



# PORT QASIM AUTHORITY

GATEWAY TO NATIONAL PROSPERITY

No. PQA/OPS/NIT/TIP/11/1454

Date 08 September, 2011

To  
The Deputy Director-II  
Public Procurement Regulatory Authority  
Cabinet Division  
Government of Pakistan

**SUBJECT: COMPLAINT ON PROCUREMENT OF NAVIGATION BUOYS COSTING OVER RS 7 CARORES AND TENDER INVITATION IN DAWN OF 1-7-2011 VIOLATING PPR 2004 TIP LETTERS DATED 29-6-2011 & 1-7-2011 AND PQA REPLY DATED 13-7-2011**

**REFERENCE:**

- A. TIP letters dated 29-6-2011 and 01-7-2011
- B. PQA letter no. PQA/Ops/NIT/TIP/11/1421 dated 13-7-2011
- C. PPRA letter no. F. 1(32)/DD-II/PPRA/2011 dated Islamabad, 18 July, 2011

In response to letter at reference "C", requiring comprehensive report / comments on the contents of the complaint, the following report is submitted for kind perusal:-

- a. Navigation Buoys in 45 KM long sea channel of Port Qasim (which is about 8 times that of Karachi port) are exposed to rough weather conditions, requiring right positioning / replacement of Buoys at proper site, for safe and smooth shipping operations (**including night navigation**). Due to abnormally severe weather this year and resultant shifting of navigational buoys (not retrievable), procurement of navigational buoys had to be made on urgent basis to keep the Channel safe for navigation.
- b. Accordingly, with the prior approval of PQA Board, Tender notice was published in newspapers on 01-07-2011 bearing the last date of submission and opening of bids as 15-07-2011. In response, 12 firms purchased the tender documents upto 05-07-2011. However, only three bidders submitted the bid, out of which two bidders committed supply within 45 days.

Contd..on..p/2.

- c. Considering poor participation of the bidders and in order to attract more competition, PQA has scrapped the earlier tender and invited fresh bids for Supply of requisite Buoys, while increasing the supply time from 45 days to 60 days. The advertisement in this regard has already appeared in daily Dawn and Jang on 25-08-2011, scheduling last date of submission of bids as 15-09-2011.
- d. By scrapping the tender, the issues raised by M/s. T.I.P. vide their letter referred to above stand addressed to and need no further comments.



Miran Mohiyuddin  
Secretary

Copy for info:

Chairman,  
Transparency International Pakistan