

**MINUTES OF 9TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
CRANE OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
HELD ON
18.10.2013 (3.00 PM TO 4.30 PM)
AT
105 SHRIKANT CHAMBERS, MUMBAI**

Present:

Ashwin Gandhi	President
Navin Dedhia	Secretary

Members:

Mitesh Shethia	Sethia Erectors & Material Handlers
Amar Bedi	Barkat Hiring Co.
Sunil Mankad	Steel Carriers Infrastructure
Premal Thaker	Oasis Infrastructure
Bajrang Agarwal	Kandla Cargo Handlers
Karim Jaria	Crown Lifters
Udayan Mookerjee	Ideal Movers
Deepak Sangle	Sanghvi Movers
Sandeep Patil	Sanghvi Movers

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Umesh Shetty because of his inability to attend the meeting due to other important business commitments.

Mr. Ashwin Gandhi, President of the Association welcomed all the members and briefed on various activities of the Association.

Following agenda was then taken up for discussion in the meeting:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30.07.2013 at Orchid Hotel, Mumbai were read out in the meeting and approved.
2. President informed the members about his meeting on 16.10.2013 with Shri Nitin Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Transport & Finance, Government of Gujarat at Gandhinagar regarding refund of RTO tax on crawler cranes. The Minister gave assurance that the points discussed in the meeting with him would be taken up further with his Ministry & Transport Department, including refund of tax to those crane owners who have not yet filed any case in the Gujarat High Court but paid RTO tax in Gujarat.
3. President advised the members to send their outstanding details (clientwise) so that on their behalf the Association shall take up the issues strongly for early release of the overdue outstandings from the defaulter companies.
4. President read out the status of membership renewal for 2013-14 and asked members to approach new crane owners / associates to make them members so as to make the Association stronger.
5. Mr. Udayan Mookerjee suggested to prepare monthly balance sheet of the Association for circulation to all the members so as to make them aware of the funds availability. President informed that Income & Expenditure statement on quarterly basis can be considered to be circulated to the Executive Committee members.
6. President explained the members about the problems faced with the Association's website.

7. Executive Committee has been reconstituted for 2013-14 as under with a view to make it stronger:

1) Mr. Ashwin Gandhi	:	President
2) Mr. Umesh Shetty	:	Sr. Vice President
3) Mr. Mitesh Shethia	:	Vice President
4) Mr. Navin Dedhia	:	Secretary
5) Mr. Karim Jaria	:	Jt. Secretary
6) Mr. Udayan Mookerjee	:	Treasurer
7) Mr. Amar Bedi	:	Member
8) Mr. Sunil Makad	:	Member
9) Mr. Bajrang Agarwal	:	Member
10) Mr. Premal Thaker	:	Member
11) Mr. Avinash Virkar	:	Member

It has been proposed and approved unanimously to nominate **Mr. C.P. Sanghvi as the Patron of the Association** for the year 2013-14.

8. Regarding outstanding issues, Mr. Mitesh Shethia suggested that if any member wants the Association to intervene in outstanding payment issues, it can only be done if the outstanding case is of a very rare type and the client is not at all willing to clear out the dues.
9. Mr. Udayan Mookerjee suggested that the Association can write to a defaulter company, wherever another member has supplied crane to such a client. If a copy of the outstanding statement is provided to such a member by the Association, follow-up action to help clearance of the old outstanding payment of earlier crane provider (member) can be arranged. Others were of the opinion that no company will give information of crane hirer or outstandings due since COAOI is not a party to any such hiring contract.
10. Mr. Mitesh Shethia suggested that the Association should draw guidelines for members and non-members for supply of cranes to clients, who are in the defaulter list.
11. President informed the members how strongly he has been writing letters to the defaulting companies whenever asked by any of the members.
12. Mr. Mitesh Shethia suggested that no member should use the Association as an agency for collection of their outstanding dues. Association will only intervene if the member promises that he would not supply crane to the defaulting company in future. All others agreed to this suggestion.
13. It has been decided to prepare and circulate the role and responsibilities of the Association. Mr. Karim Jaria & Mr. Udayan Mookerjee agreed to work on this and shall circulate same to all members in next 20 days.
14. Mr. Udayan Mookerjee agreed to find a suitable consultant for VAT / RTO matters in Mumbai. Once such a consultant is identified, contact details shall be circulated to all the members to get in touch with him, in case of any problem with regard to VAT / RTO.
15. Mr. Premal Thaker was requested to finalize reasonable rent for the premises offered to be used as COAOI office at Mumbai. President suggested a rent amount of Rs.25,000/- p.m.
16. Next meeting was proposed to be held on a convenient date in end-November 2013 or early-December 2013.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair and appreciated the hospitality extended by Mr. Premal Thakar & allowing to hold the EC meeting in his office.

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