

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

This is to confirm that M/S Associated Builders Corporation Ltd., ABC House (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), No. 8 Banani Commercial Area, Kemal Attaturk Avenue, Banani, DHAKA - 1213 were awarded the civil engineering contract for the construction of a major flood relief box culvert to relieve flooding in the Agrabad Commercial Area of Chittagong (The Sheikh Mujib Road Culvert Project). This contract, awarded by Chittagong City Corporation (Letter of Intent No. PIU/272/92/445 dated 08/08/94), was valued, when originally submitted on 05/07/92, at Tk. 210 million (\$5.5 million).

The main construction works consisted of:

1. Steel Sheet Piling (7.5m to 12m deep)	33,500 M <sup>2</sup>
2. Excavation, backfilling, compacting and disposal of unsuitable material up to 5.00m deep	62,000 M <sup>3</sup>
3. Unreinforced Concrete Works	700 M <sup>3</sup>
4. Reinforced Concrete Works	10,500 M <sup>3</sup>
5. Steel Reinforcement	1,300 Metric Tons
6. Full Depth Road Works 7m wide	2 Km.

To carry out these works to International FIDIC - 4 Conditions of Contract ABC purchased heavy cranes, excavators, mobile crane and Vibro Piling Hammers as well as heavy duty road construction and compaction equipment.


Delays were initially caused by the client failing to give possession of the site and adequate client provided resources (originally 200m of steel sheet piles were provided but this had to be increased to 500m). These delays were countered by the contractor rescheduling works to be carried out day and night.

Despite the delays incurred and the congestion of water pipelines, fibre optic telephone lines, gas services, drainage systems and power lines located within the Sheikh Mujib Road dual arterial carriageway, the contractor was able to substantially complete the works on schedule and to the required specifications by the end of June 1997.

Due to the many variations, alterations and enforced delays the final contract value reached just under Tk. 300 million (\$ 7.3 million).

With the contractors current management, financial and equipment resources we have already recommended ABC Ltd. to other national and International organisations who may require the services of a competent contractor to carry out major civil engineering and building works within the country.

We further believe that ABC Ltd. would provide excellent partners to any International contractors who will find that an association with such a respected company can remove many of the obstacles normally encountered when undertaking civil engineering and building works for the first time in a third world country such as Bangladesh.



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