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Circular

Subject: Central Procurement of HDPE Pipes (Druk Pipes)

This is to inform all Government agencies that Bhutan Polythene Company Limited (BPCL) has offered a bulk purchase rebate to the Government for HDPE pipes (Druk pipe) to be procured for Government construction works. The Ministry of Finance has accepted the offer and directs all Government budgeted agencies to use HDPE pipes manufactured by BPCL for all works. The rebate will be directly deposited by BPCL in the Royal Government revenue account based on the consumption of HDPE pipes by the various Government agencies. In this regard, the following procedures are being prescribed for such works being tendered henceforth.

- 1. Government agencies proposing to tender out or carry out any drinking water supply works or irrigation works or plumbing works, which involves consumption of HDPE pipes, shall estimate the theoretical consumption of HDPE pipes (with size and specification) required for that particular work. A copy of the estimate shall be sent to BPCL, Phuentsholing with a copy endorsed to the Director General, Department of National Properties as per the attached format;
- 2. To take advantage of the rebate offered and ensure quality of construction work, agencies are required to use HDPE pipes manufactured by BPCL. Hence, to enforce the use of Druk pipe, Government agencies should work out the requirement and state in section VII specification and performance requirement of the bidding documents. The agency should insist that the contractor use Druk pipes manufactured by BPCL for this work and the required items should be lifted from the BPCL factory premises in Phuentsholing. The specification should also state that the contractor will arrange and pay for the transportation and make direct payment to BPCL at the notified price, including the applicable taxes;
- 3. On the award of the work, the Government agency shall notify BPCL, Head office, Phuentsholing of the name of the work, contractor to whom the work is awarded including the estimated quantity of HDPE pipes that will be required for the work, contract period and published price of HDPE pipes. Copy of the notification



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should also be endorsed to Director General, Department of National Properties (DNP) and Managing Director BPCL with a copy to the contractor;

- 4. Each time the contractor lifts HDPE pipes, a letter addressed to the MD, BPCL Phuentsholing should be issued by the agency specifying the published price and quantity of HDPE pipe to be lifted with copies to agencies as mentioned above;
- 5. The letter issued by the agency awarding the work shall be produced by the contractor to BPCL during the purchase of HDPE pipe for each consignment. The copies of the invoices shall be submitted to the Government agency by the contractor for record;
- 6. The agency awarding the work shall submit at the end of every month a report of HDPE pipe procured by the contractor for the project with invoice number and dates to the Director General, Department of National Properties for cross verification and calculation of the rebate deposited by BPCL in the Government revenue account.

All Government agencies are requested to strictly adhere to the above procedures.

This circular will be effective from September 1, 2015.

Approved list of dealer or sales agents is attached herewith for reference.

Finance Secretary

Copy to:

- Hon'ble Cabinet Secretary, Gyalyong Tshokhang.
- 2. Hon Auditor General, Royal Audit Authority.
- 3. All Government agencies for compliance.
- 4. Managing Director, BPCL, Phuentsholing for necessary action.