

To: SAICE

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Third draft of the General Conditions of Contract for Construction Works (GCC 2009)

I refer to your request to the CIDB for comment on the third draft of the GCC 2009, for inclusion in the CIDB Standard for Uniformity in the public sector.

My responses to you dated 31 July 2008 and 23 December 2008, have reference.

Further to this, the CIDB hosted a Client Focus Group Meeting on 23 February 2009, where the Draft GCC 2009 was discussed. The notes from that meeting were forwarded to you on 25 February 2009. No further comments to that, which was already agreed to at the meeting, were received, specific to the issue of the Dispute Board, from the members of the Client Focus Group.

In this regard, the CIDB would like to notify you that the comments collated on the draft GCC 2009 at the Client Focus Group Meeting serve as the basis for rejecting the draft GCC 2009 for inclusion in the CIDB Standard for Uniformity.

What is of great concern is that all previous correspondence to you in this regard have made reference to similar queries and concerns as those raised by the Clients in the Public Sector. I would therefore propose that the GCC Working Group incorporates the many positive comments received from my interaction with the public sector clients, as provided in the notes of 23 Feb 2009, for the re-drafting of GCC 2009.

The CIDB will gladly provide a platform for discussion with clients responsible for the delivery of infrastructure in the public sector, on an updated GCC 2009, where their concerns have been addressed. I trust that this recommendation serves to promote and strengthen our combined efforts to provide guidance to the implementation of standards and uniformity for the effective delivery of infrastructure in the public sector.

Kind regards



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