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Executive Engineer,
Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA)
Chashma Barrage Division,
District Mianwali,
Punjab.

Subject: Violation of PPRA Rules 2004, Executive Engineer, Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), Chashma Barrage Division, District Mianwali's Tender Notice O&M Works,

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dunya' newspaper on 26th January, 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rule 33(1) 'Rejection of bids'.

In the said tender notice, it is stated that; "This Competent Authority reserves all the rights to accept or reject any bid without disclosing any reason."

As per PPRA 2004, Rule No. 33, the procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any supplier or contractor who submitted a bid or proposal, the grounds for its rejection but is not required to justify those grounds. Hence, it is a violation PPRA Rule No 33.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

33. Rejection of bids.- (1) The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal. The procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any supplier or contractor who submitted a bid or proposal, the grounds for its rejection of all bids or proposals, but is not required to justify those grounds.

Executive Engineer, WAPDA, Chashma Barrage Division, is requested to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with PPRA 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

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

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

2. Managing Director, PPRA, 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"

