



KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD Ltd

(Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956)

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ABSTRACT

DRIP II - Hiring an Environmental Specialist in SPMU on contract basis, to assist in Environment Studies, and implementation of Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) as per the requirement of World Bank & CPMU - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (SBU-G/C)

B.O. (FTD) No.231/2024 (DGC/AEEIV/Dam Safety/Staff/2022-Part (2))
Thiruvananthapuram.

Dated:14-05-2024

Read : 1. Note No. CE(C-DS)/75b/DRIP II/ESMF/2023-24/06 dated 11.04.2024 of the Chief Engineer (Civil-Dam Safety & DRIP).
2. B.O.(FTD)No. 373/2020/(DGC/AEE-II/DRIP/General/2018 dated 02.06.2020.
3. B.O.(FTD)No. 220/2023/(DGC/AEE-IV/Dam Safety/Staff/2022 dated 03.05.2023.
4. G.O.No.29/2021 dated 11.02.2021.
5. Note No DGC/AEEIV/Dam Safety/ Staff/2022 dated 22.04.2024 of Director (Generation-Civil) to the Full Time Directors of KSEBL (Agenda No.36-05/2024).

ORDER

The Chief Engineer (Civil- Dam Safety & DRIP) as per note read as 1st above has reported that the World Bank, in the Project Agreement for the Second Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project, stipulates that the Project Implementing Entity (PIEs) shall ensure that its Respective Part of the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, and in accordance with the respective Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP). This involves conducting Environment and Social Due Diligence (ESDD) to identify, evaluate and manage the environment and social risks and impacts consequent to the implementation of the Project and to prepare standard Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), recommending the environmental and social mitigation measures and management controls to be implemented in compliance with the E&SS (Environmental & Social standards) Guidelines and to ensure its compliance in the implementation of Projects.

As per the Loan Agreement for Second Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project, Schedule 2, Section 1 - Implementation Arrangements, the Project Management Units shall be equipped with adequate staff supplemented with consultants including environmental and social safeguards specialists.

Accordingly, KSEBL had accorded sanction to appoint an Environmental specialist on contract basis, initially for a period of one year, as per B.O read as 2nd above and to continue to engage for a period of one year as per B.O read as 3rd above. An Environmental Specialist is hired in the SPMU on contract basis at the rate as approved as per G.O. read as 4th above, for the implementation of DRIP Phase II and the period of contract ends in May 2024.

The Chief Engineer (C-Dam Safety & DRIP) has reported that now implementation of the Project is in full swing and service of an Environmental Specialist is essential for the implementation of ESMP of the proposed Projects. Further, the World Bank in the readiness meeting for DRIP III,

conducted on 21st December 2023, announced that preparation for DRIP-3 has begun. Environment and Social Due Diligence (ESDD) and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) of the Projects included under DRIP III are also to be prepared and approval from WB to be obtained for the Projects included under DRIP III for inviting bids.

The Environmental Specialist shall be a qualified Post Graduate in Environmental Engineering or a Graduate Engineer with minimum two years of experience in the relevant field. The World Bank (WB) and Central Project Management Unit (CPMU), Central Water Commission (CWC) insist that the Environmental Specialists engaged by the SPMUs also shall attend the review meetings conducted by WB and CPMU. Accordingly, they have to perform journeys to attend the review meetings in addition to the journey to the work sites. The travel expenses to the Environmental Specialists to attend the review meetings and to the work sites are also to be paid. The estimated expenditure for engaging the consultant was reported as Rs 5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand) per year.

The Chief Engineer requested sanction to continue to engage an Environmental Specialist on contract basis for the implementation of DRIP II and III, as per the provisions under DRIP. It is also requested to sanction the travel expenses to the Environmental Specialist at rates applicable to Assistant Engineers in KSEBL. The expenditure on account of this can be booked under the head Project Management in DRIP Phase II.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 5th above. Having considered the matter in detail, it was resolved to accord sanction to continue to engage an Environmental Specialist in SPMU on contract basis to assist in the implementation of ESMP of the projects proposed to be implemented under DRIP Phase II and III as per provisions under DRIP for a period of one year with travel expenses at rate applicable to Assistant Engineers in KSEBL. The maximum financial commitment comes to Rs 5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand) per year.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors

Signed by
LEKHA G
Company Secretary

Date: 14-05-2024 16:17:22

To:

The Chief Engineer (Civil- Dam Safety & DRIP)

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