



## KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD Ltd

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### ABSTRACT

Power evacuation from Thottiyar HEP by constructing 400 meter 220kV DC line as LILO from Lower Periyar- Madakkathara feeder - Re-tender invited - Tender excess - Sanction accorded for confirmation of tender - Orders issued

### CORPORATE OFFICE (SBU-T)

BO (DB)No.193/2023(DIRTSO-AE6/2022/2318)

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 11.04.2023

- Read: 1) Administrative Sanction No. CE(TS)/EE2/AEE V/Thottiyar HEP/2020-21/1621 dated 15.02.2021.  
2) BO (FTD) No.943/2022 (DIRTSO - AE6/2022/2318) dated 05.12.2022.  
3) TDKM-DB 77(A) /22-23/1032 dated 20.02.2023 of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Kothamangalam.  
4) Re Tender ID : 2023\_KSEB\_560208\_1.  
5) Minutes of the Circle level Pre Qualification Committee meeting held on 21.03.2023.  
6) Note No. CETS-AE5/2022/3239[1] /1791 dated 24.03.2023 of the Chief Engineer, Transmission South.  
7) Note No. D(T,SO,P&S)/T3/TDPZA/2022-23 dated 24.03.2023 of the Chairman & Managing Director.  
8) Proceedings of the 70th meeting of the Board of Directors held on 25.03.2023 vide Agenda OA 01-03/2023.

### ORDER

The Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs 2.5 crores had been accorded by Chief Engineer (Transmission South) as per the order read as 1<sup>st</sup> above for the work of constructing 400m, 220 kV DC line from Thottiyar Powerhouse switchyard to 220 kV Lower Periyar-Madakkathara feeder by making LILO arrangement, for the evacuation of power from Thottiyar Powerhouse. The estimate was prepared based on DSR 2016.

Out of the total 400 m length of the proposed line, 227 m is passing through forest area and hence forest clearance is needed for carrying out the work. The work was tendered on 16.02.2021 based on the decision taken in the PMC meeting in anticipation that stage-1 clearance from the Forest Department will be obtained before tender finalisation.

The work was awarded to Sri.Sunny Jacob Cherian as per Work Order No.139/2021-22 dtd 23.11.2021 and agreement was executed on 07.01.2022. But the work could not be started due to the delay in getting forest clearance. The contractor requested for rate revision citing the delay in handing over the site, which was accepted by KSEBL as per B.O. read as 2<sup>nd</sup> above.

The Stage I forest clearance for the construction of line was obtained on 02.09.2022 and the contractor started the work at one tower location on 15.12.2022. Due to very little progress



made by the contractor even after giving instructions many times, the agreement authority terminated the contract as per letter read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above. The work was retendered on 21.02.2023 at the risk and cost of the previous contractor and two bidders participated in the re-tender. The lowest rate of Rs.1,89,18,201/- was quoted by M/s Hitech Tower, which is 45% above the estimate rate.

The original AS and working estimate were prepared based on DSR 2016. The same is accepted for the present tender also, as the retender is at the risk and cost of the previous contractor. On comparing the estimate rate based DSR 2018, the rate quoted by the L1 bidder is 25.29% above. Negotiations were conducted, but the L1 bidder is not willing to reduce the quoted rate further.

The transmission line construction has to be completed matching with the time line of generator commissioning. Further, the inauguration of Thottiyar Power House is included in the 100 days program of the Government. In view of utilising the inflow during next monsoon effectively, construction of the power evacuation line has to be completed urgently. Hence, the Chief Engineer requested sanction as per the note read as 6<sup>th</sup> above for confirmation of retender in favour of lowest bidder, M/s. Hi Tech Tower, at their quoted rate of 45% above the estimate rate based on DSR 2016 and 25.29% above the estimate rate based on DSR 2018.

Since the tender excess is more than 10% of PAC, the matter was placed before the Board of Directors for decision as per note read as 7<sup>th</sup> above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 25.03.2023,

RESOLVED TO accord sanction to the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Kothamangalam to confirm the tender for the work "construction of 400 m, 220 kV DC line for the power evacuation from Thottiyar Powerhouse" in favour of the lowest bidder, M/s. Hi Tech Tower, Mattathil (H), Meempara P.O, Puthencruz at their quoted rate of Rs.1,89,18,201/- (excl.GST), which is 45% above the estimate rate based on DSR 2016 (25.29% above the rate based on DSR 2018).

Orders are issued accordingly.

**By Order of the  
Director Board**

*Sd/-*

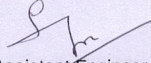
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Company Secretary**

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The Chief Engineer (Transmission South)

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(IT, CR & CAPs)  
The Deputy Chief Engineer, Transmission Circle, Thodupuzha

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The PA to Director (Finance & HRM)  
The Sr CA to Secretary (Administration)  
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