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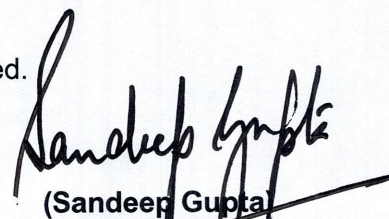
Sub: Delay in providing Bill of Lading/Airway Bill to foreign Suppliers by freight forwarder/Shipping Company/air consolidation agent engaged by ONGC

Reference is invited to para 23.1(Annexure-II) of Standard Tender Documents for Procurement of OEM Spares (Imported), wherein interalia requirement of Complete set of clean Bill of Lading (Negotiable)/House Airway Bill (negotiable) has been stipulated for import consignments.

As per existing guidelines, in FOB Contracts shipping arrangements are made through authorised freight forwarder/ forwarding Agents of M/s. SCI / M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. (as the case may be). Air freighting is effected through air consolidation agent engaged by ONGC i.e. M/s Balmer Lawrie presently. It has been observed that shipping company/air consolidation agency and/or their authorised freight forwarders/forwarding agents are not submitting the Bill of Lading/ Airway Bills to the OEM Supplier on time in FOB contracts, thus leading to delay in payments and subsequent activities.

In view of above all concerned are advised that while engaging SCI/Balmer Lawrie /Air consolidation agency for sea shipment/air freighting as the case may be, they should be advised to provide Bill of Lading/ Airway Bills etc. to the supplier in shortest possible time after handing over of Goods by the Supplier to them.

Above guidelines should be meticulously followed by all concerned.


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