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Secretary,  
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Dear Sir,

## Need for Guidelines on Contractual Issues due to COVID-19 Lockdown

This refers to your note on the letter addressed to Hon Basil Rajapaksa, by Eng. Nissanka N. Wijeratna, Secretary General / CEO of Chamber of Construction Industry of Sri Lanka (CCI) on 28<sup>th</sup> May, with a copy to you and the Chairman Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), I wish to emphasize on the following;

1. CIDA has initially released an appeal to all stakeholders requesting to treat all contracts with a very pragmatic manner to overcome the situation, in May 2020. It was uploaded to the CIDA Website ([www.cida.gov.lk](http://www.cida.gov.lk)) on 28<sup>th</sup> of May.
2. The international widely used forms of contract FIDIC has only released a broad guidance for contractors and consultants both directing relevant users to substantiate contractual issues, without giving a standard directive.
3. Nevertheless, in order to assist the local Construction Contractors and other stakeholders to overcome the crisis situation, CIDA has decided to release a comprehensive Guideline/Directive to the CI stakeholders, after an industry consultation process. Thus, CIDA obtained views of all professional bodies and construction association as well as Client organizations during a series of forums held in June 2020.
4. Finally, a directive was determined and tabled at the meeting of Board of Management on 22<sup>nd</sup> July where an approval was obtained for the directives, and it has already been uploaded to the web. The industry stakeholders have also requested that CIDA should issue a more elaborative directive in the form of a formula. CIDA is currently exploring the possibility of catering to this request as directive should be in line with the signed Conditions of Contract.

We attach a copy of the directive for your kind attention.

Thanking you,  
Yours faithfully,

Prof. N. T. Sohan Wijesekera,  
Chairman,  
Construction Industry Development Authority.

Copy : Eng. Nissanka N Wijeratne, Secretary General /CEO – CCI