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From: Director, Procurement Policy Office

To: Heads of Public Bodies

<u>Amendments to Public Procurement (Regulations 2008)</u>

- 1. Public Bodies are hereby informed that Public Procurement (Regulations 2008) have been amended. These amendments have been officialised in through Government Notice No. 225 of 2016, 226 of 2016 and 227 of 2016, and are enclosed.
- 2. The updated version of Public Procurement (Regulations 2008) is available on the website of the Procurement Policy Office (ppo.govmu.org).
- 3. You are kindly requested to disseminate the content of this Circular to all those concerned within your organization.

Procurement Policy Office 11 November 2016 Government Notice No. 225 of 2016

THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT

Regulations made by the Minister, on the recommendation of the Policy Office, under sections 39(1)(f) and 61 of the Public Procurement Act

- **1.** These regulations may be cited as the Public Procurement (Cancellation of Bidding Process) Regulations 2016.
- 2. For the purpose of section 39(1)(f) of the Act, a public body may cancel a bidding process where it is determined that due to technical problems of the e-procurement system which are outside the control of bidders, a bidder is unable to submit bids and prejudice will be caused to bidders if the bidding process continues.

Made by the Minister, on the recommendation of the Policy Office, on 31 October 2016.

Government Notice No. 226 of 2016

THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT

Regulations made by the Minister, on the recommendation of the Policy Office, under sections 26A and 61 of the Public Procurement Act

- **1.** These regulations may be cited as the Public Procurement (Electronic Bidding System) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.
- 2. In these regulations –

"principal regulations" means the Public Procurement (Electronic Bidding System) Regulations 2015.

- **3.** Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is amended by revoking paragraph (2) and replacing it by the following paragraph
 - (2) The CRB shall
 - (a) deal with the registration of suppliers; and
 - (b) keep and maintain an updated register of suppliers.

Made by the Minister, on the recommendation of the Policy Office, on 31 October 2016.

Government Notice No. 227 of 2016

THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT

Regulations made by the Minister, on the recommendation of the Policy Office, under section 61 of the Public Procurement Act

- **1.** These regulations may be cited as the Public Procurement (Amendment) Regulations 2016.
- 2. In these regulations –

"principal regulations" means the Public Procurement Regulations 2008.

- **3.** The principal regulations are amended
 - (a) in regulation 31
 - (i) by revoking paragraph (1);
 - (ii) in paragraph (2), by deleting the words "is in the public interest" and replacing them by the words "may be made";
 - (b) by inserting, after regulation 67, the following new regulation –

67A. Variation and amendment of contracts

For the purpose of section 46(4A) of the Act, any variation, adjustment and amendment to a major contract shall require the approval of the Board where the increase in contract value is at least –

(a) 10 million rupees in respect of a contract not exceeding 100 million rupees;

- (b) 20 million rupees in respect of a contract of not less than 100 million rupees and not more than 300 million rupees;
- (c) 30 million rupees in respect of a contract exceeding 300 million rupees.
- (c) in the First Schedule, in Part I, in the first column, by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new item –

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Made by the Minister, on the recommendation of the Policy Office, on 31 October 2016.