

MAHARAHSTRA WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Minutes of 01/2021 Authority Meeting 7th January 2021, Time: 3.00 P.M

The Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| i. | Shri. Sanjay D. Kulkarni | Member (Engg) |
| ii. | Dr. Shivaji T. Sangle | Member (Economics) |
| iii. | Shri. Vinodkumar J. Tiwari | Member (Law) |

Other Officers:-

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| iii. | Dr. Ramnath Sonawane | Secretary |
| v. | Shri Rohan Sodal | Dy. Director |

Dr. S. T. Sangle Member (Economics) and Shri. VinodKumar J. Tiwari Member (Law), proposed Shri. Sanjay D. Kulkarni Member (Engg) to Chair the meeting in accordance with the provisions of section 9 (2) of MWRRA Act, 2005 and regulation 9 (5) of MWRRA (Conduct of Business Regulations 2013). The Secretary welcomed all the members present in the meeting.

With the permission of the chair, the meeting commenced to take up the following agenda items which were discussed and deliberated.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm the minutes of the previous 10/20 Authority meeting held on 17/12/2020.

The minutes of 10/20 Authority Meeting were confirmed with minor corrections.

ITEM NO. 2

Annual Maintenance Contract of M/s. Version Next, Mumbai for the period of 29/01/2021 to 28/01/2022.

Proposal of M/s. Version Next for extension of work order was discussed in detailed.

Resolution No. 100

It is resolved that the work order given to M/s. Version Next be extended for a period of 1 year commencing from 29/01/2021 to 28/01/2022.

ITEM No. 3

To consider the Statements of Accounts to be sent to AG for the Financial Years 2017 - 18, 2018 -19 and 2019 – 2020, prepared u/s 19 of MWRRA Act 2005 with the notes & comments for Hon'ble Member of the Authority.

The Statements of Accounts for the Financial Years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-2020 have been considered by the Authority. Hon'ble Member (Law), Hon'ble Member (Eco) and Hon'ble Member (Engg) have given their note and comments in writing, which is annexed to this minutes as **Annexure –A**.

After careful consideration the Authority has decided to adopt the Statements of Accounts for Financial Years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 in the light of the note and comments jointly signed by all three members.

Considering the urgent need of sending the Statements of Account for all 3 years to the office of the Accountant General on urgent basis to avoid further delay, the Ld. Secretary of the Authority is directed to do the needful on top priority basis once the draft of MoM is finalized by the Members of the Authority which shall be treated as deemed confirmed.

Resolution No. 101

It is resolved that Statements of Accounts for the Financial Years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 are being adopted and it is further resolved that Annual Accounts of MWRRA for the Financial Year 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 including Balance Sheet, Receipts and Payments, and Income and Expenditure Account to be sent to Accountant General, Maharashtra, Mumbai for audit in accordance with the provision of u/s 19 of MWRRA Act 2005.

It is further resolved that Ld. Secretary of the Authority is hereby directed to apprise and to bring all these vital points in the knowledge of Hon'ble Accountant General with each of the account statements being submitted for respective years so as to carry out audit for detailed through scrutiny and audit of the Authority.

It is further resolved that Considering the urgent need of sending the Statements of Account for all 3 years to the office of the Accountant General on urgent basis to avoid further delay, the Ld. Secretary of the Authority is directed to do the needful on top priority basis once the draft of MoM is finalized by the Members of the Authority which shall be treated as deemed confirmed.

ITEM No. 4

To discuss regarding WP of Nagpur bench of Bombay High Court.

Hon'ble Member Law brought it to the notice of the Authority that Writ Petition bearing No. 3517 / 2020 and SLP 21262 / 2017, SLP 21241 / 2017, SLP 5163 / 2018 and SLP 4159-4160 / 2018 are pending in Hon'ble High Court Mumbai, and Hon'ble Supreme Court. He has voluntarily offered to render his services on pro-bono basis to the Authority for filing replies / affidavits and assisting Advocate appearing on behalf of the Authority. However, he has requested the Authority to provide accommodation, secretarial support, logistic and transport facilities at the cost of Authority as and when required.

Resolution No.102

It is Resolved that, expert services of Shri. Vinodkumar J. Tiwar, Member (Law) may be availed under regulation 26 of MWRRA (conduct of business) Regulation 2013 on pro-bono basis by the Authority and the cost for accommodation, secretarial support, logistic and transport facilities be borne by the Authority as and when required.

ITEM No. 5

To discuss further course of action Tariff Fixation.

A brief note regarding Bulk Water Tariff was circulated which is annexed as **Annexure - B**. The Hon'ble Members have perused the status of Bulk Water Tariff Order for the control period 1st July 2020 to 30th January 2023. Hon'ble Member (Economics) voluntarily offered his services on pro-bono basis to assist the Authority in order to enable the Authority to issue the Tariff Order on or before 30th June 2021. However, he has requested the Authority to provide accommodation and transport facilities at the cost of Authority as and when required.

Resolution No. 103

It is Resolved that, expert services of Dr. Shivaji T. Sangle, Member (Eco) may be availed as per regulation 26 of MWRRA (conduct of business) Regulation 2013 on pro-bono basis by the Authority and the cost for accommodation and transport be borne by the Authority as and when required.

ITEM No. 6

Any other matter with permission of the chair.

With the permission of the Chairperson and Members present the proposal of extension/renewal of appointment of Shri. Vishwadeep Karanjikar, Assistant Director was submitted before the Authority for consideration. After going through the records it was noticed that Shri. Vishwadeep Karanjikar, Assistant Director was initially appointed as Assistant Director on the fixed remuneration of Rs.81,850/- vide Letter No. MWRRA/Assistant Director/2019/1199, dated 27th December 2019. He joined the Authority on 1st January 2020. His appointment was renewed vide Letter no. MWRRA/Estt./2020/292 dated 1st July 2020. However, due to COVID-19 he could not attend the office from 9th July 2020. Now he has submitted his application on 29th September 2020, he has submitted application requesting the Authority to renew his appointment and allow him to continue on the post of Assistant Director. The Authority has considered his request on humanitarian grounds and decided to renew his appointment for a period of approximately for a period of 6 months commencing from the date of issue of appointment order i.e. possibly from 11th January 2021 to 30th June 2021 subject to his performance appraisal.

Resolution No. 104

It is resolved that, Authority hereby gives approval for the renewal / extension of appointment of Shri. Vishwadeep Karanjikar as Assistant Director, approximately for a period of 6 months commencing from the date of issue of appointment order on the same terms and conditions mentioned in his initial appointment letter.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair and the Members present.

Date: 08/01/2021

Place: Mumbai

**Sd/-
Hon. Member (WRE)
Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni
(Chairman of the Meeting)**