

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

## FIFTY EIGHTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

The 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 at 1600 hours via video conferencing. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sri Gautam N Mehra, Chairman & Managing Director, Savita Oil Technologies Limited, Ex – Officio Chairman, Finance Committee
2. Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director & Ex - Officio, FC
3. Sri Indrajit Kuri, Under Secretary, TS – III, MoE
4. Dr. S. K. Kakoty, Professor, IIT Guwahati
5. Prof. P. S Choudhury, NIT Silchar
6. Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury, Registrar (i/c) & Secretary, FC

*Sri Gautam N Mehra presided the meeting of the Finance Committee as Ex – Officio Chairman, Finance Committee in accordance with Statute 10 of First Statute of NITs.*

At the outset, Prof. N. B. Dev Choudhury welcomed the Ex – Officio Chairman, Finance Committee and other members who attended the meeting.

The FC then initiated the discussion on the Agenda Items one by one: -

**FC-58/21/01: To confirm the minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee.**  
Fifty seventh meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 via video conferencing. The copies of the Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee (**Annexure – I**) was circulated to all the members of the Committee. Comments received, if any will be placed on the table on the day of the meeting.

The Board is request to confirm the minutes of 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### DECISION

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*The Committee confirmed the minutes of 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee.*

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**FC-58/21/02: To discuss on the Action Taken Report on decision of the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee.**

The action taken report on the minutes of 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of FC is placed at **Annexure – II**. The Board is requested to take note of the same

#### DECISION

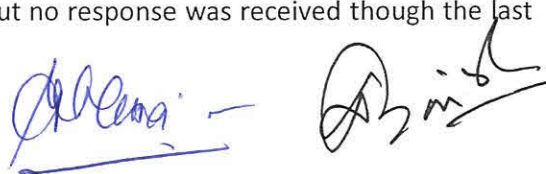
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*The committee noted the Action Taken Report of 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee.*

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**FC-58/21/03: To discuss on the issue regarding procurement of Laptop for carrying out online classes.**

As per approval of the BOG/FC (Under Agenda No. BOG-76/20/16, FC-52/20/07, dtd.28.09.2020) for procurement of Laptop, a tender was invited on 15.12.2020 dt. Vide No. GEM/2020/B/921576 but no response was received though the last



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date of submission of tender was extended thrice. As such tender was cancelled. On 2<sup>nd</sup> occasion customised bid through GEM was invited vide no. GEM/2021/B/1092244 dtd.04.03.2021 and response of two bidders were received. In the tender document there was a clause no.5 which states as under: "Bid reserved for Make In India products: Procurement under this bid is reserved for purchase from Class 1 local suppliers as defined in public procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 as amended from time to time and its subsequent Orders/Notifications issued by concerned Nodal Ministry for specific Goods/Products. The minimum local content to qualify as a class 1 local supplier is denoted in the bid document 50%. All bidders must upload a certificate from the OEM regarding the percentage of the local content and the details of locations at which the local value addition is made along with their bid, failing which the bid is liable to be rejected. In case the bid value is more than Rs.10 Crore, the declaration relating to percentage of local content shall be certified by the statutory auditor or cost auditor, if the OEM is a company and by a practicing cost accountant or a chartered accountant for OEMs other than companies as per the Public Procurement (preference to Make-in -India) order 2017 dated 04.06.2020. In case Buyer has selected Purchase preference to Micro and Small Enterprises clause in the bid, the same will get precedence over this clause."

The successful L1 bidder has submitted an undertaking stating that there are 50% local content is available. Considering his undertaking bid was accepted and the work was awarded for Rs.1,76,76,750.00. In the meantime bidder has applied for extension of time of delivery which was accepted and granted to him.

When the bidder was asked to produce OEM certificate as per clause 5, he failed to submit but justify his undertaking stating that he is to employ local employees for repair and maintenance of laptop, but his claim for 50% local content cannot be justified based on labour component only for supply of laptop worth Rs.1,76,76,750.00.

Now the firm is pressurising for payment of his bill for the laptop which was received and distributed amongst the faculties. Copy of undertaking of the bidder and other relevant records are enclosed herewith, for your kind perusal. The FC is hereby requested to peruse the matter and recommended necessary steps to be taken.

#### DECISION

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*The Committee opined to refer the matter to IFD, MoE with comments from this institute.*

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**FC-58/21/04: To consider the proposal of LAN connectivity and fiber laying at various locations of the NIT Campus.**

There is a requirement of new LAN connectivity in the following buildings of the institute:

- i. New Guest House: Presently connected by Access Points
- ii. Old Guest House: No connectivity
- iii. Research Labs in Workshop Building of Department of Mechanical Engineering: No connectivity
- iv. Research Labs in Department of Civil Engineering: No connectivity
- v. Seminar Room and Faculty Rooms of Civil Engineering: No connectivity
- vi. Old and New Type IV Quarters: Presently connected by Access Points
- vii. Old and New Type V Quarters: Presently connected by Access Points
- viii. 100 Staff Quarters: Presently connected by Access Points
- ix. Numerical Lab of Department of Mathematics: No connectivity
- x. NABL Lab: Presently connected by a Access Point

As mentioned some of the locations are connected by WiFi where the internet connectivity is poor due to limited range and bandwidth. Also, some of the locations have no connectivity. As a result, there is a requirement of new LAN connectivity at these locations.

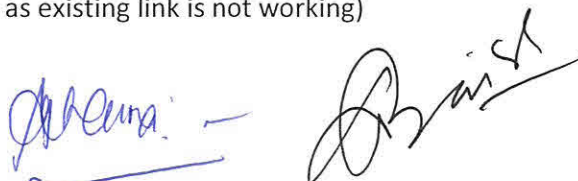
Also, additional LAN connections are to be established in the following buildings:

- i. Additional Connections in Department of Computer Science and Engineering
- ii. RPC Hall of Department of Mathematics
- iii. Conference Room in New Admin Building
- iv. Research Labs in Production Building of Department of Mechanical Engineering
- v. 100 Married Hostel (Block A,B,C) which is proposed to be converted to girls hostel
- vi. Research Lab in Department of Computer Science and Engineering
- vii. ERP Section of New Admin Building
- viii. Top floors of New Admin Building

The above mentioned locations require additional LAN connectivity for smooth running of the various sections, hostels and departments. As a result, there is a requirement of additional LAN connectivity at these locations.

Further, fiber laying, termination, testing and documentation is required at a few locations to ensure dual and smooth internet connectivity.

- i. New Academic to CCC via GH-03, Health Center: No fiber connectivity (Only UTP)
- ii. SAC to CCC via NABL etc. : No fiber connectivity (Only UTP)
- iii. Old Estate to Department of Mechanical Engineering: : No fiber connectivity (Only UTP at few locations)
- iv. Department of Computer Science and Engineering (Parallel Fiber Connectivity, needs to be restructured and brought in a ring)
- v. Old Type IV Chamber to New Type IV Enclosure (Fiber needs to be re-laid as existing link is not working)



- vi. New Guest House to Department of Civil Engineering (Fiber needs to be re-laid as existing link is not working)

There is no fiber connectivity (only UTP) at some of the above locations whereas in some of the locations, fiber needs to be re-laid as the existing link is not working. Also, since the distance between the buildings are large, UTP cable laying is not a feasible solution. In order to resolve the problem and provide smooth and dual internet connectivity at these locations, fiber laying is essential by connecting these nodes in a structured ring network. Also, proper termination of the end-points will lead to smooth internet connectivity. Further, it will be technically unsound to lay the fiber cable and leave it without proper termination, testing, labelling and documentation, as these works are completely intertwined.

All the above Buildings are occupied and there is an immediate requirement of LAN connectivity. In view of the above, an amount of Rs. 164 lakhs is required to complete the LAN connectivity at these locations. It is proposed to carry out the procurement of the active and passive components required for the above mentioned work through GeM or E-Tender and the service/installation work through GeM or E-Tendering. The proposal along with details are attached at **Annexure – IV**.

The Committee is requested to consider the same and forward it to the Board for approval

#### DECISION

*The Committee considered the same and recommended to Board for approval.*

**FC-58/21/05A: To approve and recommend the decision of 63<sup>rd</sup> emergent meeting of Building & Works Committee.**

The recommendations of 63<sup>rd</sup> emergent meeting of Building & Works Committee scheduled on 21.12.2021 is placed at **Annexure – VA** for approval and recommending the same to the BoG for consideration.

#### DECISION

*The matter related to Construction of the Girls Hostel No.4 at NIT Silchar was placed in the 63<sup>rd</sup> emergent meeting of the Building & Works Committee wherein the BWC resolved the following:*

- *In 1<sup>st</sup> phase, Girls Hostel No. 4 (A) with a capacity of 150 students on an estimated cost of Rs. 25,96,49,211.00 from the EWS fund (as allocated by the then MHRD vide letter no. F.No.35-4/2019-TS.III dated 19.06.2019)*
- *In 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, Girls Hostel No. 4 (B) with a capacity of 150 students on an estimated cost of Rs. 25,96,49,211.00 from the IRG head*
- *In 3<sup>rd</sup> phase, Girls Hostel No. 4 (C) with a capacity of 300 students to be constructed and the proposal of the same is to be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, New Delhi for adding it to the budget of the next financial year*



- The DPAR of GH- 4(A) and GH- 4(B) with an estimated cost of Rs. 25,96,49,211. 00 each duly recommended by the 63<sup>rd</sup> Emergent Building & works committee

After threadbare discussion the Committee resolved the following :

- The proposal for 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of Girls Hostel No. 4(A) with a capacity of 150 students on an estimated cost of Rs. 25,96,49,211.00 to be sent to the Ministry of Education in current Financial Year 2021 – 22.
- And the proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of construction of Girls Hostel is to be sent to Ministry of Education in the subsequent Financial Years.

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The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. K. L. Baishnab)  
Registrar (i/c) & Secretary



(Sri Gautam N Mehra)  
Ex – Officio Chairman, FC