

# **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 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**

- 1.10.1 All necessary construction machines shall be provided and maintained by the Contractor and shall be approved by the Consultant.
- 1.10.2 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.
- 1.10.3 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 his plant and equipment.

## **1.11 Samples**

- 1.11.1 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
- 1.11.2 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.
- 1.11.3 Duplicate final approved samples, in addition to any required for the Contractor's use, shall be furnished to the Consultant, one for office use and one for the site.
- 1.11.4 Samples shall be furnished so as not to delay fabrication, allowing the consultant reasonable time for consideration of the sample submitted.
- 1.11.5 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 less than 2m x2m supported 2.5m above the ground with steel angle framing or similar material and fixed in concrete foundations.
- 1.19.2 Each board shall having the following written in both Dhivehi and English 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.
- 1.23.2 Any payment in connection therewith shall be paid by the Contractor.

## **2. SITE WORKS**

### **2.1 Site Clearing**

- 2.1.1 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
- 2.1.2 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
- 2.1.3 The Contractor shall dispose all unsuitable and surplus excavated material
- 2.1.4 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**

- 2.2.1 Excavation shall be performed to the required depth as shown in the Drawings.
- 2.2.2 A survey of the existing site shall be made and the results of same submitted to the Consultant before commencement of the work
- 2.2.3 Excavation area shall be protected from any water flowing in. Sides of excavations shall be shored or inclined to retain excavation unless otherwise specified
- 2.2.4 Excavation near adjoining structures shall be executed with care so as not to damage those structures.
- 2.2.5 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.
- 2.2.6 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.
- 2.2.7 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.
- 2.2.8 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.
- 2.2.9 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.
- 2.2.10 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.
- 2.2.11 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.

- 2.2.12 Excavated material shall be deposited within specified areas as directed unless otherwise specified.
- 2.2.13 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.
- 2.2.14 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.
- 2.2.15 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
- 2.2.16 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
- 2.2.17 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.
- 2.2.18 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.
- 2.2.19 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.
- 2.2.20 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.
- 2.2.21 The Contractor shall erect temporary barricades around the excavations and if necessary make provisions of red lamps.
- 2.2.22 The Contractor shall remove/maintain/restore all service lines like telephone and network, 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.
- 2.3.2 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.
- 2.3.3 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.
- 2.3.4 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.
- 2.3.5 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<sup>3</sup>.
- 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 layer.
- 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.

### **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.
- 3.2.3 Cement shall be of recent manufacturer and used within 6 months of manufactured date.
- 3.2.4 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.
- 3.2.5 Check tests will be required by the Consultant. These tests shall be carried out at the Contractor's expense.
- 3.2.6 Any cement failing to meet the required standards will be rejected and replaced at the Contractor's expense.
- 3.2.7 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**

Percentage passing each sieve by weight (%)

Agg.	Max. size (mm)	Nominal sieve size (mm)											
		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 ↓ 100	90 ↓ 100		20 ↓ 55	0 ↓ 10	0 ↓ 50				
Fine							100 ↓ 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**

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<sup>2</sup>

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  $\pm 2.0$  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.

### 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.

## **4.CONCRETE FORMWORK**

### **4.1 Structure and Material**

#### 4.1.1 Structure

- 4.1.1.1 Formwork shall be performed to obtain accurate concrete in accordance with the designated drawings.
- 4.1.1.2 Formwork shall be firmed and secured to bear the force of concreting and tightened to avoid cement paste seeping.

#### 4.1.2 Materials

- 4.1.2.1 Sheathing for formwork shall be waterproof plywood of not less than 12 mm thick. Joint of sheathing shall be butt joint and firmly assembled. In case of using wood board for sheathing, boards shall be 15 mm thick and applied planer. Joint shall be tongued and grooved unless otherwise approved by the Consultant.
- 4.1.2.2 Form liners shall be sound and suitable materials to accurately and safely cast the insitu concrete structure as shown on the Drawings.
- 4.1.2.3 Timber form boards for sheathing where used for fair-faced concrete shall be of such new materials as not to cause any defects to the surface of the concrete. Special care shall be taken in fabrication, storage and protection of these boards.

#### 4.1.3 Other Material

- 4.1.3.1 Fastening hardware to be used shall be those with allowable tensile strength guaranteed by manufacturer through strength tests.
- 4.1.3.2 Form oil shall not have injurious effects on quality of concrete nor to bonding of surface finishing materials and shall be subject to approval of the Consultant.

### **4.2 Performance**

#### 4.2.1 Design of formwork

- 4.2.1.1 Formwork shall be designed to withstand construction loads during concreting, lateral pressure of fresh concrete, shock and vibrators due to concrete placing.
- 4.2.1.2 Formwork shall be free of injurious leakage of water, easy to remove, and shall not damage concrete at removal.
- 4.2.1.3 Supports shall be provided with the adequate horizontal and diagonal bracing and/or stays to prevent collapsing, heaving and twisting of formwork due to horizontal loads working during concrete placing.

#### 4.2.2 Tolerance

- 4.2.2.1 The dimensional tolerances in location and cross section of concrete member used for designing and construction of formwork shall conform to the following table.

**Standard Values of Dimensional tolerances**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Tolerance (mm)</b>
Tolerance in distance from datum line of each floor to respective members	+ 10
Tolerance in cross section of columns, beams and walls	- 5 , + 10
Tolerance in thickness of floor and roof slabs	0, +10

4.2.3 Fabrication and Erection

- 4.2.3.1 Erection of formwork, and transportation and storage of materials thereof shall be started only after previously placed concrete has reached an age which acceptance of these loads will not have any adverse effect on the concrete.
- 4.2.3.2 Sheathing shall be fabricated and installed accurately to match the locations, shapes and dimensions of members called for in the Drawings.
- 4.2.3.3 Sheathing shall be installed tightly so as not to permit cement paste or mortar to escape from joints.
- 4.2.3.4 Pipes, boxes and other embedded hardware shall be properly secured to sheathing or others so that they will not move during concrete placing.
- 4.2.3.5 Supports shall be erected plumb. Supports at any two vertically consecutive floors shall be erected as near as possible to identical locations on a common plane.
- 4.2.3.6 Shoring shall be erected paying special attention to safety.
- 4.2.3.7 If sheathing is reused, the surface in contact with the concrete shall be thoroughly cleaned off and sufficiently repaired before reuse. In case of using for fair-faced concrete, the same sheathings shall be used twice after approval of the Consultant.

4.2.4 Inspection

- 4.2.4.1 Formwork shall be inspected by the Consultant prior to placing of concrete.

4.2.5 Striking of forms

- 4.2.5.1 The minimum period for keeping the forms in position and for watering after laying the concrete shall be as stated below, except otherwise specified in drawings. Forms shall be removed in such a manner as to ensure the complete safety of the structure, so that there is no shock or vibration as would damage the reinforced concrete.
- 4.2.5.2 The responsibility for the safety of the concrete shall rest entirely with the Contractor and the Contractor shall be held liable for any damage done and shall have to make good the same at his own expenses.
- 4.2.5.3 The Contractor shall inform the Consultant when he intends to remove shuttering and shall obtain his consent, but the consent of the Consultant shall not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility.
- 4.2.5.4 The minimum time for formwork to remain in place shall be as per the following table.

Vertical sides of beams, slabs and columns	24 hours
Soffits of slab	10 days
Soffits of beams	21 days
Cantilevers	28 days

4.2.6 Relocation of Support

4.2.6.1 Supports under concrete shall be not relocated

4.2.7 Removal of formwork

4.2.7.1 Formwork shall be removed gently, after its removal has been approved by the Consultant.

4.2.7.2 Inspection by the Consultant shall be obtained immediately after the removal of sheathing and defects shall be immediately remedied according to instruction of the Consultant.

4.2.7.3 After shoring have been removed, members shall be carefully observed for cracking and deflection, when found, they shall be reported immediately to the Consultant.

## **5. STEEL REINFORCEMENT**

### **5.1 Material**

- 5.1.1 Reinforcing steel shall be of the dimensions given in the Drawings.
- 5.1.2 Reinforcing bars shall comply with the requirement of B.S.4449. and welded wire fabric, square bar fabric and expanded metal shall comply with appropriate part of B.S.4483.
- 5.1.3 Dia 6mm reinforcing steel shall be round mild steel bars, and 12mm, 16mm, 20mm and 25mm shall be deformed high strength bars.
- 5.1.4 Any other non-specified reinforcing steel shall be used only with the approval of the Consultant.
- 5.1.5 All reinforcing steel and binding wire shall be stored under cover and shall be at least 250mm above the ground.

### **5.2 Cleaning**

- 5.2.1 Reinforcing bars shall be cleaned before use so that it is free from rust, oil, dirt or other coatings that reduce bond.

### **5.3 Bending and Laps**

- 5.3.1 The reinforcement shall be bent cold in an approved bar bending machine.
- 5.3.2 Preferably bars of full length shall be used. Lapping of bars where necessary shall conform to BS1487 'Bending Dimensions of Bars of Concrete reinforcement.'

### **5.4 Reinforcement Cover**

- 5.4.1 Concrete cover for reinforcement shall be as follows:

FOR ANY STEEL IN UNDER GROUND CONCRETE	50	MM
CLEAR COVER IN SLABS	25-30	MM
CLEAR COVER IN BEAMS SOFFIT	30-35	MM
CLEAR COVER IN SIDES OF BEAMS	30	MM
CLEAR COVER IN COLUMNS	40	MM

### **5.5 Placing**

- 5.5.1 Reinforcement intended for contact when passing each other shall be securely tied together with binding wire.
- 5.5.2 Binders and stirrups shall tightly embrace the longitudinal reinforcement to which they shall be security bound or spot welded.
- 5.5.3 Binding wire shall be turned in from the formwork and shall not project beyond reinforcing bars.
- 5.5.4 All reinforcement shall be inspected by the Consultant and approved before concrete is placed in the forms.

## **6. WATER PROOFING**

### **6.1 Description of work**

- 6.1.1 Extent of water proofing work is shown on drawings.
- 6.1.2 Install slurry type water proofing to top surfaces of balcony slabs and external surfaces of underground concrete work.
- 6.1.3 Install crystalline type water proofing to underground water tanks and roof slabs in strict accordance with the approved manufacture's printed instructions.

### **6.2 Materials**

- 6.2.1 Crystalline Type: Material used shall be a cementitious coating containing catalytic chemicals which migrate in to the concrete using moisture present in the concrete as the migrating medium, and which cause the moisture and the unhydrated cement in the concrete to react causing the growth of nonsoluble crystals of dendritic fibers in the void and capillary tracks of the concrete that allow passage of water, there by rendering the concrete it self water proof.
- 6.2.2 Acceptable products: Xypex concentrate, modified, ultra plug and quick set as manufactured Xypex chemicals (Canada) Limited.

### **6.3 Storage of materials**

- 6.3.1 General: All materials shall be stored in original undamaged containers with manufactures seals and labels intact. Material shall be stored off the ground in a dry enclosed area.

### **6.4 Surface preparation**

- 6.4.1 General: All surfaces shall be examined for form tie holes and defects such as honeycombing, rock pockets, cracks, etc. These areas shall be repaired in accordance with these specifications and the manufactures printed instructions.
- 6.4.2 Concrete finish: concrete surfaces shall have an open capillary system to provide tooth and suction shall be clean; free from scale, excess form oil, laitance, curing compounds and other foreign matter.
- 6.4.3 Smooth surfaces or surfaces covered with excess form oil or other contaminants shall be washed lightly sandblasted, water blasted, or acid -etched with muriatic acid, as required to provide a clean absorbent surfaces.
- 6.4.4 Horizontal surfaces shall not be troweled or power - troweled, and shall be left with a rough float finish or a broom finish. Vertical surfaces may have a sacked finish. Comply with manufactures specifications for requirements pertaining to minimum 'age' of concrete deck surface scheduled to receive water proofing.
- 6.4.5 Surface moisture: Water proofing shall be applied to 'green' concrete as soon as possible after forms have been stripped or to older pours which have been thoroughly moistened with clean water prior to application. Free water shall be removed prior to application.
- 6.4.6 Mixing of crystalline water proofing compound: comply with manufactures specification for 2-coat installation.

### **6.5 Application**

- 6.5.1 General: Apply all materials under the direction of the manufacturer's representative.
- 6.5.2 Constructions joints and surface defects: Comply with waterproofing material manufacturer's

printed directions in the preparation, and treatment of construction joints and surface defects.

- 6.5.3 Surface application: After all repair, patching and sealing strip placement has been prepared in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and approved by manufacturer's representative, treat concrete surface with first coat slurry mix of crystalline waterproofing compound.
- 6.5.4 Brushing: Use a short bristle or broom to work the slurry well into the concrete, filing all hairline cracks and surface pores.
- 6.5.5 Second coat: Apply second coat while first coat is still 'green' but after it has reached an initial set, all as recommended by the water proofing material manufacturer.

## **6.6 Curing**

- 6.6.1 General: Curing shall begin as soon as the waterproofing materials have set up sufficiently so as not to be damaged by a fine spray. Treated surface shall be sprayed three times a day for a three-day period. Allow material to set 12 days before filling the structure with liquid
- 6.6.2 Protect treated surfaces from damage due to wind, sun, rain and temperatures below 35 degrees F. For a period of 48 hours after application, arrange protections to permit proper curing conditions for waterproofing material.
- 6.6.3 Clean up: Remove all surplus materials from the premises and leave all areas broom-clean. In the case of temporary protections remove all such items carefully to avoid damage to treated surfaces. Assemble all such materials and remove from premises followed by broom cleaning as noted.

## **7. EMBEDDED DAMPPROOF MEMBRANE**

### **7.1 General**

- 7.1.1 This section deals with laying of flexible sheet as damp proof membranes or has chemical or vapour barriers embedded in the fabric of the building. It does not deal with the weatherproof roof sheeting, or with vapour barriers.

### **7.2 Products**

- 7.2.1 Polythene sheets for under slab DPM: gauge 500, manufacturer and reference to approval.  
7.2.2 Adhesive tape: A type recommended by the sheet manufacturer.

### **7.3 Workmanship**

- 7.3.1 Manufacturers Recommendations: to be strictly followed for all products and materials. Apply sheets to clean, dry surfaces with all joints sealed to give a completely water proof continuous membrane.  
7.3.2 Polythene Sheet Under-Slab Dpm: lay a level bed of fine sand, not less than 13mm thick or as specified to receive membrane.  
7.3.3 Polythene Sheet Dpm: ensure that sheets are clean and dry. Lay single layer loose on base, lap edges 150mm and seal with mastic or adhesive tape.  
7.3.4 Pipe Etc: where pipe etc. pass through sheeting make junction completely watertight by forming collars fully bonded / sealed to both pipes and sheeting.  
7.3.5 Project: finished sheeting adequately and prevent puncturing during following work. sheet to be covered by permanent over laying construction as soon as possible.

## **8. STRUCTURAL STEEL**

### **8.1 Scope**

- 8.1.1 This section shall apply to the work involved with structural steels. All incidental items of structural steel shall be stated in the particular specification.

### **8.2 Materials**

#### 8.2.1 Steel

- 8.2.1.1 Shape of steel shall be precise and straight and free of injurious scratches and rust.
- 8.2.1.2 All steel sections shall be galvanized sections of strength class 43 A.
- 8.2.1.3 Dimensions of steel section and tolerance of dimension shall conform to standard dimension of steel regulated in ASTM or BS standard.

#### 8.2.2 Bolt

- 8.2.2.1 Shape of bolt, nut, washer shall be in accordance with requirement of BS 4190 & BS 3692.
- 8.2.2.2 Quality of bolt shall be SC 43 A.

#### 8.2.3 Welding Rod

- 8.2.3.1 Arc welding rod shall conform to materials to be welded, and position.

### **8.3 Fabrication**

- 8.3.1 Main fabrication shall be done in workshop unless otherwise specified or approved by the Consultant.
- 8.3.2 Full scale drawing of each section shall be drawn prior to fabrication and checked by the Consultant.
- 8.3.3 Section of each material shall be cut perpendicular to axis unless otherwise specified in the drawing.
- 8.3.4 Saw and angle cutter shall be used for cutting, and cut section shall be free of any noticeable defect.
- 8.3.5 Deformation caused by cutting shall be corrected.
- 8.3.6 Normal temperature or hot drawn process shall do bending process. Steel shall be red heat in hot drawn process.
- 8.3.7 Those directed in the drawing shall be chiseled finish and completely attached.
- 8.3.8 Materials shall be checked for bend, distortion, warp, etc. before fabrication.

**8.4 Bolt**

8.4.1 Bolt Hole

8.4.1.1 Spacing of boltholes shall be as directed in the following table.

<b>Diameter of Bolt</b>	<b>Standard Pitch</b>	<b>Minimum Pitch</b>	<b>End Distance</b>	<b>Edge Distance</b>
12	50	30	30	25
16	50	40	40	30

8.4.1.2 Minimum pitch and end distance for lightweight steel shape shall be more than 3 times and 2.5 times a Bolt diameter respectively.

8.4.1.3 Diameter of hole shall not be over 0.5 mm larger than bolt diameter. However, for anchor bolt 5mm clearance shall be allowed between bolt diameter and diameter of hole unless otherwise specified.

8.4.1.4 Bolthole shall either be drilled open or reamed after subpunching. Punching can only be permitted for a material thickness less than 13 mm.

8.4.1.5 Rolled edge around a hole shall be removed.

8.4.1.6 Position of a bolthole shall be precise so that the center of all holes aligns.

8.4.2 Protection against loosening of Nuts

8.4.2.1 Nuts shall be protected against loosening by concrete covering, double nuts or other proper means.

**8.5 Welding**

8.5.1 Welding

8.5.1.1 Welder shall have an authorized qualification in Maldives and approved by the Consultant.

8.5.1.2 Other tests shall be conducted to confirm welder's skill in accordance with type of work.

8.5.1.3 Tack welding shall be carried out by the welder approved by the Consultant.

8.5.2 Welding Machine

8.5.2.1 Arc welding machine shall be alternate or direct current type, which provides sufficient and adequate current.

8.5.3 Preparation

8.5.3.1 Welding shall be done as much downward as possible using a jig such as Rotary frame.

8.5.3.2 Welding rod shall be always kept in a dry area and if necessary, dried by drying equipment.

8.5.3.3 Welding surface shall be free of water, scale or others injurious to welding work. Slag appeared on the created surface in the middle of welding shall be cleaned before starting again.

8.5.4 Fabrication

8.5.4.1 Welding edge shall be smoothed by automatic gas cutting or other proper finishes.

8.5.8 Finishes

8.5.8.1 Surface of welds shall be as smooth as possible and size and length of welds shall not be less than designed dimensions.

- 8.5.8.2 Reinforcement of weld shall not exceed  $0.1s + 1 \text{ mm}$  ( s: Designated size) in fillet welds.
- 8.5.8.3 Welded parts shall be free of undercut, overlap, crack, blow hole, lack of welds, lack of weld settlement, rolled up slag or other defects.
- 8.5.8.4 Crater at the end of bead shall be carefully heaped up and slag, sputter, etc. shall be completely removed after welds.
- 8.5.9 Safety
  - 8.5.9.1 Safe scaffoldings shall be provided for the field welds work.
  - 8.5.9.2 Welding facilities shall be such that there shall be no electric leakage of electric shock. There also shall be sufficient protection for fire.
  - 8.5.9.3 Electric shock protection device shall be used and also care shall be taken not to get suffocated or intoxicated by gas when welding in small area.
- 8.5.10 Inspection
  - 8.5.10.1 Welding parts shall be inspected before, during and after welding in accordance with work schedule.

## **8.6 Erection and Field Painting**

- 8.7.1 Erection
  - 8.7.1.1 Erection procedure shall be prepared by the contractor and be approved by the Consultant prior to the erection.
  - 8.7.1.2 Material shall be stored on flat surface in order not to get distortion, twist or other defects. Correction shall be made to those distortions or twisted before erection.
  - 8.7.1.3 Horizontal reinforcement and bracing shall be placed and bolts are temporary tightened as trusses are put up.
  - 8.7.1.4 Connection of materials by bolts, etc. shall be made after distortion on plumb is thoroughly corrected.
  - 8.7.1.5 Temporary bracing or other reinforcement shall be placed to resist wind pressure or other loads erection.
  - 8.7.1.6 When heavy objects are placed on a horizontal element in the course of erection, they shall be reinforced with prior approval of the Consultant.
  - 8.7.1.7 Care shall be taken on all facilities so that there is no accident.
- 8.7.2 Field Painting
  - 8.7.2.1 All steel work shall delivered to site unprimed shall be cleaned of impurities, scrapped and wire brushed to remove rust and painted with one coat of priming paint applied by brush.
  - 8.7.2.2 Steelwork delivered to Site primed shall be cleaned of impurities and damage to the priming paint and made good with priming paint.
  - 8.7.2.3 Galvanized steelwork to be painted shall be cleaned of impurities. Where rusting has occurred the rust shall be removed by wire brushing and made good with an approved rust inhibitor. The surfaces shall be coated with a mordant solution, washed with clean water and painted with two coats of priming paint applied by brush.
  - 8.7.2.4 Steelwork, which is to be concealed shall be prepared and primed as above and shall be painted with two priming coats and one finishing coat of paint applied by brush.

**8.8 Anchor Bolt**

8.8.1 The other methods for movable burying shall be as directed by the Consultant.

## **9. MASONRY**

### **9.1 Materials**

- 9.1.1 Material used for masonry and plastering work shall conform to Section 3 - CONCRETE WORKS.
- 9.1.2 Masonry work shall be done with cement bricks or blocks of approved quality unless specified otherwise.
- 9.1.3 The blocks shall be free from excessive amounts of salt or other impurities and shall be inspected and approved by the Consultant.

### **9.2 General**

#### 9.2.1 Execution Drawing

- 9.2.1.1 Work shall be complied with this specification unless otherwise stated on particular Specification or Drawings. Any work not specified shall be discussed and directed by the Consultant. Execution drawing of block or brick alignment (inclusive of indication for hanging bolt, wood plug and conduit pipe), detail reinforcement, window opening, and other requirement shall be prepared and submitted for the Consultant.

#### 9.2.2 Stake-Board

- 9.2.2.1 Stake-board shall be provided at each 5m in length and shall be inspected by the Consultant for the accuracy, firmness and secureness. However, suitable ruler, plumb bob and leveler shall be provided for minor performance of cement block and bricks.

#### 9.2.3 Transportation and storing

- 9.2.3.1 Care shall be taken for damage during transportation of materials and any defect of natural finished concrete blocks or bricks shall be rejected.
- 9.2.3.2 Different size of material shall be stored separately and projected from dirt and other impurities.

#### 9.2.4 Curing

- 9.2.4.1 Any shock or load shall not be applied until concrete mortar or other fills hardened. Corner, projection and top of cement block or brick work shall be protected from rain, dryness, cold, damage and stain by covering.
- 9.2.4.2 Void between blocks or bricks shall not be intruded by rainwater.

### **9.3 Blockwork**

#### 9.3.1 Material

- 9.3.1.1 Blocks shall be of standard quality low permeability blocks with no defects and sample shall be submitted for approval of the Consultant.
- 9.3.1.2 Blocks shall be aerated hollow block 150 mm thick for external walls and 125 mm thick for internal walls. The average compression strength should be not less than 2.8N/mm<sup>2</sup> and shall comply with physical requirements of ISO 6073 : 1981

#### 9.3.2 Horizontal reinforcement for concrete block wall;

- 9.3.2.1 Horizontal reinforcement shall be provided at end of wall adjoining to

- concrete column. Reinforcing bar shall be anchored into end block and column.
- 9.3.2.2 Horizontal reinforcing bar for block wall shall be 6 dia. @ 1000 mm.
- 9.3.3 Placing Blocks & Bricks
- 9.3.3.1 Cement blocks shall be saturated with water and joint shall be cleaned.
- 9.3.3.2 Bonding mortar shall be used immediately after mix, and mixed mortar left for more than one hour shall be rejected.
- 9.3.3.3 Vertical and horizontal joint of blocks shall be filled completely and suitable with mortar on line shall not be moved or rearranged. Joint and surface of block of exposed finished block wall shall be cleaned immediately after joint is filled.
- 9.3.3.4 In case concrete block wall is attached to structural concrete, block wall shall be placed before concreting structure.
- 9.3.3.5 Mortar for joint shall be touched with steel trowel before hardened and exposed joint shall be finished with uniform width and planned without roughness or cavity.
- 9.3.3.6 Height for placing block per day shall be maximum 1.2 m unless otherwise specified.
- 9.3.3.7 Blocks shall be placed with cavity side under.
- 9.3.4 Joints
- 9.3.4.1 The thickness of joints shall not exceed 10 mm and the joints shall be rated (13 mm dup.) when the mortar is still floor, so as to provide for proper bond for the plaster. Any mortar which falls on the floor from this joints or removed due to raking of joints shall not be reused.
- 9.3.5 Lintel
- 9.3.5.1 Lintel shall be reinforced concrete as approved or directed by the Consultant.
- 9.3.5.2 Main reinforcing bar shall be anchored more than 40D ( 40 x diameter of the bar) at both end.
- 9.3.5.3 In case lintel is prefabricated, shop drawing shall be submitted for approval of the Consultant.
- 9.3.6 Frame of Opening
- 9.3.6.1 In case frame is temporarily installed before placing of blocks, frame shall be firmly placed and joiner shall be bonded with mortar as placing each block at side and top of frame.
- 9.3.6.2 In case frame is installed after placing of blocks, joiner shall be bonded with additional mortar at space or every two blocks or more.
- 9.3.6.3 Back of frame shall be filled and compacted with mortar by providing shuttering board.
- 9.3.6.4 Wood plug and anchor bolt shall be covered with mortar or concrete.
- 9.3.7 Piping
- 9.3.7.1 Principally, piping shall not be placed in block wall unless piping block is in use.
- 9.3.7.2 In case electric conduit pipe is placed in cavity of concrete blocks, care shall be taken not to obstruct reinforcing bar, and cavity shall be completely filled.
- 9.3.7.3 In case chipping and piping on face of blocks is unavoidable, performance

- 9.3.7.4 shall confirm to instruction of the Consultant.
- 9.3.7.4 Joiner and supporter for exposed piping shall be buried at joint which back is filled or otherwise approved by the Consultant.

## 10. PLASTERING

### 10.1 General

10.1.1 All masonry walls shall have smooth finished cement plaster on both sides with a surface setting coat of neat cement applied within an hour of the completion of rendering.

10.1.2 Cement rendering to floor shall be same as above.

### 10.2 Materials and Storage

10.2.1 Plaster materials which are affected by moisture such as plaster and cement shall be stored properly

10.2.2 Materials used for plastering shall conform to those of Section 3 - Concrete Works. Grading of sand, however, shall be as in table below

Grading of sand	Mortar plastering	Plastering
5mm sifting through 100%	for first coat	for first coat and dubbing
0.15mm sifting less than 10%	for finish coat	out
2.5mm sifting through 100%	for finish coat	for second coat
0.15mm sifting less than 10%		

10.2.3 White cement or filler or similar shall conform to the requirements of Portland cement, BS.12.

10.2.4 The use of mixtures shall be approved by the Consultant's representative. The amount of admixture shall be such that it effects mortar strength very little.

### 10.3 Mixing ratio

10.3.1 Mixing volume ratio of mortar shall be as in table below:

Base	area of application	first coat cement:sand	Dabbing out cement:sand	Finish coat cement:sand
Masonry blocks	Floor	-	-	1:4
	Interior wall	1:4	1:4	1:4
	Exterior wall	1:4	1:4	1:4

### 10.4 Thickness of Coating

Standard thickness of coating (mm)

Base	Area of application	First coat	Dubbing out	Second coat	Finish coat	Total
Masonry block	Floor	-	-	-	as per dwg	as per dwg
	Interior wall	8	-	8	4	15
	Exterior wall	8	-	8	4	15

10.4.1 Thickness of coating shall be standard thickness of coating unless otherwise indicated on the Drawings.

**10.5 Finish**

10.5.1 Type of finish and work schedule

Type	Work Schedule	Notes
1.Smooth Trowel finish	1. Shall be applied flat by metal trowel 2. Shall be finished by pressing with the trowel.	Before applying second coat, corner and edge shall be screed well.
2. Wooden float finish	Shall be applied by wooden float	

**10.6 General Preparation**

- 10.6.1 Remove efflorescence, laitance, dirt and other loose material by thoroughly dry brushing.
- 10.6.2 Remove all traces of paint, grease, dirt and other materials incompatible with coating by scrubbing with water containing detergent and washing off with plenty applying coatings unless specified other wise.
- 10.6.3 In Situ Concrete Surfaces: Scrub with water containing detergents to ensure complete removal of mould oil , surface retarders and other materials in compatible with coating . Rinse with clean water and allow to dry unless specified otherwise.
- 10.6.4 Organic Growths: Treat with fungicide to manufacturer’s recommendations and bush off.
- 10.6.5 Hacking For Key: roughen specified surfaces thoroughly and evenly by removing the entire surface to a depth of 3mm by scabbling , bush hammering or abrasive blasting . Clean surfaces by washing and brushing.
- 10.6.6 Smooth Concrete Surfaces: where no keying or mix or bonding agent is specified , wet smooth concrete surfaces immediately before plastering.

**10.7 External Plastering**

- 10.7.1 Dissimilar Solid Backgrounds for Plastering: where plaster is to be continued with out break across joints between dissimilar solid backgrounds which are rigidly bonded together , cover the joints with a 200mm wide mesh strip (back grounds in the same plane ) or with the corner mesh ( internal angle) fixed at not more than 600mm centers along both edges , unless specified or otherwise.
- 10.7.2 Dissimilar Solid Backgrounds for Plaster: where plaster is to be continued without break and without change of plane across the face of a 300mm and rigidly bonded to the background.
  - 10.7.2.1 Cover the face of the column /beam/ lintol with building paper extending 25 mm on the adjacent background.
  - 10.7.2.2 Over lay with expanded metal lathing extending 50mm beyond the edges of the paper and securely fixed with masonry nails at not less than 100mm centres along both edges.  
  
Alternatively, an approved paper and mesh lathing may be used.
- 10.7.3 Dissimilar Solid Backgrounds for Rendering: where rendering is to be continued without break across joints between dissimilar solid backgrounds which are in the same plan and rigidly bounded together, cover joints with a 150mm wide strip of building paper overlaid with 300mm wide metal lathing fixed at not more than 600mm centers along both edges unless specified other wise.
- 10.7.4 Service Chases: cover with steel mesh strip fixed at not more than 600mm centers along both edges.

- 10.7.5 Conduits bedded in under coat to be covered with 90mm wide jute scrim budded in finishing coat mix, pressed flat and trowelled in. Do not lap ends of scrim.

### **10.8 Internal Plastering**

- 10.8.1 Accuracy of plaster 15mm thick or more: maximum permissible gap between an 1800mm straight edge and any point on the surface to be 3mm.
- 10.8.2 Dubbing Out: if necessary to correct inaccuracies, dub out in thickness of not more than 10mm in same mix as first coat. Allow each coat to set before the first is applied. Cross scratch surface of each dubbing out coat immediately after set.
- 10.8.3 Metal Mesh Lathing: Work undercoat well in to interstices to obtain maximum key.
- 10.8.4 Under Coats: generally to be not less than 8mm with thickness greater than 16mm applied as two equal coats. Rule to an even surfaces and cross scratch - end coat to provide a key for the next hand applied coat.
- 10.8.5 Cement Based Under Coats: all to dry out thoroughly but not rapidly, to ensure that drying shrinkage is substantially complete before applying next coat.
- 10.8.6 Dissimilar Backgrounds: where scrim or lathing or beads are not specified, cut through plaster with a fine blade in a neat, straight line at junctions of :
- 10.8.6.1 Plastered rigid sheet and plastered solid backgrounds.
- 10.8.6.2 Dissimilar solid backgrounds.
- 10.8.7 Smooth Finish: trowel or float to product a tight matt, smooth surface with no hollows abrupt change of level or trowel marks. Do not use water brush and avoid excessive trowelling and over polishing.

### **10.9 External Rendering**

- 10.9.1 Dubbing Out: if necessary to correct inaccuracies, dub out in thicknesses of not more than 10mm in same mix as first coat. Allow each coat to dry before the next is applied. Cross scratch surface of each dubbing out coat immediately after set.
- 10.9.2 Under Coats for hand applied finishes:
- 10.9.2.1 Apply first undercoat or dubbing out coat by throwing from a trowel.
- 10.9.2.2 Coats to be no less than 8mm thick, with thickness greater than 16mm applied as two equal coats. On weak backgrounds first under coat to be not less than 10mm thick.
- 10.9.2.3 Brush down each under coat to remove dust and loose particles and wet thoroughly before application of next coat.
- 10.9.2.4 Cross scratch under coat without penetrating the coat, to provide key for following coat(s).
- 10.9.3 Drying: Keep each coat damp for the first three days by covering with polythene sheet and/or spraying with water. Thereafter prevent from drying out too rapidly. Work in shade when ever possible.
- 10.9.4 Allow each coat to dry out thoroughly to ensure that drying shrinkage is substantially complete before applying next coat.
- 10.9.5 Playing Floated Finish: Finish with wood or other suitably faced float to give an even texture.
- 10.9.6 Do not draw excessive laitance to surfaces.

**10.10 Metal Mesh Lathing / Reinforcement For Plastered/Coatings.**

10.10.1 Lathing to be provided as reinforcement for plastering in columns , walls or specified in drawings products.

10.10.2 Products:

10.10.2.1 Plain Expanded Metal Lathing: To B.S 1369 with a minimum weight of 1.9 kg/mm<sup>2</sup>. Manufacturer to approval of the Consultant.

10.10.2.2 Wire Ties : Unless other specified , annealed iron , galvanized to B.S 443.

10.10.2.3 Clout Nails: galvanized steel or stainless steel nails to B.S 1202 : Part 1, table 3.

10.10.2.4 Staples: Galvanized steel wire staples to B.S 1494: Part 2.

10.10.3 Workmanship

10.10.3.1 Framing: fix securely and accurately to help ensure that coatings on lathing , when finished, are true to line and level , within specified tolerances and free from cracks, rippling, hollows, ridges and sudden changes of levels.

10.10.3.2 Runners/Bearers spanning between concrete beams/ribs: fix with 3mm wire ties twisted around 38 mm X 10 gauge screws driven well into fixing blocks or plugs in sides of beams/ribs.

10.10.3.3 Wire Ties: twisted ends tightly together, cut off surplus and bend ends of wire away from face of coating.

10.10.3.4 Plain Expanded Metal Lathing:

(a) Stretch lathing and fix securely in accordance with manufacturers recommendations to give a taut , firm base for plaster/ rendering.

(b) Fix with the long way of the mesh at right angles to supports and with all strands sloping in the same direction.

(b) Lap side edges not less than 25mm . Lap ends 50mm at supports and 75mm between supports. Laps must not occur within 100mm of angles or bends.

## **11. CARPENTRY AND JOINERY**

### **12.1 Materials**

- 12.1.1 Timber shall be in accordance with the requirements of BS 1186 'Quantity of Timber and Workmanship in Joinery', Part 1, 'Quality of Timber'.
- 12.1.2 Timber and timber products shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the Consultant.
- 12.1.3 Timber shall be seasoned to stable moisture content compatible with the finished use, straight and true and free from wind, warp and distortion and in lengths suitable for the members required.
- 12.1.4 All timber shall be in long lengths and laps, scars or splices shall be over a bearing surface. Where obtainable, finishing timber exposed to view shall be in single lengths.

### **12.2 Preservation of Timber**

- 12.2.1 All timber shall be treated for insect attack and is to be of the correct moisture content and free from surface moisture content and dirt.
- 12.2.2 All rafters, purlins, framing scribe pieces, wall plates, and trusses etc. shall be treated for insect attack with approved timber preservative. No extra payment shall be made for such coating and will be considered inclusive in the rate of the respective item in the BOQ.
- 12.2.3 Treatment shall be carried out after all cutting and shaping is completed.

### **12.3 Hardware**

- 12.3.1 Hardware shall be standard quality and samples shall be submitted to the Consultant for approval.
- 12.3.2 All hinges shall be stainless steel or brass and shall be approved by the Consultant.
- 12.3.3 The dimensions and quality of hardware shall meet the requirements and shall not be rested, deformed or defective.

### **12.4 Dimensions and Finish**

- 12.4.1 All dimensions of timber given are finished dimensions.
- 12.4.2 All elements and others of structural nature, which are exposed, must be machine planed to a smooth finish.
- 12.4.3 All unexposed timber shall be machine planed to a rough finish.
- 12.4.4 All joinery work shall be dressed on all four sides and hand dressed where necessary and sanded to all exposed surfaces. All arises in any way accessible shall be sanded and smoothed off.

### **12.5 Workmanship**

- 12.5.1 All connections whether nailed, screwed, glued, morticed or dove-tailed shall be accurately made and properly executed to provide sound, satisfactory connections for the class of work required.
- 12.5.2 Timbers containing defects or distortions shall not be used.
- 12.5.3 All joinery shall be manufactured by skilled tradesman with accurate tolerances and set out

and with tools, jigs, machines and equipment appropriate for the work.

- 12.5.4 Assembly of the joinery units and joinery frames, etc. shall be by means of glued connections appropriate to the work - mortice and tenon, housing and doweling, etc. where practicable including the use of glued blocks wherever required. Nailing, screwing shall only be used with prior approval of the Consultant, corrugated fasteners shall not be used for effecting connections.

**13. ALUMINIUM DOORS AND WINDOWS**

**13.1 Aluminium Doors and Windows**

- 13.1.1 All windows and doors are to be constructed by approved specialist suppliers of medium section to the particular requirements noted on the drawings as to weight and profile. All sections shall generally conform to relevant British Standard Specifications.
- 13.1.2 All frames should be made to fit the actual openings with a 3 mm clearance all around. Discrepancies in overall width or height exceeding 3mm will not be allowed and the frames will be rejected in such cases. Any small discrepancies shall have the gaps suitably backed and filled with gun-applied water repellent mastic sealant
- 13.1.3 All sealants used in the assembly of, and in the fixing of cladding and window framing, shall be non-setting to allow thermal movement without detriment to those joint sealants used for peripheral caulking and shall be one part silicone sealant and shall conform to BS 4245. All spliced joints between mullions should be sealed with an approved silicone product, compatible with other sealants and packings used.
- 13.1.4 The auxiliary components in sashes as locks, pivots, sliding gear etc. shall comprise of stainless steel or resisting materials.
- 13.1.4 The tolerance are to be as follows:
  - a) Inside width of frame                      3mm Maximum
  - b) Inside height of frame                      3mm Maximum
  - c) Depth of frame                                2mm Maximum
  - d) Opposite side, Inside distance            2mm Maximum
- 13.1.5 The performance - associated requirements are
  - 1) Strength (resistance to wind pressure and other forces applied in use)
  - 2) Air tightness or ability to cut out drafts.
  - 3) Water - tightness against rain or dew.
  - 4) Sound arresting effect to (shut off noise from outside as well as inside).
- 13.1.6 All surfaces shall have an anodized protective surface layer of minimum 25 Micron thickness.
- 13.1.7 Glazing shall be done as specified by the Consultant. Glass shall be tinted, or as specified in the drawings. Thickness shall be according to the size of panels as given hereunder.

Not exceeding 1 sq. ft.	2mm
Exceeding 1 sq. ft. but not exceeding 2 sq. ft.	3mm
Exceeding 2 sq. ft. but not exceeding 4 sq. ft	4mm
Exceeding 4 sq. ft. but not exceeding 6 sq. ft	5mm
Exceeding 6 sq. ft.	6mm

- 13.1.8 Prior to import and / or purchase of the Aluminium Doors and Windows, the relevant specification of the manufacturer, along with samples has to be submitted to the Consultant for approval. This clause shall not be contravened on any account.
- 13.1.9 The fitting shall be done with utmost care not to spoil the finishes given by the manufactures, and any cleaning done shall be done with cleaners etc. as specified by the Manufactures.
- 13.1.10 The Contractor shall provide all items, articles, materials, operations, mentioned, or scheduled on the drawings, including all the labour materials, including fixing devices,

equipment and incidentals necessary as required for their completion.

- 13.1.11 The Contractor shall submit shop drawings and/or samples of each type of doors, windows, railings and other items of metal work to the Consultant for approval. The shop drawings shall show full size sections of doors and windows etc. thickness of metal, details of construction hardware as well as connection of windows, doors and other metal work to adjacent work.
- 13.1.13 Aluminium doors and shutters shall be manufactured by an approved manufacturer and shall be of sections, sizes combination and details shown on the drawings. The frame member shall be one piece, corners shall be electrically welded, ground smooth and true and glazing bare shall be threaded or interlocked as approved by the Consultant.
- 13.1.14 Glazing for doors and windows shall be of specified thickness and of approved quality and shall conform to specification of glazing. Fixing for glazing shall be done with aluminium Snap-On beading as per detail drawing and instructions. Necessary continuous rubber gaskets of approved make shall be provided.
- 13.1.15 Colour for doors and windows shall be approved by the Consultant.

### **13.2 Aluminium louvres**

- 13.2.1 Samples shall be submitted for approval.
- 13.2.2 All metal louvres shall be installed according to manufacturer's instructions.
- 13.2.3 All units shall be installed plum, well fitted and securely attached to supporting frames.

### **13.3 Top hung windows, ventilators and side hung doors**

- 13.3.1 All windows and doors should be weather stripped. The weather protection should be achieved by a positive compressive action against the section and should not depend on external contact. At every contact between two profiles two weather stripping sections should be provided to complete weather protection.
- 13.3.2 The bottom section for hinges must be capable of being adjusted vertically if necessary. The gap between section and the floor should be covered with a pair of special splay-tube sections.
- 13.3.3 The shutter sections for both windows as well as doors shall be hollow section type and shall be overall size 57 x 45 mm and the door sections shall be overall size 81 x 45 mm (including flanges).
- 13.3.4 The shutters of the windows and doors should be assembled with stainless steel pins and nylon washers. Handles shall be anodised aluminium finished to match the aluminium sections and mounted with self lubricating nylon washers.
- 13.3.5 A mortice cylinder rim automatic deadlock of high quality with double pin tumbler shall be used.
- 13.3.6 Windows shall have anodised aluminium handles, colour as framing and a latching mechanism securing the shutter to the frame both at the top and bottom.
- 13.3.7 Required fittings;
  - 13.3.7.1 single action door closer concealed in the head bar of the outer frame and mounted on an adjacent pivot at the threshold and deadlock fitted.
  - 13.3.7.2 the left hand leaf of double doors with flush bolts at head and sill with deadlock fitted to the right hand leaf.
  - 13.3.7.3 escape doors to have panic bolts assembly with vertical elements concealed in the sill

and door closer as in 13.3.7.1.

### **13.4 Installation**

- 13.4.1 Aluminium work shall be installed adjusted and glazed by experienced workmen all in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and in full conformity with the approved shop drawings, samples and other submitted data. Under no circumstances shall materials be installed on surfaces that contain condensation, dirt, grease or other foreign encountered materials that would hinder or prevent proper installation and functioning for the use intended.
- 13.4.2 Aluminium work shall be carefully and accurately assembled with proper and approved provision for contraction and expansion and set in correct locations as per approved detailed shop drawings, all level, square, plumb and aligned with other work. All joints between framing and structural building shall be sealed in order to be watertight and weatherproof and to satisfy all other requirements of the Consultant.
- 13.4.3 Frames shall be designed and manufactured with a maximum 2.5mm tolerance around the opening in the structure. These joints are to be finished by applying an approved sealant into a polystyrene foam backing strip.
- 13.4.4 All aluminium works are to be fully protected for the duration of the contract from damage by other trades. The Consultant shall approve the method of protection.
- 13.4.5 If for any reason final finishes become scratched, abraded or damaged during transport, delivery, storage or erection, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to remove or repair those defective areas or components as directed and to the complete satisfaction of the Consultant.
- 13.4.6 Repair work shall be identical to the manufacturer's applied finish with regard to gloss, finish and visual appearance. Field touch up of painted aluminium is permitted only with the written permission of the Consultant. Where touch up is not an authorised means of repair the damaged materials must be replaced by new.
- 13.4.7 Upon completion of work all protective coverings from all exposed surfaces shall be removed. All surfaces shall be cleaned using soap or detergents as recommended by the aluminium manufacturers to remove sealants, discolouration and any other foreign material. Defection of any type determined by the Consultant shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense.
- 13.4.8 Extreme care shall be taken when cleaning the exterior portion to protect all other adjacent works.

### **13.5 Sealing joints**

- 13.5.1 The Contractor shall ensure that joints are dry and remove all loose material, dust and grease.
- 13.5.2 Joints shall be prepared in accordance with sealant manufacturer's recommendations using recommended solvents and primers where necessary.
- 13.5.3 Adjoining surfaces which would be impossible to clean if smeared with sealant shall be masked.
- 13.5.4 Backing strips shall be inserted in all joints to be pointed with sealant. When using backing strips, the Contractor shall not leave gaps and shall not reduce depth of joint for sealant to less than the minimum recommended by the manufacturer.
- 13.5.5 Cavities shall be filled and jointed with sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Sealant shall be tooled to form a smooth flat bead.
- 13.5.6 Excess sealant shall be removed from adjoining surfaces using cleaning materials recommended by the sealant manufacturer, and shall be left clean.

**13.6 Glass installation**

- 13.6.1 Workmanship shall generally be in accordance with CP 152 and respective British Standards.
- 13.6.2 The glass is to be delivered to the site with adequate protection to prevent damage and where possible it is to be fixed in position immediately after delivery. When fixed the Contractor is to take all necessary precautions to prevent damage during succeeding building operations and will be entirely responsible for the replacement of any broken or damaged glass at his own cost.
- 13.6.3 The Contractor is to be solely responsible for determining the exact sizes of glass required, including a tolerance of 2mm to each edge and he is recommended to check the necessary dimensions on site.
- 13.6.4 No glazing is to be carried out until rebates have been painted with primer. Glazing beads as applicable are also to be primed before fixing.
- 13.6.5 All mastic is to be neatly struck off to agree exactly with site lines inside and out.
- 13.6.6 Rates are to include for all necessary springs, clips, setting blocks, location blocks and distance pieces and for taking off and later re-fixing loose beads
- 13.6.7 Glass apertures in timber doors are to be bedded in chamois leather glazing strip, black ribbon velvet or P.V.C. glazing strip to the approval of the Consultant.

## **14. ROOFING**

### **14.1 Scope**

14.1.1 This Section deals with steel profiled sheeting used as external weatherproof cladding of roofs.

### **14.2 Roof Cladding**

14.2.1 Sheet type: Spandek hiten roofing sheets manufactured by John Lysaght, No.18 Benoi Sector, Jurong , Singapore 2262 or equivalent.

14.2.2 Structural support: timber sections as per drawings.

14.2.3 Fastening: No. 12-14x45mm hexagonal head self drilling and tapping screw seal.

14.2.4 End laps: 200mm and should be sealed with a recommend sealant for pitches below 7 degrees.

14.2.5 Side laps: as per manufacturer's recommendations.

### **14.3 Products**

14.3.1 The profiled sheeting shall be in galvanized sheet steel with a factory per finished protective PVC film with colour to approval.

### **14.4 Workmanship**

14.4.1 Accessories: Flashing, trims, filler pieces, spacers, tapes, sealant, etc. where not specified to be the types recommended by the sheet manufacturer.

14.4.2 Fastening: Select types and location of fastenings to meet the following requirements.

14.4.2.1 Wind suction loaded: Calculate in accordance with CP 3: Chapter5 : Part2 , making due allowance for any internal pressure.

- Basic wind speed : 45 m/sec.
- Topography factory S1 : 1.0
- Ground roughness, building size and height Factory (S2) : as determined from CP3:Chapter5 : Part 2, Table 3.
- Statistical factor ( S3) : 1.0

14.4.3.2 Imposed loads other than wind and maintenance load, 1.5 KN/m<sup>2</sup> concentrated on a 300mm<sup>2</sup> which ever produces the greater stress. Maintenance point load : 0.9 KN concentrated on any 125mm<sup>2</sup>.

14.4.3.3 Dead load: allow for self weight of sheeting.

14.4.3.4 Roof pitch: as indicated on drawings.

14.4.3.5 Distance between not less than 900mm or as indicated on the drawings.

### **14.5 Fixing**

14.5.1 Quality of Work: Handle and store to preserve surface using clean dry gloves. Do not slide sheets over rough surface or each other . Packs of all sheet must be kept dry in transit and stored clear of the ground under cover to prevent water and /or condensation being trapped between adjacent surfaces. If packs become wet, sheets should be separated, wiped with a

- clean cloth without delay and placed so that air circulation completes the drying process.
- 14.5.2 Structure: Check that structure is in a suitable state to receive sheets before commencing fixing. Contractor must confirm acceptance to consultant
- 14.5.3 Structure: Do not fix profiled sheeting until final coats of paints have been applied to outer surfaces of supporting structure.
- 14.5.4 Isolating Tape: Apply to those surfaces of supports which would otherwise be in contact with sheeting or accessories after fixing.
- 14.5.5 Cutting and drilling :
- 14.5.5.1 Cuts sheets accurately with clean, true lines and no distortion with a power saw with abrasive cutting disc.
- 14.5.5.2 Cut openings in sheet for out lets, vent pipes , flues etc. to the minimum size necessary . Reinforce edges of openings with structural members.
- 14.5.5.3 Drill all holes. Position at regular intervals in straight lines. Holes for primary fastenings to be 1.5mm larger than the diameter of fastening unless self drilling type is used.
- 14.5.5.4 Remove burrs, drilling swarf, lubricant , dust and any other foreign matter before finally fixing sheets into position.
- 14.5.6 Direction of Laying: Lay sheets with exposed joints of side lap away from prevailing wind.
- 14.5.7 End Laps: to be fully supported.
- 14.5.8 Sealant:
- 14.5.8.1 Install to manufactures recommendation.
- 14.5.8.2 Position in straight, unbroken lines parallel to edges of sheets. Placed into corrugations. Do not allow to sag into position.
- 14.5.8.3 Ensure continuity and effectiveness of seal , especially at corners of sheets.
- 14.5.8.4 Do not over compress.

## **14.6 Fittings and Features**

- 14.6.1 Profile Fillers : use where specified and wherever necessary to close off corrugation cavities from the outside and inside of the building. Position on the line of, or above, fastening and ensuring a tight fit and leaving no gaps. Where sealed laps are specified bed profile fillers in sealant on top and bottom surface, but do not obstruct channels for ventilation or condensation drainage.
- 14.6.2 Flashing Trims: All fittings for flashing / trim shall be as per manufacturers recommendation and lapped at joints as follows:
- 14.6.2.1 Vertical and sloping flashing / trims : end lap to be the same as for adjacent sheeting.
- 14.6.2.2 Horizontal flashing / trims: end laps to be 150mm and sealed.
- 14.6.3 Gutter: Ensure that gutters are fully supported at each joint and at intermediate position not more than 900mm apart. Fix with spigot ends up the slope and make all the joints fully watertight. Position sheeting to leave a clear width across the gutter of not less than 230mm.
- 14.6.4 Quilt insulation :
- Thickness: minimum 50mm.
  - Manufacturer and Reference: to approval.

## **15. FINISHES**

### **15.1 General**

- 15.1.1 Glazed Ceramic Tile shall comply with British Standard specification No. 1281 and shall be approved sizes as shown on Drawings and the product of a reputable manufacturers approved by the Consultant.
- 15.1.2 Unglazed Ceramic Tile shall comply with the requirements of British Standard No.1286 and shall be of approved sizes as shown on the drawings and the product of a reputable manufacturer.

### **15.2 Manufacturers**

- 15.2.1 All tiles, ceramic or homogenous, for the project shall be manufactured by one of the following manufacturers.
1. Guocera Cermiche of Spain
  2. Horse brand Ceramic of Malaysia
  3. R.A.K Ceramic of United Arab Emirates
- Tiles from manufacturers not listed above shall only be used with prior written approval of the Consultant.

### **15.2 Ceramic and Vitreous Tile Materials**

- 15.2.1 Ceramic and Vitreous clay Wall Tiles:
- 15.2.1.1 All tiles for wall installation shall have cushion edge, impervious porcelain and highly glazed surface. Colours shall be as selected by the Consultant and shall include trimmers, corner pieces, bullnose and all other special shapes indicated or required. All this shall be free from flaws, cracks and crazing.
- 15.2.2 Floor Ceramic and Vitreous Tiles
- 15.2.2.1 Non-slip ceramic tile for shall be used on all floor locations. Floor tiles shall be specially prepared for floor use but shall have all the qualities of ceramic tiles listed above for wall use.

### **15.3 Mortar Materials**

- 15.3.1 Standard brand of light gray or white Portland Cement as specified in drawings, conforming to current British Standard specifications shall be used.
- 15.3.2 Sand: shall be clean, sharp, river sand, conforming to British Standard Specifications and graded fine to coarse within the following limits: 100% passing 8 sieve, 90% to 100% passing 16 sieve, 60% to 90% passing 30 sieve, 25% to 55% passing 50 sieve and 0% to 15% passing 100 sieve.

### **15.4 Cement Colour**

- 15.4.1 Dry cement colour, chemically inert, non fading, alkalifast, mineral pigment, as approved shall be used wherever refinished.

### **15.5 Waterproofing**

- 15.5.1 Floors of toilet areas, corridors and planter boxes shall be treated with an appropriate water

proofing coating, approved by the Consultant

## **15.6 Installation Requirements**

- 15.6.1 As far as possible, tile lay out work should be in such a way that no tile less than half size occurs.
- 15.6.2 Align joints in wall tile vertically and horizontally except where other patterns are shown or specified, Align joints in floor tiles at right angles to each other straight with walls to conform to the patterns selected.
- 15.6.3 Verify locations of accessories before installing tiles. Work shall be coordinated with plumbing and other trades before starting of tile work.
- 15.6.4 Installation of ceramic and vitreous tile shall be in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

## **15.7 Floor Tile Installation**

- 15.7.1 All ceramic and vitreous clay tile floors shall be in Portland cement setting beds. Concrete surfaces shall be cleaned and surface of concrete shall be wetted prior to placing of setting bed mortar. Tiles shall be immersed in water for minimum of 4 hours before laying.
- 15.7.2 Setting Bed Mortar Mix: shall consist of one (1) part Portland cement and two (2) parts dry sand, by volume, to which not more than 1/10 part of hydrated lime may be added.
- 15.7.3 When mixed with water, the mortar mix shall be of such consistency and workability as to produce maximum density. Determine consistency by stroking the mortar surface with a trowel. Whereof correct consistency, the trowelled surface readily assumes a smoothed, slickened appearance.
- 15.7.4 Spread setting bed mortar and screed to provide smooth, dense beds with true planes pitched to drains. The thickness of bed shall be such that the floor tile will finish flush with adjacent finished flooring, but bedding shall have average thickness of 38mm.
- 15.7.5 After bed has set sufficiently to be worked over, trowel or brush a thin layer, 3mm in thickness, of neat Portland cement paste over the surface of the back of tile.
- 15.7.6 Do not prepare larger setting bed than can be covered with tile before the mortar sets.
- 15.7.7 Press tile firmly into the bed tapping with wood blocks to obtain firm bedding of total tile area and a smooth top surface.
- 15.7.8 All tile shall be properly aligned with straight joints in even widths. Joints width shall be determined by spacers on ceramic tiles. Tamping shall be completed within one (1) hour after placing tile. Adjust work out of line within this period.
- 15.7.9 Tiles shall be fitted closely around pipes running through walls and floors. Pitch floors to drains.

## **15.8 Wall Tile Installation**

- 15.8.1 Base Plaster 13mm thick applied to masonry wall shall be one-part Portland cement, three-parts of river sand by volume. Where additional thickness build-up is required to conform to indicated lines, apply as separate coat at no cost to employer.
- 15.8.2 Setting bed of tiles shall be done with cement slurry. The thickness of slurry bed shall be 3mm thick minimum for setting tiles and walls.
- 15.8.3 Installation of tiles shall be in accordance with standards and applicable requirements previously specified for floor tile.
- 15.8.4 Tiles shall be installed in perfect vertical plumb and as per the pattern and joints as shown on

drawings

### **15.9 Grouting**

- 15.9.1 Grouting shall not commence for at least 24 hours after placing of tiles.
- 15.9.2 Grout for floor and wall ceramic and vitreous tiles shall be waterproof, neat white Portland cement with dry cement colour added as directed by the Consultant. If white grout is selected, cement shall be white.
- 15.9.3 Grout mixed to a creamy consistency in accordance with manufacturer's directions shall be used for joint filling. Maximum width of joints shall be 3mm.
- 15.9.4 Force maximum grout into the joints with trowel. Before grout sets, strike or tool joints to base of cushion and fill all skips and gaps. Do not permit setting bed materials to show through grouted joints.
- 15.9.5 Cure grout joints by maintaining damp condition for three (3) days by sponging down, or other methods approved by the Consultant. Allow floors to set 48 hours before permitting ordinary foot traffic.

### **15.10 Defects in Tiles and Tile Laying**

- 15.10.1 The surface of all tiled floors shall be perfectly in level and shall be executed by experienced workers in the field of tile laying.
- 15.10.2 A sample panel of laid tiles of each type shall be approved by the Consultant before commencement of tile laying.
- 15.10.3 Chipped or damaged tiles installed by the Contractor shall be rejected and shall have to be replaced by the Contractor at his own cost and risk.

### **15.11 Guarantees**

- 15.11.1 Manufacturer shall be provide his standard guarantees for work under this section. However, such guarantees shall be in addition to not in lieu of all other liabilities which manufacturers and Contractor may have by other provisions of the Contract Documents.

## **16. PLUMBING**

### **16.1 General**

- 16.1.1 The materials used and workmanship shall be of highest quality and grade unless otherwise specified shall conform to the latest specifications of British Standards and Codes of Practice for “ Water Supply “Sanitary, Pipe Work “Building Drainage “ Surface Water and Sub- Soil Drainage” and applicable to details and work indicated on the Drawing and Bill of Quantities. In case of any discrepancy / ambiguity the decision of the Consultants shall be final, and the contractor will act and perform accordingly.
- 16.1.2 The work shall be executed strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations set by the relevant local authority of the Maldives.
- 16.1.3 The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary approvals and test certificates from the concerned departments of Maldives.
- 16.1.4 Plumbing work shall be carried out by licensed plumbers and shall produce the copy of the license along with the tenders, or approved by the Consultant
- 16.1.5 Any damage done by the Contractor to any existing work during the course of execution of his work, shall be made good by him at his own cost. Failing which it shall be get done by the Consultants at Contractor’s risk and cost.
- 16.1.6 The Contractor shall be responsible to connect the drainage and water supply to the mains and to obtain the necessary approvals and certificates from the relevant authorities of the Maldives.
- 16.1.7 All connections to mains and meter installation shall be arranged by the Contractor and payment of fees thereof, if any, shall also be made by him.
- 16.1.8 The Contractor shall be responsible for the watch and ward of all fittings until the Works is fully completed and handed over to the owner.
- 16.1.9 The levels, measurements and other information concerning the existing site as shown on the drawings or as described as are supposed to be correct. The Contractor shall, however, verify them by himself and no extra claim whatsoever shall be entertained on account of the errors or omissions in such matters or on account of the descriptions turning out to be different from what was expected.
- 16.1.10 The Consultant shall instruct the Contractor to purchase and use such materials of particular make or from particular source as may in his opinion be necessary for proper and reasonable compliance with the specification and execution of the Works.
- 16.1.11 After all plumbing fixtures and equipment have been set ready for use, and before the Contractor leaves the job, he shall thoroughly clean all fixtures installed by him, removing all plaster, stickers, rust stains and other foreign matter of discolouration on fixtures, leaving every part in acceptable condition and ready for use to the satisfaction of the Consultants.

### **16.2 Drawings and Information Required**

- 16.2.1 The Contractor shall submit shop drawing for the entire installation including installation details for all items required or asked for approval of the Consultant.
- 16.2.2 Approved by the Consultant of shop drawing for any material, apparatus, devices and layout, shall not relieve the Contractor from the responsibility of furnishing same of proper dimension, size, quantity and all performance characteristic to efficiently perform the requirements and intent of the Contract Documents. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for errors of any sort in the shop drawing.

- 16.2.3 If the shop drawings deviate from the contract Documents the Contractor shall advise the Consultants of the deviations in writing accompanying the shop drawings including the reasons for the deviations. At the start of the Project the Contractor shall periodically and thereafter submit to the Consultants list of all shop drawings which will be submitted in the course of the project. The list shall show the disposition of each item including date of submission approval etc. The list shall be kept upto date through the entire course of construction.

### **16.3 Record Drawing**

- 16.3.1 During Construction the Contractor shall keep an accurate record of all deviations between the work as shown on the Contract Drawings and that which is actually installed.
- 16.3.2 The Contractor shall secure from the Consultants after approval of his Shop Drawing a complete set of drawing and note changes thereon in ink.
- 16.3.3 The Contractor shall make a complete record of all changes and revisions in the original design which exist in the completed work.
- 16.3.4 The cost of furnishing above prints and preparing these for record “ shall be deemed to be include in the tendered cost and its effects spread over other items of work, and as such item shall not be a subject to payment”. When all revisions showing the work as finally installed the corrected Original Transparencies shall be submitted to the Consultants before final payment for the completed work will be made.

### **16.4 Operating and Maintenance Instructions**

- 16.4.1 Three sets of operating and maintenance instruction covering completely the operation and maintenance of all plumbing equipment, controls, heaters, pumps and the like shall be furnished to the Owner, by the Contractor.

### **16.5 Tests**

- 16.5.1 The entire system of drains, waste and vent piping inside and outside the building shall be tested by the Contractor under a water test, which shall include the entire system from the lowest point to the highest pipes above the roof.
- 16.5.2 The water test shall be made in accordance with all local requirement. Every portion of the system shall be tested to a hydrostatic pressure equilent to latest 15 feet head of water. After filling, the Contractor shall shut off water supply and shall allow it to stand 2 hours under test during which time there shall be no loss or leakage.
- 16.5.3 The Contractor shall furnish and pay for device, material supplies, labour and power require for all tests. All tests shall be made in the presence and to the satisfaction of Consultant.
- 16.5.4 Defects disclosed by the test shall be repaired or if required by the Consultant defective work shall be replaced with new work without any extra charge to the Owner. Test shall be operated as directed until the work is proved satisfactory.
- 16.5.5 Fixture shall be tested for soundness, stability of support and satisfactory operation.
- 16.5.6 The Contractor shall notify the Consultant at least one week in advance of making the required test, so that arrangements may be made for their presence to witness the test.
- 16.5.7 Equipment shall be tested in service and the Contractor shall demonstrate that the equipment performs the work intended for it and that it complies with the requirement of these specification for such equipment, to the satisfaction of Consultants.
- 16.5.8 The rates shall include for all costs associated with tests.

**16.6 Work in Common Piping**

16.6.1 Material

- 16.6.1.1 Piping and fitting material shall be uP.V.C, Hard Impact P.V.C. or High Temperature P.V.C. and approved by the Consultant.
- 16.6.1.2 Piping material shall comply with requirements of water supply and sewerage and other relevant authorities.
- 16.6.1.3 Materials for the piping and service requirements shall basically conform to the service pressures encountered.

16.6.2 Providing Drawings and Manuals

- 16.6.2.1 The Contractor shall submit one set of originals and further two copies of layout drawings to the Consultant after completion of the Works. These drawings must give the following information:
  - (a) Run of all piping and diameter on all floors and the vertical stacks.
  - (b) Location and sizes of all control valves, access panels and other equipment.
  - (c) Location of all manholes and their sizes.
- 16.6.2.2 No completion certificate will be issued until the drawings are submitted.
- 16.6.2.3 The Contractor shall submit to the Consultant for approval, samples, shop drawings, manufacturer's drawings, equipment characteristics and capacity data etc. of all equipment, accessories devices etc. that he proposes to use in the installation.

16.6.3 Samples

- 16.6.3.1 The Contractor shall provide samples of all sanitary fittings, pipes and specials man-hole cover and frames, gratings and water supply pipes and fittings etc. and shall be deposited with the Consultant (which will be returned to the Contractor at the completion of the Works) and shall obtain approval from the Consultant before using in the Works. Any material rejected by the Consultant shall be removed from the site within 24 hours of rejection.

16.6.4 Drawings

- 16.6.4.1 The works shall be done in conformity with the plans and within the requirements of the general architectural, electrical and structural plans. This work shall be properly coordinated with the work of the other trades. Hangers and sleeves shall be furnished in time for their installation as other work proceeds.
- 16.6.4.2 The plumbing drawings are diagrammatic, but shall be followed as closely as actual construction. All deviations from drawings required to conform to the building construction shall be made by the Contractor at his own expense.
- 16.6.4.3 The architectural drawings shall take precedence over the plumbing drawings as to all dimensions.
- 16.6.4.4 Large size details shall take precedence over small size drawings. The special dimensions in the specifications or schedule of quantities or instructions of the Consultant shall supersede the drawings. The Contractor shall verify all dimensions at site.

- 16.6.4.5 The recommend position of the fittings, fixtures, control valves, tanks etc. as shown on the drawings will be adhered to as far as practicable.
- 16.6.4.6 Should there be any discrepancy due to incomplete description ambiguity or omission in the drawings and other documents, whether original or supplementary, forming the contract, either found on completion or during the currency of the installations work, the Contractor shall immediately, on discovering the same, draw the attention of the Consultants and the Consultants decision in final and binding on the Contractor.
- 16.6.5 Existing pipes
- 16.6.5.1 The site shall be examined for field drains and those, when found, shall be either entirely removed or diverted, trenches filled with dry earth in 200mm to 300mm layers and consolidated as directed by the Consultant.
- 16.6.6 Spare Parts
- 16.6.6.1 Necessary spare parts of the plumbing equipment for the one (1) year operation shall be supplied by the Contractor.
- 16.6.7 Excavation
- 16.6.7.1 All excavations shall be timbered to the satisfaction of the Consultant and the type of timber shall be suitable to the kind of earth encountered. Fixing of timber and removal after completion of work shall be done as directed by the Consultant.
- 16.6.7.2 Should any water accumulated in the trenches, headings or other excavation, the Contractor shall do such work as may be necessary to drain away the accumulated water and shall install pumps as may be required to keep the excavation and trenches dry. The Contractor shall ensure that the flow water in trenches or excavation does not injure or remove cement or aggregate of any concrete that has not set. No subsoil water shall be discharged into open drains or sewer at the site.
- 16.6.7.3 In refilling trenches after excavation this should be done in layers of 150mm after consolidating each layer. Special care shall be to see that the earth is packed uniformly and no injury to the pipe.
- 16.6.7.4 Rates for excavation should include for backfilling in consolidated layers where necessary and as directed by the Consultant.
- 16.6.8 Piping
- 16.6.8.1 The Contractor shall, as soon as possible after the award of the contract, prepare and submit to the Consultant for approval, working drawings showing exact locations and pipe runs for all pipework, the layout and setting up of equipment and the connection of piping to the equipment. Such drawings shall include details and methods of supports, anchors and sleeves etc.
- 16.6.8.2 Pipe runs shown in the drawings are approximate and intended to indicate the general run and locations only. The exact locations of all pipework shall be determined on Site.
- 16.6.8.3 All pipes, fittings etc. shall be kept closed against moisture and foreign matters when stored at site and during installation.
- 16.6.8.4 All pipes shall be fixed clear of one another and be so arranged as to provide

- easy access for maintenance and repair.
- 16.6.8.5 All plumbing work shall be carried out by suitably qualified plumbers in accordance with the British Code of Practice and Regulations and requirements of related Authorities.
- 16.6.8.6 Materials for the piping and service requirements shall basically conform to the service pressures encountered.
- 16.6.8.7 Each part of the installation of the plumbing work shall be completed in all details as shown in the drawings or as specified and provided with all necessary control valves, etc. that will be necessary for their satisfactory operation.
- 16.6.8.8 All piping shall be run plumb, and straight and parallel to walls, except drain line which shall pitch 6mm per 300mm in the direction of flow.
- 16.6.8.9 Pockets, unnecessary traps, turns and off-sets shall be avoided. When traps or pockets are unavoidable they shall be valved drains.
- 16.6.8.10 Piping installed on the concrete slab shall be firmly fixed or anchored to the floor with packing to prevent damage to pipes. Pipes shall not be bent with bender where cross with other pipe or change to upward.
- 16.6.8.11 Where pipes are to be laid directly in the ground, bed shall be sufficiently compacted, necessary protection for piping shall be taken.
- 16.6.8.12 Backfill shall be done after the approval of the Consultant in such a manner not to damage the pipe line and shall be restored to the original stage.
- 16.6.8.13 Where pipes penetrate through waterproof part or fire partition or fire wall, pipe sleeves shall be provided and clearance between pipe sleeve and pipe shall be filled with caulking material approved by the Consultant.
- 16.6.8.14 Pipes, fittings, valves and accessories shall be thoroughly cleaned, both internally and externally before installation and shall be cleaned before putting into service.
- 16.6.8.15 Plumbing work shall be completed in accordance with the details shown on the Drawings or as specified and provided with all necessary control valves, etc. that will be necessary for their satisfactory operation.
- 16.6.8.16 All pipes shall be cut square and true to the pipe axis by means of suitable tools without reducing pipe diameter and cut ends shall be finished smooth. Before making connections, chips, dirt and other foreign matter shall be removed from inside interior of each pipe. Fixing of hangars and embedding of pipe sleeves shall be carried out without delay along with the progress of the work where required.
- 16.6.8.17 Pipe connections for the water supply system shall be by uP.V.C high pressure. Jointing shall be generally by means of solvent cement according to manufacturer's instructions
- 16.6.8.18 Vertical pipe shall be braced at more than 2 point in every story.

## **16.7 Water Supply Work**

### **16.7.1 Materials**

- 16.7.1.1 Pipes, joints and fittings for water supply work shall be high pressure uP.V.C.
- 16.7.1.2 Materials and workmanship shall comply with the local water supply

authority requirements.

**16.8 Water Pumps**

- 16.8.1 The specification herein stated are basic guides only. Other items not so indicated but which are obviously necessary for the proper operation of the system as intended shall be supplied and installed, in accordance with accepted Consulting standard.
- 16.8.2 Manuals of operation and maintenance and list of spare parts shall be supplied together with the equipment.
- 16.8.3 The contractor shall submit at least four copies of pump performance curves showing among others, the pump rating and efficiency, properly marked out.
- 16.8.4 A metal name plate indication in indelible letters for the correct specification of the pump and motor shall be properly attached to the assembly at a location such that the information written thereon can be conveniently read by all concerned.
- 16.8.5 Well water pump and Fresh water pump: Flow rate = 60L/min, Head = 70m, Type : End suction Hydro pneumatic pump, 220/440V, 3-Phase, 50 Hz. Alternate and parallel operation. Fire pump: 50L/min, 70m head, Vertical multistage pump with alternative operations.

**16.9 Spacing of supports**

- 16.9.1 Support spacing for uP.V.C pipes shall be as follows

Nominal Dia.	upto 40	more than 50
Space (m)	1.2	1.5

**16.10 Drainage Work**

16.10.1 General

- 16.10.1.1 High Pressure uP.V.C pipe and fittings shall be used for all drainage work including vent pipes.
- 16.10.1.2 Joints shall be made by the cold-jointing method, and the pipe interior shall have not offset at the joint interfering with the flow. Joint adhesive shall be good quality and shall not be affected by heat and shock.
- 16.10.1.3 Where horizontal drain branch joints the main, such branch shall be connected to the main in a substantially horizontal position and at an acute angle of not more than 45 degree to the main in all cases.

16.10.2 Vent stack pipes

- 16.10.2.1 Vent pipe shall be vertically branched out upward from a horizontal drain branch pipe or other appropriate point. Horizontal branching of the vent pipe shall be done on approval of the Consultant.
- 16.10.2.2 Where vent pipes on each floor are to be connected to the vent stack, all connections shall be made at least 150mm above the respective overflow edges of fixture on that floor.
- 16.10.2.3 The provision of the preceding item shall also apply to the connection of vent stack vent pipe.
- 16.10.2.4 Vent stack shall be connected to the waste stack or soil stack at the lowest part to stack pipe.
- 16.10.2.5 Where vent pipe is to be connected to the horizontal drain pipe, such angle

shall be more than 45 degree to upward.

- 16.10.2.6 Vent stack shall be extended 600 mm from the top of the roof or lead to the wall and top of pipe shall be covered with vent cap.

### **16.11 Laying of Pipes**

- 16.11.1 The pipes shall be laid to proper lines and levels as shown in the plans and directed by the Consultant, as the main is laid, the front pipes in the trench shall always be closed with a plug either of iron or wood and security fastened. The plug shall not be removed except when pipe laying is resumed or for purposes of testing.

### **16.12 Laying of sewer water Mains**

- 16.12.1 All mains shall be laid on a good solid, bottom to prevent subsidence and consequent fracture.
- 16.12.2 Mains running under buildings, if unavoidable, shall be completely surrounded by 150mm of concrete.
- 16.12.3 In case of mains passing through a well, the weight of the latter shall be carried by a lintel or a suitable relieving arches.
- 16.12.4 All rising mains shall be properly plugged to all wall brackets at regular intervals as given in the drawings.
- 16.12.5 All mains shall be concealed inside wall as far as possible except for vertical sewer mains, cleaning doors shall be provided in the walls whenever necessary and as directed by the Consultant.

### **16.13 Sewers**

- 16.13.1 After the cement has had time to set, the pipes shall be tested in length between manholes in following manner.
- 16.13.2 In the lowest manhole/intercepting trap as the case may be, a plug shall be inserted in the pipe. The disc in the pipe at the upper manhole shall be fitted with a filling pipe with a right angle bend and an air cock.
- 16.13.3 The pipe line shall then be filled with water by means of the pipe connection on the upper disc. The air cock on the upper disc shall be kept open while the pipe line is being filled to permit the escape of air.
- 16.13.4 When the pipes are filled with water and air excluded, the air cock shall be shut and the water shall be poured into conical filler, attached to the filling pipe until the water remains in the filter.
- 16.13.5 The filling pipe shall then be raised and fastened so that the height of surface of the water in the filler above the invert of the pipe is 1828 mm which will be usual test pressure for S.W pipes.
- 16.13.6 If the water level does not fall more than 16mm (12mm) in a length of 91.4 metre the test may be considered satisfactory.
- 16.13.7 The Contractor shall make good all defective work at his own expense

### **16.14 U.P.V.C Pipes**

- 16.14.1 Manufacturer's instruction should be followed in pipes to be used for water mains. Where specified, pipes shall have integral rubber ring joints and where solvent cement joints are specified, a sufficient number of expansion/contraction joints shall be incorporated in the

length of mains to allow for variation of temperature to the recommendation of the pipe manufacturers.

- 16.14.2 These pipes shall be effectively protected from the direct rays of sun immediately after they are laid and until permission is given for the trenches to be refilled by the Consultant. Subject to such permission being obtained, trenches shall be refilled without delay. Final connection at a fixed point shall be deemed unto the majority of the length of the pipe line has been covered by backfill in order to reduce the effect of expansion and contraction caused by temperature variations .

**16.15 Bends and other Specials**

- 16.15.1 In fixing bends care shall be taken to see that the axis of the bend is truly vertical or horizontal as the case may be and the spigot of the bend is well in the socket of the pipe with which a joint has to be formed. The Contractor shall be called on to replace any faulty work at his own expense.

**16.16 Flanged Joints**

- 16.16.1 All flanged joints shall be made by painting the faces of the flanged with red lead freely and bolting the flanges evenly on all sides. A thin fiber of lead wool may be used in making the joints water tight when facing of the flanges is not true. Rubber insertions may be used with approval. Sewage resistant rubber insertion to be used for sewer lines.

**16.17 Support for U.P.V.C Pipes**

- 16.17.1 When U.P.V.C pipe lines incorporate metal valves or other heavy fittings, it is essential to support the valves directly rather than allowing their weight to be carried by the uP.V.C pipe and support shall be placed on either side of the fittings mentioned above. Moulded plastic fitting also should be supported.

- 16.17.2 Maximum allowable horizontal support distance for uP.V.C are given below.

<b>Nominal bore</b>	12 mm (1/2")	18 mm (3/8")	25 mm (1")	32 mm (1¼")	38 mm (1½")	50 mm (2")
<b>Support distance</b>	533 mm (1'9")	616 mm (2'0")	686 mm (2'3")	764mm (2'6")	840 mm (2'9")	915 mm (3'0")
<b>Nominal bore</b>	75 mm (3")	100 mm (4")				
<b>Support distance</b>	1220 mm (4'0")	1290 mm (4'6")				

- 16.17.3 For vertical installation supports, distances shall be doubled.

**16.18 Sewer pipes**

- 16.18.1 All 'P', 'S', 'I' junctions bends etc. required shall be furnished and set without extra charge and shall confirm to the pipe specifications as to quality

**16.19 Air Valves**

- 16.19.1 These valves to be fitted as per drawings and Bill of Quantities shall be tested and accompanied by a certifying their efficiency.

16.19.2 The floating ball in the valve shall be suitable metal or vulcanite or rubber specially manufactured for tropical conditions.

**16.20 Scour Washout Valve**

16.20.1 These shall be provided at portions shown in place and shall contain in one unit a flanged scour valve with short connection pieces, cast iron bend and T pieces for connection to main pipe.

16.20.2 The rate shall also provide for short length of straight pipe to a convenient as per details complete with covers and surface boxes

**16.21 Foot valves and Strainers**

16.21.1 Foot valve and strainers should be of reputable manufacture approved by the Consultant and shall be fitted with flushing lever attachment where specified.

**16.22 Pressure Reducers**

16.22.1 Pressure reducing valves shall be of the equilibrium type of approved manufacture and capable of reducing the pressure to the valve required as per plan and Bill of Quantities.

**16.23 Water Meter**

16.23.1 The water meters shall be from a reputed manufacture and shall be approved by the consultant before installation.

**16.24 Equilibrium Ball Valves**

16.24.1 These should be of reputable manufacture approved by the Consultant and be of the angle pattern with gun metal valve seats guide bush, copper float with wrought iron lever and links with bronze pins.

**16.25 Fittings**

16.25.1 All sanitary pipes, gullies, water closets/bidets, squatting basins, sinks bath tubs etc. to be of approved design and to be obtained from approved Manufacture and to be of the best stoneware, glazed inside and outside, with burnt hard and sound, free from flaws, blisters, cracks and other imperfections and best quality commonly called 'Firsts'.

16.25.1 Rates should include for all bends, junctions, traps, cleaning, painting, fixing clear of wall etc. complete as specified as per Bill of Quantities.

16.25.2 All pipes, fittings, flushing cisterns, valves, stop cocks, taps, tanks, surface boxes etc. to be of the best of their kinds and in addition to complying with previous clauses to be from approved Manufacturers and all taps, cocks, valves etc. to be screwed down pipe. Taps to be of brass/nickel coated and valves to be of gun metal. All tanks to be made fly-proof and to the complete satisfaction of the Consultant.

16.25.3 Rates should include for all cutting and waste, bends, taps junctures, cleaning eyes, tees.

**16.26 Manholes, Manhole covers and Frames**

16.26.1 Concrete cover slabs or top rings of manholes shall provide a suitable seating for a rectangular cover.

- 16.26.2 The frame shall have a clear opening of 0.61m x 0.61m or alternatively a circular or double triangular cover depending on the type of cast iron manhole cover to be used. The rate for manholes shall allow for such provision.
- 16.26.3 Where the supply of cast iron manhole cover and frames is payable separately the cost of setting, surrounding, painting and materials for same shall be allowed for in the rate for manholes.
- 16.26.4 Suitable lifting rings, hooks or brackets shall be provided in the precast manhole sections. Box holes shall be separately grouted with 1:2 cement mortar.
- 16.26.5 The contractor shall supply two manhole keys for each pattern of cover without additional charge over the rate for covers (or manholes).
- 16.26.6 Heavy duty (grade a) cast iron manhole cover and frames shall be of the double triangular type to bs and having a clear opening of 550mm dia.
- 16.26.7 Medium duty (grade b) cast iron manhole covers and frames shall be of the circular type having a clear opening of 550mm dia or the rectangular type having a clear opening of 0.61m x 0.61m and conform to bs. They shall be of the single seal type, the weight of cover frame being approximately 127.00 kgs.
- 16.26.8 Light duty (grade c) cast iron manhole cover and frames shall be of the double seal flat type having a clear opening of 0.61m x 0.61m conforming to bs. Weight of cover and frame approximately 50.75kgs.
- 16.26.9 All manhole covers and frames shall be supplied, coated with a black bituminous composition and be given two coats of bituminous paint after bedding.
- 16.26.10 No extra rate is payable for drop and/or junction manholes but piping in and surrounds of drop lines are payable at that relevant rates for s.w piping and manholes.
- 16.26.11 In drop manholes where the difference in level between the incoming drains and the sewer does not exceed 0.610m in 75mm and there is sufficient room in the manhole, the connecting pipe may be brought directly through the manhole wall, and the fall accommodated by constructing a ramp in the benching of the manhole. The ramp shall be of concrete and finished equal to that of the benches. No extra rate is payable.

### **16.27 Interceptor Manhole**

- 16.27.1 All gravity sewer lines should be, connected through an intercepting inspection chamber before connecting to the main sewer line, and the dimensions of the manhole and trap to be in conformity with the Maldives Water and Sanitation Authority.

### **16.28 Fixtures and Accessories**

- 16.28.1 All sanitarywares shall be manufactured by one of the following manufacturers.

1. American Standard
2. Ideal Standard
3. American Briggs
4. Armitage Shanks
5. Cotto
6. Star sanitaryware

Sanitary ware from manufacturers not listed above shall only be used with prior written approval of the Consultant

**16.29 As built Drawings**

- 16.29.1 The Plumbing Contractor, shall mark down with red pencil on two sets of plumbing plans all the revisions, omissions and/or additions to the various plumbing installation drawings as the construction progress. One set of the plans as marked shall be submitted to the Consultant after completion of the work.
- 16.29.2 Before the final payment is made to the Contractor, he shall submit to the Owner through the consultant, all As-Built Drawings incorporating the changes made and noted in the marked plans retained by him. The As-Built Drawing incorporating all the changes made and noted in the marked plans retained by him. The As-Built Drawings shall be prepared on reproducible form
- 16.29.3 The Plumbing contractor shall prepare and submit the As-Built Drawings without extra cost to the Owner.

**16.30 Miscellaneous**

- 16.30.1 Throughout the construction period, open ends of all installed pipelines shall be kept closed by temporary plugs. Drainage lines shall not be used to conduct dirty construction wash-washer, especially, those with cement, to avoid possible clogging.
- 16.30.2 A temporary fire protection system at each building shall be provided by the Contractor during the construction period. This shall be of sufficient capacity to put out any fire that may break out at any of the building floors due to construction period. This in addition to temporary fire extinguishers required.
- 16.30.3 A temporary potable water supply shall be available to construction workers at each building floor as construction work progresses.
- 16.30.4 A temporary human Excrete Disposal System shall be provided by the Contractor to serve the workers during the construction period.

**16.31 Height of Fixture Installation**

Height of fixture shall be as follows unless otherwise specified on the Drawings

<b>Fixture</b>		<b>Height (mm)</b>
Wash Basin	Floor finish to front top edge - Male	700
	Floor finish to top of mirror - Male	1675
	- Female	1660
Lavatory	Floor finish to front top edge	760
Shelf	Floor finish to top of shelf - Male	1005
	- Female	990
Cistern	Floor finish to bottom of cistern	500
	Floor mounted Japanese type Western type	550
Drinking fountain	Floor to front top edge	765
Flush valve, WC	Floor to center of valve	600
Paper holder	Floor to center of holder - Japanese type	400
	- Western type	750
Faucets	Sink floor to top of faucet	300
	Lavatory	Lav. top to top of faucet
Bath room	Floor finish to top faucet	300

## **17. PAINTING**

### **17.1 Material**

- 17.1.1 All paints shall be approved by the Consultant for colour, quality and type. All painting work shall be carried out in accordance with the paint manufacturer's specifications unless otherwise directed by the Consultant.
- 17.1.2 All paints and finishes used for the project shall be manufactured by or under license from one of the following manufacturers;
- (a) Nippon Paints (Japan)
  - (b) Imperial Chemical Industries (UK)
  - (c) Sigma Paints (Saudi Arabia)
  - (d) Macpherson Paints Limited (UK)
  - (e) Crown Decorative Products (UK)
- Paints from manufacturers not listed above shall only be used with prior written approval of the Consultant
- 17.1.2 Paint shall be ready mixed and all paints, varnishes, enamels, lacquer stains, paste fillers and similar materials shall be delivered to the site in the original containers with the seals unbroken and labels intact. Each container shall give the manufacturer's name, type of paint, colour of paint and instructions for reducing. Thinning shall be done only in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.
- 17.1.3 Use of product by the same manufacturer shall be a general rule in each stage of work in this Specification.
- 17.1.4 Colour, luster, colour scheme, finish shall be decided by the Consultant after checking sample paint test.
- 17.1.5 The painting shall be performed by experienced and competent painter.
- 17.1.6 Where walls are specified to be painted, all columns, arches, groove, rough surfaces, reveals, soffits and returns, etc. shall be included and no extra shall be payable.

### **17.2 Definition of Terminology**

#### **Surface Sealing**

Surface to be painted shall be sealed to have uniform suction and prevent lye from oozing out.

#### **Spot Puttying**

All cracks and depressions shall be filled flush with putty.

#### **Puttying**

All surfaces to be painted shall be puttyed uniformly flat surface.

#### **Spot painting**

Spot puttyed area shall be touched up by paint

#### **Touch-up**

Any damaged area after the prime coat has been applied shall be touched up

#### **Drying hour**

The drying time of double coated paint shall be measured at the temperature of 20°C and humidity of 70%.

**Amount of paint**

The amount shall be standard amount of paint itself not including thinner. It shall increase or decrease depending on shape and surface condition in the process of painting.

**17.3 Paint Finish Symbols**

OP	Synthetic resin mix paint finish
VP	Solvent-polyvinyl chloride resin paint finish
EP	Polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint finish
AEP	Synthetic resin emulsion paint finish
CL	Clear lacquer finish
EXP	Epoxy resin paint finish
Stipple (OP)	Stippled finish (oil mix paint finish)
Stipple (EP)	Stippled finish (polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint finish)

**17.4 Painting in General**

17.4.1 Preparation of Paint

- 17.4.1.1 Mixing: Paint content with pigment shall be thoroughly stirred to make a uniform consistency.
- 17.4.1.2 Thinning: Portable water shall be used for thinning of emulsion paint and water-soluble paint. Proper thinner, product of the same manufacturer as paint, as a rule, shall be used for other types of painting. Percentage of thinning and viscosity shall be conducted with direction of manufacturer or catalogue as they vary with the method of paint, temperature, type of material to be painted.
- 17.4.1.3 Allowable period of Use: Paint mixed with more than 2 types shall be used with direction of a manufacturer or catalogue as allowable period of use, mixing ratio and mixing method vary. The paint which has passed allowable period of use shall not be used.

17.4.2 Conditions of Painting

- 17.4.2.1 Work shall not be executed in the following situations
  - 17.4.2.1.1 When humidity is above 85%
  - 17.4.2.1.2 When raining or it is forecast
  - 17.4.2.1.3 When dusts are present
  - 17.4.2.1.4 When temperature of surface is high under hot weather and bubbles are likely to develop on the painted surface.
- 17.4.2.2 Conditions of Surface to be painted: Work shall not be executed or proper means shall be taken in the following situations.
  - 17.4.2.2.1 When surface is damp and wet
  - 17.4.2.2.2 When condensation is likely to develop on the surface.

- 17.4.2.2.3 All nail holes on veneer, board. etc., shall be covered with proper rust-proof paint before the subsequent painting is applied in accordance with this specification.

17.4.3 Performance

17.4.3.1 Paint shall be evenly and uniformed applied on the surface. Areas of difficult application such as pointed part, internal angle, welded part, etc. shall be thoroughly painted and double coated as necessary to deep uniform coating thickness.

17.4.3.2 Painting shall be properly done by carefully selecting the painting method by the shape of surface and types of paint.

17.4.4 Protection

17.4.4.1 Dangerous material such as paint, thinner, etc., excluding emulsion paint and water-soluble paint shall be kept in accordance with regulations concerned.

**17.5 Procedure of Painting**

17.5.1 Exterior - Surface of Mortar, Plaster and Concrete

AEP- Synthetic resin emulsion paint.

Coating Process	No. of Coats	Type of Paint	Drying hour	Amount (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
1. Surface preparation		Dry, clean and free from impurities		
2. Surface sealing	1	Sealer for emulsion paint	longer than 4 hours	
3. Puttying		Putty for emulsion paint		
4. Grinding		Grind with proper grinding tool		
5. Spot painting		Synthetic resin emulsion paint		
6. Second coating	1	Synthetic resin emulsion paint	longer than 4 hours	0.10-0.13
7. Finish coating	2	Synthetic resin emulsion paint	longer than 4 hours	0.10-0.13

Notes:

- (a) Degree of dryness on the surface to be painted shall be kept under 6% in water content and below PH 9.5
- (b) Puttying and sanding process shall allowed to omit depending on the conditions of the surface.
- (c) Drying time of putty shall be long enough for sanding to proceed.
- (d) Amount of sealer for surface sealing shall be adjusted with direction of the Consultant as it varies with the surface conditions.

17.5.2 Exterior - Iron Products in General

OP - Synthetic resin mix paint

Coating Process	No. of Coats	Type of Paint	Drying hour	Amount (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
1. Surface preparation		Completely remove rust, moisture, oil and other impurities by sander, cleaner and surface.		
2. First Coating 24 hours	1	Rust proof oil paint	longer than 24 hours	0.13-0.15
3. Touch-up		Touch-up rustproof oil paint		
4. First Coating	1	Rustproof oil paint	longer than 24 hrs	0.13-0.15
5. Second coating	1	Synthetic resin mix paint	longer than 15 hrs	0.11-0.15
6. Finish coating	1	Synthetic resin mix paint	longer than 15 hrs	0.11-0.15

Note:

Paint for touch-up painting shall be the same as used for first coat in process No. 2

17.5.3 Exterior - Wood

OP - Synthetic resin mix paint finish

Coating Process	No. of Coats	Type of Paint	Drying hour	Amount (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
1. Surface preparation		Clean and sand to plane surface		
2. Knot treatment	1-2	Lacquer varnish	longer than 24 hours	
3. First coating	1	First coat paint of oil mix paint	longer than 24 hrs	0.13-0.15
4. Second Coating	1	Oil mix paint	longer than 24 hrs	0.11-0.13
5. Finish coating	1	Oil mix paint	longer than 24 hrs	0.11-0.13

Note:

Puttying and sanding shall be done after process No.2 when there are cracks, etc. on the surface putty shall be oil-putty, but drying time shall vary depending on conditions.

17.5.4 Interior - Mortar, board, etc.

Stipple (EP) - Polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint finish

Coating Process	No. of Coats	Type of Paint	Drying hour	Amount (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
1. Surface preparation		Dry, clean and free from impurities		
2. Surface sealing	1	Sealer for emulsion paint	longer than 4 hours	
3. Puttying		Putty for emulsion paint		
4. Grinding		Grind with proper grinding tool		

5. Spot painting		Second coating paint of polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint		
6. Second Coating	2	Polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint	longer than 4 hrs	1.11-0.13
7. Finish Coating	1	Polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint for stipple-finish	longer than 4 hrs	0.25-0.35

Notes:

- (a) Degree of dryness on the surface to be painted shall be kept under 6% in water content and below PH 9.5
- (b) Puttying and sanding process shall allowed to omit depending on the conditions of the surface.
- (c) Drying time of putty shall be long enough for sanding to proceed.
- (d) Amount of sealer for surface sealing shall be adjusted with direction of the Consultant as it varies with the surface conditions.

17.5.5 Interior - Mortar, plaster, concrete, etc.

VP Solvent - Polyvinyl chloride resin paint finish

Coating Process	No. of Coats	Type of Paint	Drying hour	Amount (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
1. Surface preparation		Dry, clean and free from impurities		
2. Surface sealing	1	Sealer for emulsion paint	longer than 2 hours	
3. Puttying		Putty for polyvinyl chloride resin paint		
4. Grinding		Grind with proper grinding tool		
5. Spot painting		Solvent-polyvinyl chloride resin enamel emulsion paint		
6. Second Coating	1	Solvent-polyvinyl chloride resin enamel emulsion paint	longer than 4 hrs	0.11-0.14
7. Finish Coating	2	Solvent-polyvinyl chloride resin enamel emulsion paint	longer than 4 hrs	0.11-0.14

Notes:

- (a) Degree of dryness on the surface to be painted shall be kept under 6% in water content and below PH 9.5
- (b) Puttying and sanding process shall allowed to omit depending on the conditions of the surface.
- (c) Drying time of putty shall be long enough for sanding to proceed.
- (d) Amount of sealer for surface sealing shall be adjusted with direction of the Consultant as it varies with the surface conditions.

17.5.6 Interior - Mortar, plaster, concrete, etc.

EP Polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint finish

Coating Process	No. of Coats	Type of Paint	Drying hour	Amount (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
1. Surface preparation		Dry, clean and free from impurities		
2. Surface sealing	1	Sealer for emulsion paint	longer than 4 hrs	
3. Puttying		Putty for emulsion paint		

4. Grinding		Grind with proper grinding tool		
5. Spot painting		Polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint		
6. Second Coating	1	Polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint	longer than 4 hrs	0.11-0.13
7. Finish Coating	1	Polyvinyl acetate resin emulsion paint	longer than 4 hrs	0.11-0.13

Notes:

- (a) Degree of dryness on the surface to be painted shall be kept under 6% in water content and below PH 9.5
- (b) Puttying and sanding process shall allowed to omit depending on the conditions of the surface.
- (c) Drying time of putty shall be long enough for sanding to proceed.
- (d) Amount of sealer for surface sealing shall be adjusted with direction of the Consultant as it varies with the surface conditions.

17.5.7 Interior - Iron products, steel.

OP - Synthetic resin mix paint

Coating Process	No. of Coats	Type of Paint	Drying hour	Amount (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
1. Surface preparation		Completely remove rust, moisture, oil and other impurities by sander, cleaner and surface		
2. First Coating	1	Synthetic resin rust-proof. Red lead-type, lead compound-type	longer than 24 hrs	0.18-0.22 0.13-0.15
3. Touch-up		Touch-up rust proof paint		
4. First Coating	1	Synthetic resin rust-proof paint. Red lead-type, Lead compound-type	Longer than 24 hrs	0.18-0.22 0.13-0.15
5. Second Coating	1	Synthetic resin mix paint	longer than 15 hrs	0.11-0.13
6. Finish Coating	1	Synthetic resin mix paint	longer than 15 hrs	0.11-0.13

Notes:

- (a) Paint for touch-up painting shall be the same as used for first coat in process No.2
- (b) When oil rust-proof paint is used instead of synthetic resin rust proof, its specification shall conform to No. 5 and No.6.

17.5.8 Floor - Concrete and Mortar

EXP - Epoxy resin paint finish

Coating Process	No. of Coats	Type of Paint	Drying hour	Amount (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
1. Surface treatment		Dry, clean and free from impurities		
2. First coating	1	First coating paint for epoxy	Longer than 24 hrs	
3. Finish Coating	2	Epoxy resin paint	Longer than 24 hrs	

Notes:

- (a) Degree of dryness on the surface to be painted shall be kept under 6% in water content and below PH 9.5.
- (b) Amount of paint and number of paint shall be as directed by the Consultant as they vary with the conditions of surface and required thickness of coating.
- (c) Painted surface shall be kept out of use for more than 7 days after application of final coat.

## **18. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

### **18.1 General**

- 18.1.1 The work shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the standard specifications and shall also conform to the requirements of Electricity Rules in force in Male', Republic of Maldives.
- 18.1.2 All materials to be used in the Works shall be of standard make and shall bear the certification marks of local authorities. All materials shall be approved by the Consultant before use in the Works.
- 18.1.3 Earthing shall invariably be done in the presence of the Consultant or his representative.
- 18.1.4 All the conduits shall be continuously earthed. Check nuts shall be provided at the point where the conduct enter the I.C. box and junction box.
- 18.1.5 The Contractor shall arrange for the inspection of all Medium Pressure Installation by the Electrical inspector of the local electric supply authority from where the electricity connections has to be obtained, and see that they are passed by him.
- 18.1.6 The Contractor shall be responsible for all necessary permits, approvals, fees, deposits etc., required to complete the Electrical works in accordance with the Contract.
- 18.1.7 Scope of work
- 18.1.7.1 The work consist of furnishing all tools, plants, labour, materials and equipment and performing the internal electrical Works comprising of:
- (a) Light and power wiring
  - (b) Fans and fixtures
  - (c) Wires and Cables
  - (d) Telephone and network System
  - (e) Sub- Station Equipments:
  - (f) Distribution Fusegear
  - (g) Earthing System
  - (h) Lightning Protection System
  - (i) Fire Alarm System
  - (j) Air Conditioning System
  - (k) Computer Network Cabling outlet work
- 18.1.8 Prequalification
- 18.1.8.1 The Electrification Work shall be carried out only by a licensed contractor authorized to under take such work under the Maldives Electricity Bureau.
- 18.1.9 Qualification
- 18.1.9.1 A licensed Electrical Contractors should have the following qualifications:
- (a) Must have in his employment a competent Electrical Engineer registered with Maldives Electricity Bureau.
  - (b) Must have in its employment an Electrical Consultant having certificate of competency who will exclusively supervise this work.
  - (c) Must have necessary tools, plant and instruments.
  - (d) Must have adequate experience of similar works.
  - (e) If a contractor does not posses the above qualifications he shall be allowed to sublet the Work to a competent Sub-Contractor provided an application for his prequalification is made to the engineer for his approval. Decision of the

Engineer in this case shall be binding on the Contractor.

18.1.10 Rules and Regulations

- 18.1.10.1 The installation in general shall be carried out in conformity with the Electricity Rules, 1937 (UK), and the latest edition of the Regulations for the Electrical Equipment of Buildings issued by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London (I.E.). However, in case of conflict between these Specifications and the I.E. Regulations, these Specifications shall be followed.

18.1.11 Standards

- 18.1.11.1 The latest relevant British Specifications, and I.E. recommendations shall be applicable and be followed for the equipment specified herein.

18.1.12 Climatic Conditions

- 18.1.12.1 All equipment supplied shall withstand, without developing any defect, the following climatic conditions:-
- |                             |   |                   |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Maximum Ambient Temperature | = | 113° F or 45° C   |
| Minimum Ambient Temperature | = | 28° F or - 2.2° C |
| Maximum Humidity            | = | 98%               |

18.1.13 Specifications

- 18.1.13.1 The Contractor shall furnish all material and equipment at site, conforming fully to the specifications given herein and to the accepted standards, the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, and the Maldives Energy Resource Unit.
- 18.1.13.2 It is not the intent of these Specifications to include all details of design and construction of various material and equipment to be supplied under this contract.
- 18.1.13.3 The Contractor shall supply and install all material and equipment specified herein and also all installation and small material such as nuts, bolts, washers, shims angles, leveling material, insulation, tape, solder , etc. and all such required for complete installation as intended by the Specifications.
- 18.1.13.4 The contractor shall provide for all the required technical and non - technical personnel, skilled and non - skilled labour, construction equipment, transportation etc., as required for the completion of Work in strict accordance the Technical Specifications laid herein-after.
- 18.1.13.5 All material and equipment supplied by the Contractor shall be new and in all respects conforming to the high standard of engineering design and workmanship.
- 18.1.13.6 All material and equipment which have to be supplied and installed by the Contractor shall be passed/approved by the Consultant; even if the same is exactly in accordance with the Bill of Quantities and Drawings.

18.1.14 Submittal

- 18.1.14.1 The Contractor, after the award of work, shall submit for approval of the Consultant all drawings and cuts of equipment, appliances, fixtures and accessories. Cuts, catalogues and drawings shall be clearly marked to indicate, the items furnished.

18.1.15 Approval of Drawings and Data

- 18.1.15.1 The Contractor shall provide detailed electrical drawings, wire diagrams, etc. for all electrical switchgear, fusegear and all other systems etc. for the Consultant to review and approval. Three sets of equipment drawings shall be provided for obtaining approval.

18.1.16 Drawings & Data

- 18.1.16.1 Three sets of drawings and data for each equipment shall be furnished by the Contractor for the Consultant approval before commencement of work. The drawings to be supplied by the Contractor shall be as follows:-

Electrical Drawings showing:-

- (a) Single-Line diagram
- (b) Detailed wiring diagram
- (c) All interconnections
- (d) Relays, their locations, and internal wiring diagrams
- (e) Other electrical devices including meters instruments and their wiring diagram

18.1.17 Shop Drawings

- 18.1.17.1 The design drawings do not show conduit routes and depict only the position of various fixtures and outlets. All the planning for the conduit routes shall be carried out, well in advance of the actual execution of work, by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Consultant. For this purpose the Contractor shall prepare shop drawings and obtain prior approval of the Consultant. There prints of each shop drawings shall be submitted for obtaining approval. work.
- 18.1.17.2 No piece of work shall be allowed to be executed at site without the availability of these approved shop drawings. These shop drawings shall clearly depict the load balancing chart of each Distribution Board.
- 18.1.17.3 Time required for the preparation and approval of shop drawings shall be considered to have been included in the total time allowed for the completion of the work.

18.1.18 Spare Parts list

- 18.1.18.1 A list of spare parts required for the one year's operation of each equipment where deemed necessary together with unit price of each part, shall be supplied by the contractor.

18.1.19 Guarantee

- 18.1.19.1 The Contractor shall furnish written guarantee in triplicate of the manufacturer for successful performance of each equipment. Such guarantee shall be for replacement which may be found defective in material or workmanship.
- 18.1.19.2 The guarantee shall cover a minimum period of 12 months effective from the date of completion certificate.

18.1.20 As-Built Drawings

- 18.1.20.1 The Contractor shall, during the progress of work keep a careful record of all changes and revisions where the actual installation differs from that shown on shop drawings. These changes and revisions shall be accurately carried

out on the shop drawings and submitted to the Consultant for approval. After approval these drawings shall become the property of the Owner. These updated and approved shop drawings depicting clearly all changes and revisions made on site shall be called As-Built Drawings.

- 18.1.20.2 Reproducible tracings of all these As-Built Drawings shall be handed over to the Consultant. Final payment will be withheld until the receipt of the approved As-Built Drawings.

18.1.21 Test Reports

- 18.1.21.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the submitting the test reports/certificates and get the installation inspected passed by the Maldives Electricity Bureau.

**18.2 Conduit And Conduit Accessories**

18.2.1 Conduit Pipe

- 18.2.1.1 The conduit for the wiring of lights, socket outlets and other systems shall be made of PVC confirming to BSS 3505/1968 Class-D.

The conduit shall have following wall thickness and standard weights:

Pipe Size	Wt/100Rft.	Wall thickness
20mm dia	3.4 Kg	0.04 to 0.05
25mm dia	4.5 Kg	0.045 to 0.055

- 18.2.1.2 Steel conduit shall conform to BSS 31/latest. The conduit shall be enameled with good quality non- cracking and non-flaking black paint.

18.2.2 Conduit Accessories

- 18.2.2.1 The use of factory made round PVC junction boxes shall be used and should have nipples to receive PVC pipe with force fit, shall be used for ceiling outlets. The wall type junction box shall also be PVC.
- 18.2.2.2 Each junction box shall be provided with one piece cover which shall be fitted on the box with screws.
- 18.2.2.3 Conduit accessories such as switch boxes, socket outlet boxes, pull boxes and inspection boxes shall be made of PVC having dust tight covers. All boxes shall have required number of conduit entry holes. All the rectangular or square shaped boxes shall have nipples to receive PVC conduit force fit.
- 18.2.2.3 Manufactured smooth bends shall be used where conduit changes direction. Bending of Conduit by heating or otherwise shall be allowed only at special situations with the permission of the Consultant. Use of sharp 90 degree bends and tees is prohibited.
- 18.2.2.4 Bends shall have enlarged ends to receive the conduit without any reduction in the internal diameter of the PVC pipe.
- 18.2.2.5 All accessories e.g. boxes, coupling, bends, solid plugs, bushes, reducers, checknuts etc. shall be equal in quality to the specified conduit.
- 18.2.2.6 The drawings do not show conduit routes and all the planning for arranging conduit routes shall be carried out by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Consultant.

- 18.2.2.7 The entire conduit system shall be essentially completed before the wiring pulling is taken in hand. Each conduit run shall be tested for continuity and obstructions. All obstructions shall be cleared in an approved manner. Water and moisture that has entered any section of the conduit installation must be dried with suitable swabs to the satisfaction of the Consultant.
- 18.2.2.8 Adequate expansion joints shall be provided in all conduit runs passing across the expansion joints in the concrete slab of the buildings.
- 18.2.2.9 All the free ends of conduit shall be solidly plugged till such time as final and proper terminations are made.

### **18.3 Wires, Cables And Cords**

#### 18.3.1 Wires & Cords

- 18.3.1.1 The wires & cords for the conduit wiring shall be single core, made of stranded copper conductors, PVC insulated, tested to B.S. 6004, 1975. The voltage grade shall be 300/500 volts or 450/750 V unless otherwise specified on Drawings and Bills of Quantities.
- 18.3.1.2 All the wire and cables shall be of the approved standard of Maldives Electricity Bureau.
  - (a) For light or fan point wiring with 1.5 mm square or as specified in the BOQ.
  - (b) For light circuit wiring with 2.5 mm square or as specified in the BOQ.
  - (c) For power plug 15A wiring with 4mm square or as specified in the BOQ.

#### 18.3.2 Installation Instructions

- 18.3.2.1 All wiring shall be continuous between terminations and use of connectors or joints is not be allowed. Spur and tee connections are strictly prohibited.
- 18.3.2.2 Manufacturers recommended lubricant shall be allowed to facilitate pulling of wires. Use of any kind of oil and soap is prohibited.

### **18.4 Wiring Accessories**

#### 18.4.1 Switches

- 18.4.1.1 Indoor switches controlling lights and fans shall be single pole, 5A, one or two way, suitable for 250V,50 Hz. The body of the switches shall be made of moulded plastic, one, two, three or four gang with integral built in moulded plastic face plate.
- 18.4.1.2 Weatherproof switches shall conform to B.S. standard.

#### 18.4.2 Switch Socket Outlet Units

- 18.4.2.1 Switch & socket units shall be single, pole, 3 pin rated 5A. 15A or 20A, 250V, 50 Hz. These shall be moulded plastic type with white integral built-in face plate. Each socket shall have its control switch by the side of it on a common face plate. Thus the complete unit specified in BOQ shall be as switch and a socket outlet unit.

#### 18.4.3 Fans

- 18.4.3.1 All fans shall be capacitor type Deluxe models or equivalent and suitable for operation on 200/220 volts, 50 Hz, A.C Supply. All ceilings fans shall have five speed dimmers. The air displacement shall be 10,000 c.f.m for 48"

(1219 mm) Sweep and 12,000 c.f.m. for 56" (1423 mm) Sweep at maximum speed. The fan motor shall be capacitor type and bearings shall be groove type to give noiseless and quiet operation. The noise level relative to a frequency of range 1000 Hz should be within the limits of +3 dB.

18.4.4 Dimmer

18.4.4.1 The dimmer shall be recessed type as required and shall be approved by the Consultant.

18.4.5 Fan Hook

18.4.5.1 The fan hook shall be made of 12 dia mild 5/5 steel rod bent to shape of approved design. It should be in the form of a loop about 3-1/4" (87.5 mm) long and about 2" (50 mm) wide. The rod shall be bent to have at least 8" (200 mm) extension on both sides for tying to the reinforcement steel of the slab. All ceiling fan shall be of one make only.

18.4.5.2 The fan hook shall be installed in the RCC slab of the ceiling at the time of pouring concrete.

**18.5 Light Fixtures**

18.5.1 General

18.5.1.1 The description of light fixtures is given in the Bills of Quantities, and stated on the Drawings, and all relevant material are described in this Section.

18.5.1.2 The determination of quality is based on certified photometric data covering the coefficient of utilization, light distribution curves, construction material, shape, finish, operation, etc.

18.5.1.3 The Contractor shall submit samples of each and every lighting fixture specified for approval of the Consultant.

18.5.1.4 The type of fixtures with manufacturer catalogue reference are given in Bill of Quantities.

18.5.1.5 The lighting fixtures shall be manufactured by M/s. Philips, M/s.RZB Lighting, M/s Thorn or equivalent as approved by Consultant.

18.5.2 Incandescent Light Fixture

18.5.2.1 The glass globes/ shades/ diffusers of the incandescent light fixtures shall be first class quality glass free from any air bubbles or voids. The glass shall generally be of opal white colour unless otherwise specified. The shape of the glass may be spherical, hemispherical, flattened bottom or tablet shaped as required.

18.5.2.2 Surface mounted fixture shall have stove enamelled sheet steel body. It may also be satin brass or aluminium anodised finish as required. The fixing holes shall match the outlet box. Wall bracket light fixtures shall have back plates with matching holes of the outlet box and decorative finish as required.

18.5.2.3 All the lighting fixtures shall be suitable for local climatic conditions.

18.5.2 Fluorescent Light Fixture

18.5.2.1 All the light fixtures shall have lamps and electronic ballasts of the wattage specified. The fluorescent lamp shall be either 2 ft - 18 watts or 4 - 35 watts and the colour shall generally be day light, cool day light in the order of

preference or as mentioned specifically.

- 18.5.2.2 The fluorescent lamps shall be Philips to BSS 1853 but having a minimum useful life of 5000 hours. The new generation of 26mm dia 18 watts and 36 watts energy efficient lamps shall be preferred.
- 18.5.2.3 The ballast shall be totally enclosed electronic type suitable for operation on 220 V, 50 Hz, single phase supply, a wiring diagram, wattage, voltage and current ratings shall be printed on the body of the ballasts. The power loss shall not more than 10 watts for 36 watts ballast. The ballast shall be noiseless in operation without any whistling sound.
- 18.5.2.4 The manufacture shall be called upon to guarantee a trouble free life of 3 years, effective from the date of completion certificate.
- 18.5.2.5 The starters shall have radio-interference suppressers.
- 18.5.2.6 The internal wiring of the light fixtures shall be carried out at manufacturers factory with heat resistance wires of size not less than 1.5 mm square.
- 18.5.2.7 The louvers of light fixtures shall be made of anodized aluminium and/or moulded plastic. The diffusers shall be made of acrylic perspex.
- 18.5.2.8 All the lighting fixtures shall be suitable for local climatic conditions.
- 18.5.3 Installation Instructions
- 18.5.3.1 The light fitting shall be installed according to manufacturers recommendations or as approved by the Consultant.
- 18.5.3.2 Flexible connecting wires from outlet box to the fixture shall be provided by the contractor; connector made of porcelain or thermoplastic material shall be provided and installed in the outlet boxes for connecting flexible wires to the point wires.
- 18.5.3.3 Outlet boxes or any openings in the ceilings and walls shall be covered with appropriately fabricated accessories to provide an architectural entity to conceal them.
- 18.5.4 Main L.T. Switchboard
- 18.5.4.1 The L.T. switchboard shall be indoor type, free standing, free supporting, floor mounted, totally enclosed, sheet cold, dust and suitable for operation on 3 phase 4 wire system, 415 v , 50 Hz, AC supply .
- 18.5.4.2 The board shall be suitable for installation back to the wall and capable of front attendance. The switch board shall be designed to suit service conditions and ensure security and safety during operation , inspection , operation , cleaning and maintenance.
- 18.5.4.3 The switch board shall be designed and tested to IEC recommendations. Each panel shall withstand strain of 2000 volts insulation level for one minute power frequency test.
- 18.5.4.4 The L.T. switch board shall consist of the following:
- (a) Maldives Energy Resource Unit incoming panel.
  - (b) KWh meters ( To be approved and checked by MEB )
  - (c) Out going distribution feeders.
- 18.5.5 Distribution Feeder Panel
- 18.5.5.1 Single line diagram of the L.T. switch board shall be approved by the

consultant and Maldives Electricity Bureau before placing order for the switch board.

**18.5.6 Earthing**

18.5.6.1 The switchboard shall be effectively earth by means of a copper strip of 25mm x 3mm (1" x 1/8") cross -section bolted to connections near the bottom of the switchboard.

**18.5.7 Accessories**

18.5.7.1 Designations labels, lifting lugs , foundation bolts, interconnecting nuts blots, and washers, thimbles, lugs, levelling shims cable glands and/or cable end box for all the sizes of incoming and outgoing cable shall be supplied with the switchboard.

**18.6 Testing**

18.6.1 The following tests shall be conducted on each completed switchboard.

18.6.1.1 Type Tests

- (a) Temperature rise test
- (b) Mechanical endurance test
- (d) Making/Breaking Capacity test

18.6.1.2 Routing Test

- (a) High Voltage test

18.6.2 The Switchboard shall be tested to British/Electricity Council Standard 41-5. Preference shall however, be given to Switchboards fabricated from all components manufactured by only one manufacturer.

**18.6 Installation Instruction**

18.6.1 All labour, equipments, tools and plants required to complete the installation shall be provided by the contractor. The Switchboard shall be fixed firmly on the floor in perfect line, plumb and level position.

18.6.2 All incoming and outgoing cable connections shall be made from the bottom including Earth connections.

**18.7 Distribution Board**

18.7.1 The distribution boards shall be either free standing, cubical type or wall mounting type suitable for recessed mounting. Each distribution board (d.b.) shall be tropical in design, fully dust and vermin proof and liquid repellent.

**18.8 Telephone and network System**

18.8.1 General

18.8.1.1 The design drawings do not show conduit routes and depict only the position of various telephone and network outlets. All the planning for the conduit routes shall be carries out, well in advance of the actual execution of work, by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Consultant. For this purpose the Contractor shall prepare shop drawings and obtain prior approval of the Consultant. Three prints of each shop drawings shall be submitted for

obtaining approval before commencement of work.

- 18.8.1.2 No piece of work shall be allowed to be executed at site without the availability of these approved shops drawings. Time required for the preparation and approval of shop drawings shall be considered to have been included in the total time allowed for the completion of the work.
- 18.8.1.3 The contractor shall furnish and install the type of Telephone and network outlets approved by Dhiraagu. All the floor mounted telephone and network boxes shall be concealed in a PVC box with opennable cover for easy access.
- 18.8.1.4 Both ends of each set of conductors shall be properly identified with durable tags with the same identifications of both ends, at the outlet and the telephone and network terminal cabinets to facilitate the installations of the telephone and network instrument in the future and for trouble shouting purposes. Cable used shall be twisted and shielded 3 cables in the office area and the rest as shown in the drawing.

## 18.9 Air-conditioning System

### 18.9.1 General

Air-condition shall be a Wall mount split air-conditioning system.

### 18.9.2 Indoor unit

Please follow specifications provided by Hitachi Air conditioning Systems. Cooling capacities shall be followed as per the drawings and BOQ provided in the Tender Document.

Manufacturer: **HITACHI**

Type of AC: **Wall Mount Split**

Model: **RAS/RACX...CAT**

DC Power System

UV Fresh

Wasabi Air purifying Filter

One touch Silent Mode

Fire proof electrical encloser

### 18.9.3 Outdoor unit

Please follow specifications provided by Hitachi Air conditioning Systems. Cooling capacities shall be followed as per the drawings and BOQ provided in the Tender Document.

Manufacturer: **HITACHI**

Type of AC: **Wall mount Split**

Model: **RAC-SX10CD**

### 18.9.4 Brackets

All brackets should be stainless steel with adjustable holes.

### 18.9.5 Piping System

#### Insulation:-

Insulation shall be rigid polyurethane foam, conforming to ASTM C1029, with minimum density of two pounds per cubic foot (32 kg./cu.m.), 90-95% closed cell content and initial

thermal conductivity  $K=0.16 \text{ btu-in/hr-ft}^2 \text{ -F}$  (  $0.023 \text{ W/m-K}$ ). The insulation shall completely fill the annular space between the pipe and the jacket. Systems using open cell insulation or a non bond design shall not be allowed. The insulation shall be provided to the minimum thickness specified below:

Pipe size, mm (inch)	Minimum Insulation Thickness, mm (inch)	
	Chilled Water	Hot Water
25(1) – 200(8)	25(1)	25(1)
250(10) – 300(12)	25(1)	38(1 ½)
350(14) – 900(36)	38(1 ½)	50(2)

The outer casing protective jacket shall be high density polyethylene in accordance with ASTM D1248, Type 3, Class C. PVC or tape materials are not allowed. The minimum thickness of the HDPE jacket shall be as follows:

Jacket OD, mm (inch)	Minimum Jacket Thickness, mm (inch)
$OD \leq 300(12)$	3.175 (0.125)
$300(12) < OD \leq 600(24)$	3.810 (0.150)
$OD > 600(24)$	4.445 (0.175)

Field joints, the services pipe shall be hydrostatically tested to 150 psig ( $10.55 \text{ kg/cm}^2$ ) or 1.5 times the design pressure whichever is greater. Insulation shall then be poured in place into the field joint area. All field applied insulation shall be placed only in straight sections of pipe. Field insulation of fittings is not acceptable. The installer shall seal the field joint area with a heat shrinkable adhesive backed sleeve. Backfilling shall not begin until the heat shrink sleeve has cooled.

Installation of pre-insulated piping system shall be accordance with the manufacturer’s written instructions.

The pre-insulated pipe manufacturer shall provided detailed written instructions for receiving, handling, storage, excavation, assembly, alterations, repairs, testing, inspection, field joint insulation, field joint insulation and jacketing and back filling.

**RECOMMENDED MANUFACTURERS**

KAIFLEX, INABA, SUPERLON

**18.9.6 Condensate Pipe**

All condensate drain and drain pipes shall be PVC. Class 8.5 conforming to TIS 17-2535, all pipe fittings shall be same standard.

RECOMMENDED MANUFACTURERS  
KAIFLEX, INABA, SUPERLON

**18.9.7 Refrigerant Pipe**

Construction material: Phosphoric acid deoxidized seamless copper for refrigerant. Pipe thickness for refrigerant pipes with diameter less than 12.7 mm shall not be less than 0.8 mm and between 12.7 mm and 15.9 mm, the thickness shall not be less than 0.99 mm.

For half hard pipes, the tensile stress shall not be less than 61 N per square milli-meter. Cold welding with nitrogen shall be utilized for all brass pipe works wherever welding is required.

After completing installation, valves shall be opened as to avoid operation of the unit with the valve shut causing damage to the compressor.

R-410A from the solid pink cylinder shall only be used. All field piping shall be installed by a licensed refrigeration technician and must comply with relevant local and national regulations.

Extreme care shall be taken when brazing copper-to-copper refrigerant piping, particularly HFC refrigerant piping. Instead use phosphor copper brazing filler metal (B-Cu93P-710/795: ISO 3677) which does not require flux.

The contractor shall make sure to use installation tools (gauge manifold charge hose, etc.) that are exclusively used for R-410A installations to withstand the pressure and to prevent foreign materials such as SUNISO mineral oils or moisture from mixing into the system. Screw thread and dimension specifications for flare nuts, service valves, and charging ports are different for R-410A than prior refrigerant types. 2-stage vacuum pump shall be used with a non-return valve and shall make sure the pump oil does not flow back into the system while the pump is not working.

After completing installation, be sure to open the valve. Operating the unit with the valve shut breaks the compressor.

Do not use flux when brazing copper-to-copper refrigerant piping, particularly HFC refrigerant piping. Instead use phosphor copper brazing filler metal (B-Cu93P-710/795: ISO 3677) which does not require flux. Flux has an extremely negative effect on refrigerant piping systems and if chlorine-based flux is used, it causes pipe corrosion. Flux containing fluorine damages refrigerant oil.

Foreign materials inside pipes (including oils for fabrication) must be 30mg/10m or less.

Make sure to use the particular branches of piping that have been selected referring to the Consultant Drawings.

**18.9.8 Connection to Equipment**

Connections to coils, condensers and other equipment shall be made in such a manner that undue strains between pipes and equipment are eliminated. Unions and/or flanges shall be used to facilitate the removal of the equipment.

**18.9.9 Expansion and Contraction**

The piping systems shall be installed so that there will be no damage due to expansion and contraction during operation.

Packless type expansion connection shall be used where the expansion and contraction of the pipe is excessive or cannot be expansion loops or offsets.