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Dated 16th November, 2010

To:

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ISLAMABAD

Subject: **NHA IS VIOLATING PPRA RULES IN ALMOST ALL PROCUREMENTS COLLUSIVE PRACTICE IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS PROCESSING.**

Reference: 1- Transparency International Pakistan's Letter No. Nil dt. 18th Sept 2010
2- MOC's Letter No. F.No. 9(2)/98-Roads dated 24th Sept 2010

The reply on the observations raised by TI-P vide above referred letter are as under:

▪ **REGARDIG PPRA RULE-2 (F)**

Transparency International Pakistan (TI-P) has misunderstood and misinterpreted the rule. The conditions imposed by NHA that "one firm will be eligible for award of only one package", is in the best interest of the project and for the reason that successful bidder could concentrate on only one work package with all its available resources to complete the project successfully in time. Further more advertisement in the widely circulated Newspapers and Websites, attract the attention of both National and International bidders which itself is enough proof for not restricting competition, rather it provides open and wide competition opportunity for prospective bidders.

▪ **REGARDIG CONTRACT AWARD PROFORMA**

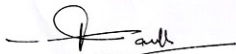
The Closing date for submission of Prequalification applications for projects in question was 16th August-2010. The Prequalification of contractors is under process. Therefore to complete the contract award proforma as stated by TI-P was out of question at the stage of PQ notice.

▪ **QUERY REGARDING READVERTISEMENT ON 24th, 28th JUNE 2010 AND 1st AUGUST-2010**

Procuring Agency has been given the liberty by PPRA under rule-27 to extend the procurement process due to any reason which Procuring Agency find necessary.

2- It may please be noted that TI-P is raising observations, probably based on some hearsay information, about NHA advertisement. The observations are raised without scrutinizing the advertisements which creates negative effects on the working of NHA.

3- NHA do appreciate your concerns, nevertheless, NHA will continue to adhere to rules and regulations currently enforced in the country in a diligent and prudent manner. Any healthy criticism on the part of any agency for the improvement of the working of NHA, is welcomed. NHA expect that above explanation will clarify the points raised by TI-Pakistan.



(ALTAF AHMED CHAUDHARY)
Chairman (NHA)

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- General Manager (P&CA), NHA, Islamabad
- Syed Adil Ali Gilani, Chairman, TI-Pakistan.