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February 3, 2023

Chairperson
Public Procurement Commission,
262 New Garden Street,
Queenstown,
Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Madam,

Re: CONTRACT AWARDS – REGION #9 RDC

The Auditor Office of Guyana, in its 2021 report highlighted that eight (8) contracts totaling G\$106,830,000.00 were awarded to V. Dalip Enterprise, the procuring entity was the Regional Democratic Council, Region #9, I write seeking an investigation into the award of these contracts on the basis that the Contractor was not eligible for the award.

The tender process was conducted by the Regional Democratic Council, region #9, the details are follows:
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Project Description: Various (8 No.)

Reference Numbers: 398, 318, 319, 559, 503, 560, 665,0222

Procuring Entity: Regional Democratic Council Region 9 (Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

Contract Awards:	V. Dalip Enterprise	(G\$29,661,000.00)
	V. Dalip Enterprise	(G\$13,976,000.00)
	V. Dalip Enterprise	(G\$14,000,000.00)
	V. Dalip Enterprise	(G\$7,900,000.00)
	V. Dalip Enterprise	(G\$11,429,000.00)
	V. Dalip Enterprise	(G\$12,319,000.00)
	V. Dalip Enterprise	(G\$5,638,000.00)
	V. Dalip Enterprise	(G\$11,907,000.00)

The Public Procurement Commission (PPC) via Circular No. 02/2019 instructed all Permanent Secretaries, Regional Executive Officers, heads of Agencies and Heads of Departments that in accordance with the Procurement (Suspension and Debarment) Regulations 2019, that the above-mentioned company was debarred due to fraudulent practices.

The PPC Circular 02/2019 categorially states that:

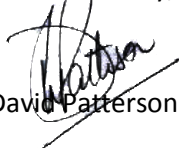
“Procuring Entities are advised that no contract shall be awarded to an entity that has been debarred by the Commission. The List of debarred contractors is maintained on the Commission’s website and should be checked prior to the award of any contract”

The PPC website on today’s date, currently confirms that V. Dalip Enterprise continues to be debarred until 28th December 2030, no circular has been issued removing this contractor from the Debarred Contractor’s List.

Please find attached, documents and articles for your reference.

I would be grateful, via the PPC, if an investigation can be conducted, to ascertain how the debarred contractor was awarded a contract and that the necessary actions be taken against the entities and individuals associated with this award.

Yours faithfully,



David Patterson

Capital Expenditure

Capital Purchases

608. The sum of \$121.900M was allotted for Capital Purchases which entails (i) purchase of vehicle, boat, outboard engine, motor cycle, All-Terrain vehicles (ATVs), ambulance and bus; (ii) purchase of furniture and equipment; and (iii) purchase of school furniture and equipment. According to the Appropriation Accounts, as at 31 December 2021, amounts totalling \$121.866M were expended.

609. Examination of the Payment Vouchers and other related documents revealed that an Ambulance valued at \$12.700M was purchased in the year 2021. At the time of reporting, the Ambulance was still not delivered to the Regional Administration. Further, audit scrutiny revealed that the NPTAB award was dated 5 August 2021 while the Contractor uplifted full payment on 8 December 2021.

Region's Response: The Head of the Budget Agency has indicated that the Ambulance is currently at the wharf awaiting clearance, which will be done shortly.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommends that the Regional Administration follow-up this matter and ensure the Ambulance is cleared and the necessary documentation is presented for verification upon receipt of the Ambulance. (2021/208)

Other Matters

610. It was discovered that the RDC in 2021, awarded eight contracts totalling \$106.830M to a Contractor that is currently blacklisted by the Public Procurement Commission (PPC) of Guyana. The details of the eight contracts are presented in the table below:

Cont. No	Date of Award	Contract	Contract Sum \$'000
398	17 May 2021	Construction of Bridge at Kabanawau Creek Deep South Rupununi Region No.9	29,661
318	22 March 2021	Repairs to Section of Road at Shiriri Village South Central Rupununi Region No.9	13,976
319	22 March 2021	Repairs to Road Aranaputa North Rupununi Region No.9	14,000
559	13 May 2021	Repairs to Section of Road at Toka North Rupununi Region No.9	7,900
503	14 April 2021	Construction of Bridge at Yupukari Central Rupununi Region No.9	11,429
560	Not seen	Repairs to section of Road at Yupukari	12,319
665	Not seen	Upgrading to Section of Road Yupukari	5,638
222	Not seen	Upgrading to Section of Road at Kumu Village	11,907
Total			106,830

Region's Response: The Head of the Budget Agency has indicated that this matter will be investigated.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommends that the Head of Budget Agency investigate the matter highlighted above and desist from awarding contracts to blacklisted Contractors. (2021/209)

Prior Year Matters

Employment Costs

611. During the years 2015 to 2018 and 2020, amounts totalling \$3.518M remained outstanding as overpaid net salaries to employees while the related deductions totalling \$737,000 paid over to the various agencies were also still not recovered as shown below:

Year	Net Salary Overpaid \$'000	Net Salary Recovered \$'000	Net Salary Outstanding \$'000	Deductions Overpaid & Not Recovered \$'000
2015	831	256	575	202
2016	350	101	249	42
2017	1,725	312	1,413	208
2018	478	0	478	40
2020	803	0	803	245
Total	4,187	669	3,518	737

Region's Response: The Head of the Budget Agency indicated that the Regional Administration will continue to engage the agencies to recover overpayments. Follow-up was done with regards to this matter but nothing has been recovered to-date.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommends that the Regional Administration continue to follow-up this matter with the view of recovering the overpayments and ensure that pay change directives are communicated in a timely manner to the Regional Accounting Unit. (2021/210)

Maintenance Works

612. The Regional Administration had still not recovered amounts totalling \$7.048M that were overpaid on the following projects in 2018.

Description	Amount Overpaid \$'000
Repairs to Regional Stores Fence, Central Rupununi	698
Repairs to section of road at St. Ignatius, Central Rupununi	3,410
Repairs to Achawib Primary School, Deep South	2,940
Total	7,048

Region's Response: The Head of the Budget Agency has indicated that efforts are continuing to recover the amounts overpaid.



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Circular: No. 02/2019

Date

20/11/2019

MINISTER'S OFFICE

To: All Permanent Secretaries, Regional Executive Officers, Heads of Agencies & Heads of Departments

From: Chairperson, Public Procurement Commission

Date: November 12th, 2019

Subject: Procurement (Suspension and Debarment) Regulations 2019

Share copy for
1. Mr. Bhatnagar
2. Mr. Sharmah
3. Mr. Varghese
4. Mr. Beharwal
5. PAF E
6. IFC
7. ALL Agency Heads

The Public Procurement Commission wishes to inform all procuring entities that the **Procurement (Suspension and Debarment) Regulations 2019** were gazetted into law on June 21, 2019. Regulations 5(1) and 5(2) mandate as follows:

5(1) 'A proposal for the debarment of a supplier or contractor may be submitted to the Commission by a procuring entity or any other person'.

5(2) 'The request shall be in writing and shall-

- identify the supplier or contractor and any affiliate of the supplier or contractor that is the subject of the application;
- state the grounds on which the applicant is seeking debarment;
- contain the factual record and evidence to support the application; and
- indicate whether suspension is sought pending an adjudication of the debarment application.'

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
PERMANENT SECRETARY

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Please see attached, a list of contractors debarred by the Commission effective **October 25th & 27th, 2019**.

Carol Corbin
Carol Corbin
Chairperson

PERMANENT SECRETARY
RECEIVED
Date 18/11/2019
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Copy: Chairman, National Procurement and Tender Administration Board

FIRM NAME/INDIVIDUAL NAME	ADDRESS	INELIGIBILITY PERIOD	
		FROM DATE	TO DATE
MOHAMED FASIL YUNAS	23 ALNESS VILLAGE CORENTYNE, BERBICE	25/10/2019	24/10/2020
MOHAMED FASIL YUNAS TRADING AS YUNAS CIVIL & BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	23 ALNESS VILLAGE CORENTYNE, BERBICE	25/10/2019	24/10/2020
CHINA RAILWAY FIRST GROUP (GUYANA) INC. *WORLD BANK	106-107 LAMAHA STREET, NORTH CUMMINGSBURG, GEORGETOWN	17/09/2019	16/09/2021
MR. VEVAKANAND DALIP	LOT 97 PHASE 2, LETHEM, RUPUNINI, REGION 9, ESSEQUIBO	20/02/2018	28/12/2030
MR. VEVAKANAND	71 SOMERSET COURT, GARDEN OF EDEN, EAST BANK DEMERARA.	20/02/2018	28/12/2030
VEVAKANAND DALIP ENTERPRISE	LOT 97 PHASE 2, LETHEM, RUPUNINI, REGION 9, ESSEQUIBO.	20/02/2018	28/12/2030
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MS. SABRINA MARY WILLIAMS	LOT 97 PHASE 2, LETHEM, RUPUNINI, REGION 9, ESSEQUIBO.	20/02/2018	28/12/2030
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INVEPAR CONSTRUTORA LTDA- ME(CNPJ:20.182.043/0001-42)	LOT 97 PHASE 2, LETHEM, RUPUNINI, REGION 9, ESSEQUIBO.	20/02/2018	28/12/2030
INVEPAR CONSTRUTORA LTDA- ME(CNPJ:20.182.043/0001-42)	71 SOMERSET COURT, GARDEN OF EDEN, EAST BANK DEMERARA.	20/02/2018	28/12/2030
RON JAISARI	966 BLOCK D BATH, WEST COAST DEMERARA	21/02/2017	29/06/2022
SIDRAI ENTERPRISES	NO.6 VILLAGE, WEST COAST BERBICE	21/02/2017	29/06/2024
ABEL KHEMRAJ RAI	89 BONASIKA STREET, SECTION K, CAMPBELLVILLE, GEORGETOWN.	29/11/2016	22/08/2024