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Dated: September 10, 2009

Director
DHA City
DHA, 2-B, East Street
Phase I, D.H.A.
Karachi-75500

Re: **Consultancy Services for Master Planning of DHA City**

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my letters dated 6th August, 2009, 10th August, 2009 and a subsequent reminder dated 24th August, 2009 on the above cited subject.

As you are aware Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners ("PCATP") is a statutory body established by the Government of Pakistan under the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners Ordinance 1983, (hereinafter referred to as the "Ordinance") to regulate the professions of architecture and town planning in Pakistan. **(Copy enclosed).**

Pursuant to our obligations under the Ordinance, we would like to invite your attention to DHA Karachi's advertisement published in (name of newspaper) on August, 2009 inviting applications from reputable consulting firms for submission of master planning concepts, development strategy and pre-qualified documents in any of the following combinations for the recently launched DHA City Karachi:

1. Foreign Consultants
2. Local Consultants with Compatible experience
3. Foreign in lead plus local firm (J.V.)
4. Local in lead plus foreign expertise

In this regard please be advised that the procedure adopted by DHA Karachi through the aforesaid advertisement is an **absolute violation of the duly notified 'Regulations for Town Planning Competitions'**. A copy of these regulations is **also** enclosed for

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reference. PCATP has framed these regulations for competition of any Architectural or Town Planning project. Since DHA Karachi is asking for concepts and strategies in its prequalification documents, **it constitutes a competition and any competition held outside these regulations would be illegal.**

Soliciting master planning concept and other relevant documents for free is also against the PCATP rules and regulation. Besides, the PCATP rules and regulations do not permit the promoters to receive any fee from the Architects/Town Planners to submit their expression of interest. The rules and regulations made under the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners Ordinance 1983 have been devised essentially to protect the professionals from any exploitation.

The said advertisement also provides that aspiring applicant for consultancy services would also be required to send the requisite documents along with pay order of Rs.100,000/- (non-refundable)

It may also be pointed out that as per the above advertisement; Foreign Consultants were also invited to apply for the consultancy work of DHA City. You may please take notice that as per Section 12 of the Ordinance a foreign consultant would be required to obtain temporary license from PCATP for the projects in Pakistan under Section 12 of the Ordinance.

In the light of above, DHA Karachi is hereby advised to please review its position and desist from violating the legal provisions of Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners Ordinance 1983, its byelaws, rules and regulations to avoid legal consequences.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter for our record.

Sincerely,
Tahira S. Fazli
Ar./Plnr. T. Sadia Fazli
Registrar

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- CC. 1. Corps Commander, Karachi.
2. Principal Secretary, Prime Minister Secretariat, Islamabad.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
5. Administrator, DHA, Karachi.
6. President, Institute of Planners Pakistan, Lahore.
7. President, Institute of Architects Pakistan, Karachi.