भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

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The General, Managers (Mech), All Indian Railways ICF, Chennai RCF, Kapurthala Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Navi Mumbai BEML, Bangalore

Executive Director/Carr, RDSO, Lucknow

Sub: Procurement of fire retardant UIC vestibule as per spec No. RDSO/2007/CG-05

Ref: (1) RDSO letter No. MC/CB/vestibule/BG dated 31.3.11

- (2) ICF's letter No.MD/D/UIC-B/84/2 dated 1.10.2010
- (3) RCF's letter No.MD22211 dated 29/30.10.2010
- (4) WCRly's letter No. WCR/M/W/06/835 dated 5.1.2011

Reference (1) above, RDSO had advised Railways and Production Units to procure UIC type elastomeric flange connections for inter communication between passenger coaches as per specification No.RDSO/2007/CG-05. It was also advised that earlier specification No. C-8812 (Rev.1) issued by them has become obsolete.

Vide Reference (2), (3) & (4) both ICF,RCF & WCR respectively have raised the issue of rate reasonability of UIC vestibule as per RDSO specification No. RDSO/2007/CG-05. RDSO has carried out detailed financial and technical appraisal of the matter and submitted to Board. This appraisal has brought out that the new specification is superior especially in terms of fire characteristics and is in line with the international norms. Moreover, 4 sources have been notified by RDSO under Part I to create competitive situation.

Detailed clarifications submitted by RDSO have been considered by Board (MM) and it has been decided that the new Specification should be adopted with the provision that inspection samples have to be determinate and reassuring. RDSO will carry out the desired changes in the inspection modalities

This issues with the approval of Board (MM)

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