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SUBJECT: COMPLAINT AGAINST OGDCL FOR ILLEGAL TENDER BIDDING FOR SALE OF LOW PRESSURE GAS FROM TOOT OIL FIELD (TENDER NO. OGDCL/COMM/LP-GAS/841&842/2013)

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your letter No. Nil dated July 31, 2013 on the subject.

At the outset, we would like to point out that M/s Tariq Lime Merchant's fixed term agreement with OGDCL stands expired on April 16, 2013. Furthermore, there was no bidding scheduled on 01st August, 2013 as referred in your letter (as it is only through press advertisement). Perhaps, M/s Tariq Lime Merchant has deliberately misled your organization with its ulterior and mala fide motives.

It kindly be noted that on expiry of the afore-mentioned contract, on May 21, 2013. OGDCL invited tenders / bids through a public advertisement as per applicable Rules, after due process. Unfortunately, M/s Tariq Lime Merchants filed a frivolous case in the Civil Court of Islamabad and obtained a stay order from the said court by misleading facts. The schedule bidding could not, therefore, take place. However, after hearing the both parties, the learned civil judge vacated the stay order and dismissed the temporary injunction application of M/s Tariq Lime Merchants.


Before OGDCL could again advertise and invite bids, M/s Tariq Lime Merchants filed an appeal before the Additional District Judge Islamabad and also filed a writ petition before the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court, Islamabad. However later, M/s Tariq Lime Merchants withdrew its appeal from the court of Additional District Judge, Islamabad. It my kindly be noted that the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court, Islamabad dismissed the aforementioned writ petition of M/s Tariq Lime Merchants, being devoid of merits. After the dismissal of M/s Tariq Lime Merchants writ petition, OGDCL again invited tenders / bids for sale of low pressure gas of Toot Oil Field on 17th July, 2013.

In the meantime, M/s Tariq Lime Merchants filed an appeal before the Hon'ble Islamabad High Court, Islamabad. However, the Hon'ble High Court did not grant any stay order to M/s Tariq Lime Merchants. Being unsuccessful in its designs, M/s Tariq Lime Merchants again obtained a stay order from the learned civil court by misleading the said court. OGDCL therefore postponed the scheduled bidding.

It is pertinent to mention that M/s Tariq Lime Merchants has resorted to the afore-mentioned frivolous litigation with ulterior motives as it is getting the low pressure gas at the 1/10th rate of the prevailing market price. In these circumstances, OGDCL is suffering huge loss of revenue due the unscrupulous acts of M/s Tariq Lime Merchants and delaying tactics resorted to by it.

In view of the above, the complaint of M/s Tariq Lime Merchants is without merits and requires no further action at our end. We hope that M/s Transparency International will duly consider the afore-mentioned facts whilst entertaining the complaint filed by M/s Tariq Lime Merchants & will also give consideration to the financial loss being borne by OGDCL due to M/S Tariq Lime Merchants

Best Regards,
For Oil & Gas Development Co. Ltd.


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