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Director Civil Works, Quaid Avenue, Pakistan Ordnance Factories, Wah Cantt.

<u>Subject: Violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Director Civil Works, Quaid Avenue, Pakistan Ordnance Factories, Wah Cantt's Tender Notice for Procurement for Various Works</u>

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Nawai Waqt' Newspaper on 21 December, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule No. 28 'Opening of Bids'.

In the tender Notice, submission and opening of tenders are not kept on the same date. It is a violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 28. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

28. Opening of bids.- (1) The date for opening of bids and the last date for the submission of bids shall be the same. Bids shall be opened at the time specified in the bidding documents. The bids shall be opened at least thirty minutes after the deadline for submission of bids.

Director Civil Works, Quaid Avenue, Pakistan Ordnance Factories, Wah Cantt is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve against 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. Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Islamabad.



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, but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution"

