt. of Pakistan including Prime Minister's Secretariat. Further, it is confirmed that Civil Aviation Authority in almost all development projects issue proper / standard document providing details related to requirements / criteria for prequalification as per PPRA Rules, to firms who show interest for prequalification. For the above work this requirement was also met. However the pre-requisites for prequalification were notified in the advertisement itself to save time and in the best interest of work for achieving targets (equipment is to be provided in New Air Traffic Control Tower immediately after the completion of ongoing building works, to ensure timely commissioning of New Air Traffic Control facility. This had been emphasized by CAA Board of Directors in its 131st meeting held on 17th February, 2010). The advertisement is elaborate and the requirements to be fulfilled for prequalification are clearly indicated in the press notice instead of conveying the same through a set of prequalification documents.

3. As regards the criteria for prequalification evaluation, the above mentioned press advertisement provided all the requirements for an applicant in order for him to pass the threshold of required inputs. In fact the requirements listed out in the advertisement are quite sufficient and are in lieu of specific criteria allocating designated marks. Thus the advertisement precisely and distinctly lists out all the requirements viz criteria for prequalification. The applications when evaluated as per requirements, will be transparent and in conformity with the norms of prequalification. Further, complete information on the out come of evaluation process shall be made available to each firm who applied for prequalification and no deviation from PPRA Rules shall be made.

4. We have withheld the process of evaluation, and seek your guidance. We are willing to re-advertise incorporating points raised by yourselves.

5. Kindly respond to advise further on the matter. Multan Airport Upgradation is a high priority Project as explained above.

Yours faithfully,



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- with reference to your letter No. Nil dated 14th July, 2010.