MINUTES OF 3RD MEETING OF CRANE OWNERS
HELD AT MUMBAI ON 17.08.2011 AT 4.00 PM
AT
121-122 VYAPAR BHAVAN

Present:

1. Ashwin Gandhi (Express Equipment Rental & Logistics Pvt Ltd)
2. Jasbir Singh (Express Cranes)
3. Pinakin Thakar (Oasis Infrastructure Pvt Ltd)
4. Navin Dedhia (Navin Heavy Lifters)
5. Mitesh Shethia (Shethia Erectors)
6. Preet Bedi (Barkat Hiring)
7. Ghanshyam Mirani (Western India Crane Service)
8. Bachittarsingh (Reshamsingh & Co.Pvt Ltd)
9. Parvesh Oberai (Oberai Heavy Lifters)
10. Basant Purohit (Meghdoot Roadlines)
11. Krishan Obhan (President, COA – Mumbai)

(Mr. J.H. Parabia, who was expected to be in Mumbai, requested for Leave of Absence due to another urgent Commitment)

1. The President informed the members present about the status of formation of the "Crane Owners Association of India (COAI)". He introduced Mr. S.M. Korde, who was invited to be present in the meeting. He informed the members that all the formalities have been completed with the concerned authorities and the Certificate of Incorporation is expected to be received by 31.08.2011.

2. It was decided that on receipt of the Certificate of Incorporation, Bank Account with ICICI Bank shall be opened at Vadodara, which will be operated jointly by any two of the following:

1. President
2. Treasurer / Joint Treasurer
3. One of the Executive Committee members

3. All the payments / cheques received either at Mumbai or at Vadodara from members towards subscription, etc. will be deposited in the above account. If necessary an account can also be operated with a Bank, having a Branch at Vyapar Bhavan.

4. It was decided that M/s. Bakshi & Shah, who is the auditor for Crane Owners Association at Mumbai can be appointed as Auditor of the newly formed COAI.

5. Mr. Kiran Thakkar, who is a Chartered Accountant at Mumbai, can be engaged for his services for COAI also.

6. The President informed that the Application Forms are ready, duly printed, and the same will be dispatched to the crane owners all over India. 20 forms will be supplied to each Executive Committee members and other active members, who would also assist in enrolling members to strengthen the Association.

7. President informed that the following e.mail account has been opened for the Association, wherein all the e.mail correspondence will be sent and received:

ID: coaoindia@gmail.com

8. Mr. Navin Dedhia informed the members that Website for the Association need to be designed and implemented. After long deliberations, it was decided to locate a suitable company either at Vadodara or at Mumbai in consultation with the President for proper inputs for designing the Website.

9. President explained to the members about classification of “Associates” and “Affiliates” for membership of the Association. After due deliberations, it was felt necessary to have membership from these categories for proper coordination in long run. It will be helpful to resolve issues of members, if any, with suppliers / traders / clients. The Association will also be required to become Associate Member with other Associations/Federations like CII & Trailor/Truck Owners/Multi-axle Associations.

10. After due deliberations, it was decided that Mr. Chandrakant Sanghvi, who had offered to contribute a sum of Rs.10.00 lakhs to the corpus fund of the Association, may be approached to contribute the amount by way of Cheque in favour of the Association for depositing the same into the Bank Account. A suitable letter would be addressed to Mr. Sanghvi from the Association, which will be sent along with copy of minutes of this meeting (held on 17.08.2011).

11. It was decided that minimum amount of Rs.1.00 lakh each to be collected from about 30 senior members, having a fleet of cranes/equipments, towards the corpus fund of the Association, in addition to their normal membership/subscription amounts. Every member present in the meeting was requested to initiate action as early as possible to pay this contribution by way of cheque payable in favour of the Association.

12. The members present deliberated at length and decided that only common issues will be taken up by the Association, which relate to RTO tax in each State, VAT/Sales Tax at borders, relief to be sought in budgets in each State as well as Central Government with regard to service tax, and inclusion of “hiring of cranes” to be included under “Infrastructure Development” for availing all benefits.

13. Members present were requested to find suitable Retired RTO Inspectors, having thorough knowledge of Motor Vehicle Tax Act/Rules, one in Mumbai and another in Vadodara (Gujarat) to assist the office bearers of the Association on day to day basis or on consultation basis.

14. Mr. Preet Bedi suggested that with immediate effect, crane owners importing cranes on any Port in India (including Mumbai) should be contacted to contribute a token amount of Rs.5,000/- per crane to the Association. Information about import of cranes can be collected from the Port Authority / Customs / CHAs and each member should assist the Association to sustain its activities.

15. Few members suggested that at least once in a Quarter (3 months), meeting of the Executive Committee members should be arranged. Once the strength of the Association increases from various Regions, meeting can be arranged in different locations, like Vadodara / Ahmedabad (Gujarat Region), Mumbai (Western Region), New Delhi (Northern Region), Kolkata (Eastern Region) and Bangalore/Chennai (Southern Region) along with participation of local members by invitation. In order to get sponsorship for organizing such meetings, manufacturers/suppliers of cranes & accessories can be approached, who had in the past expressed willingness to contribute for such expenses.

16. Suggestion was given in the meeting to bring out a Newsletter (monthly) to be circulated by e.mail to all members/crane owners, wherein various Government Notifications/Acts/Laws/Circulars/Court decisions, etc. can be included. Each Regional Representatives would be requested to send information related to that Region as and when available for circulation to all members.

17. **RTO Tax on Crawler Cranes in Gujarat:** President informed the members that Final Hearing in the matter at Gujarat High Court, Ahmedabad was held and the judgement is awaited. After the judgement, the matter will be reported in various newspapers for information of all members. A brief on the subject was given by the President for the benefit of the members present. Additional contribution to the Association from the refund available to the members @25% welcomed by one and all. The procedure to get the refund and contribution to the Association will be worked out and conveyed to all the members by the President in due course.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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