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Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Dera Bugti.

<u>Subject: Violation of Balochistan Public Procurement Rules 2014, Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Dera Bugti's Tender Notice for Procurement for Execution of Several Works</u>

Dear Sir.

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Express' Newspaper on 06 March, 2025. The said advertisement is in violation of The Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014, Rule No. 16 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 18-03-2025, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is two (2) days less. It is a violation of The Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014, Rule No. 16. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

16. Response Time.— (1) Response time which shall not be less than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of publication of Notice Inviting Tender in the newspapers or uploading on the website, as the case may be, in case of National Competitive Bidding; and shall not be less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of Notice Inviting Tender in the newspapers or uploading on the website, in case of International Competitive Bidding:

Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Dera Bugti is requested to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with The Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014, to avoid misprocurement under Rule 57.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across-the-board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve Zero tolerance against corruption.

Regards,

Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,

Trustee/Legal Advisor

Transparency International Pakistan

Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

- 1. Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Quetta.
- 2. Managing Director, Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Quetta.



## Note:

This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not a complainant, it acts as a whistleblower and operate under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to public to know how government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access of information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three member bench in case of Mukhtar Ahmad Ali vs the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa in the landmark judgment on 16 October 2023, in CP No. 3532/2023, has declared that

"What previously may have been on a need-to-know basis Article 19A of the Constitution has transformed it to a right-to-know, and the Access to information is no longer a discretion granted through occasional benevolence, <u>but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution"</u>

