



MASTER HYDRO (PRIVATE) LIMITED

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December 24, 2019

#### Syed Safeer Hussain

Registrar National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, OPF Building G-5/2, Islamabad

Motion for Leave for Review Against Determination of the Authority in the Matter of Application for Grant of Generation License by Master Hydro Power (Private) Limited for its 99 MW Arkari Gol Hydropower Project located at Arkari Gol, District Chitral, KPK.

Dear Sir,

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- Submission of No Objection Certificate from Indus River System Authority,

- Submission of documentary evidence of Land Allocation.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of

Master Hydro (Private) Limited

Rumman Arshad Dar

Chief Executive Officer

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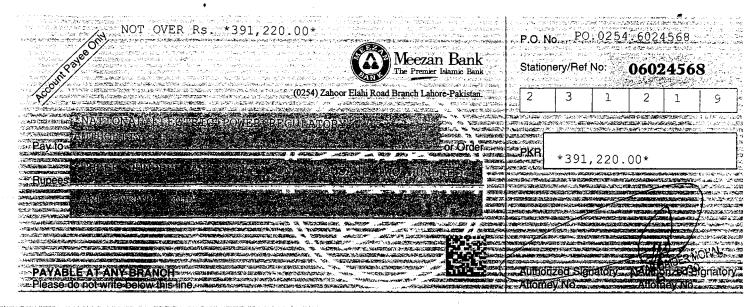


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### BEFORE THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY

## Motion for Review NEPRA's Order of 8th November 2019

## MASTER HYDRO (PRIVATE) LIMITED

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#### **GROUNDS OF MOTION FOR REVIEW**

- A. Submission of Grid Interconnection Study and its approval from National Transmission and Despatch Company:
  - 1. During the review of Generation License Application, the Authority, vide letter ref. NEPRA/ADC(Lic)/LAG-195/5572 dated April 03, 2019, had requested MHPL to submit the Project's Grid Interconnection Study ("GIS") and its approval from NTDC for review.
  - 2. In response, MHPL had intimated NEPRA vide letter ref. MHPL/NEPRA/GEN/002-19 dated April 30, 2019 (enclosed herewith as **Annexure A**), that the GIS for all hydropower project under development in Dir and Chitral region, including the Arkari Gol hydropower project falls under the aegis of NTDC and that the same was not yet available for the Authority's perusal.
  - Kindly note that on September 11, 2018, a meeting was held at the offices of Private Power and Infrastructure Board ("PPIB") wherein it was decided that NTDC will conduct an integrated GIS for upcoming hydropower project in Dir and Chitral region, including our Arkari Gol hydropower project.
  - 4. In this regard, a Request for Proposal was subsequently prepared by NTDC for enlisting the services of potential consultants and the same was shared with Pakhtunkhwa Power Development Organization ("PEDO") for issuance to the relevant parties.
  - 5. MHPL also formally requested PPIB for minutes of any subsequent meetings held regarding commencement of the GIS however no response has been received in this regard.
  - 6. At present, the Project Company is unable to provide the Authority a definitive timeline for completion of the said GIS given that the timeline for completion of the study is within NTDC's jurisdiction. As suggested before, the Authority is requested to kindly refer the query related to provision of GIS to the offices of NTDC and PEDO.
  - 7. It is highlighted that the Project is being developed under the competitive bidding regime and certain studies and approvals which are carried out/obtained prior to submission of an application for grant of generation license under the cost plus or feed-in tariff regime cannot be completed until after formal award of the Project.

That in light of the foregoing, the Authority is requested to review its Impugned Order and refer the query related to provision of GIS to the offices of NTDC and PEDO. It is also requested that based on the response from NTDC and PEDO, MHPL be allowed sufficient extension in time to meet this requirement.

# B. Submission of No Objection Certificate from Environmental Protection Agency, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:

- 1. The Authority had requested MHPL to submit a No Objection Certificate ("NOC") from Environmental Protection Agency, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ("KPK-EPA").
- 2. In response, MHPL vide letter ref. MHPL/NEPRA/GEN/002-19 dated April 30, 2019 had intimated NEPRA that KPK-EPA had requested the Project Company for additional information pertaining to the issuance of the requisite NOC upon receipt of which, MHPL had expected to receive the NOC by May, 2019.
- 3. KPK-EPA's review process took longer than expected however, we are pleased to inform you that KPK-EPA has issued their clearance for our Project on June 13, 2019, a copy of their letter has been enclosed herewith as **Annexure B** for record purposes.

That in light of the foregoing, the Authority is requested to review its Impugned Order and mark this requirement as complete by MHPL.

### C. Submission of No Objection Certificate from Indus River System Authority:

- 1. NEPRA vide letter ref. NEPRA/ADG/(Lic)/LAG-195/5572 dated April 03, 2019 had requested MHPL to submit a No Objection Certificate from Indus River System Authority ("IRSA") for the Project, as a pre-requisite for processing the Generation License Application. In response, MHPL vide letter ref. MHPL/NEPRA/GEN/002-19 dated April 30, 2019 had intimated NEPRA that PEDO was in discussion with IRSA regarding applicability of NOC for our Project and that MHPL was awaiting clarification from PEDO on the matter.
- 2. We are pleased to inform you that the issue has been resolved and an NOC was issued by IRSA on August 08, 2019 for development of the Project, please see **Annexure C** enclosed herewith for your record. Please note that Director, Registrar Office, NEPRA was also copied in the NOC letter and a copy of the same was dispatched directly by IRSA to the Authority's office.

That in light of the foregoing, the Authority is requested to review its Impugned Order and mark this requirement as satisfied by MHPL.

#### D. Submission of documentary evidence of Land Allocation/allocation.

- 1. NEPRA had also requested MHPL to submit documentary evidence of land allocation/allotment to MHPL as a pre-requisite to issuance of a Generation License. In this case, we'd like to highlight that MHPL was awarded the Project based on a competitive bidding regime, therefore the standard development processes followed under the cost-plus regime are not applicable to our case.
- 2. As stipulated in the Request for Proposal dated November 18th 2016 issued by PEDO (and approved by NEPRA) to M/s Master Textile Mills Limited (the Sponsor) (the "RFP"), land allocation/allotment for the Project is subject to issuance of a Letter of Support ("LOS") by the Government of Pakistan for the Project. Please note that as per the RFP, the LOS is issued once a Letter of Award ("LOA") has been granted by PEDO. However, PEDO may only issue an LOA once the Project's NEPRA approved tariff has been published by the Ministry of Energy, Power Division ("MOE") in its official gazette.

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- 3. To this end, MHPL has written to MOE requesting gazette of tariff however, we have not yet received any response on the same. Please see attached Annexure D as evidence.
- 4. Please note this is a formality which the Project is unable to undertake solely due to non-issuance of LOA by PEDO which in turn is subject to MOE's publication of the Project tariff in the national gazette. This, much similar to the GIS, is beyond the Project's control therefore the Project should not be penalized i.e. its Generation License Application should not be rejected on this basis.
- 5. At present, MHPL is unable to provide a timeline for the way forward on this activity as the same is subject to gazette of tariff by MOE.

That in light of the foregoing, the Authority is requested to review its Impugned Order and allow MHPL extension in time for satisfaction of this requirement as it is beyond the purview of the Project Company.

We would like to highlight that the Project Company is working diligently to ensure all requisite approvals are obtained in time however due to regulatory delays and factors beyond the Project Company's control, we are unable to submit approved GIS and documentation of land allocation for the Authority's consideration.

It is pertinent to highlight that the Project is one of the first projects in Pakistan to be developed under a competitive bidding regime and its levelized tariff of USc 7.9175/kWh and a cost US\$ 2.20 million/MW are amongst the lowest cost generation options available amongst all technologies in Pakistan today. The Project will not only supply electricity to the national grid but will also contribute towards energy security of the country through utilization of indigenous resources.

Moreover, the Project will also contribute towards development of one of the most under-developed areas in the country through job creation, bringing education and health services to nearby villages, providing better access routes, etc.

In light of the foregoing, we humbly request you to consider our representation and reverse your decision of rejection of Generation License Application allowing us sufficient time for submission of the required documents. We would also request that a hearing be conducted by the Authority in which representatives from the relevant departments i.e. PPIB, NTDC, MOE and PEDO may be invited to provide their feedback.

#### **PRAYER**

In light of the aforesaid, it is respectfully prayed that the learned Authority may:

- i. Accept this Motion for Review;
- ii. Review the Impugned Order and, including but not limited to, accept the reviewed proposals specified and permit the requisite requested extension specified herein above;
- iii. Declare and notify the changes necessitated in the Impugned Order upon acceptance of the proposals specified herein above.

The NEPRA Authority is further requested to provide with the opportunity of hearing in the instant Motion for Review, if so required.

For and on behalf of Master Hydro Power (Private) Limited

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Mr. Rumman Arshad Dar

December 24, 2019

# **ANNEXURE A**



MASTER HYDRO (PRIVATE) LIMITED

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MHPL/NEPRA/GEN/002-19

April 30, 2019

Director Registrar Office,

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), Attaturk Avenue (East), G-5/1, Islamabad, Pakistan

Subject: APPLICATION OF MASTER HYDRO (PVT.) LIMITED FOR GRANT OF GENERATION LICENSE IN RESPECT OF 102.30 MW ARKARI GOL HYDRO POWER PROJECT AT DISTRICT CHITRAL

Dear Sir.

We write with reference to the letter no. NEPRA/ADG(Lic)/LAG-195/5572 dated April 3rd 2019, whereby Master Hydro (Private) Limited (MHPL or the Project Company) was asked to file a representation for its 102.30 MW Arkan Gol Hydropower Project in District Chitral (the Project), for non-submission of requisite documents/information for grant of generation license.

Please see below a point-wise response to each query regarding pending documents for our application:

S.No.	Documents	Response
A.	Grid Interconnection Study (GIS) and its approval from NTDC	In May 2018, MHPL had requested Pakhtunkhwa—Energy Development Organization (PEDO) vide letter ref. MHPL/PEDO/AG/001 (attached herewith as Annexure A) for support in obtaining existing network data in the vicinity of the Project in order to conduct a GIS for the Project.
		Thereafter, a meeting was held at the offices of Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) on September 11, 2018, whereby it was agreed that a committee, formed under the aegis of the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC), will oversee the conduct of an integrated grid interconnection study for all under development hydropower projects in the regions of Dir and Chitral. The committee will also be supervising the selection of the consultant and completion of the study. Arkari Gol project is included as part of the list of projects expected to come online in Chitral, therefore, the grid interconnection plan of Arkari Gol will be determined as part of this integrated study. In order to complete the grid study in time for Issuance of the generation license, another facilitation request was submitted to PEDO vide letter MHPL/PEDO/AG/0023 (attached herewith as Annexure B).
		Till date, a Request For Proposai (RFP) has been prepared by NTDC for enlisting servicing of potential consultants and the same has been shared with PEDO for issuance to relevant parties. Furthermore, MHPL has formally requested PPIB for minutes of any subsequent meetings held regarding commencement of the GIS vide letter





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		MHPL/PPIB/GIS/001-19 dated April 08, 2019 (Attached herewith as Annexure C).  At present, the Project Company is unable to provide the Authority a definitive timeline for completion of said GIS given that timely execution of the study is within NTDC's jurisdiction. The Authority is requested to kindly refer said query to the offices of NTDC and PEDO.	
В.	No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Environment Protection Agency, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK-EPA)	A meeting was held for matters pertaining to issuance of said NOC at KPK-EPA office on March 18, 2019 wherein KPK-EPA had requested MHPL for some additional information, the same has been submitted vide letter ref. MHPL/KPK/EPA/GEN/004-19 (Annexure D). As per the discussions held with KPK-EPA, we expect a provisional NOC to be issued within May, 2019. The same will be submitted as soon as it is available.	in the state of th
C.	No Objection Certificate from IRSA	Please see attached letter ref. MHPL/PEDO/AG/007 (Annexure E) whereby MHPL has requested PEDO for clarification on the applicability of an NOC from IRSA for our Project on the following grounds:  1. The Arkari Gol river is not included in the hydrological map of the Indus River basin.  2. It is our understanding that the requirement for such an NOC was not envisaged by PEDO for the Project given that the same was not specified in the RFP at the time of its issuance, based on which the Project was awarded through competitive bidding.  At present, MHPL is awaiting clarification from PEDO on the matter and has written to PEDO requesting an update on their correspondence with IRSA in this regard. Please see attached letter ref. MHPL/PEDO/AG/001-19 (Annexure F) for your record.	aranding nashing
D.	Documentary evidence of Land Allocation/allotment	We would like to highlight that as stipulated in the RFP issued by PEDO (and approved by NEPRA), land allocation/allotment for the Project is subject to issuance of Letter of Support (LoS).  MHPL has written to Ministry of Energy, Power Division (MoE) requesting gazette of tariff vide letter MHPL/MOE/GEN/002 (Annexure G) subject to which a Letter of Award (LoA) is to be issued by PEDO and thereafter an LoS will be issued for the Project. At present, MHPL is unable to provide a timeline for the way forward on this activity as the same is subject to gazette of tariff by MoE.	

We would like to highlight that the Project Company is working diligently to ensure all requisite approvals are obtained in time however due to regulatory delays and factors beyond the Project Company's control, we are unable to submit the aforementioned approvals for the Authority's consideration. We humbly request you to consider our representation and grant us sufficient time for submission of the required documents.





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We would suggest that a hearing be conducted by the Authority in which representatives from all relevant departments i.e. PPIB, NTDC, MoE and PEDO may be invited to provide their feedback.

We thank you for your support and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely, For and on behalf of Master Hydro (Private) Limited

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#### Chief Executive officer

Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization (PEDO)
Department of Energy
PEDO House, 38/B-2, Phase-V, Hayatabad
Peshawar, Pakistan

Subject: GRID INTERCONNECTION STUDIES OF 99 MW ARKARI GOL HPP, DISTRICT CHITRAL, KPK Dear Sir,

As you are aware, completion and submission of the Grid Interconnection Study (GIS) for Arkari Gol Hydropower Project (the Project) is a requirement for obtaining a generation license from NEPRA and further, Master Hydro (Private) Limited must be a licensee before it can be awarded a tariff for the Project.

In order to conduct the GIS, we require existing and future network data in the vicinity of the proposed power plant. We humbly request PEDO to support us in obtaining permission from NTDC/PESCO for use of the grid data by our grid consultant in order to carry out the studies. In this regard, we would require the following information:

- 1. Updated Generation Expansion Plan prepared by NTDC till the year 2025.
- Transmission expansion plans involving NTDC's 500 kV and 220 kV network; and PESCO's 132 kV in their grid till 2025.
- 3. Load projection of NTDC and PESCO till 2025.
- 4. Short circuit ratings of equipment at existing and proposed substations in District Chitral.

We appreciate your support in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of

Master Hydro (Private) Limited

Rumman Arshad Dar

Chief Operating Officer

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We appraciate your support in this regard.



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#### MHPL/PEDO/AG/0023

Date: December 19, 2018

#### **Chief Executive Officer**

Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization (PEDO) Department of Energy PEDO House, 38/B-2, Phase-V, Hayatabad Peshawar, Pakistan

Subject: GRID INTERCONNECTION STUDY FOR 99 MW ARKARI GOL HPP, DISTRICT CHITRAL, KPK

Dear Sir.

This is with reference to Master Hydro (Private) Limited's (MHPL or the Project Company) letter no. MHPL/PEDO/AG/0001 dated May 31, 2018 whereby MHPL requested Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization ("PEDO") to support the Project Company in obtaining grid data in the vicinity of proposed 99 MW Arkari Gol Hydropower Project (the "Project") as well as permission from NTDC/PESCO for use of that data.

We humbly request you to kindly provide us an update on the subject matter in order for us to proceed with our development activities.

We look forward to your response and thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
For and on behalf of

Master Hydro (Private) Limited

Rumman Arshad Dar

Chief Executive Officer

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1. Mr. Bahadur Shah - GM Hydel. PEDO

2. Mr. Imran Halim - Director Private Power, PEDO





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MHPL/PPIB/GIS/001-19 April 8, 2019

#### **Managing Director**

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### Subject: INTEGRATED GRID INTERCONNECTION STUDY FOR HYDROPOWER PROJECTS IN CHITRAL AND DIR

Dear Sir.

We write with reference to the meeting held at the offices of Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) on September 11, 2018 (the Meeting), whereby it was agreed that a committee, formed under the aegis of the National Transmission and Despatch Company, will oversee the conduct of an integrated grid interconnection study (GIS) for all under development hydropower projects in the regions of Dir and Chitral.

As you are aware, we, Master Hydro (Private) Limited (MHPL or the Project Company), are in the process of developing a 99 MW hydropower project at Arkari Gol, District Chitral, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (the Project). The Project was advertised as a solicited site and awarded to the sponsors of MHPL under KPK Hydropower Policy, 2016 (the Policy) through a competitive bidding process. The project is one of two hydropower projects to be developed under a tariff based on international competitive bidding regime and its tariff is currently among the lowest cost tariff in the country for new hydropower generation.

As one of the major stakeholders in the integrated GIS, we would like to emphasize that the commencement of an integrated GIS is of extreme urgency for the Project Company, which if not concluded on time will cause delay in development activities of the Project. Therefore, we request your good office to share if there has been any progress on this matter and confirm if any subsequent meeting was held in this regard. If so, we humbly request that the minutes of said meeting be shared with us for our knowledge.

We request PPIB to expedite the commencement of the integrated GIS for the Chitral and Dir region in order to ensure that projects, such as ours, are connected to the national grid within the anticipated construction timeline.

We thank you for your support and look forward to your prompt response.

For and on behalf of:

Master Hydro (Private) Limited

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Chief Executive Officer

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April 02, 2019

Director General,

Environmental Protection Agency, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa SDU Building, Khyber Rd, Peshawar Cantonment, Peshawar, Pakistan

Subject: SUBMISSION OF LAND COORDINATES FOR 99 MW ARKARI GOL HPP, DISTRICT CHITRAL, KPK

Dear Sir

We write with reference to the meeting held at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Agency's (KPK-EPA) office on March 18 2019, whereby Master Hydro (Private) Limited (MHPL or the Project Company) was requested to submit coordinates for its 99 MW Arkari Gol Hydropower Project in District Chitral (the Project), outlining the area required for acquisition of land for issuance of a conditional No Objection Certificate (NOC).

As discussed during the meeting, we would like to highlight that the Project is at an early stage of development and as such the design parameters, including the location of powerhouse and temporary facilities, have not yet been finalized. In light of the foregoing, please find attached herewith the following documents:

No.	Documents	
1.	Coordinates of Project site as provided in the feasibility study approved by PEDO	Α
2.	Project Layout based on (1)	В
3.	Coordinates of proposed location of the powerhouse based on initial technical review	C
4.	Revised Project layout with the proposed powerhouse location, based on (3)	D

We humbly request you to kindly consider the coordinates in Annexures (A) and (C) for issuance of a conditional NOC for the Project. Furthermore, the Project Company would like to bring to your attention that as stated in the project's tariff determination issued by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), the cost of acquisition of land for the Project is not considered a reopener by NEPRA for adjustment at the time of commercial operation date as the Project is being developed under the competitive bidding regime.

We thank you for your support and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely, For and on behalf of

Master Hydro (Private) Limited

Rumman Arshad Dar Skief Executive Officer

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Wajid Khan, Deputy Director, KP-EPA
 Encl. land coordinates & site layout of MHPL



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Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization
Department of Energy
PEDO House, 38/B-2, Phase V, Hayatabad
Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

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Subject: <u>APPLICATION FOR NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE FROM INDUS RIVER SYSTEM AUTHORITY ("IRSA") FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 99 MW ARKARI GOL HYDROPOWER PROJECT.</u>

Dear Sir,

We write with reference to IRSA letter # IRSA/CE(O)/371/4848-49 dated September 12th 2018 (enclosed) whereby IRSA has requested NEPRA to ask the Petitioner I.e. Master Hydro Private Limited to submit the following information for its 99 MW Arkari Gol Hydropower Project (the "Project"):

- Copy of PC-1 (if any)
- Feasibility Study Report and
- Application for issuance of No Objection Certificate ("NOC") to be submitted to IRSA

Pursuant to the above, kindly advise if an application requesting issuance of NOC for the Project had been submitted to IRSA by PEDO prior to issuance of the RFP. In case such an application was indeed submitted, please advise if an NOC against the same was issued by the Authority.

However, in case that the aforementioned NOC is not yet available, kindly advise if such an NOC is required for the Project given that Arkari Gol river is not included in the hydrological map of the Indus River basin. It is our understanding that the requirement for such an NOC was not envisaged by PEDO for the Project given that the same was not specified in the RFP at the time of its issuance. We would request you to kindly support us in resolving the matter as costs associated with such NOC and IRSA's continuing fees were not required by PEDO to be catered in the bid (only water use charges of Rs. 0.425 / kWh were required to be catered for in the bid).

We look forward to your response and thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

For and Behalf of,

Master Hydro Private Limited

Rumman A. Dar

Director, Energy Division

Annexure – F

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MHPL/PEDO/AG/001-19

April 8, 2019

#### **Chief Executive Officer**

Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization (PEDO) Department of Energy, PEDO House, 38/B-2, Phase V, Hayatabad Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

# Subject: <u>APPLICATION FOR NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE FROM INDUS RIVER SYSTEM AUTHORITY (IRSA)</u> FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 99 MW ARKARI GOL HYDROPOWER PROJECT

Reference:

1. MHPL/PEDO/AG/0007 dated September 18th, 2018

2. NEPRA/ADG(Lic)/LAG-195/5572 dated April 3rd, 2019

#### Dear Sir.

We write with reference to the letter (1) wherein Master Hydro (Private) Limited (MHPL or the Project Company) had sought clarification from PEDO regarding the applicability of an No Objection Certificate (NOC) from IRSA for its 99 MW Arkari Gol Hydropower Project in District Chitral, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (the Project).

in furtherance to the above, we would like to bring to your attention that National Electric and Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA or the Authority) has requested that the Project Company submit said NOC for issuance of the Project's generation license vide letter ref. (2) attached herewith as Annexure A. As stipulated in the tariff, MHPL is to submit its response within 15 days of receipt of notification i.e. no later than April 18th, 2019 to be considered with its generation license application. Failure to comply with the Authority's instruction could result in rejection of the Project's Generation License application.

We would like to reiterate that it is our understanding that the requirement for such an NOC was not envisaged by PEDO for the Project given that the same was not specified in the RFP at the time of its issuance. In this regard, we humbly request PEDO to kindly submit a written response for NEPRA clarifying the issue of said NOC from IRSA to be submitted by the Project Company for the Authority's record.

We thank you for in anticipation and your support and look forward to your prompt response.

For and on behalf of: Master Hydro (Private) Limited

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Rumman A. Dar

Chief Executive Officer



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MHPL/MOE/GEN/002

Date: December 20, 2018

Mr. Omar Ayub Khan Federal Minister

Minister of Energy Power Division Room No. 201, 2nd Floor, A Block Pak Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan

Subject: REQUEST FOR GAZETTE OF TARIFF AWARDED TO 99 MW ARKARI GOL HYDROPOWER PROJECT

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to Master Hydro (Private) Limited's ("MHPL" or the "Project Company") letter no. MHPL/MOE/GEN/001 dated November 24, 2018 (copy enclosed) and subsequent meeting with Honorable Secretary Mr. Irfan Ali on December 12, 2018, whereby MHPL requested Ministry of Energy to support the Project Company in publication of 99 MW Arkari Gol Hydropower project's (the "Project") tariff determination in the Official Gazette.

We would like to bring to your attention that the delay in publication of the tariff is creating significant hindrance in development activities of the Project. Therefore, it is humbly requested that the Ministry support MHPL in publication of the Project's tariff determination in the Official Gazette, to enable the Project Company to continue with development activities

We appreciate your support in this regard and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,
For and on behalf of
Master Hydro (Private) Limited

Rumman Arshad Dar Chief Executive Officer

CC:

1. Secretary of Energy, Ministry of Energy

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2. Managing Director, Private Power and Infrastructure Board

3. Director Hydel, Private Power and Infrastructure Board

4. Chief Executive Officer, Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization

5. GM Hydel, Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization

6. Director Private Power, Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization



# ANNEXURE B

Master Hydro (Private) Limited

### Environmental Protection Agency Forestry, Environment & Wildlife Department Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



## No.EPA/EIA/HPP/99MW-Arkari-Gol/Chitral/18/ 133

Date: 13/06/2018

To

Mst. Ayesha Waseem.

M/S Master Hydro (Pvt) Limited,

Postal Address: 82-C-1, Gulberg III, Lahore Pakistan. Ph No. 42-3575 2683 & 84.

Subject:

SUBMISSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT

ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR GRANT OF NO OBJECTION

CERTIFICATE (NOC)

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Environmental Approval/Decision Note on EIA Report of "M/S 99MW Arkari Gol Hydro Power Project located at District Chitral, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" for your information and further implementation.

Moreover, Schedule VII must be submitted to this Agency within a month on Stamp Paper as an undertaking for the compliance of terms and conditions as mentioned in the Environmental Approval—as well—as mitigation measures proposed in the EIA Report. (Copy enclosed).

Deputy Director (EIA)

#### SCHEDULE-VI

#### Decision on EIA

1. Name, address of proponent:

Mst. Ayesha Waseem,

M/S Master Hydro (Pvt) Limited,

Postal Address: 82-C-1, Gulberg III, Lahore Pakistan. Ph No. 42-3575 2683 & 84.

2. Description of Project.

Arkari Gol 99MW Hydro Power Project is proposed to be a Run of (RoR) and will constructed on Arkari Gol. The dam and intake structure is located 8km upstream of the confluence of Arkari Gol and Lutkho river near the village of uchatur in Chitral district. The house is 7.5km powerdownstream of the dam of the right bank of Arkari Gol near the village of Anadakht. The main dam will be a concrete structure with a height of 20 m above the river bed. The reservoir volume is approximately 1.06Million Cubic (MCM) component of the project include concrete gravity dam, Roller compacted concrete (RCC) spillway, bottom outlet sediment flushing, Headrace structure, Pressure shaft and pressure tunnel, Surface type power house and Tailrace channel.

3. Location of project.

The Project is located in District Chitral.

4. Date of filing of EIA.

19/09/2019

(Ref: EPA Diary No. 1045)

5. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for "Arkari Gol 99MW Hydro Power Project District Chitral" for construction phase, in line with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and IEE/EIA Regulations. 2000, subject to the following terms & conditions:-

- a) The proponent will adopt all precautionary and mitigation measures identified in EIA Report as well as any un-anticipated impacts during the construction and operation phase of project. The mitigation measures proposed in the EIA report are considered as "commitments" and institutional arrangement for its implementation shall be finalized before the start of construction so that proposed mechanism of environment protection should work in time.
- b) Arrangement for compensation to the affectees in case of loss of agriculture land, crops and property etc. will be finalized before the start of construction. Any money involved in compensation will be District Govt. with deposited /Revenue Department for disbursement among the affectees. As far as possible recommendations of a committee comprising of land/house owners and tenants shall be taken into consideration during finalizing the compensation package. conflicting issues All compensation etc. to be settled before executing/commencing of the project activities and a certificate in this regard should be submitted to this Agency.
- c) Ecological flow shall be maintained in the river.
- d) Safety zone/adequate engineering measures should be provided to overcome fears of the residents regarding effect of pond to their houses.
- e) Submergence of Road/Highway should be reconstructed in another suitable place.
- f) Damage to forest should be assessed and mitigation/compensation plan be finalized with the Forest Department, prior to construction. To minimize erosion, afforestation programme in consultation with forest Department should be planned and implemented in the catchment area of the proposed dam. A copy of the proposed plan shall be submitted to EPA.
- g) Existing water rights shall be protected.
- h) Separate Environmental Approval is required for batching/crushing plant and construction of Town/Colony under Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014.
- i) No extension would be permitted in the future in the existing hydropower project without prior approval of the EPA/Govt of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- j) The Project management may consider the possibility of implementation of a social development programme in the area (health, education, communication etc) in consultation with local community and District Administration.
- k) The proponent shall ensure to avoid dumping of debris into down slope or in water bodies. A proper designated area should be identified for disposal of debris and be stabilized by proper plantation, bio engineering and engineering techniques. The same should be provided to EPA.

- l) in case, the blasting is inevitable, the controlled techniques, in accordance with Pakistan Explosive Act should be adopted in sliding and perspective sliding prone areas.
- m) The proponent shall ensure the strict and efficient health and safety measures for the protection of workers and passersby backed by a comprehensive emergency response plan.
- n) The proponent shall replace all public utilities, such as water supply pipes, power/phone lines and other infrastructures like masjids, schools, graveyards, hospitals etc to be lost by the execution of the project. If it is inevitable then alternative may be provided to the people of the area before construction with respective agencies under the intimation to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa-EPA.
- o) Existing Right of Way (RoW) shall not be disturbed. Proper access track shall be developed for construction activities.
- p) The issue of net hydel profit raised by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Govt./under litigation is resolved/decided upon.
- q) Non-technical jobs shall be provided to local community. Employment record for all positions shall be provided to EPA-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and priority should also be given to local in technical jobs.
- r) The proponent shall submit bi-annual progress report.
- s) The proponent shall provide the copy of this approval and EIA Report to the contractor for information and compliance.
- t) Any change in the design of HPPs and land acquisition/requirement shall be communicated to this Agency for proper approval.
- u) This approval shall stand intact for 03 years only from the date of issuance.
- 6. The Proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information supplied by the environmental consultant.
- 7. The proponent shall be liable for compliance of Sections 13, 14,17 and 18 of IEE/EIA Regulations, 2000, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
- 8. This approval is accorded only for the installation/ construction phase of the project. The Proponent will obtain approval for operation of the hydro power project in accordance with the Section 13 (2) (b) and Section 18 of the IEE/EIA Regulations, 2000.
- 9. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.
- 10. This approval shall be treated as null and void if all or any of the conditions mentioned above is/are not complied with.

- 11. This approval does not absolve the proponent of the duty to obtain any other approval or clearance that may be required under any law in force.
- 12. In exercise of the power under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the undersigned is pleased to approve the EIA Report for construction phase of the project with above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 13-06- Zul

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DIRECTOR GENERAL, EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, SDU Building, Khyber Road Peshawar Cantt.



18 of IEE/EIA Regulations, 2000, communication

# ANNEXURE C



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## INDUS RIVER SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Government of Pakistani 35-Mauve Avea, G-10/4 Islamabad

Tel. 051-9108008 Fax: 051-9108007 No. IRSA CE(0)/37/5202-05Dated: 8th August, 2019

Immediate / Through Fax

Mr. Abdur Rahim,
Deputy Director (Private Power),
Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization (PEDO),
Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Peshawar.

Subject:

APPLICTION FOR NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 99 MW ARKARI GOL HPP FROM INDUS RIVER SYSTEM AUTHORITY (IRSA).

Reference:

Your letters.

No.

2388-89PEDO/IRSA

dated

12.11.2013

and

No. 911-13PEDO/DREPP dated 24.05.2019

I am directed to state that IRSA has no objection to the installation of the subject hydropower project of 99 MW ARKARI GOL HPP.

This issues with the approval of IRSA.

(Muhammad Khalid Idrees Rana)
Director (Operation)

### Copy for information:

1. Chairman/All Members IRSA, Islamabad.

2. Iftikhar Ali Khan, Director, Registrar Office, Nepra Tower, Islamabad.

√3. Master Hydro (Pvt) Ltd.82 - C-1, Gulberg-III Lahore.

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MHPL/MOE/GEN/001 November 24, 2018

Mr. Omar Ayub Khan Federal Minister

Ministry of Energy Power Division Room No. 201, 2nd Floor, A Block Pak Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan

### MASTER HYDRO (PRIVATE) LIMITED

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#### Subject: REQUEST FOR GAZETTE OF TARIFF AWARDED TO 99 MW ARKARI GOL HYDROPOWER **PROJECT**

Dear Sir.

We would like to take this opportunity to appraise you about our project, namely, the 99 MW Arkari Gol Hydropower Power located in District Chiral, KPK (the "Project") being developed under the Master Hydro (Private) Limited ("MHPL" or the "Project Company").

The Project was awarded to us under the KPK Hydropower Policy, 2016 (the "Policy") through a tariff based competitive bidding process. In this regard, MHPL was notified as the successful bidder by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority ("NEPRA" or the "Authority") vide Order no. NEPRA/TRF-100/PEDO(AGHP)-2018/9606-07 dated June 21,2018.

The Project is one of the first projects in Pakistan to be developed under a competitive bidding regime and has been awarded under the procedure laid out in the NEPRA Competitive Bidding Tariff (Approval Procedure) Redulations 2014 to

The bidding process has yielded a levelized tariff of USc 7,9175/kWh and a cost US\$ 2,20 million/MW, which are amongst the lowest cost generation options available amongst all technologies in Pakistan today. The Project will not only supply electricity to the national grid but will also contribute towards energy security of the country through utilization of indigenous resources.

It is pertinent to highlight that in addition to power generation through indigenous resources, the Project will contribute significantly towards development of one of the most under developed areas in the country through job creation, bringing education and health services to nearby villages, providing better access routes, etc.

We are pleased to inform you that since award of the Project, MHPL has achieved significant progress in relation to its development, and its tariff determination was recently issued by NEPRA vide Order no. NEPRA/TRF-451/MHPL-2018/16222-26224 dated October 22, 2018.

As we have now completed all pre-requisites laid out in the bidding documents issued by the Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organisation and the Policy, we humbly request support from the Ministry in publication of the Project's tariff determination in the Official Gazette, to enable us to continue with development activities.

We appreciate your support in this regard and look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely, For and on behalf of

Master Hydro (PAVate) Limited

Rumman Arshad Dar Chief Executive Officer

CC:

Secretary Energy, Ministry of Energy

Managing Director, Private Power and Infrastructure Board

2. 3. Director Hydel, Private Power and Infrastructure Board

Chief Executive Officer, Paktunkhwa Energy Development Organisation

GM Hydel, Paktunkhwa Energy Development Organisation

Director Private Power, Paktunkhwa Energy Development Organisation

Enclosed:

1. Progress Report



MASTER HYDRO (PRIVATE) LIMITED
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MHPL/MOE/GEN/002

Date: December 20, 2018

Mr. Omar Ayub Khan Federal Minister

Minister of Energy Power Division Room No. 201, 2nd Floor, A Block Pak Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan

Subject: REQUEST FOR GAZETTE OF TARIFF AWARDED TO 99 MW ARKARI GOL HYDROPOWER PROJECT

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We appreciate your support in this regard and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely, For and on behalf of Master Hydro (Private) Limited

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Rumman Arshad Dar

Chief Executive Officer

CC:

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- 2. Managing Director, Private Power and Infrastructure Board
- 3. Director Hydel, Private Power and Infrastructure Board
- 4. Chief Executive Officer, Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization
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# **Board Resolution**

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# EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MASTER HYDRO (PRIVATE) LIMITED HELD AT 82-C-1, GULBERG III, LAHORE ON DECEMBER 23, 2019 AT 10:00 AM

#### RESOLVED THAT:

MASTER HYDRO (PRIVATE) LIMITED (the "Project Company") hereby authorizes Mr. Rumman Arshad Dar to file an application for Generation License (including any subsequent modifications, review motions or re-fillings of fresh application) for the Company's proposed 99 MW Hydro Power Project (M/S Master Hydro (Private) Limited) located at Arkari Gol, District Chitral, KPK Pakistan (the "Application" and the "Project").

Mr. Rumman Arshad Dar, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, be and is hereby authorized by and for and on behalf of the Company to do all actions and take all measures as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with the filling, presentation and pursuit of the generation license, including, without limitation:

- i. To sign, file, amend or withdraw the Application, affidavits, power of attorney, statements forms, applications, deeds, certificates, interrogatories, correspondence, replies to information directions, interrogatories, discovery directions or any other documents and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate:
- ii. Make all fillings and pay all applicable fees in connection with the Application;
- iii. To appoint and remove consultants, attorneys and advisors;
- iv. Represent the company in person or through attorneys, advocates and representatives in all negotiations, representations, presentations, hearings, conferences or meetings of any nature whatsoever with any entity (including, but not limited to NEPRA, private parties, ministries, boards and departments, regulatory authorities or any other entity of any nature whatsoever); and
- v. Generally to do all other things and take all actions as may be required in connection with the Application until the award of the Generation License and further also for any revisions or modifications to the Generation License awarded by NERPA at any stage whatsoever as may be considered fit and appropriate by him in his estimation.

Further resolved that certified copies of resolution to be communicated and supplied to the concerned quarters as and when so demanded and shall remain in force until notice in writing to the contrary be given.

Certified To Be True Copy

Master Hydro (Private) Limited

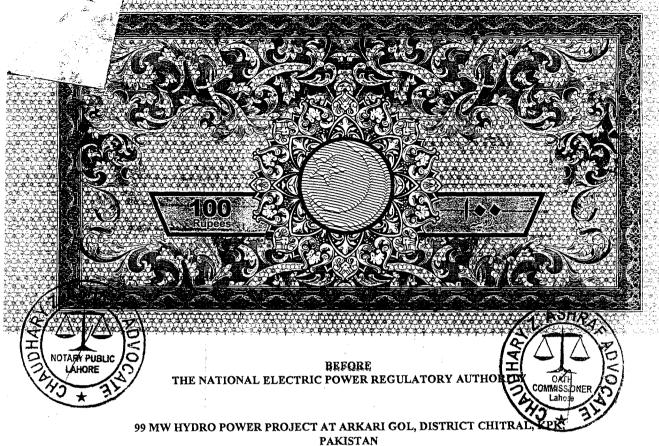
Company Secretary

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or any other entity of any nature whatsoever); and



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I, Rumman Arshad Dar, Chief Executive Officer of Master Hydro (Private) Limited, Furniture Market Dir District, Upper Dir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dir, Pakistan, do hereby declare and affirm on oath as under:

- 1. That the accompanying application of Motion for Review of Generation License has been filed before the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority and the contents of the same may kindly be read as an integral part of the affidavit.
- 2. That the contents of the accompanying application of Motion for Review of Generation License are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Deponent

#### Verification

Verified on oath at Lahore on this 24<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019 that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Deponent

ATTESTED
Chaudhary EAshraf Advocate
Notary Public Linore

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Chaudhary Z Ashraf Advocate
Oath Commissioner Lahore



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No. NEPRA/ADG(Lic)/LAG-434 23 794

November 8, 2019

Mr. Rumman Arshad Dar Chief Operating Officer Master Hydro (Private) Limited 82-C-1, Gulberg-III, Lahore

Subject: - Application of Master Hydro (Private) Limited (MHPL) for the Grant of Generation Licence in Respect of 102.30 MW Arkari Gol Hydro Power Project, at District Chitral, in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

This is with reference to the subject application of MHPL in the matter of its 102.30 MW, run of river Hydro Power Project, proposed to be located on Arkari Gol River, near Uchattur village, District Chitral, in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The said application was admitted by the Authority for consideration of the grant of generation licence.

- During processing of the application, it was observed that MHPL has not submitted the Grid Interconnection Study (GIS) and its approval from NTDC, documentary evidence of land allocation, NOCs from Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (EPAGoKPK) and Indus River System Authority (IRSA), regarding the project. Accordingly, MHPL was directed to provide the said requisite approvals/NOCs however, despite providing ample opportunities and right of representation under relevant regulations, this office did not receive the requisite documents.
- 3. In view of the above, the Authority considered the matter and observed that provision of GIS and its approval from NTDC, NOCs from the concerned EPAGoKPK and IRSA, are mandatory requirements for the grant of generation licence, which MHPL has failed to submit. Foregoing in view, the Authority has rejected the subject application.

(Hafeez Ullah Kuan) Deputy Registrar