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Deputy Commissioner South, The Office of the Deputy Commissioner South, District Waziristan South (Lower), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Subject: Violation of KPPRA Rules 2014, Deputy Commissioner South, Office of the Deputy Commissioner South, District Waziristan South (Lower), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Tender Notice for Purchase of Miscellaneous Items.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice published in daily 'Mashriq' newspaper on 29th August, 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule 33(7) 'Bid solicitation documents'.

In the said tender notice, it is mentioned under p. 7, that; "The competent authority reserves the right to increase or decrease in the number of items."

As per KPPRA Rules 2014, Rule No. 33(7), "Bid solicitation documents" it is clearly stated that in case of modification of solicitation documents by the procuring entity, it shall do so by issuing an addendum or corrigendum and intimate the bidders publicly or individually, in case it has issued the solicitation documents, 5 days before the closing date. In case, the changes are substantial, the time for submission may be extended proportionately. Hence, it is a violation of KPPRA Rules No 33(7).

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

33. Bid solicitation documents.—(7) In case of modification of solicitation documents by the procuring entity in accordance with section 23(9) of the Act, it shall do so by issuing an addendum or corrigendum and intimate the bidders publicly or individually, in case it has issued the solicitation documents, 5 days before the closing date. In case, the changes are substantial, the time for submission may be extended proportionately, by issuing timely intimation to all bidders.

Deputy Commissioner South, District Waziristan is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with KPPRA Rules to avoid mis-procurement under KPPRA Rules 2014 Rule 54.

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Regards,

Advocate Daniyat Muzaffar,

Trustee/Legal Advisor

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

1. Caretake CM, Govt of KP, Peshawar

2. Chief Secretary, Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

3. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad.

4. Managing Director KPPRA Peshawar

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