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REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY PROFESSION IN THE EMIRATE OF DUBAI

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LOCAL ORDER NO. 89 OF 1994 ON REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY PROFESSION IN THE EMIRATE OF DUBAI

We, Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Municipality:

- After perusal of the authorities legally conferred on us under the Establishing Decree of Dubai Municipality,
- The provisions of Federal Law No. (5) of 1985 concerning the Civil Transactions as amended by Federal Law No. (1) of 1987,
- We, the Chairman of the Municipality, issue the following local order:-

Preliminary Section

Article (1) This local order shall be call "The Local Order on Regulating the Practice of the Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai".

In applying the provisions of this order, the following words and expression shall have the meanings set against each of them unless the text otherwise requires:

Country: United Arab Emirates

Emirate: Emirate of Dubai

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Department: Dubai Municipality Department

Director General: Director General of Dubai Municipality

- **Engineering Firm:** The Firm licensed to practice the engineering consultancy profession in the Emirate, owned and operated by one or more Registered Engineers/Architects.
- **Engineer:** The natural person holding university degree from a university recognized in one of the Engineering or Architecture fields and whose name is entered in the register of the practitioners of engineering consultancy profession.

Engineering Profession: The total activities carried out by qualified

- **Committee:** The Committee for registered and licensing the engineering consultancy profession in the Emirate.
- **Register:** The register of the practitioners of engineering consultancy profession.
- **Local Service Agent:** The natural person holding the nationality of the Country who is assigned to facilitate the administrative functions supporting the Engineering firm without bearing any technical or financial responsibilities in the Emirate or abroad.

Section One

Chapter One

Register of the practitioners of Engineering Consultancy Profession

- Article (3) A register shall be established at the Department for the practitioners of the Engineering Consultancy Profession. The form of the register and the date to be included therein and the required registration procedures shall be determined by a decision issued by the Director General.
- Article (4) No natural person shall be allowed to practice the Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate unless his name is entered in the register.

Chapter Two

Conditions for the practice of the Engineering Consultancy Profession

It is conditional for any person whose name is entered in the register to fulfill the following:

- 1- To be a national of the country.
- 2- To be fully competent.

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- 3- To be of good conduct and reputation.
- 4- Not to have been previously convicted of a crime or misdemeanor relating to honour or honesty unless a pardon was already granted to him by the competent authority or had been rehabilitated.
- 5- To be holder of a BSc. Degree in Engineering from a recognized university In one of the engineering fields for which he requires to obtain a license.
- 6 To have experience in the specialization field not less than three

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As an exception to the provisions of clauses (1) and (6) of the previous article, natural expatriate persons may, pursuant to the stipulations and conditions provided for in this order, apply for registration in the register once they fulfill the other conditions stipulated for in the previous article in addition to the following two conditions:

- 1- To be exclusively dedicated to the business of the Engineering Firm.
- 2- To have experience in the concerned engineering field not less that five years after obtaining the university degree.

If in the case of a license being issued, his actual period of residence in the Country should not be less than nine months in a single year.

Section Two

The Committee of Registration and Licensing the Practice of Engineering Consultancy Profession and its Authorities

A Committee called "The Committee of Registration and Licensing the Practice of Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai" shall be formed at the Department. A decision forming the same shall be issued by the Director General. Such Committee shall consist of five members as follows:

- 1) Three engineers working for the Department to be selected by the Director General. A Committee Chairman shall be appointed from among them.
- 2) One engineer working in the private sector to be selected by the Director General from three engineers nominated by the Engineers' Association in the country.
- 3) A member from the Economic Department in Dubai to be nominated by its Director General.

The Committee shall have the right to seek assistance from whomever it considers fit from the engineers working at the Department in carrying out its functions.

The Committee is authorized as follows:

of registration and the field in which he is authorized to practice	
as well as its category.	

- 3- To consider the license applications to open Engineering Firms in the Emirate, their classification and deciding upon the same.
- 4- To inspect the Engineering Firm and ensure the competency of the engineers working therein.
- 5- To maintain the principles, ethics and norms of the profession and take the necessary disciplinary measures against violators.
- 6- To investigate the violations committed by the licensed Engineering Firms.
- 7- To approve sophisticated specializations and new branches in the fields of the engineering profession.
- 8- To follow up the studies and technical researches related to the engineering profession and its branches and utilize the same in developing the engineering profession locally.
- 9- Any other tasks or fields vested therein under an assignment made by the Director General.
- Article (9) The application for entry in the Register and the license application to open an Engineering Firm shall be submitted to the Committee on the forms allocated for such purpose, attached with the supporting certificates and documents. The Committee shall decide upon the application within a maximum period of thirty days as from the date of receiving the same.
- Article (10) The applicant may submit a grievance against the Committee's decision within one month as from the date of being notified of the decision. The grievance shall be submitted to the Director General and shall be decided upon within two months as from the date of receiving the same, and the decision issued in this regard shall be final.
- Article (11) The Engineering Firm has the right apply to the Committee after one year from the date of its classification requesting to upgrade its classification pursuant to its latest developments. The Committee shall issue its decision in this concern within a maximum period of thirty days as from the date of submitting the application. The Firm shall have the right to submit a grievance against the decision in the manner stipulated for in the previous article.

Section Three

Licensing and Classification of Engineering Firms

Chapter One

The license holder is not permitted to be an owner or a partner in more than one Engineering Firm or to use more than one Firm as a location for practicing the profession in the Emirate.

Article (13) The license shall be issued personally to the applicants, and may not be assigned to third parties.

In case of death of the licensee, the heirs shall not acquire the capacity of the licensee. Observing the rights of third parties, the Committee may grant the heirs a grace period of one year as from the date of the expiry of their testator renewable for other similar period to complete the existing works; provided that a manager in charge of the Firms affairs shall be appointed from the engineers entered in the register. In all cases, the Firm may not, within such period, contract for carrying out new works.

Article (14) The heirs of the licensee may, with the approval of the Committee, assign the trade name of the Engineering Firm to those fulfilling the conditions necessary for licensing.

Article (15) The Engineering Firm may not practice the engineering consultancy except within the field and category in which the license is issued.

Article (16) The license shall be valid for a term of two years and the licensee should submit an application for renewing the license at least three months prior to its expiry. The Committee may cancel the license at any time should the licensee fail to maintain any of the conditions necessary for licensing.

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The Engineering Firms licensed in the Emirate may cooperate among themselves to carry out some engineering works assigned to them in order to complete the fields not included in the license issued to any one of them.

If there are multiple partners in the Engineering Firm, they must establish among themselves a professional company in which the partners shall be jointly liable for the company's obligations towards third parties.

Chapter Two

Classification of Engineering Firms

The Engineering Firms operating in the Emirate shall adopt one of the following forms:

The Local Engineering Firm

Article (20)	The Local Engineering Firm is the Firm owned by one or more natural persons from the nationals of the Country who are entered in the Register. One or more expatriates may have share in the ownership of the Firm, provided that they are entered in the register and that their total shareholding in the capital should not exceed 49%.
Article (21)	The Local Engineering Firm may combine more than one of the engi- neering fields, provided that a registered Engineer for each of such fields is available at the Firm.
Article (22)	The licensee may authorize one of the engineers operating in the Firm to sign and act on behalf thereof, provided that he is entered in the Register.
Article (23)	The classification of fields in the local Engineering Firms shall be in accordance with the following categories:
	 First Category Second Category Third Category
Article (24)	For classification of each field in accordance with the categories men- tioned in the previous article, it is conditional that the licensee should have a continuous experience in the same field for periods not less than the following:
	First Category: Ten years for nationals of the Country or fifteen years for others.
	Second Category: Five years for nationals of the Country or ten years for others.
	Third Category: Three years for nationals of the Country or five years for others.
Article (25)	The category of any field of the Local Engineering Firm may not exceed the highest category obtained by the Firm pursuant to the expertise of the national licensee.
	The Associate Engineering Firm

Article (26) As an exception to the provisions of the second paragraph of Article (12) beroof the Local Engineering Firm classified in the First Category

	viously practiced the engineering profession for a period not less than ten years inside or outside the Country in the field required to be licensed.
	In all cases, the foreign Engineering Firms concerned with this article shall be subject to the provisions referred to in article (12) hereof.
Article (27)	The Associate Engineering Firm must have an independent staff spe- cialized in the field of the Firm's work.
	One of the engineers operating in the firm may be authorised to sign and act on behalf thereof.
	The Expert Engineer Firm
Article (28)	The Expert Engineer Firm is the Firm owned by one natural person or more for carrying out some of the sophisticated specialized engineer- ing works. Its works shall be limited to provide opinion to the local Engineering Firms, the associate Engineering Firms or any of the official bodies.
Article (29)	 Subject to the provisions of article (30), it is conditional for the applicant for an Expert Engineer Firm license to fulfill the following requirements: To be entered in the Register. To be a holder of scientific degree in a sophisticated engineering specialization. To have practiced the profession in his sophisticated specialization for a period not less than fifteen years. To personally carry out the activity required to be licensed.
Article (30)	Except for the Firms in which one of the license applicants is a national of the country, it is conditional for granting the license that the Expert Engineer Firm has a Local Service Agent.
Article (31)	It is conditional for the Local Service Agent to fulfill the following requirements:
	 To be a natural person whose domicile is in the Emirate and holding the nationality of the Country. Not to be an owner or a partner in one of the construction con- tracting companies or building materials trading companies in the Country.

The relationship between the licensees in an Expert Engineer Firm and the Local Service Agent shall be regulated by a contract of which stipu

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Foreign Engineering Branch Office

- Article (33) The Foreign Engineering Branch office is the branch established in the Emirate by one of the foreign specialized Engineering Firms. Licensing the same shall be limited to the fields of sophisticated specialization not commonly provided by Local Engineering Firms.
- Article (34) It is conditional for the Foreign Engineering Firms to fulfill the following:
 - 1. The Foreign Office should be of a high technical qualification and specialized in one or more of the sophisticated engineering fields and existing in the native country for a period not less than fifteen years.
 - 2. The management of the Firm should be vested in a manager incharge, entered in the redister. whose experience in the practice of the profession is not less than fifteen years. A registered local engineer may, also, be assigned for the management of the Firm, provided that he is totally devoted to the business of such firm.
 - 3. The head office of the Firm in the mother country should have carried out a number of projects of large technical and financial value. When submitting the application for the license a full statement of such projects shall be attached with supporting drawings and documents.
 - 4. The Foreign Engineering Branch Office in the Emirate should have devoted technical staff of high qualification as follows:
 - a) Each of the licensed fields of activity to be practiced should be lead by an engineer whose experience is not less than fifteen years in his sophisticated specialisation and it is permissible to appoint one of the specialization heads as a resident office general manager.
 - b) The specialization head should be assisted by a number of assistant engineers whose experience is not less than seven years and that their number should be consistent with the volume of the current works assigned to the Firm, and that the head office should undertake to appoint the number necessary to reside in the Emirate throughout the period of carrying out the projects which require their presence.

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The Foreign Engineering Branch offices shall be subject to the conditions and provisions related to the Expert Engineer Firm as sticulated

Section Four

Duties of the Engineering Firm and the Engineers Working Therein

The Engineer should comply, in his work and behavior, with the principles of honesty, decency and integrity and to refrain from practicing the profession in any manner violating the laws and regulations.

Article (37) The Engineer, in practicing the engineering profession, should comply with the laws, regulations and all decisions issued by the Committee and other competent authorities, and he should notify the Committee and the official bodies immediately upon discovering any violation in executing the works which he supervises.

Article (38) The Engineer should endeavor to protect and support the Engineering Profession and comply, in dealing with his colleagues, with the necessities of manners and not to compete with them in unprofessional ways. He should not criticize their work in public, and he should not cooperate or contribute in works carried out by a person not entered in the register. He should not divulge any secrets of his clients.

Article (39) The Engineer should refrain from accepting any remuneration for the services which he renders except from the owner of the work himself or with his approval. Also, he may not receive commissions of any kind whatsoever.

Article (40) The Engineer may not employ middle men for fees or interest or to initiate publicity for himself in any advertising method.

The Engineering Firm is prohibited from entering into any contract if its purpose was to obtain commissions only without carrying out any real engineering works.

Before carrying out any engineering work, the Engineering Firm must sign with the employer a contract fulfilling the conditions necessary to reserve the rights of the contracting parties, following the contract form prepared by the Committee for such purpose. A copy of the contract and any amendments thereto shall be deposited with the Department within fifteen days as from the date of signing and amending the contract.

Article (43)

Article (41)

Article (42)

Article (36)

The Engineering Firm should keep originals of the plans, the accounting memorandums and the documents of the projects which it carries out including the amendments made to the same for a period pat less of making copies thereof.

- Article (44) The Engineer may not copy any design made by another Engineer, and he may not use the design which he made for his client for the use of another client except after obtaining the written approval of both clients.
- Article (45) The licensee, his legal representative or his heirs in case of his death, should notify the Committee about any change made to the status of the Firm, its technical staff and its address registered with the Committee, within sixty days as a maximum from the date in which the change or amendment took place.

Section Five

Violations and Discipline

Article (46) If it is proven to the Committee that the Engineering Firm has violated any of the laws, regulations, orders and decisions applicable, it may impose any of the following disciplinary penalties:

- Warning the Engineering Firm and the Engineer who committed the violations.

- Not allowing the Engineering Firm to accept any new works for a period of six months and in case of repeating the violation, the operations of the Firm shall be ceased for a period not less than one year and not exceeding two years.

Article (47) The Engineering Firm has the right to submit an aggrievance against the decision of the Committee to cease operations or cancel the license within one month from the date of receiving notice of its decision. The aggrievance shall be submitted to the Director General and shall be decided upon within two months from the date of its submission. The decision issued upon the aggrievance shall be final.

Article (48) Without prejudice to the disciplinary penalties, the license shall be cancelled if it is proven to the Committee that the license has lost one or more of the conditions stipulated for in this order or if it is proven that obtaining the license was made upon false or forged data and its registration shall consequently be cancelled.

Article (49) Without prejudice to the disciplinary penalties, any party who violates

Section Six

Final Provisions

Article (50) All Engineering Firms operating in the Emirate should adjust their status in accordance with the provisions of this order within three years as from its effective date.

Article (51) The Director General shall issue the regulations and decisions necessary to execute the provisions hereof.

Article (52) The regulation of practicing the profession for the Engineering Firms issued by the Dubai Municipality Council pursuant to Decision No. (614) dated 14-6-1975 shall be cancelled.

Article (53)This order shall be issued in the Official Gazette and shall be effective
three months after the date of its publication.

Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Chairman of The Municipality

Issued on February 19th, 1994 Corresponding to Ramadan 9th, 1414 H

LOCAL ORDER NO. (106) OF 1997 AMENDING LOCAL ORDER No. (89) OF 1994 ON REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY PROFESSION IN THE EMIRATE OF DUBAI

We, Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Municipality of Dubai:

- After perusal of the authorities legally conferred on us under the Establishing Decree of Dubai Municipality.
- Local Order No. (89) of 1994 on "Regulating the Practice of Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai".
- Upon the proposal of the Director General of the Municipality.
- For the public interest.

Article (2)

Article (3)

Issued the following Local Order:

Article (1) In applying this Order, the original Local Order shall mean Local Order No. (89) of 1994 on "Regulating the Practice of Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai", issued on the nineteenth day of February, 1194.

The provision of Clause One of Article (13) of the Original Local Order shall be replaced by the following:

The license shall be issued personally to the applicants for the same and may not be assigned to others except in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in this Order.

UAE national licensed to carry on the profession of engineering consultancy shall be exempted, at the time of enforcing the provisions of this Order, from the conditions referred to in clauses (5), (6) and (7) of Article (5) of the Original Local Order.

Article (4) Status adjustment period referred to in Article (50) of the Original Local Order shall be extended for additional ten years commencing from the fifteenth day of lune 1997 which term shall expire on the first change.

- Article (5) The Committee may decide to stop receiving any transactions for new construction works submitted by the Engineering Firms that fail to adjust their status, one year prior to the expiry of the period referred to the previous article.
- Article (6) This Order shall be published in the official gazette and shall come into force as of the date of its publication.

Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Chairman of the Municipality

Issued on the twenty fifth day of January 1997 Corresponding to the sixteenth day of Ramadan 1417 H.



LOCAL ORDER NO. (4) OF 1999 AMENDING LOCAL ORDER NO. (89) OF 1994

On Regulating the Profession of Engineering Consultancy in the Emirate of Dubai

We, Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Municipality of Dubai:

- Having reviewed of the powers vested in us by the Decree of Establishment of Dubai Municipality;
- Local Order No. (89) of 1994 Concerning Regulating of the Profession of Engineering Consultancy in the Emirate of Dubai, as amended; and
- Upon the proposal of the Director General of the Municipality.

Issued the following Local Order:

For the purposes of this Order the term "the Original Local Order" shall mean the Local Order No. (89) of 1994 Concerning Regulating of the Profession of Engineering Consultancy in the Emirate of Dubai.

All foreign engineering branch offices and engineering opinion firms existing at the time of enforcement of this order, and those established after the date of enforcement hereof, shall be exempt from the requirement of appointment of a local services agent provided by Article (30), (31) and (35) of the Original Local Order.

However, such Firms and Offices may appoint or continue an existing appointment of a local services agent if they wish to do so, provided that in both cases Articles (30)and on of the Original Local Order are observed.

Article (4)

Article (1)

Article (2)

Article (3)

This Order shall be attached to the Original Local Order and shall be read with it. Any provision to the contrary in the Original Local Order shall be, to the extent to which it contradicts with the provisions of this Order, hereby revoked.

This Order shall come into force as of the date of promulgation and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Hamdan Rin Dashid Al Maktoum

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION NO. (51) OF 1998 PROMULGATING THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS OF LOCAL ORDER NO. (89) OF 1994 ON "REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY PROFESSION IN THE EMIRATE OF DUBAI"

The Director General of the Municipality:

- After persual of the authorities legally conferred on us under the Establishing Decree of Dubai Municipality.
- Local Order No. (89) of 1994 On "Regulating the Practice of Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai" as amended by Local Order No. (106) of 1997.
- Out of concern to regulate the status of engineering Consultancy Firms and control of their practice in a manner that results in the development and improvement of the profession of engineering in the Emirate.
- For the interest of work.
- Decided:

The Committee

Article (1)

In applying the provisions of these regulations, the following two terms shall, unless otherwise is required by the context have the meanings set forth against them respectively:

The Local Order	Local Order No. (89) of 1994 On "Regulating
	The tradice of Engineering Consultancy
	Profession in the Emirate of Dubai," as
	amended by Local Order No. (106) of 1997.
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: The committee for registration and licensing of engineering consultancy practitioners in the Emirate of Dubai established by Administrative Decision No. (168) of 1994.

Chapter One

Engineering Consultants Registration Procedure

- Article (2) The Committee shall establish a register called "Register of Engineering Consultants" in accordance with the modern regulations and devices followed in the Municipality, provided that the register includes the following informations:
 - 1- Name and full address of the engineer.
 - 2- Nationality and date of birth of the engineer.
 - 3- Educational degree, field of specialization, name of the university awarding the degree, year of graduation and the name of the country to which the university awarding the degree belongs.
 - 4- Number of years of experience in the field of specialization after obtaining the university degree.
 - 5- Date of joining to the Engineers Association in the State and the membership number therein.
 - 6- Visa number, date of issue and expiry for non-UAE nationals.
 - 7- Position occupied by the engineer in the engineering firm.
 - 8- Any other information that the Committee deems necessary to include in the Register.

Article (3)

The application for inclusion in the Register shall be submitted to the Committee at the time of filing the application for licensing the establishment of the engineering firm or on adding certified technical staff, on the form prepared for the purpose accompanied by the following documents:

- 1- A copy of the family extract for UAE nationals or of valid passport for non-UAE nationals.
- 2- Certificate of good conduct issued by the concerned authority in the State.
- 3- A copy of the duly certified academic degree obtained by the applicant for registration, showing the engineering field of specialization.
- 4- Experience certificate in the field of specialization after obtaining the university degree.

showing the type of commercial activities for which the applicant is granted trade licenses to verify whether the applicant is an owner of or a partner to any of the establishments stated in Article (5) of the Local Order which contradicts with practicing engineering consultancy.

- 7- A declaration in writing including an undertaking by the applicant not to carry on the activity of trade in building materials in case of having a license for carrying on the activity of general trading.
- 8- An undertaking in writing by the engineer for non-UAE nationals to work on full time basis in the engineering firm, and to be resident in the State for not less than nine months in every year.
- 9- Any other documents that the Committee deems necessary to submit.

Chapter Two

Fields of Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate

Article (4)

Article (5)

Without prejudice to the competence of the Committee to approve new engineering specialties and branches, the following activities shall be of the fields of engineering consultancy profession practice:

- 1- Architecture consultancy.
- 2- Civil engineering consultancy.
- 3- Electrical and electronic engineering consultancy.
- 4- Mechanical engineering consultancy.
- 5- Mine, mining and geological engineering consultancy.
- 6- Chemical and petrol engineering consultancy.

Schedule (1) hereto, approved by us, classifies major engineering specialties that are included under every heading of the engineering activities referred to in the previous paragraph.

Local consultancy firms specialized in the activity of civil or architectural engineering consultancy may carry on engineering specialties that are related to the fields of their main activity may as well add other engineering activities from the activities referred to in the previous Article provided that the same fulfill the following conditions:

- Article (6) The projects and works permitted to be performed by local engineering consultancy firms specialized in the activities of architecture and civil engineering consultancy, shall be determined according to the category in which the activities of such firms are classified as follows:
 - First category:Project and works of building of unlimited floors.Second category:Projects and works of buildings consisting of
ground floor and 12 repeated floors.
 - Third category:Projects and works of buildings consisting of
ground floors and 4 repeated floors.

Chapter Three

Establishment, Renewal and Re-classification of Local Engineering Firms

First: Procedure of Establishing a Local Engineering Office

- Article (7) An application for Licensing the establishment of a local engineering firm shall be filed on the form prepared for the purpose and shall be accompanied by the following documents:
 - 1- A copy of the registration certificate of the applicant and certified technical staff.
 - 2- A copy of the family extract for UAE nationals and copies of passport with valid visa for non-UAE nationals.
 - 3- The initial approval issued by the Economic Development Department concerning the issuance of a license for carrying on the activity of engineering consultancy.
 - 4- A statement by the Economic Development Department of the trade needs is used in the names of the applicants for license and the managers in charge, to verify whether the licensed activities contradict with the profession of engineering consultancy.
 - 5- A written undertaking by the applicant not to carry on the activity of contracting and trade in building materials in case he has a license for carrying on the activity of general trading.
 - 6- A written undertaking by the engineer for non-UAE nationals to work in the engineering firm on full time basis and to stay in the State for note less than nine months in every year.
 - 7- A certificate of no objection by the employer for UAE national -

9- Contracts of partnership in the ownership of the engineering firm concluded between the partners, containing all main information like the names, nationalities and addresses of partners, details of activities and works to be carried out, the term of partnership, the amount of share of each partner in the subscribed capital and the names of the persons authorized to sign and act on its behalf.

The classification of the activity of the local engineering firm licensed for the first time shall be in the third category, regardless of the number of years of experience of the applicant. However, the activity of a local engineering firm, as an exception may be classified in the second category on the fulfillment of the following conditions:

Article (8)

Article (9)

Article (10)

Article (11)

Article (12)

- 1- If the applicant has previously owned or still owns an engineering consultancy firm in the State.
- 2- To have years of experience in practicing the profession equal to the number of years required for classification in the second category.
- 3- The engineering firm has practical experience conforming with the minimum experience and standards required for such category.

Second: Procedures of Renewal of Local Engineering Firms License

Renewal of licenses of local engineering firms shall be made on the form prepared for the purpose and shall be accompanied by all the documents referred to in Article (7) hereof, in case of making any amendments or changes in the information relating to the firm.

On considering the applications for renewal of licenses of the Local Engineering Firms which apply for renewal prior to the expiry of the period given for them to adjust their status, their status shall e evaluated and fixed on one of the categories referred to in Chapter Four hereof and on basis of the technical standards of each category.

Engineering firms which capabilities do not conform with the category in which they are classified must adjust their status in accordance with the standards required for such category, within the period specified by the Committee.

Concerning the establishment and renewal of license of local engineering firms carrying on the activity of electrical, electronic mechanic, mine, mining and geological engineering, chemical and petrol engi-

Re-classification of a Local Engineering Office Third:

- Article (13) The license holder may, when applying for a license renewal, request the committee to reclassify the firm in a higher category than the category in which it is classified upon new technical conditions for the same, on the amendment Department accompanied by the following documents:
 - 1- The original license issued for the engineering firm for carrying on the profession of engineering consultancy.
 - 2- A statement of the number and names of the staff working on full time basis in the firm, their educational and professional gualifications and the years of experience they have.
 - 3- A statement of the total areas of works and projects designed by the firm and approved by the Building License Committee and the nature and type of such projects, as well as the total areas of works and projects which the firm supervised their implementation and performance and the type of such projects and works, performed during the last three years prior to the date of application for promotion or during the period which the firm spent in the previous category.
- Article (14) The right to apply for re-classification from one category to a higher category shall be restricted to engineering firms which status conforms with the provisions of the Local Order and Engineering Firms which adjusted their status in accordance with the provisions, restrictions and conditions stated therein.

Article (15) An engineering firm may not apply for re-classification from a category to a higher category except after:

> 1- One full year from the date of it being classified and fixed in the current category.

Or

2- Three years from the date of last classification given to it.

In considering the submitted re-classification applications, the evaluation of engineering firms shall be based on the standard of the technical staff working on full time basis in the firm and the number of activities carried on by it and the volume of areas and projects approved and performed in accordance with the category of the firm and the extent of its conformity with the technical standards of each of the elements

Chapter Four

Technical Standards for Evaluation of Local Engineering Firms Article (17) Evaluation of local engineering firms for the purpose of classifying and placing them in one of the categories referred to in the previous Article shall be in accordance with the technical standards stated in Schedule (2) hereto and approved by us. Article (18) The technical standards set forth in Schedule (2) shall be enforced in the evaluation of local engineering firms when considering applications filed for: 1- Establishment of an engineering firm for the first time. 2- Renewal of license of an existing engineering firm that is subject to the condition of adjustment of status within the legal period. 3- Re-classification from one category to a higher category upon any new circumstances occurring to the licensed engineering firm. Article (19) The minimum number of activities carried on by the local engineering Firm, regardless of the category in which it is classified, may not be less than two related activities. Article (20) The minimum number of engineers working on full time basis in the engineering firm must be proportionate to the number of activities carried on by the firm and the category in which it is classified, and in the case where the number of activities exceeds the required minimum, the engineering staff must be increased in accordance with Schedule (3) hereto which is approved by us. **Chapter Five** Establishment and Renewal of Licenses of Associated Engineering Firms, **Expert Engineers Firms and Branches of Foreign Engineering Firms**

Article (21)

A license may be given for the establishment of associated or foreign engineering Firms or Firms of expert engineers if the purpose of establishing the same was to carry on precision engineering specialties. Within this framework, and without prejudice on the competence of the Committee to add other precision engineering specialties in the future, the following shall be considered of the precision engineering

Article (16)

1- In the Field of Architectural and Civil Engineering:

- a- Specialized engineering studies.
- b- Distinguished hotels, specialized commercial centers, towers compounds, educational, cultural, social and sport compounds, hospitals and specialized clinics.
- c- Public parks and entertainment establishments.
- d- Roads, bridges, airports, ports, subways and car parking.
- e- Sewerage and irrigation systems, sewerage and irrigation processing units, water distribution systems, main water collecting reservoirs and dams.

2- In the Field of Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic Engineering:

- a- Power production, transmission and distribution systems in public networks.
- b- Towers for communication systems and electricity lines.
- c- Mechanical and electromechanical systems for specialized projects.
- 3- In the Field of Mine, Mining, Geology, Chemical and Petrol Engineering:
 - a- Projects of production, transport and distribution of oil and gas.
 - b- Petrochemical structures and plants.
- Article (22)

License application for the establishment of any of the engineering firms referred to in the previous Article shall be submitted to the Committee on the form prepared for the purpose accompanied by the following documents:

- 1- A copy of the certificate of registration of the applicants or the managers in charge and the accredited technical staff in the profession register.
- 2- The original initial approval issued by the Economic Development Department concerning the issuance of a license for carrying on the activity of engineering consultancy.
- 3- A statement issued by the Economic Development Department of the trade licenses issued in the names of the applicants and

- 5- Documents showing the years of practical experience in the precision specialty field.
- 6- A detailed statement of the previous works and projects carried out by the engineering firm applying for License.
- 7- Copies of the contracts of establishment of the engineering firms in their countries of nationality.
- 8- Undertaking by declaration to work on full time basis in the engineering firm by the applicants and the engineering staff.
- 9- The documents showing the appointment of a local service agent of the engineering firm applying for license.
- 10- Any other documents that the Committee deems necessary to submit.

Renewal of licenses of the engineering firms referred to in the previous Article shall be on the form prepared for the purpose accompanied by the following documents in the case of making any amendments or changes to the information related to the firm:

Article (23)

- 1- Valid copies of membership cards with the engineering society in the state of the license holder and the technical and engineering staff of the firm.
- 2- A statement of the works and projects implemented or under progress for the past two years of licensing.
- 3- Documents relating to the adjustments made to the status of the office if any especially those relating to the engineering staff of the once.
- 4- A statement issued by the Economic Development Department showing whether any licenses were issued to the license holder or the manager in charge of the firm concerning carrying on activities that contradict with practicing the profession of engineering consultancy.
- 5- A copy of the power of attorney given by the parent foreign company stating the continuation of the authorization of the manager in charge to carry on the functions of the resident general manager of the engineering Firm in the case of temporary authorization

Article (24) The provisions and terms of the contract regulating the legal relationship between the license holders in the expert engineer Firms or in a branch of a foreign engineering firm on one part and the local service agent on the other part must be in accordance with the provisions and terms stated in the form of appointment of "local service agent" attached hereto and approved by us.

Chapter Six

Concluding Provisions

- Article (25) The term of the issued license shall be two years and shall be renewable for similar term(s) upon application by the license holders in accordance with the provisions of renewal indicated in these regulations.
- Article (26) A manager may be appointed from amongst the technical staff of the engineering firm in whom shall be vested the functions of signing and acting on behalf of the firm, provided that:
 - 1- He must be an engineer registered in the Engineering Consultant Register.
 - 2- He must be working on full time basis in engineering firm.
 - 3- He must have the term of experience required to be met by the license holder and required for every type of engineering firms provided in Article (19) of the Local Order.

Article (27)

The engineering consultancy firm must make a work contract or a consultancy service contract with the owner guided in the same by the form of the contract attached hereto and approved by us, and provided that the same includes the minimum of the following elements:

- 1- Definition of the persons who are parties to the contract in an accurate manner.
- 2- Definition of the engineering works which are the subject matter of the contract.
- 3- The contracting period agreed on for the implementation of the works or engineering services.
- 4- The estimated financial cost of the project.
- 5 Determination of the fees agreed on and terms of navment

- 7- Conditions of termination of the contract, penal conditions and delay penalties if any.
- 8- Determination of the applicable law on disputes occurring during the implementation of the contract and the judicial authority competent of considering and resolving such disputes.

The right to enjoy the legal period given for adjustment of status of engineering firms shall be restricted to firms for which the establishment procedures were in accordance with the legislative provisions which were in fore on the issuance of the Local Order. As to engineering firms which were in violation of such provisions and in violation of the provisions of the Local Order, the Committee may grant a period not exceeding three months as of the date of filing an application for renewal of license, to adjust their status.

Article (29) The Committee shall be competent of considering and investigating the acts committed by engineering firms in violation of the provisions of the Local Order, in which respect the penalties provided in Article (30) below shall apply.

The engineering Firm which is in violation of the provisions of the Local Order or its implementing Regulation or the legislation and regulations in force or the instructions issued from time to time by the Committee, shall be punished, after notice, by one or more of the following penalties:

- 1- Prohibition from accepting any new engineering works for the term of six months, and in the case of repetition the firm shall be ceased from practice for a period of not less than one year and not more than two years.
- 2- Fine not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dirhams.
- 3- Cancellation of license.

Article (28)

Article (30)

Article (31)

Article (32)

The chairman of the Committee of registration and licensing of engineering consultants will issue any regulations or instructions required for good implementation.

This Administrative Decision shall come into force as of the date of issuance and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Qassim Sultan Al Banna

trative Decision No. (51) of 1998 e implementing Regulaions of (89) of 1994

Schedule (1) Schedule of Specialties Under Every Engineering Activity

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neering vity	Civil Engineering Consultancy Activity	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Consultancy Activity	Mechanical Engineering Consultancy Activity	Mine, Mining and Geology Engineering Consultancy Activity	Petrol and Chemical Engineering Consultancy Activity
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Schedule of Standards Required for Evaluation

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Schedule No. (3)

Schedule of the Engineering Staff That Must be Available in Engineering Consultancy Firms

Total Specialities	Minimum Number	of engineers Working on Full Time Basis	
	First Category	Second Category	Third Category
2	7	5	3
3	8		4
More than 3	10		10

Qassim Sultan Al Banna Director General of the Municipality

Sample of Engineering Consultancy Services Contract

On corresponding to First Party : Address :	/	/ 199 this contract is made between: , hereinafter referred to as (the "Owner")
Second Party :		hereinafter referred to as (the "Consultant")

Preamble:

The above Preamble is considered an integral part of this contract, and shall be read as such.

First: Engineering Services

The Second Party shall render engineering consultancy services represented by the works of studies, design and supervision of the performance of the Project in accordance with the following:

1- Study and Design Services:

a - Initial Report and Design Phase, including:

- a 1 Study of the Owner's demands and giving consultancy in respect thereof.
- a 2 Study of the site plan and obtain the applicable building regulations from the concerned authorities and ensure the conformity of the demands of Owner with such regulations.
- a 3 Prepare initial plans concerning the main technical specification of the Project.
- a 4 Prepare feasibility studies and estimation of the initial cost of the Project
- a 5 Amend and improve the initial drawings and the technical

b - Initial Design Phase including:

- b-1 Prepare and present initial drawings in accordance with the requirements and regulations of the concerned official authority.
- b 2 Obtain the initial approval of such drawings from the concerned official authority.
- b 3 Prepare schedules of finishing of the main elements of the Projects.
- b 4 Invite specialists in soil testing to submit their bids and appoint one of them to carry out the required proper technical studies and prepare a report on the same.

c - Final Design Phase including:

- c 1 Make necessary survey (typographic) and prepare network budget.
- c 2 Prepare final drawings and designs for the projects including all details of the architectural, construction, electrical, sanitary, air conditioning, fire fighting and alarm system studies in accordance with the requirements of the concerned departments and authorities.
- c 3 Prepare the special specifications and prepare quantity schedules in light of the final drawings.
- c 4 Re-state the estimated cost of the Project in light of the aforesaid.
- c 5 Provide the Owner with one copy of the full series of the final drawings and have his signature for approval of the same.
- c 6 Commence the procedures of issuance of a building license from the concerned official authority in accordance with the applicable legislation in this respect in the Emirate.

d - Preparation of Tender Documents Phase including:

- d 1 Prepare () copies of the final detailed drawings of the Project - the contract - general and special conditions of the contract - general and special technical specifications schedule of qualities.
- d 2 Prepare a list with the names of contractors who are capable of implementing the Project, upon consultation with the Owner.
- d 3 Prepare a report including financial and technical analysis of the tenders submitted by contractors, with the necessary recommendation in this respect to the Owner.
- d A Award of the contract to the proper contractor with the

signed by the Owner and the contractor, each to keep a copy of which and the third is to be deposited with the Consultant.

2 - Services of Supervision on Performance including:

- 2 1 Supervise and instruct the performance of the works through regular visits to the site of the project to follow up the course of works in accordance with the provisions of this contract and the usages of the profession and the conditions of the contract made between the Owner and the contractor. To this end, he may issue the proper decisions or instructions for the performance of the contractor. To this end, he may issue the proper decisions or instructions for the performance of the conditions and specifications stipulated in the contract.
- 2 2 Approve the detailed drawings of performance proposed by the contractor or sub-contractors or suppliers prior to commencement of implementation thereof.
- 2-3 Give the clarifications necessary for the contractor concerning the documents of the contract in a manner that guarantees the best implementation of the Project.
- 2-4 Approve samples, specimens and catalogs of materials presented by the contractor and determined to be used in the Project and ensure the safety of the used materials and their conformity with the approved specifications and with the principles of industry after taking the opinion of the Owner -whenever necessary.
- 2 5 Inspect the used materials and monitor workmanship in the performance of the works and demand the carrying out of any tests on such materials to ensure their conformity with the approved specifications.
- 2-6 Report to the Owner, on a regular basis, on the various phases of the course of work.
- 2 7 Prepare payment certificates according to the performance phases.
- 2-8 Apply, in accordance with the applicable procedures, for approvals of the concerned official authorities of any variations to the Project after the agreement on such variation between the parties hereto in writing.
- 2 9 Study the demands of the contractor and recommend to the Owner what he deems proper in this respect.
- 2-10 Carry out the final inspection and issue performance certificates and make final settlement of the dues of the contractor in light thereof.

Second : Duties and Responsibilities of the Consultant

- 1 To follow the rules and the technical and professional usages and to act for the interest of the Owner without prejudice to the balance of the contract with respect to the right of the other parties to the contract.
- 2 To comply in conducting his functions with the laws, regulations and decisions organizing the practice of the profession and its principles, and with the building regulations applicable in this respect.
- 3 The Consultant shall be responsible in accordance with the provisions of the applicable legislation for the correctness of his drawings, designs, plans and supervision instructions.
- 4 The Consultant shall be entitled to his remuneration for the Project from the Owner under this contract, and may not in any case receive any amount whatsoever and in any capacity whatsoever for the Project from any other party.

Third : Remuneration

The remuneration of the Consultant against rendering his services shall be defined at the rate % of the total actual final cost of the Project of which is % for fees of design and % for fees of supervision, which fees shall be payable on the following phases:

1 - Design Phase :

- 1 1 % of the total fees of design on the completion of the initial drawings.
- 1 2 % of the fees of design on the completion of the performance drawings and approving the same by the licensing authorities.
- 1 3 % of the fees of design on presentation of the analysis report of the tender and the preparation of the contract for execution.
- 1 4 The fees referred to above shall be paid within not later thandays of the date presentation of the Consultant's payment.

2 - Supervision Phase :

a - Fees for this phase shall be paid in monthly installments to be calculated as follows:

b - The fees referred to above shall be paid within not later than
 () days from the date of presentation of the Consultant's payment.

3 - Basis of Fees Calculation :

- 3 1 The cost of the Project shall be calculated on basis of the estimated costs of the same first then on basis of the amount of the accepted tender second and then on basis of the actual total final cost on the issuance of the final payment to the contractor third, and the aforesaid percentages of the cost of the Project shall be corrected for each phase in light of the available information then.
- 3 2 The actual cost shall include the value of any building materials that the Owner supplies to the Project and shall also include the total payments issued to the contractor and the payment of any claims due to the Project prior to the deduction of any penalty by the contractor and a fair estimation of the amount of any labor or manufactured materials of machines given by the Owner to the contractor, but excluding:
 - Administrative expenses of the Owner.
- Professional fees.
- Interest on capital during the period of performance.
- Price of land.
- 3 3 The Consultant's fees specified above do not include the following:
 - Additional copies of the drawings.
 - Expenses of external and internal perspectives and making of models.
 - Expenses of soil testing of the Project site and any other considerations.
 - Fees of furniture design and interior decoration.
 - Fees of official documents and licenses.

Fourth : Owner's Obligations

1 - Not to make any change in the design nor give technical instructions to the contractor except through the Consultant and with his consent, otherwise, the latter shall be discharged from responsibility and the results arising from the same on the condition of potifying the concerned authori

- 2 If the Owner appointed staff for supervision, such staff shall be subject to the instructions of the Consultant, and on failure of the staff to comply with such instructions, the consultant shall have the right to discharge himself from the technical and legal responsibilities arising from the contract, on the condition of notifying the concerned authorities and the Owner of the same.
- 3 To pay the liabilities and the financial payments due by him/it to the Consultant on their due dates without delay.
- 4 To give the consultant the letter of appointment necessary for carrying out the functions stated in this contract and to commence the procedures required for the same before the concerned authorities.

Fifth : Amendments

If the Consultant is required to make any amendments to the designs or documents previously approved in whole or in part upon the request of the Owner or for any reason that is not relating to the Consultant, he shall be entitled to fees for such amendments in accordance with the prior agreement between the two parties before commencing any of such amendments.

Sixth : Extension of the Performance Period and Ceasing the Service of the Consultant

1 - If necessarly required the extension of the period of performance of work determined under the contract made between the Owner and the Consultant for an additional term for a reason that is not related to the Consultant, he shall be entitled to compensation by the Owner as follows:

Amount of compensation =

Additional period x Total supervision fees x 85% (Term determined in the documents of the contract)

2 - If the work of the Consultant stops in whole or in part after commencement of any phase and prior to the completion thereof by cause of the Owner or by any other cause that is not related to the Consultant, he shall be entitled to his fees in full for the phases performed by him in addition to the phase which he commenced with a componentian in proper

Seventh : Ownership of Documents

Design, technical drawings, specifications and other documents of the contract are considered the property of the Consultant and the Owner may not dispose of them without the consent of the Consultant and the latter may not use the same design for another client without the consent of the Owner.

Eighth : Termination of Agreement

The Owner shall have the right to terminate this contract under a written letter on the condition that he/it pays to the Consultant his due fees and the fair compensation arising there from within () days from the date of notifying him.

The Consultant may also terminate this contract under a written notice to the Owner if due payments were delayed for () days or in the case of breach by the Owner of any of his/its obligations provided in this contract, then, fees dues to the consultant shall be paid to him for the stages performed up to the date of termination with fair compensation for the works commenced but not completed by him. In all cases, the concerned authorities must be notified forthwith of the same.

Nineth : Settlement of Disputes

In the event of any disputes between the two parties on the interpretation of the terms of this contract the same shall be settled first amicably, and in the case of failure to reach an agreement, the same shall be referred to arbitration by electing a single arbitrator by both parties, if they fail to agree on the same within thirty days, they may apply to the Engineers Association in the State for the appointment of an arbitrator, and if the dispute is not resolved by any of the said means, the courts of Dubai shall have jurisdiction in resolving the same. This contract is made of () pages and () copies, each party shall keep a copy to act according to it.

Executed on / /

First Party

Second Party

Contract of Appointing "Local Services Agent"



Introduction

- * Whereas the First Party wishes to carry on professional business in the Emirate of Dubai, and whereas he obtained an initial approval from the Economic Department for carrying on the activity under the trade name:
- Whereas Articles (30, 31, 32) of Local Order No. (89) of 1994 Concerning Regulations of Carrying on the Profession of Engineering Consultancy in the Emirate of Dubai requires engineering offices having any of the license holders who is not a UAE national to have a local services agent, it is therefore agreed between the parties as follows:

Article (1)

The above introduction shall be considered an integral part hereof and shall be read with it.

Article (2)

The First Party hereby appoints the Second Party as their local service agent in the Emirate of Dubai and the Second Party accepts such appointment for the duration of this Contract and any extension thereof, for the purposes set forth in it.

Article (3)

The duties and obligations of the Second Party towards the First Party and others shall be limited to the lawful ordinary man diligence to enable the First Party to carry on their activity in the Emirate of Dubai, of which is to assist them in the issuance and renewal of the professional licenses and to assist them in the issuance and renewal of the necessary work permits.

Article (4)

The First Party shall be solely fully responsible towards others for any debts or financial liabilities that may become due by them as of the date of signing this Contract, which may result from carrying on business in the Emirate of Dubai.

Article (5)

The Second Party shall not be responsible to the First Party or to others for any civil or professional liability or any financial obligations relating to the business and activities of the First Party in and outside the Emirate of Dubai.

Article (6)

In consideration of the Second Party's rendering his services under this Contract, the First Party undertakes to pay to the Second Party an amount of (Dirhams______) Dirhams______ only, per annum.

Article (7)

The term of this Contract shall be two (2) years commencing from the date of issuance of the license and shall be renewable for a similar period unless either party notifies the other by a registered letter at their/his address referred to first in this Contract, of his/their wish not to renew the Contract. Such notice should be given not less that two months prior to the date of expiry.

Article (8)

The relationship between the two parties shall be limited to the obligations referred to above in this Contract. The parties hereto shall not be in any way considered partners or jointly responsible for any financial liabilities that may arise as a result of the First Party's carrying on their activity in the Emirate of Dubai.

Article (9)

Any dispute between the parties concerning the interpretation of the terms of this Contract shall be settled amicably. In the event of failure to reach an agreement, Dubai Courts shall be competent to resolve the same.

This Contract is made in () copies, one copy shall be kept after notarization, with the Notary Public, one copy shall be deposited with the concerned authority for completion of the necessary licensing procedures while every party shall keep a copy to act under it.



Signed by: _____

Second Party