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Patna Smart City Ltd had earlier entered into an agreement on 21st day of the month of December 2017 with Eptisa Servicios de Ingenieria S.L (herein called “the consultants”) for providing certain consultancy services divided into three broad components viz. (i) Project Management, (ii) Design & Development and (iii) Supervision.

Accordingly, the consultants were supposed to review the projects identified by the Smart City for Area Based Development as well as PAN city solution, carry out required investigation, design, etc. for preparation of Feasibility Report, PDR/DPR and assist Patna Smart City Ltd in procurement of implementing partner/agency(ies) expeditiously, prepare RFPs, and operate full fledged with all key experts and non-key experts from their Project Office in Patna as per the terms of the agreement.

However, the consultants failed to prepare quality PDR/DPR. Many of the earlier prepared DPRs were without detailed survey, investigation, and studies. They did not take up the request of rectification of mistakes seriously and are far behind the agreed targets. They are solely responsible for problems faced now in execution of work. The warnings and word of cautions did not work at all and the work of the SPV I.e. Patna Smart City Ltd. continues to be adversely affected.

The four DPRs relating to Foot Over Bridge, Multi-level Parking, Thana Upgradation and upgradation of schools to make it smart could not be completed within time, in spite of several reminders. The ICCC Project Building drawings were not prepared in spite repeated instructions, which is resulting in delay in floating NITs.

No persons were ever deployed for site visit, survey, investigation from the project Design and Development Team of Task 2 (Fin 3B) for the works related to DPRs of the above-named new projects.

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Several notices were sent to the consultants to deploy adequate and competent technical persons to carry out the work, but the consultants did not comply. Even the regular Team Leader is not available for last four months.

The reply to the show caused notice dated 18/01/2020 issued to Eptisa Servicios de Ingenieria S.L, is not convincing. They have evaded the main questions and tried to divert the attention towards non-issue for which a letter has been issued once again on 23.05.2020.

The consultant has been given ample opportunity to improve its working, but they have not cooperated at all. Thus looking into the bad performance of the above consulting firm, Patna Smart City Ltd is forced to **debar** M/s Eptisa Servicios de Ingenieria S.L from participating from all future consulting assignments of UDHD Government of Bihar till further orders and at least till the deliverables are not fulfilled.

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26/5/2020

Managing Director
Patna Smart City Ltd
cum
Municipal Commissioner,
Patna Municipal Corporation

Copy to: -

1. The Secretary, UD&HD, Government of Bihar
2. The Chairman, Patna Smart City Ltd.
3. The Managing Director, BUIDCO, Patna.
4. CEO's of All Smart Cities in India.(list attached).
5. Project Director, M/s Eptisa Servicios de Ingenieria S.L., Kolkata, West Bengal (India).
6. Sr. Vice President, Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. eDeck, Bengaluru.