TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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1. PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Standard and Codes

1.1.1 The Contractor shall, perform the Works in compliance with all regulations, standard specifications or statutes of the Government of Maldives unless otherwise conform to this specification.

1.1.2 The current British Standard Specifications and Codes of Practice shall apply to and form part of these specifications unless otherwise specified in respect of all materials and works to which they have application.

1.2 Drawings and Specifications

1.2.1 Drawings and Specifications are intended to complement each other, so that if anything is shown on the Drawings, but not mentioned in the specifications or vice versa, it is to be furnished and built as though specifically set forth in all three. If any discrepancies, errors, ambiguities or omissions occur in the Drawings or Specifications, the same shall be referred to the Consultant before proceeding with the Works, and the Consultant decision on such discrepancies, errors, ambiguities or omissions shall be final.

1.2.2 In addition to the Drawings and Specifications attached hereto, the Consultant will during the progress of the Works furnish additional Drawings, Specifications, and instructions as may be necessary, in the opinion of the Consultant for the purpose of the proper and adequate execution and maintenance of the Works, and the Contractor shall make his work conform. Such drawings and instructions shall be deemed to be part of the Contract Documents.

1.3 Transportation to the Site

1.3.1 The Contractor shall provide all necessary transport, handling and storage of all materials, components and the like to their points of installation on site including transport to and from storage. The Contractor shall provide all necessary transport of labour to and from the site.

1.4 Schedule and Execution Plan

1.4.1 The Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Consultant for approval the construction schedule and an execution plan of temporary facilities, stockyards, etc., before the start of the Works.

1.5 Repairing and Correction

1.5.1 Any breakage(s) or defect(s) of existing buildings, road utilities, or part(s) of them caused by the Works including transportation for the works shall be repaired or corrected by the Contractor with his responsibility.

1.6 Workmanship and Materials

1.6.1 All workmanship shall be of the best standard. All goods and materials to be incorporated in the Works must be new, unused, of the most recent or current models and incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract.

1.6.2 The Contractor shall submit for the approval of the Consultant a list of names and addresses

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of the manufacturers and trade marks or names of all the various types of materials and goods he propose to use in the Works. The list shall include reference to the specifications clause or article to which the materials and goods apply.

1.6.3 Materials shall be obtained from approved sources and used in accordance with the manufacturer's printed instructions. In the absence of a specification all materials shall comply with a relevant standard. The consultant shall order the removal of any materials, which he has not approved.

1.6.4 No orders for materials and goods shall be placed until approval has been obtained for the materials and goods from the consultant.

1.6.5 The Contractor shall note that it is his responsibility to include in his price for the cost of the materials and products as specified and no adjustment will be allowed should the consultant reject the alternatives.

1.7 Obvious Work

1.7.1 Where an item of work is obviously required for the type of work being undertaken then it shall be deemed to have been included even though the item is not specifically mentioned or shown in the Drawings or Specifications.

1.8 Protection

1.8.1 The Contractor shall have the Works and adjoining properties protected from inclement weather. Any loss or damage caused by weather, carelessness or lack of skill of workers, accident or otherwise shall be of such property that is affected. The Contractor shall provide all necessary dustsheets, barriers and guardrails and clear away at completion.

1.8.2 The work shall be suspended for such time as may be directed and/or approve by the Consultant if the specified quality of work is difficult to maintain during inclement weather.

1.9 Scaffolding

1.9.1 The Contractor shall provide, erect, maintain, dismantle and clear away at completion proper and adequate including that required for subcontractor and suppliers. Putlog holes shall be made good to match the adjacent surface as the scaffolding is dismantled.

1.9.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for all safety precautions in connection with the scaffolding including the provision of all bracing, scaffold boards, toe boards and the like and for entire sufficiency for the work.

1.10 Construction Machinery, Plants and Equipment's

All necessary construction machines shall be provided and maintained by the Contractor and shall be approved by the Consultant.

If cranes or any other type of plant which places any load on the structure are proposed, all details of such plant shall be submitted to the Consultant for approval before the work is actually commenced. If approved by the Consultant and Consultanturally acceptable, permission may be given for the structure to be strengthened, in order to carry out loads, and the Contractor shall be responsible for any resulting additional costs.

The Contractor shall be responsible for making good to the satisfaction of the Consultant any damage to the permanent structure that may be caused by his plant and equipment.

1.11 Samples

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The Contractor shall furnish for the approval with reasonable promptness, all samples as directed by the consultant. The Consultant shall check and approve such materials with reasonable promptness only for conformance with the design concept of the Works and for compliance with the information given in the Contract Document. The Work shall be in accordance with the approved samples

All samples shall be delivered to the Consultant's office with all charges in connection therewith paid by the Contractor and deemed to be included in the Contract Price.

Duplicate final approved samples, inaddtion to any required for the Contractor's use, shall be furnished to the Consultant, one for office use and one for the site.

Samples shall be furnished so as not to delay fabrication, allowing the consultant reasonable time for consideration of the sample submitted.

Each sample shall be properly labeled with the name and quality of the material, manufacturer's name, name of project, the contractor's name and date of submission, and the specification clause to which the sample refers.

1.12 Ordering Materials

1.12.1 The Bills of Quantities shall not be used as a basis for ordering materials and the Contractor is entirely responsible for assessing the quantities of materials to be ordered.

1.12.2 Upon receipt of the Consultant's order to commence the Works, the Contractor shall immediately place orders for all required materials and will be held responsible for any delays occurring due to late placing of such orders.

1.12.3 The Contractor shall pay all expenses, taxes and dues etc. incurred on the procurement of materials from abroad

1.13 Water and Electricity for the Works

1.13.1 The Contractor shall make all necessary arrangements and provide all water for the proper execution of the Works, together with all transport, temporary plumbing, storage and distribution, pay all charges and alter, adept and maintain temporary work as necessary and remove and make good at completion.

1.13.2 The Contractor shall make all necessary arrangements and provide all artificial lighting and power (maintain a generator if necessary) for the proper execution and security of the Works and its protection, with all meters, temporary wiring and fittings, pay all charges and alter adapt and maintain the temporary work as necessary and remove and make good at completion.

1.14 Site Offices for Contractor

1.14.1 The Contractor shall provide maintain and clear away on completion of the Contract all necessary site offices, canteens, messing and welfare facilities, temporary buildings, toilets and the like for all site staff employed by the Contractor and required by subcontractors and suppliers.

1.14.2 The offices shall be open at all normal working hours to receive instructions, notices and other communications.

1.14.3 The Contractor shall obtain the approval of the Consultant of the proposed site layout, type and drainage arrangement of all the buildings prior to erection of same. All buildings shall be supplied and maintained in good condition and of neat appearance, all maintenance to same as instructed by the Consultant shall be carried out at the Contractor's expense.

1.14.4 Under no circumstances shall overnight accommodation be permitted on Site except for the site watchman in carrying out his duties.

1.15 Contractor's Site Area

1.15.1 Throughout the period of the Contract the Contractor shall maintain the area of his operation within the limits of the Site in a clean, tidy and safe condition by arranging materials and the like in an orderly manner. All rubbish, debris, waste materials and the like shall be systematically cleared from the Site as it accumulates.

1.15.2 The Contractor shall take all steps necessary as directed by the Consultant to minimize or eliminate dust, noise or any other nuisance, which may occur. Plant emitting dust, smoke, excessive noise or other nuisance shall not be permitted.

1.16 Progress Meetings

1.16.1 During the course of the Works, progress meetings shall be held at fortnightly intervals for the purpose of co-ordinating the Contractor's works and to ensure that full compliance is maintained.

1.16.2 Minutes of such meetings should be recorded; copies will be distributed to all persons concerned and full effect shall be given to all instructions contained therein.

1.16.3 Prior to such meetings the Contractor shall give to the Consultant's Representative details in writing of that portion of the Works he proposes to construct during the coming two weeks with details of the plant and method he proposes to employ. These proposals shall be discussed at the meeting and no work based on such proposals shall proceed without the approval of the Consultant's Representative.

1.16.4 The Contractor shall submit all reports as instructed by the Consultant in connection with progress meetings and the day to day management of the Works.

1.17 Progress Photographs

1.17.1 The Contractor shall supply once a month, at the time of submitting his Interim Certificates, twelve photographs from 36 exposures showing the progress of the Works. The Consultant shall direct the times and position from which the photographs are to be taken.

1.17.2 The photographs shall be submitted in three copies un mounted of a size not less than 15 x 10 centimeters with the description of the viewpoint stamped in ink on the back. The negative shall have the date on it and remain the property of the Consultant and no prints from these negatives may be supplied to others unless previously authorized in writing by the Consultant.

1.18 Setting Out

1.18.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for accurately setting out the Works to the specified positions, dimension, levels and Building Lines and also checking the site surveys for dimensional and level accuracy and reporting any discrepancies before building work commences.

1.18.2 The Contractor shall provide the Consultant with all facilities, equipment and labour to enable him to check the setting out and levels of the Works at all times. The checking of any setting out point, line or level by the Consultant shall not in any way relieve the Contractor of his responsibility

1.18.3 All setting out points, benchmarks, site rails. pegs and other survey points shall be clearly marked and protected from damage or disturbance during the execution of the Works

1.19 Bill boards

1.19.1 The Contractor shall provide and maintain two billboards for the Site each consisting of a plastic board panel of size not more than 2.4m x1.2m (2.88m^2)supported 2.5m above the ground with steel angle framing or similar material and fixed in concrete foundations.

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1.19.2 Each board shall having the following written in both Dhivehi and English (letter height not to exceed 100mm) by a skilled signwriter:

The name of Project

The name of Employer.

The name and address of Consultant

The name and address of Contractor

1.19.3 A scaled layout shall be prepared and submitted for the Consultant's approval before fabrication.

1.19.4 No advertising material other than the above will be permitted.

1.19.5 The location and layout of Sub-Contractors or Manufacturer's billboards, if allowed, must be submitted for the Consultant's approval.

1.20 Loading in Excess of Design Load

1.20.1 No loading in excess of the design loading shall be placed on any portion of the structure without the written permission of the Consultant

1.20.2 If such permission is granted, all beams or other members of the structure which are subjected to loading other than the designed loading shall be strengthened and supported to the satisfaction of the Consultant, and the Contractor shall be responsible for any resulting additional costs

1.20.3 The Contractor shall be responsible for making good to the satisfaction of the Consultant any damage to the permanent structure that may be caused by such excess loading.

1.21 Building Permit

1.21.1 The Contractor shall allow for obtaining the building permit and for paying all fees in connection therewith.

1.22 Permanent Drainage, Electricity and Water connection

1.22.1 The Contractor shall allow for arranging and obtaining the permanent drainage, water and electricity connections to the proposed development and he shall be responsible for making all payments in connection therewith.

1.23 Handing Over

1.23.1 Prior to handing over the proposed development the Contractor shall gain the approvals and respective Completion Certificates from all the local government authorities and the like that the work has been completed in accordance with their requirements.

Any payment in connection therewith shall be paid by the Contractor.

2. SITE WORKS

2.1 Site Clearing

The Site shall be cleared of all vegetation, rock, boulders, etc. and surface soil shall be removed as

directed by the Consultant. The trees which are to be retained shall be protected from damage

Spreading, leveling and consolidating on site where required, shall be made with suitable surplus excavated material obtained from the Site. Other soils used for filling shall be approved by the Consultant

The Contractor shall dispose all unsuitable and surplus excavated material

The Contractor shall tidy up and leave the Site in a clean and sanitary condition at all times during the execution of the Works.

2.2 Excavation

Excavation shall be performed to the required depth as shown in the Drawings.

A survey of the existing site shall be made and the results of same submitted to the Consultant before commencement of the work

Excavation area shall be protected from any water flowing in. Sides of excavations shall be shored or inclined to retain excavation unless otherwise specified

Excavation near adjoining structures shall be executed with care so as not to damage those structures.

The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions during the excavation for the Works particularly those excavation which are adjoining existing buildings and shall protect such buildings from the damage or collapse by means of temporary or permanent shoring, strutting, sheet piling or underpinning or excavation in short lengths and/or other methods as he deems fit and also he shall properly support all foundations, trenches, walls, floors, etc. affecting the safety of the adjoining existing buildings.

The Contractor shall alter, adopt and maintain all such works described above for the whole period of the Contract and shall finally clear away and make good all damages done.

The construction and efficiency of the shoring, underpinning, strutting and the like for the purpose for which it is erected shall be the responsibility of the Contractor, should any subsidence or any other damage occur due to the inefficiency of the shoring, underpinning, strutting and the like or any other support provided, the damage shall be made good by the Contractor at his own expense and responsibility.

The shoring, strutting, piling and the like, shall be executed in such a manner as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to adjoining owners or the public and the Contractor shall be responsible for negotiating with the adjoining owners the means to safeguard their property and for the use of any portion of their land for the purpose of executing the excavations and no claims submitted on this ground will be entertained.

The Contractor shall be held solely responsible for the safety of the adjoining existing buildings, the sufficiency of all temporary or permanent shoring, underpinning, piling, and the like.

The Contractor shall keep the Consultant informed as to manner in which he intends to proceed with the execution of the excavations and obtain his approval. Such approval if given shall not absolve the Contractor of his responsibility.

Excavation shall extend a sufficient distance from walls, footings, etc. to allow space for placing and removing shoring and formwork, for performing all work in the excavations and for the inspection of same.

Excavated material shall be deposited within specified areas as directed unless otherwise specified.

The Contractor is deemed to have inspected the site and to leave ascertained for himself as to the nature of the soil, etc. and also the areas where to collect and stack the materials for which necessary site clearance shall have to be made at his own cost.

Stacking or excavated materials shall be done at places approved by the Consultant and he shall have recorded the original ground levels of such places jointly with the Contractor before commencement of stacking operation.

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Extra excavation and allied lead/lift required specifically for providing working space to workmen or shuttering to walls of basement etc. shall be measured for payment, no extra claim being allowed for such work incidental to development and executions of allied jobs. Only authorized excavation approved by the Consultant shall be paid for

Sufficient clear working space shall be left all around excavated area. The disposal of waste/unserviceable materials may be in filling and/or in embankment according to nature of place of disposal. The appropriate specifications for filling and/or embankment shall apply

All foundation trenches shall be excavated to the full widths and depths shown on the drawings or to such greater or smaller depths as may be found necessary in the opinion of the Consultant and so instructed by his representative.

Should any excavation be taken down below the specified levels, the Contractor shall fill in such excavation at his own cost with cement concrete specified for foundations, well rammed in position until it is brought up to the level.

The Contractor shall notify to the Consultant when the excavation is completed and no concrete or masonry shall be laid until the Consultant has inspected of the soil for each individual footing.

All foundation pits shall be refilled to the original surface of the ground with approved materials, which shall be well consolidated as instructed by the Consultant.

The Contractor shall erect temporary barricades around the excavations and if necessary make provisions of red lamps.

The Contractor shall remove/maintain/restore all service lines like telephone, water supply, electricity etc. without any extra charges.

2.3. De-watering

2.3.1 Where the excavation level is below the natural water table and it is necessary to pump continuously from the excavation or to install a specialist type of dewatering equipment around the perimeter of the site or excavation, the Contractor will be responsible for ensuring the safety and stability of all adjoining structures and services or utilities above or below ground level.

It will also be the responsibility of the Contractor that the equipment installed shall ensure that the excavation and subsequent construction is carried out in dry conditions.

Continuous or permanent de-watering of the excavation or Site may not be undertaken without the written approval of the Consultant and the methods to be employed shall also comply with Codes of Practice and Local Authority requirements.

The water pumped from the excavations or well points shall be pumped to disposal points or sumps approved by the Consultant and the Local Ward Office and if so required be passed through settling tanks before disposal.

Unless prior approval has been obtained no water must be disposed of in the Municipality's sewer systems.

2.4 Backfill

2.4.1 All earth used for filling shall unless otherwise stated, be selected hard dry material from the excavation The maximum dry density of the fill material shall be not less than 1600 kg/m^3.

2.4.2 The backfill of excavations shall be placed in horizontal layers not exceeding 300mm in thickness. Each layer shall be compacted by hand or other mechanical means to the required density before the next layer is added

2.4.3 Care shall be taken when filling or back-filling to avoid any wedging action or eccentric action upon or against the structure of the work.

2.4.4 Before placing of fill, the surface of the sub-grade shall be compacted at optimum water content to the same percentage of maximum dry density required of subsequent lay.

2.4.5 The Consultant will inspect all compacting devices that the Contractor proposes and shall have the right to reject any device which he feels is unsuitable for the job.

2.4.6 Heavy equipment for spreading and compacting fill and backfill shall not be operated closer to walls than a distance to the difference in height between the top of the footings and the layer being compacted.

2.4.7 When back-filling behind retaining walls, basement walls and the like the said structures shall be kept propped during the complete operation. The hydraulic compaction of fill shall not be permitted and the back filling shall be carried out in layers not exceeding 150mm thick.

2.4.8 Each layer shall be compacted to 90% of the modified compaction. No back filling shall be carried out until the wall concrete has achieved its full works cube strength and care shall be exercised so as not to damage the external tanking membrane and its protection.

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3.CONCRETE WORKS

3.1 General

3.1.1 Materials used in the Works shall be new, of the qualities and kinds specified herein and equal to approved samples. Delivery shall be made sufficiently in advance to enable further samples to be taken and tested if required. No materials shall be used until approved and materials not approved shall be immediately removed from the Works.

3.1.2 Materials shall be transported, handled and stored on the site or elsewhere in such a manner to prevent damage, deterioration or contamination.

3.2 Cement

3.2.1 Cement shall be Ordinary Portland cement of an approved brand.

3.2.2 Cement shall conform to BS 12.

Cement shall be of recent manufacturer and used within 6 months of manufactured date.

The Contractor shall with each fresh consignment of cement delivered to the site furnish the Consultant with a copy of the Manufacturer's statement of compliance with the above Standard Specifications together with the date of manufacture, certified by an independent agency in the country of origin and its date of delivery to Site.

Check tests will be required by the Consultant. These tests shall be carried out at the Contractor's expense.

Any cement failing to meet the required standards will be rejected and replaced at the Contractor's expense.

Any cement not conforming to BS 12 shall not be used unless otherwise approved by the Consultant.

3.3 Aggregate

3.3.1 Fine aggregate shall be river sand conforming to BS 882.

3.3.2 Coarse aggregate shall be crushed stone excluding limestone or derivatives of limestone conforming to BS 812.

3.3.3 Aggregate shall not contain injurious amount of rubbish, dirt, organic impurities and other foreign matters.

3.3.4 Strength of aggregate shall be more than that of hardened concrete paste.

3.3.5 Shape of coarse aggregate shall not be flat or slender.

3.3.6 Aggregate to be used in concrete shall possess the qualities indicated in the following tables.

Quality of Aggregates

Aggregate type	Open dry specific gravity	Percentage of water absorption (%)	Percentage of solid volume for the evaluation of particle shape (%)	Clay lump (%)	Loss in washing test (%)	Organic impurity (%)	Water soluble chloride (%)
Coarse aggregate	≤ 2.5	≤ 3.0	≥ 55	≤ 0.25	≤ 1.0	0	≤ 0.25
Fine aggregate	≥ 2.5	≤ 3.5	-	≤1.0	≤ 3.0	0	≤ 0.01

* Colour of test solution not to be darker than standard solution

Grading requirements for aggregates

Agg.	Max. size (mm)	Nominal sieve size (mm)	Percentage passing each sieve by weight (%)										
		40	30	25	20	15	10	5	2.5	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.15
Coarse	25	100	100	90 ↓ 100	60 ↓ 90		20 ↓ 50	0 ↓ 10	0 ↓ 5				
	20			100	90 ↓ 100		20 ↓ 55	0 ↓ 10	0 ↓ 50				
Fine							100	90 ↓ 100	80 ↓ 100	50 ↓ 90	25 ↓ 65	10 ↓ 35	2 ↓ 10

3.3.7 Manufactured sand and blast furnace slag to be use in concrete shall not be used unless otherwise specified or approved by the Consultant.

3.3.8 In case of using fine aggregate of 0.01% or more water soluble chloride content, the necessary measures for corrosion inhibiting of reinforcement shall be instructed by the Consultant.

3.3.9 The maximum size of coarse aggregate shall be 25 mm.

3.3.10 Sources of aggregate shall be to the approval of the Consultant and samples of aggregate from the proposed source shall be submitted to the Consultant atleast 28 days before its intended use.

3.4 Water

3.4.1 Water shall not contain injurious amount of impurities that may adversely affect concrete and reinforcement.

3.4.2 Ground water shall not be used for concrete works.

3.4.3 Water shall be obtained from a public supply where possible, and shall be taken from any other sources only if approved by the Consultant.

3.4.4 Only water of approved quality shall be used for washing out formwork, curing concrete and similar surfaces.

3.5 Handling and Storage of Material

3.5.1 Cement

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3.5.1.1 Cement shall be stored in a manner to prevent weathering.

3.5.1.2 Bagged cement shall be piled no more than 10 bags so as to permit easy inspection

3.5.2 Cement caked even to the slightest extent shall not be used. Such cement and rejected cement shall be immediately separated from other bags of cement so that they shall not be mistaken for others.

3.5.3 Aggregate

3.5.3.1 Aggregate shall be stored in a manner effectively separating coarse and fine aggregate according to type and shall be prevented from inclusion of dirt, rubbish and other undesirable foreign matters.

3.5.3.2 Coarse aggregate shall be unloaded and piled in a manner not to cause segregation of small and large particles. Aggregate to be stored in piles shall be in mounds of moderate height and at a location where good drainage is provided.

3.6 Mix Proportion and Strength

3.6.1 Mix ratio for reinforced concrete shall be in the proportion 1:2:3 (cement: fine aggregate: coarse aggregate) by dry volume.

3.6.2 Mix ratio for lean concrete shall be in the proportion 1:2:6 (cement: fine aggregate: coarse aggregate) by dry volume.

3.6.3 Water-cement ratio for concrete shall be 0.4% to 0.45%

3.6.4 The specified design strength of reinforced concrete shall be 25 N/mm^2

3.6.5 The required slump of concrete shall be 100 mm.

3.6.6 Design mix proportion shall be to obtain required workability, consistency and durability.

3.7 Production of Concrete

3.7.1 Field-mixed Concrete Plant

3.7.1.1 The Contractor shall select the necessary facilities for storage, batching, mixing and transporting of each of the materials and submit them for approval of the Consultant prior to start work.

3.7.2 Measuring

3.7.2.1 All materials shall be measure by volume for each batch and water may be measured volumetrically.

3.7.2.2 Cement shall be measured by number of bags unless automatic cement weight measure is in use.

3.7.3 Mixing Control

3.7.3.1 Concrete mixture shall be constantly controlled to obtain required workability and mixed strength. Mixing time for each batch shall be not more than 3 minutes.

3.7.4 Quality Control

3.7.4.1 The Contractor shall conduct tests for quality control toward insuring that concrete of the required quality is constantly produced.

3.7.4.2 The Contractor shall have all quality control tests report ready for submission as required by the Consultant.

3.7.5 Quality Inspection of Concrete at the Point of Placement

3.7.5.1 The Contractor shall conduct tests on concrete at the point of placement. When test results meet the tolerances given below, the concrete shall be qualified to have passed the tests.

(a) The tolerance between actual slump and required slump of the concrete shall be ± 2.0 mm

3.7.5.2 For the estimation of compressive strength of concrete in compressive strength tests, when the average value of compressive strength of concrete obtained in a test is not less than the specified design strength, it shall be qualified to have passed the test. In case of failure to the above requirements, the Contractor shall take necessary measures such as to perform appropriate test as instructed by the Consultant.

3.8 Transporting and Placing

3.8.1 General

3.8.1.1 The Contractor shall establish manner and schedule for transporting and placing of concrete and obtain approval of the Consultant.

3.8.1.2 Concrete shall be transported in a manner to minimize segregation, spill, age and other changes in quality thereof.

3.8.1.3 Concrete shall be placed and consolidated in a manner to insure uniformity and optimum density.

3.8.1.4 In case of rain or other conditions that may affect the quality of concrete during concreting, the Contractor shall take necessary measures as instructed by the Consultant.

3.8.2 Time Limit

3.8.2.1 The time limit from start of mixing to completion of placing of a batch as rule, shall be 30 minutes.

3.8.3 Preparation prior to Placing.

3.8.3.1 The place where concrete is to be deposited shall be cleaned and sheathing shall be sprinkled with water. Subsequently, water accumulated in the form shall be removed.

3.8.4 Construction Joint

3.8.4.1 Joint surfaces shall be cleaned, made free of laitance and other foreign matters, and wetted prior to concreting. Joint surface shall be roughened if directed by the Consultant.

3.8.4.2 The locations of shapes of construction joints shall be consulted and approved by the Consultant.

3.8.5 Concrete Placing

3.8.5.1 Concrete placing shall be proceeded to keep the surface of placed concrete as horizontal as possible.

3.8.5.2 Concrete shall be continuously poured to compact around reinforcing bars and corners of formwork.

3.8.5.3 The maximum time interval between placement of continuous concreting shall not exceed 0.5 hours. However, when special measures are taken this time limit may be changed according to instruction or approval of the Consultant.

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3.8.6 Consolidation

3.8.6.1 Vibrating of concrete and tapping of formwork shall be performed to wall, column and other places difficult for concrete to proceed. Proper number of workers for placing and compacting concrete shall be arranged.

3.8.6.2 Vibrator shall be operated for concrete called for water tightness, difficult portion for concrete to proceed and other cases directed by the Consultant. However, vibrator shall not be touched reinforcing bars and shall not be operated more than 30 seconds at same spot.

3.8.6.3 Concrete shall be placed 300 - 600 mm thickness at once in case vibrator is performing. In case flexible-insert-vibrator is called for, concrete shall not be placed thicker than the length of the insert or vibrator at one pouring.

3.8.7 Placing Speed

3.8.7.1 Concrete shall be placed at the speed suited for the workability of the concrete and condition of the place of placement, which insures proper consolidation of concrete.

3.9 Concrete Curing

3.9.1 Curing Method

3.9.1.1 After concrete has been placed, the concrete surface shall be kept moist by sprayed with water or by other appropriate methods, and shall be protected from direct sunlight and rapid drying. The top surface of slabs shall be kept flooded with water at all times after concreting for the duration of curing period. This curing period shall be for not less than 14 days.

3.9.1.2 As a rule, no foot traffic or loads shall be permitted on concrete for at least 24 hours after placement.

3.10 Test

3.10.1 General

3.10.1.1 The contractor shall be required to conduct all tests according to BS method and procedure.

3.10.1.2 Test, as a rule, shall be conducted at the locations directed or at the testing institutions approved by the Consultant.

3.10.1.3 The Consultant shall conduct test, as a rule.

3.10.1.4 In case of failure in test, measure shall be taken as instructed by the Consultant.

3.10.1.5 The Contractor shall keep test records during the work and for 2 years after completion of the contracted work.

3.10.2 Material

3.10.2.1 Cement Test

(1) Setting test.
(2) Soundness test.
(3) Compressive strength test.

Note: Item (1) shall be conducted once in every manufacturer.
Item (2) & (3) shall be conducted once in every 2,000 bags.

3.10.2.2 Aggregate test:

(1) Grading and fineness modules.

3.11 Concrete

3.11.1 Fresh concrete

Slump, air content, shall be conducted daily, and more often at request of the Consultant.

3.11.2 Compressive strength test of concrete

Test for estimation on strength of concrete in structure:

3.11.2.1 In order to assume estimated strength of concrete in structure, compressive strength test shall be conducted for prepared test pieces on the 7th day and 28th day and those test pieces shall be made for sampling at placing of concreting.

3.11.2.2 Strength test shall be conducted for each of the following conditions: each days pour, each class of concrete, each change of supplies or source and each 100 cubic meter of concrete or fraction thereof. The number of test pieces to be used in a test shall be not less than 3 for each test of the 7th day and the 28th day unless otherwise instructed by the Consultant.

3.11.2.3 Test pieces shall be made in accordance with British Standards, and sampling shall be taken as near as possible at the point of placement.

3.11.2.4 Test pieces shall be stored without being disturbed and shall be covered during the first 24 hours, and carefully transported specimens to the testing laboratory. Test pieces shall be cured in water after demoulding. The temperature of test pieces shall be kept as close as possible to the temperature of the concrete in structure until the time of testing.

3.11.2.5 The test results shall be expressed in the average value by calculating the average compressive strength of all test pieces. The average value must be equal to or greater than the specified strength.

3.12 Defective Concrete and Finishes

3.12.1 Honeycombed surfaces shall be made good or on the instruction of the Consultant be cut out by the Contractor and make good at his own expense.

3.12.2 Concealed concrete faces shall left as from the formwork except honeycombed surfaces shall be made good. Faces of concrete to be rendered shall be roughened by approved means to form a key. Faces of concrete that are to have finished other than those specified shall be prepared in an approved manner as instructed by the Consultant.