



Export Awareness Programme at Hosur, Tamil Nadu on 22nd November, 2008.

Highlights

India Pavilion at Asia Pharma Expo 2009, Dhaka, Bangladesh

EEPC is organising an India Pavilion at Asia Pharma Expo 2009 in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 22 - 24 January, 2009. Members are requested to register their participation within 11th December, 2008.

India Pavilion at TECMA Show 2009, Mexico City, Mexico

EEPC is organising an India Pavilion at TECMA Show 2009 in Mexico City, Mexico from 10 - 13 March, 2009. Members are requested to register their participation within 31st December, 2008.

Govt. Notice/Circulars

Public Notice No. 111 (RE-2008)/2004-2009-dated 2nd December, 2008 – Application Form for import of Restricted items ANF 2B is amended.
Circular No. 20/2008-Customs dated 2nd December, 2008 – Guidelines for compounding of offences under Customs (Compounding of Offences) Rules, 2005 - regarding.

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Chairman's Pen

My dear fellow exporters,

The Central Government announced certain fiscal measures yesterday, which included some measures for the exporting community. With respect to the engineering exporters, I am highlighting a few key measures that have been announced.

- The first relates to the bringing back of interest subvention of 2% on Pre and Post Shipment Export Credit for labour intensive exports as well as the SME sector subject to a minimum rate of 7% per annum.*
- The second important step has been to allow refund of Service Tax on Foreign Agent Commission of up to 10% of FOB value of export from the earlier 2%.*
- The press release of the Government of India also mentions that services provided by clearing and forwarding agents to exporters will also benefit from such refund.*
- This apart, Drawback benefit can now be availed of simultaneously with refund of Service Tax paid in respect of exports.*

Last week, I also met senior Government representatives both in the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and discussed with them various issues affecting engineering exporting community. Some of the steps that have been discussed will be taken up by the Council in due course and I will keep you updated on this issue, through a separate circular seeking your help in seeking more support measures from the Government.

I would also like to mention that the first meeting of the Special Task Force will be held in Mumbai on December 10, 2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Shah, my predecessor. We would discuss the steps already been taken by the Government yesterday and what are the further initiatives that are required so that the Council can take necessary steps in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aman Chadha'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

(AMAN CHADHA)



Council's Activities

EEPC India Invites Participation for India Pavilion at Asia Pharma Expo 2009, Dhaka, Bangladesh (22-24 January, 2009)

EEPC India is organizing an **India Pavilion at Asia Pharma Expo 2009** to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh during January 22 to 24, 2009. Bangladesh is emerging as a base with tremendously high potential for pharmaceutical formulations manufacturing, and for producing the medicines at par with international standards. Asia Pharma Expo exhibitions form a major platform for the South Asian pharmaceutical market for the pharmaceutical-allied suppliers from India, China, European Union, USA, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Burma etc; and therefore, each Asia Pharma Expo becomes a landmark event, and also a meaningful business meeting point to interact with the entire South Asian pharmaceutical community.

The trade event is being organised by Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI), Dhaka, Bangladesh and GPE Expo Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad, India. The Asia Pharma Expo 2009 is expected international participation of more than 400 exhibitors and over 8,000 visitors mainly trade professionals from 25 countries including India, Bangladesh, China, European Union, USA, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Burma etc.

Focus Products

- Pharmaceutical Processing Plants & Equipments
- Pharma Packaging Machinery & Materials
- Analytical Laboratory Supplies (Instruments, Glassware, Lab. Reagents - Chemicals)
- Environment Control Equipment & Services
- Utility, Utility Services & Maintenance
- R & D, Biotechnology, CROs
- Contractors - Turnkey
- ISO/GMP Consultancy Service
- Contract Manufacturing

Venue

Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Center (BCFCC)
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Date and Time

22nd to 24th January, 2009 (3 days)

Participation Charges

Built-up booths minimum 9 sq. mtr. : US\$ 280 per sq. mtr. or Indian Rs. 13,500/- per sq. mtr.
(row stand, one side open) + Rs. 1,669/- per sq. mtr. as deposit towards Service Tax.
20% extra for corner booths (subject to availability).

Note : In case Service Tax is not chargeable, the deposit would be returned to participants.

If participants make payments in US dollars, then Service Tax is not applicable.

Display Booth

Participation charges includes following services for 9 sq. mtr. booth :

- Carpeting
- Fascia
- 1 Display Table
- 2 Chairs
- 2 Lights
- 1 West Basket
- Listing in the Event Catalogue

Mode of Payment

Full payment is to be made along with the filled-up **Application Form latest by 11th December, 2008** by Demand Draft/ Cheque drawn in favour of **Engineering Export Promotion Council**.

Reservation and Cancellation

- Reservation requests will be considered only after receiving payments in full.
- No refund will be made for any cancellation after 5th December, 2008.

MDA Entitlements

All eligible participants will be entitled to get MDA grant under General Area Programme of Ministry of Commerce, Government of India as per the MDA Guidelines effective from April 01, 2006.

Assistance would be permissible on charges of built-up furnished stall subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 80,000/- only.

Further, eligibility for MDA grant is subject to exporting companies having FOB value of exports up to Rs. 15 crores in the preceding year, having complete 12 months membership with EEPC with regular filing of returns and fulfilling other conditions, details of which can be obtained from Council's Website : www.eepcindia.org or respective Regional and Sub-Regional Offices of EEPC India.

Submission of Application

Interested firms may please send their Application Form, duly filled in and signed, along with full payment **latest by 11th December, 2008** to the respective Regional Offices or to :

Bhaskar Sarkar

Addl. Executive Director & Secretary
EEPC India

Vanijya Bhavan (1st Floor)
International Trade Facilitation Centre
1/1, Wood Street, Kolkata – 700 016
Tel. : 91-33-22890651/52/53
Fax : 91-33-22890654
E-mail : eepcho@eth.net
Website : www.eepcindia.org

It may kindly be noted that in view of limited space, application will be entertained on a *first-come-first-served* basis.

Application Form

**India Pavilion at Asia Pharma Expo 2009, Dhaka, Bangladesh
(22 - 24 January, 2009)**

Name of the Company	:			
Postal Address	:			
Phone (with area code)	:			
Fax (with area code)	:			
E-mail	:			
Website	:			
Name & Designation of the Chief Executive	:			
Name & Designation of the Participant	:			
Type of Units (please tick mark)	:	<input type="checkbox"/> SSI	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-SSI	
Status (please tick mark)	:	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer/Exporter	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Exporter	<input type="checkbox"/> Export House
Total Annual Export (in Million US\$)	:	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
Total Export to South Asian countries (in Million US\$)	:	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
Foreign Collaboration, if any	:			
Products Manufactured/Exported	:			
Countries of Export	:			
Accreditation to International Standards (like ISO, QS, etc.)	:			
Nature of Display (please tick mark)	:	<u>Display of Samples</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Display of Posters</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	

Please use separate sheet to furnish details of your company (**within 80 words**) for the Exhibitor's Profile.

Please send us this Form duly completed and signed along with your participation fees by Demand Draft/Cheque and 2 (two) copies of passport size colour photographs of the Participant.

Signature :

Date : Office Seal :



EEPC India Invites Participation for India Pavilion at TECMA Show 2009 (International Machine Tools Exhibition in Mexico) (10 – 13 March, 2009)

EEPC India is organizing an India Pavilion at **TECMA Show 2009** to be held at Mexico City, Mexico during 10 - 13 March, 2009.

TECMA Show 2009 will bring together Manufacturers, Distributors and Trade Professionals of all kinds of industries. There is a tremendous flow of serious trade visitors at this Exposition. TECMA is the only show in Mexico which specializes in Machine Tool technology related equipment and peripherals. TECMA 2009 will be the 13th edition of the largest show in Mexico. More than 200 exhibiting companies and 500 trade names will occupy over 21,600 sq. mtr. of exhibit space at the Expo Santa Fe Complex at Mexico City. TECMA attracts over 12,000 Buyers and Sellers. TECMA is organized by The Mexican Association of Machinery Distributors (AMDM).

Economy and Indo-Mexico Trade

Mexico has a free market economy. It contains a mixture of modern and outmoded industry and agriculture, increasingly dominated by the private sector. Recent administrations have expanded competition in seaports, railroads, telecommunications, electricity generation, natural gas distribution, and airports. Per capita income of this country is one-fourth that of the US. Mexico's real GDP grew by 4.8% in 2006 and by 3.3% in 2007. As of March 2008, Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch Ratings had all issued investment-grade ratings for Mexico's sovereign debt.

Mexico's trade regime is among the most open in the world. It has 12 free trade agreements with over 40 countries including, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, the European Free Trade Area, and Japan, putting more than 90% of trade under free trade agreements.

The Indian exports of engineering goods to Mexico during 2006-07 were US\$ 185.52 million, and reached US\$ 188.65 million in 2007-08. Major items of exports from India include transport equipment, electrical and non-electrical machineries, iron, steel and articles thereof, various instruments and products of base metals.

In May 2007, India and Mexico signed a MoU on Bilateral High Level Group on Trade, Investment and Economic Cooperation. The objective of this MoU includes promotion of economic and trade relations between the two countries; facilitating better access to their respective markets and avoid imposition of new barriers to trade and investment; creation of bilateral consultative mechanism to include trade and economic cooperation.

Product Categories

This event provides a unique opportunity to the Indian manufacturer-exporters to specially penetrate in the Mexican market. However, the following are the fast moving products in this exhibition :

- Machine Tools and Accessories
- Material Handling Equipment
- Hydraulics and Pneumatics/Pumps
- Motors/Gears/Power Transmission
- Testing and Calibrating Instruments
- Industrial Packaging
- Machine – CNC's
- Industrial Automation
- Valves and Compressors
- Electrical, Electronics, Instrumentation and Controls
- Welding Equipment
- Non-conventional source of energy

Venue

Expo Bancomer Santa Fe
Mexico City, Mexico

Date and Time

10 - 13 March 2009 (4 days)
(1100 hrs. to 2000 hrs.)

Participation Charges

Built-up booths minimum 9 sq. mtr. : US\$ 391 per sq. mtr. or Indian Rs. 18,000/- per sq. mtr.
(row stand, one side open) + Rs. 2,225/- per sq. mtr. as deposit towards Service Tax.
20% extra for corner booths (subject to availability).

Note : In case Service Tax is not chargeable, the deposit would be returned to participants. If participants make payments in US dollars, then Service Tax is not applicable.

Display Booth

Participation charges includes following services for 9 sq. mtr. booth :

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| - Carpeting | - Fascia |
| - 1 Exhibitor Desk, 2 Chairs | - 110 Volts outlet for each booth |
| - 2 Spot lights, 75 watts each | - 1 Waste Basket |
| - General Lighting | - Cleaning of all common area |
| - Security during 24 hours | |

Mode of Payment

Full payment is to be made along with the filled up **Application Form latest by 31st December, 2008** by Demand Draft/ Cheque drawn in favour of **Engineering Export Promotion Council**.

Reservation and Cancellation

- Reservation requests will be considered only after receiving payments in full.
- No refund will be made for any cancellation after 15th January, 2009.
- Acceptance of application and allocation of space will be at the sole discretion of the Council.

MDA Entitlements

All eligible participants will be entitled to get MDA grant under Focus LAC programme of Ministry of Commerce, Government of India as per the MDA Guidelines effective from April 01, 2006.

Assistance would be permissible on travel expenses by Air in Economy Excursion Class fare and/or charges of built-up furnished stall subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 1,80,000/- (Rupees one lakh eighty thousand only).

Further, eligibility for MDA grant is subject to exporting companies having FOB value of exports up to Rs. 15 crores in the preceding year, having complete 12 months membership with EEPC India with regular filing of returns and fulfilling other conditions, details of which can be obtained from Council's Website: www.eepcindia.org or respective Regional and Sub-Regional Offices of EEPC.

Submission of Application

Interested firms may please send their Application Form, duly filled in and signed (as per the enclosed format), along with full payment latest by **31st December, 2008** to the respective Regional Offices or to :

Nishikant Jumde

Deputy Director

EEPC India

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New Delhi – 110 001

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E-mail : eepcto@eepc.gov.in

Website : www.eepcindia.org



Application Form

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(10 - 13 March, 2009)**

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Phone (with area code)	:			
Fax (with area code)	:			
E-mail	:			
Website	:			
Name & Designation of the Chief Executive	:			
Name & Designation of the Participant	:			
Type of Units (please tick mark)	:	<input type="checkbox"/> SSI	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-SSI	
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Foreign Collaboration, if any	:			
Products Manufactured/Exported	:			
Countries of Export	:			
Accreditation to International Standards (like ISO, QS, etc.)	:			
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Signature :

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**Overseas Market Information****Ethiopia****Duty Free Tariff Preference Scheme (DFTP)**

During the India-Africa Forum Summit, the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh announced the Duty Free Tariff Preference Scheme (DFTP) for LDCs. Ethiopia was among the first countries that have acceded to the DFTP Scheme and the notification has been issued by the Ministry of Commerce in August, 2008 in this regard.

5TH JTC Meeting

The 5th India-Ethiopia Joint Trade Committee Meeting was held in Addis Ababa on 7th October, 2008, the Indian delegation was led by H.E. Shri Jairam Ramesh, MOS (Commerce & Power), the delegation included the representatives from ILFS, EXIM Bank, TCIL, ECGC, IRCON, KEC International, Kanan Devan Hills Plantations, BHEL, NIIT, Tata International Limited and Sanik Coal Mining PLC. The two sides reviewed the progress of bilateral trade and implementation of the 4th JTC Meeting, explored new areas of cooperation and discussed ways and means of further enhancing trade and technical cooperation between the two countries. The areas of cooperation identified were telecommunication, agriculture, water resources, pharmaceuticals, chemicals & allied products sector, textiles, leather, education, science & technology, IT, Power, energy & infrastructure projects, renewable energy, standardization, quality assurance, accreditation and metrology. At the end of the meetings the two sides signed Agreed Minutes of the fifth India-Ethiopia JTC Meeting and the 6th meeting of JTC will be held in New Delhi in the year 2010.

The Third Regional Symposium on “Doing Business with India” at Bahir Dar

The Mission organized the 3rd Regional Symposium on “Doing Business with India” for the Amhara National Regional State at its capital city Bahir Dar on 31st October, 2008. The Indian delegation was led by H.E. Mr. Gurjit Singh, Ambassador of India and included a ten-member Indian business delegation in the areas of small and medium enterprises, ICT, paper products, pharmaceuticals, film distribution, telecommunications, agriculture, floriculture and the like. More than 150 business persons from Bahir Dar attended the symposium.

India Business Forum (IBF)

During the visit of MOS for Commerce and Power, H.E. Mr. Jairam Ramesh to Addis Ababa for the 5th meeting of JTC from October 5-7, 2008, the first full-fledged meeting of the IBF took place on October 5, 2008, in the Embassy premises which was attended by more than 50 Indian business persons. The IBF was launched on October 30, 2005 at the initiative of Ambassador Gurjit Singh soon after his arrival in Addis Ababa.

Other Useful Information on Ethiopia**Major Exports**

Coffee, gold, leather products, live animals, oilseeds.

Major Countries of Export

Germany, Saudi Arabia, US, Djibouti, Italy, China, Japan, Netherlands.

Major Imports

Food and live animals, petroleum and petroleum products, chemicals, machinery, motor vehicles, cereals, textiles.

**Major Countries of Import**

Saudi Arabia, China, India, Italy.

Indian Mission

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E-mail : delethem@bol.net.in

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Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce
Mexico Square, P.O. Box 517
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Fax : 002511517699
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Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce
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Addis Ababa
Ethiopia
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Fax : 002511-511479
E-mail : aachamber1@telecom.net.et
Website : http://www.addischamber.com

Asmara Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 859
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Asmara
Ethiopia
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Dire Dawa Chamber of Commerce
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Ethiopia
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Nazareth Chamber of Commerce
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Nazareth, Ethiopia
Tel. : 002512 113082

(Source : Embassy of India, Addis Ababa & Internet)

Tender Information**Ghana****(EEPC Ref. No. DB-36)**

Project : Urban Transport Project
Credit No. 4334-GH, Project ID No. P100619
Credit from IDA

Notice No. : **WB4701-741/08**

Issued by : The Director
Department of Urban Roads
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Road
Accra
Ghana
Tel. : (233-21) 685-684-9
Fax : (233-21) 685-683
E-mail : pao@mrt.gov.gh

For : Supply of 4WD Pickups 24

Tender Cost : Non-refundable fee of US\$ 100 or equivalent + US\$ 50 (courier charges).

Bid security : US\$ 11,000 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Bid deadline : **09.01.2008**

Lao PDR**(EEPC Ref. No. DB-37)**

Project : Khammouane Development Project (KDP)
Grant No. H404-0 LA, Project ID No. P087716
Grant from IDA

Notice No. : **WB4684-741/08**

Issued by : Mr. Phousana Xaykosy
Component 1 Manager, KDP
Department of Planning and Investment
Khammouane Province
Lao PDR
Tel. : (856-20) 565-0332, (856-51) 251-179
Fax : (856-51) 251-178
E-mail : pxaykosy@yahoo.com

For : Supply and Delivery Seven (7) units of Double Cab, 4WD Pick-up.

Tender Cost : Non-refundable fee of Lao Kip 500,000 or equivalent to US\$ 59.00

Bid security : Not less than 2% of the Bid Price.

Bid deadline : **14.01.2009**

Mongolia

(EEPC Ref. No. DB-38)

Project : Second Ulaanbaatar Services Improvement Project
Credit No. 3890-MOG; Project ID No. P074591
Credit from IDA

Notice No. : **WB4643-741/08**

Issued by : Project Management Unit, The Second Ulaanbaatar Services Improvement Project
Room No. 203, 2nd Floor
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Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
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Fax : (976-11) 312-194
E-mail : usip2@magicnet.mn

For : Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment.

Tender Cost: Non-refundable fee US\$ 100 + US\$ 100 (courier charges).

Bid security : Not less than US\$ 11,000 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Bid deadline : **09.01.2009**

Pakistan

(EEPC Ref. No. DB-39)

Project : Electricity Distribution and Transmission Improvement Project
Loan No. 7565-PK, Credit No. 4463-PK and Credit No. 4464-PK
Loan/Credit from IBRD

Notice No. : **WB4674-741/08**

Issued by : Engr: Muhammad Ramzan Qamar
Manager (MM) STG MEPCO
MEPCO Complex, Khanewal Road
Multan, Pakistan
Tel. : (92-61) 921-0290
Fax : (92-61) 921-0350
E-mail : azkar560@yahoo.com

For : Supply of Grid Station material. Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) :

- Lot No. I, S. No. 1, Items Description : 132/31.5 KA, 1600Amp, 110 Volt 3 Pole SF-6 Circuit Breaker (P-193:95), Qty. : 40 Sets
- Lot No. II, S. No. 1, Items Description : 132 kV, 20 KA, Single Phase Current Transformer Ratio 200:100/5-5-5-A, (3 Core) Transformer CT'S (with 600 mm² Horizontal Aluminium Conductor) (P-90 : 1982), Qty. : 54 Nos.
- Lot No. II, S. No. 2, Items Description : 132 kV, 20 kV, Single Phase Current Transformer Ratio 1200 : 600:300/5-5-5-5 A (4 Core) Line CTs with 600 mm² horizontal Aluminium Conductor (P-90 : 1982), Qty. : 63 Nos.

- Lot No. III, S. No. 1, Items Description : 132 kV, 20 KA, Voltage Transformer (PT's) Ratio 132/11 KV, Single Pole (P - 129 : 85), Qty. : 30 Nos.
- Lot No. IV, S. No. 1, Items Description: 132 kV, 20 KA, 1600 Amps., 3 Pole Single through Bus Disconnectors (P-128:82), Qty. : 46 Sets
- Lot No. IV, S. No. 2, Items Description : 132 kV, 20 KA, 1600 Amp., 3 Pole Single through Bus Disconnectors Spare parts(P-128 : 82), Qty.: 02 Sets
- Lot No. IV, S. No. 3, Items Description : 132 kV, 20 KA, 1600 Amp., 3 Pole Single through Line Disconnectors with extended creepage connectors for 600 mm² horizontal Aluminium Conductor (P-128 : 82), Qty. : 25 Sets
- Lot No. V, S. No. 1, Items Description: 132 kV Metal Oxide (Gapless) Lightning Arrestors (P-181 : 96), Qty. : 54 Nos.
- Lot No. V, S. No. 2, Items Description : 11 kV Lightning Arrestors (P-181 : 96), Qty. : 54 Nos.

Tender Cost : Non refundable fee equivalent to Pak. Rs. 2,000 or US\$ 20 + US\$ 65 (courier charges).

- Bid security : - Lot No. I : Rs. 1021300 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency
- Lot No. II : Rs. 434600 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency
 - Lot No. III : Rs. 151000 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency
 - Lot No. IV : Rs. 538000 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency
 - Lot No. V : Rs. 144500 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Bid deadline : **22.01.2009**

Sierra Leone

(EEPC Ref. No. DB-40)

Project : Institutional Reform and Capacity Building Project
Grant H086-SL; Project ID No. P078613

Notice No. : **WB4682-741/08**

Issued by : The Procurement Unit
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security
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Brookfields
Freetown, Sierra Leone
Tel. : (232-22) 236-122, (232-76) 243-476, (232-33) 243-476
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For : Procurement of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment :

Lot 1 : Tractors and Implements

- Tractors and Implements - 265
- Rice Transplanters - 20
- Cage Wheels - 120

Lot 2 : Post Harvest Equipments

- Combine Harvester - 65
- Rice Threshers - 35

Lot 3 : Rice Mills and Associated Equipment

- Rice Mills - 2
- Briquetting Machine - 2

Lot 4 : Rice Machines And Accessories

- Equipments for Stitching and Printing Bags - 25
- Assorted Paddy and Rice Bags - Various

Lot 5 : Agricultural Sprayers

- Manual and Motorised Sprayers - 90

Lot 6 : HERBICIDES

- Selective Rice Herbicide - 30,000 Its

Lot 7 : Laboratory and Workshop Equipments

- Digital moisture Meters - 40
- Mobile W/shop Truck & W/shop Equipments - 2/5
- 12 Tons Fork Lifts - 1

Lot 8 : Water Transport Equipment

- Landing Craft - 1
- Speed Boat - 2

Lot 9 : Agricultural Transport Equipments

- Flatbed Trailers - 1
- Tipping and Non-Tipping Trailers - 7/8

Lot 10 : Motor Transport Vehicles

- Pick-up Double Cab - 2
- Pick-up Single Cab - 5
- Station Wagon - 2
- 10 Ton Truck - 1

Lot 11 : 125CC MOTOR CYCLES - 30

Tender Cost : Non-refundable fee of US\$ 100 or equivalent in any freely convertible currency + US\$ 200 (courier charges).

Bid security : - Lot 1 : US\$ 154,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency

- Lot 2 : US\$ 56,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency
- Lot 3 : US\$ 17,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency
- Lot 4 : US\$ 1,500 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency
- Lot 5 : US\$ 500 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency
- Lot 6 : US\$ 6,500 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency
- Lot 7 : US\$ 12,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency
- Lot 8 : US\$ 6,500 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency
- Lot 9 : US\$ 8,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency
- Lot 10 : US\$ 9,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency
- Lot 11 : US\$ 2,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible currency

Bid deadline : **05.01.2009**

Uganda

(EEPC Ref. No. DB-41)

Project : Millennium Science Initiative Project
Project ID: P079734, Credit No 4147-UG
Credit from IDA

Notice No. : **WB4662-741/08**

Issued by : Uganda National Council for Science and Technology
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Fax : +256-41-4234579
E-mail : uncst@starcom.go.ug

For : Supply of Assorted Motor Vehicles :

- Lot 1 : Supply of 55-75 Seater Bus (1)
- Lot 2 : Supply of 7-Seater Station Wagons (2)
- Lot 3 : Supply of 9-Seater Station Wagon (1)
- Lot 4: Supply of a 13-Seater Station Wagon (1)
- Lot 5: Supply of 4x4 Double Cabin Pick-Up Trucks (4)
- Lot 6: Supply of Agricultural Tractor and implements (1)
- Lot 7: Supply of Motor Cycles (4)
- Lot 8: Supply of Refrigerated Van, Truck (1)
- Lot 9: Supply of 7-Seater Station Wagon (1)

Tender Cost : Non-refundable fee One Hundred Thousand shillings (UGX 100,000) only or US\$ 60.

Bid security : - Lot 1: US\$ 2,000 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency;
- Lot 2: US\$ 3,000 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency;
- Lot 3: US\$ 1,600 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency;
- Lot 4: US\$ 1,400 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency;
- Lot 5: US\$ 4,000 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency;
- Lot 6: US\$ 1,400 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency;
- Lot 7: US\$ 200 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency;
- Lot 8: US\$ 2,600 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency;
- Lot 9: US\$ 1,000 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency;

Bid deadline : **09.01.2009**

Vietnam**(EEPC Ref. No. DB-42)**

Project : Second Transmission and Distribution Project
Credit No. 4107-VN; Project ID No. P045628
Credit from IDA

Notice No. : **WB4648-741/08**

Issued by : Southern Vietnam Power Project Management Board (SPPMB)
383 Ben Chuong Duong St., District 1
Ho Chi Minh City
Vietnam
Attn. : Mr. Nguyen Tien Hai
Executive Chairman
Tel. : (84-8) 221-00 719
Fax : (84-8) 383-61096
E-mail : mynt@npt.evn.vn, nguyenthemy@yahoo.com

For : Package No.1 : Supply of Steel Towers.

Tender Cost : Non-refundable fee of US\$ 100.00 or VND 1,650,000.00 + US\$ 50 (courier charges).

Bid security : US\$ 50,000 or an equivalent amount in Vietnam Dong or an equivalent amount in a convertible currency.

Bid deadline : **09.01.2009****Vietnam****(EEPC Ref. No. DB-43)**

Project : Second Transmission and Distribution Project
Credit No. 4107-VN; Project ID No. P045628
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For : Package No. 1A : Steel Towers

Tender Cost : Non-refundable fee of US\$ 100.00 or VND 1,650,000.00 + US\$ 50 (courier charges).

Bid security : US\$ 15,000 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Bid deadline : **09.01.2009***(Source : UN Development Business Website)*

Egypt

(EEPC Ref. No. MEED-153)

Tender for : **Power station heat exchangers**

Tender No. : **17/2008**

Tender details : Provision of heat exchangers for the Abu Qir two-by-650MW steam-fired power station.

The scope of works comprises the design, manufacturing, testing, supply and supervision for erection of four low-pressure heat exchangers, six high-pressure heat exchangers, two air-discharge devices with related tanks, and two re-boilers.

Financed by the Kuwait Fund for Economic & Social Development.

Details on payment of \$ 1,000.

Bid bond : \$ 400,000

Closing date : **12.01.2009**

Issued by : West Delta Electricity Production Company
7, Riad Pacha Street
Glim, Alexandria
Egypt
Tel./fax : (203) 5761375
Or

Power Generation Engineering & Services Company (PGESCO)
41, Al-Salam Corridor, Cairo, Egypt
Tel. : (202) 26176492/4
Fax : (202) 26176519
Tel./fax : (203) 5746145

Syria

(EEPC Ref. No. MEED-154)

Tender for : **Pick-up truck**

Tender No. : **72/2006/A**

Tender details : Supply of a pick-up truck.

Bid bond : Bid bond is • 1,500

Performance bond : 10% of contract price.

Closing date : **14.01.2009**

Issued by : Syrian Petroleum Company
PO Box 2849
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Tel. : (96311) 2217944
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UAE

(EEPC Ref. No. MEED-155 & MEED-156)

Tender for : Substations and cable laying (132/11 kV)

Tender No. : CE/0716/2008

Tender details : Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 12 132/11kV substations and associated 132kV cable laying works.
Details on payment of AED 5,000.

Closing date : 30.12.2008

Tender for : Switchgear spares

Tender No. : CE/0510/2008.

Tender details : Supply of spare parts for ABB 11 kV switchgear.
Details on payment of AED 750.

Bid bond : 5% of tender price.

Closing date : 15.01.2009

Issued by : Dubai Electricity & Water Authority
Office of the Contracts Manager
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Yemen

(EEPC Ref. No. MEED-157)

Tender for : Ice plants

Project No. : P086886.

Tender No. : 1&2.

Tender details : Provision, installation and operation testing of the following block, flake ice plants and generators as part of a fisheries resources management and conservation project:

1) 11 containerised flake ice plants with daily production 10 tonnes, 11 200kW diesel generators and 11 25,000-litre fuel tanks for fishing villages.

Bid bond : \$70,000)

2) 8 containerised block ice plants with daily production of 10 tonnes, eight 200kW diesel generators and eight 25,000-litre fuel tanks for fishing villages.

Bid bond : \$50,000)

Financed by the International Development Association.

Details on payment of \$150

Closing date : 05.01.2009

Issued by : Fisheries Resources Management & Conservation Project Director General Office
Fisheries Wealth Ministry, Second Floor
Hudjeef-Tawahi, PO Box 1299, Aden, Yemen
Tel. : (9672) 245058/68
Fax : (9672) 245072
E-mail : drsubeih@y.net.ye.

(Source : MEED.com website)

Kuwait

Issued by : Tender Committee
P.O. Box 1070, 13011 Safat
Kuwait
Tel. : 2401200 (5 lines)
Telefax : 2416574
Website : www.ctc.gov.kw

Tender No. : 3/2008-2009 A.P. 16

Concerned Party : Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Requirements : Leasing of vehicles with and without drivers.
Relevant Fee : KD 70
Initial Guarantee : 5% of offer value and valid for 90 days.
Closing Date : **28.12.2008**, 1.00 p.m.

Tender No. : 12/2008-2009 A.P. 17

Concerned Party : Fire Brigade General Directorate
Requirements : Supply, installation & maintenance of communication towers at (5) Fire Centers (Qurain – Farwaniya – Hawally – Ahmadi – Subhan).
Relevant Fee : KD 110 certified cheque.
Initial Guarantee : KD 11000 and valid for 90 days.
Closing Date : **11.01.2009**, 1.00 p.m.

Tender No. : PAYS/15/2008-2009 A.P. 22

Concerned Party : Public Authority for Youth And Sports
Requirements : Leasing of Saloon Cars without fuel and without drivers.
Relevant Fee : KD 160 Certified cheque.
Initial Guarantee : KD 17500 and valid for 90 days.
Closing Date : **11.01.2009**, 1.00 p.m.

Tender No. : 8/2008-2009 A.P. 18

Concerned Party : General Directorate of Civil Aviation

- Requirements : Maintenance of Lighting Poles of public parking at Kuwait International Airport and replacement of its spotlights.
- Relevant Fee : KD 70
- Initial Guarantee : KD 7500 and valid for 90 days.
- Closing Date : **11.01.2009**, 1.00 p.m.
- Tender No.** : **MEW/40/2008-2009 A.P. 22**
- Concerned Party : Ministry of Ministry of Electricity & Water.
- Requirements : Replacement works, supply, installation, operation & maintenance of central chiller station for modifying and boosting of cooling & ventilation system for control offices and rooms and pumps hall for water pumping station at Al Zoor.
- Relevant Fee : KD 400 certified cheque.
- Initial Guarantee : KD 24650 and valid for 90 days.
- Closing Date : **06.01.2009**, 1.00 p.m.

Following tenders are open only for qualified tenderers :

- Tender No.** : **RFP-1899 A.P. 23**
- Concerned Party : Kuwait Oil Company
- Requirements : Construction of crude oil export pipelines extending from feeding, production and pipelines group to new gathering Center No. (16) and new surplus water flow lines to water injection project at Managesh (West Kuwait).
- Relevant Fee : KD 2500 certified cheque.
- Initial Guarantee : KD 450,000 and valid for 90 days.
- Closing Date : **18.01.2009**, 1.00 p.m.

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(Source : Embassy of India, Safat)

Trade Enquiries



Brazil

(Source : Direct from the party)

<i>Name of the Company</i>	<i>Addresses</i>	<i>Contact Person/Tel./Fax/E-mail</i>	<i>Items interested</i>
IndiaBras Impex Private Limited	Rua Bernardo Guimaraes 1033/507, BH, MG Brazil 30140-081	Attn. : Mr. Mauro Federici Chief Executive Officer Tel. : +55 31 3245 4443 Fax : +55 31 3245 4443 E-mail : federici@indiabras.com	Precision machines.
	India Branch : D-10, 3rd Floor South Extension II New Delhi 110049	Tel. : +91 11 4161 5160 Fax : +91 11 4161 5160	

West Indies

(Source : EEPC Chicago Office)

Batch Company Limited	LP #67 Rodney Road Endeavour Chaguanas, Trinidad West Indies	Attn. : Mr. Claude Batchasingh Tel. : (868) 672-1889/671-7979 Fax : (868) 671-3960 E-mail : sales@batchcompany.com Website : www.batchcompany.com	Cassava peeler.
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Please Note : The Council has sent test messages to the above trade enquirers regarding the existence of these companies. However, members are requested to carry out their own due diligence and take necessary safeguards against credit risks such as ECGC cover, UCP 600 etc.

Public Notice

**Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade
New Delhi**

Public Notice No. 111 (RE-2008)/2004-2009

Dated 2nd December, 2008

In exercise of powers conferred under Paragraph 2.4 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby makes the following amendment in Handbook of Procedures, Vol. I (2004-2009) :

“Application Form for import of Restricted Items ‘ANF 2B’ is amended as per Annexure attached.”

Sd/-

(R. S. GUJRAL)

Director General of Foreign Trade

(File No. 01/53/162/Misc/AM09/R-41/IC)

Annexure

to Public Notice No.111 (RE-2008)/2004-2009 dated 2.12.2008

ANF 2B**Application Form for Import of Restricted Items**

[Please seen guidelines (at the end) before filling the application]

1. IEC Number**2. Applicant Details**

- i. Name
- ii. Address

3. Application Submission Details (in case of electronically submitted applications)

- i. ECOM Reference Number
- ii. Date of Submission on Server
- iii. Submitted to which Regional Authority
- iv. File Number
- v. Date of Issue

4. Application Fee Details

- Amount (Rs.)
- Demand Draft/Bank Receipt/Electronic Fund Transfer No.
- Date of Issue
- Name of the Bank and its Branch on which drawn

5. Total CIF value applied for

- i. In Rupees
- ii. In Foreign Currency

6. Details of item(s) applied for import

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>ITC (HS) Code</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>CIF Value (Rs.)</i>	<i>Country of Origin</i>

7A. Details of imports made of the item(s) applied for in the preceding 3 licensing years, wherever applicable

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Import Licence Details (where applicable)</i>				<i>Quantity Imported</i>	<i>CIF Value of Imports (Rs.)</i>
		<i>No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Qty</i>	<i>Value</i>		

7B. Details of purchase made of the item(s) applied for (excluding imports made) in the preceding licensing year

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity purchased</i>	<i>Value of purchases (Rs.)</i>

8. Case Sponsoring Authority details, wherever applicable

- i. Ministry/Department recommending the case
- ii. Recommendation Letter No and date

9. In case of import of Ammunition, please furnish

- i. Fire Arm Dealers Licence No and date
- ii. Issuing Authority of Fire Arm Dealers Licence
- iii. Sales turnover of indigenous & imported ammunition in the preceding 3 licensing years (Rs.)

10. In case of import of Aircraft/Helicopters, please furnish

- i. Year of manufacture
- ii. Whether New/Second hand
- iii. Seating Capacity
- iv. Residual Life
- v. No. of Flying Hours already completed
- vi. No. of Aircraft already in possession of the applicant
- vii. Whether applicant falls under Private or Passenger Category

11. In case of import of Gifts, please furnish

- i. Name of the Donor
- ii. Relationship with the Donor
- iii. Status of the Donor



- 12. Address of factory/unit/stud farm where items so imported shall be used :
- 13. End Products to be manufactured with licensed capacity, wherever applicable :
- 14A. Purpose of Import :
(State Actual User or for Trading-Stock and Sale)
- 14B. Justification for Import :

Declaration/Undertaking

- 1. I/We hereby declare that the particulars and the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed or held there from.
- 2. I/We fully understand that any information furnished in the application if found incorrect or false will render me/us liable for any penal action or other consequences as may be prescribed in law or otherwise warranted.
- 3. I/We undertake to abide by the provisions of the FT (D & R) Act, 1992, the Rules and Orders framed there under, FTP, HBP v 1 and HBP v2 and ITC (HS).
- 4 a. I/We hereby certify that the firm/company for whom the application has been made has not been penalized under Customs Act, Excise Act, FT (D & R) Act 1992 and FERA/FEMA.
- b. I/We hereby certify that none of the Proprietor/Partner(s)/Director(s)/Karta/Trustee of firm/company, as the case may be, is/are a Proprietor/Partner(s)/Director(s)/Karta/Trustee in any other firm/Company which has come to adverse notice of DGFT.
- c. I/We hereby certify that the Proprietor/Partner(s)/Director(s)/Karta/Trustee, as the case may be, of the firm/company is/are not associated as Proprietor/Partner(s)/Director(s)/Karta/Trustee in any other firm/company which is in the caution list of RBI.
- d. I/We hereby certify that neither the Registered Office/Head Office of the firm/company nor any of its Branch Office(s)/Unit(s)/Division(s) has been declared a defaulter and has otherwise been made ineligible for undertaking import/export under any of the provisions of the Policy.
- 5. I/We hereby declare that I/We have not obtained nor applied for such benefits (including issuance of an Importer Exporter Code Number) in the name of our Registered/Head Office or any of our Branch(s)/Unit(s)/Division(s) to any other Regional Authority.
- 5A. I/We hereby declare that I/we have perused the list of SCOMET items as contained in the Appendix 3 to the Schedule 2 of the ITC (HS) and that the item(s) exported/proposed to be exported does not fall within this list and that I/We agree to abide by the provisions of FTP for export of SCOMET items contained in the FTP, Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) and the HBP v1, irrespective of the scheme under which the item is exported/proposed to be exported.
- 6. I/We solemnly declare that I/We have applied for/obtained a RCMC to the EPC which pertains to our main line of business. In case we have applied to any other council, the application has been made within the purview of the provisions of Para 2.67 and Para 2.67.1 of the HBP v1.
- 7. I hereby certify that I am authorised to verify and sign this declaration as per Paragraph 9.9 of the Policy.

Signature of the Applicant

Name

Designation

Official Address

Telephone

Residential Address

Email Address

Place :

Date



Guidelines for Applicants

Please see Paragraph 2.10 of HBP v1

1. Original application in ANF 2B along with prescribed documents and Treasury Receipt (TR)/Demand Draft shall be submitted to RA concerned. Self-attested copy of application in duplicate shall be submitted to DGFT Hqrs (Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi) along with proof of submission of application to RA concerned.
 2. Each individual page of the application has to be signed by the applicant.
 3. a. ANF 1 has to be filled in by all applicants. In case of applications submitted electronically, no hard copies of ANF1. However in cases where applications are submitted otherwise, hard copy of ANF1 has to be submitted.
b. Only relevant portions of Application need to be filled in.
 4. Application must be accompanied by documents as per details given below :
 - a. Bank Receipt (in duplicate)/Demand Draft/EFT details evidencing payment of application fee in terms of Appendix 21B.
 - b. Self certified copy of Proforma Invoice from foreign supplier (showing quantity of goods to be imported & CIF value of imports.
 - c. Self certified copy of Registration Certificate issued by concerned authority.
 - d. Self certified copy of the recommendation letter by the concerned authority.
 - e. In case of import of gift, Donor's letter in Original.
 - f. In case of import of Ammunition, a certificate from Chartered Accountant/Cost and Works Accountant/Company Secretary showing sales turnover of ammunition (indigenous and imported) during preceding three licensing years.
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**Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade
New Delhi**

Policy Circular No. 45 (RE-2008)/2004-2009

Dated 4th December, 2008

Subject : Clarification on export of “Military Stores”- regarding

Instances have come to notice where export of apparently ‘Military Stores’ have been allowed by Customs field formations without ‘No Objection Certificate’ from the Department of Defence Production.

2. Table A (S. No. 4) of Schedule II of ITC(HS) Classification of Export & Import items, 2004-09 lays down the policy for export of ‘military stores’ i.e. a No Objection Certificate from Department of Defence Production (MoD) is required except in respect of goods as specified at Export Licensing Note 1 which are freely exportable without No Objection Certificate.

3. Keeping in view the above, it is reiterated that no export of goods, which are apparently in the nature of ‘Military Stores’ may be allowed without No Objection Certificate from Department of Defence Production, by all units including EOU/EHTP/STP/BTP units.

Sd/-

(ANIL AGGARWAL)

Joint Director General of Foreign Trade

(File No. 01/91/110/236/AM08/PC.III)



F. No. 450/67/2003-Cus. IV (Pt)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi

Circular No. 20/2008-Customs

Dated 2nd December, 2008

Subject : Guidelines for compounding of offences under Customs
(Compounding of Offences) Rules, 2005 - regarding.

Please refer to notification No.118/2008-Customs (N.T) dated 12.11.2008 whereby certain amendments have been carried out in the Customs (Compounding of Offences) Rules, 2005. Further, considering the recommendations made by the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Rajya Sabha) and to make a meaningful impact on the Scheme of Compounding of Offences, the following changes have been made in the scheme of Customs (Compounding of Offences) Rules, 2005 and the guidelines issued in this regard.

2. The compounding amount prescribed under Rule 5 of the said Rules has been revised downwards. A new proviso has been inserted in this rule, which provides that if a person has, in respect of same goods, committed offences falling under more than one category, i.e., Sl. No.1 to 8 of the table specified in this rule and where amount of duty evasion or amount of drawback or exemption from duty, or amount of market value of the goods is same for all such offences, then the compounding amount, in such cases, shall be the amount determined for the offence for which a higher compounding amount has been prescribed.

3. Further, in rule 4, a new provision has been added, whereby it has been provided that an applicant should pay duty, penalty, and interest before submission of application for compounding. Correspondingly, the Application Form has also been amended by inserting Sl. No. 12A so as to ensure that the compounding of offences shall not be allowed unless the aforesaid duty, penalty and interest thereon are paid by the applicant.

4.1. In view of the recommendations of the Committee, for early disposal of the applications for compounding, the Board directs that normally the application for compounding of offences may be disposed of within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of such application. In order to ensure such time bound disposal, it is reiterated that the existing instructions regarding time limit for launching prosecution should be followed. In straight cases, where the importer/exporter is caught red handed, prosecution may be launched immediately after seizure of the goods. In other cases, the process of deciding about launching of prosecution or otherwise shall be completed within a month of adjudication of the case. Further, cases of prosecution shall be pursued seriously with the respective Government Counsels and the Courts.

4.2. The Compounding Authority shall invariably obtain a factual report from the Reporting Authority within one month of receipt of the application for compounding, except in deserving cases, where request for extension of the period have been sought for justifiable reasons (i.e. 1 month). Where an opportunity of personal hearing requires to be given to the applicant before passing of an order, the same shall be offered within one month's time of date of receipt of report from the Reporting Authority (1 month). After taking into account the contents of the application and the concerned reports of the Reporting Authority and submissions (written or oral) made by applicant, the Compounding Authority may be able to dispose of the case within one month of the date of personal hearing or obtaining a report whichever is later (1 month). In any case, even if there are certain difficulties in timely submission of report or conducting timely personal hearings, the Compounding Authority shall dispose of the application within an overall time limit of 6 months as provided in para 7 of the guidelines issued in this regard.

5. Further, it was decided by the Board that compounding of offences should not be allowed where there are demonstrable contradictions, inconsistencies or incompleteness in the case. Accordingly, in the guidelines issued for compounding of



offences under Customs and Central Excise Acts vide Circular No.54/2005-Cus dated 30.12.2005, the following additional guidelines shall be added :

“3(v) : Any person who has applied for compounding of offence in a case, where there are apparent contradictions or inconsistencies or incompleteness.”

6. Adequate publicity may be given about reduction of compounding amount, in order to make the scheme more popular as to reduce the cases pending in the Court. Further, in order to make best use of compounding of offence scheme, all persons against whom prosecution is initiated or contemplated, should be informed separately in writing, the offer of compounding. Guidelines issued vide Circular No. 54/2005-Cus dated 30.12.2005 shall continue to apply, subject to the amendments made vide Notification No. 118/2008-Customs (NT) dated 12.11.2008 and the changes mentioned in para 5 above.

Sd/-
(M. M. PARTHIBAN)
Director (Customs)



Reserve Bank of India
Foreign Exchange Department
Central Office, Mumbai 400 001

RBI/2008-09/306
A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 38

Dated 4th December, 2008

**Deferred Payment Protocols dated April 30, 1981 and
December 23, 1985 between Government of India and erstwhile USSR**

Attention of Authorised Dealer Category – I (AD Category – I) banks is invited to A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 24 dated October 16, 2008 wherein the rupee value of the special currency basket was indicated as Rs. 65. 4398 effective from September 23, 2008.

2. AD Category – I banks are advised that a further revision has taken place on November 05, 2008 and accordingly, the rupee value of the special currency basket has been fixed at Rs. 62. 5050 with effect from November 10, 2008.

3. AD Category – I banks may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents concerned.

4. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Sections 10 (4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and is without prejudice to permissions/approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Sd/-
(SALIM GANGADHARAN)
Chief General Manager-in-Charge

Exim Bank Signs Euro 150 Million Framework Loan Agreement with European Investment Bank

Export-Import Bank of India, India's premier export finance institution, has signed an agreement for a long term loan of Euro 150 million equivalent with tenor upto 15 years with European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg on December 2, 2008. The EIB is the European Union's major long-term lending institution with annual loan approvals exceeding USD 50 billion. EIB is owned by the Member States of the European Union and carries the highest possible credit rating (AAA) on the money markets.

The purpose of the EIB loan to Exim Bank of India is for supporting projects that contribute to climate change mitigation and to EU presence in India through FDI, transfer of technology or know-how from Europe. The borrowings under this facility will enable the Bank to on-lend for import of equipment for projects including renewable energy projects (eg. wind, solar, biomass etc.), energy efficiency enhancement (eg. Fuel switching, plant modernisation etc.) as well as projects that would reduce greenhouse gases emission, clean environment, afforestation.

Exim Bank has been raising foreign currency resources from the international market, which constitute approximately 40 per cent of the Bank's borrowings as on September 30, 2008. Exim Bank's objective is to finance and promote India's International Trade and Investment. The Bank offers to Indian companies a comprehensive range of finance, information and advisory services, supported by analysis and research, with a view to enhancing their international competitiveness. The Bank enjoys investment grade rating on par with the Indian sovereign from four international agencies viz. Baa3 from Moody's, BBB- from Standard and Poor's and Fitch and BBB+ from Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCRA).

Bank seeks to leverage its strong financials and sovereign rating to raise foreign currency resources from international debt market through a variety of instruments and a diversified investor base, thereby enabling it to extend financial assistance to Indian exporting companies at competitive rates.

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