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APPENDIX A: INTERVIEW GUIDE FOR PRELIMINARY INTERVIEWS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

a.	Name of the Company:	
b.	Name of the Interviewer:	
c.	Designation:	
d.	Experience:	
e.	Date:	

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

A). Research Title

Dispute avoidance of delay claims by improving delay notification process of contractors of Sri Lanka

B). Research Objectives

- f) Review contractual procedures used to analyse construction delays.
- g) Identify contract provisions, legal requirement in delay notifications
- h) Identify the problems due to delay notification in construction projects
- i) Identify the causes of problems due to delay notifications in construction projects
- j) To develop a framework to improve the process of delay notifications in construction projects

C). Interview Questions

- Q.1. under FIDIC 1999 conditions of contract delays has to be notified within the stipulated time period, otherwise contractors will lose his entitled for an Extension of time or Cost. Following questions were intended to be discussed during the interview process,
- 01. Clauses which are frequently used to request for an extension of time
- 02. Notice practice relevant to each clause giving entitlement for an EOT
- 03. Effective date of the Time bar
- 04. Improvements for the delay notification process

- Q.2. the following criteria were identified as important in selecting proper delay notification system. Would you like to suggest any other criteria which are important for the same?
 - 1. Identification of the event
 - 2. Identification of the delay due to the event identified in the above
 - 3. Method of the notification i.e. electronic email, Minute of meeting, Verbal, Letter
 - 4. Notify Party
 - 5. Format of the notice whether clauses to be mentioned in the notice
 - 6. Time period when to notify
 - 7. How many notices
- Q.3. what were the problems you have faced by following the notices provisions in FIDIC 1999.

APPENDIX B: DETAILED QUESTIONNAIRE

Dispute avoidance of delay claims by improving delay notification process of

contractors of Sri Lanka

Dear Sir / Madam,

Dissertation - M.Sc in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution

I am following a M.Sc. course on Construction Law and Dispute Resolution at the

Department of Building Economics at University of Moratuwa. In order to fulfil the

requirements of this degree program, I am required to undertake a research and produce a

dissertation. The topic I have chosen is "Dispute avoidance of delay claims by improving

delay notification process of contractors of Sri Lanka"

I would be grateful if you could complete the attached questionnaire within your busy work

schedule. The information provided by you will be treated with strict confidence, it will

be used only for the purpose of fulfilling requirement for module dissertation in the

above course and there would not be specific references to any individual or an

organization.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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This information given by you will be used only for the academic purposes.

Please marks "X" to your answer.

1. Which of the followings best describe your present employment

	a. Employer	b. Consultant	c. Contractor	d. Freelance	
2.	Number of experience	in years			
3.	What is your current l	Designation,			
	Director	Planning Engineer			
	GM	QS/ Cost Engineer			
	PM	Contract Administrator /	Manager	Architect]
	Engineer	Commercial Manager		Other	7

4. Details of the projects which you have involved in during last 10 years

project	Contract value (SL Rs. Mn)	the pr	ether roject ryed	contr requ	Did contractor requested for EOT		Did Contractor served sufficient notices		Was EOT granted		EOT nted n the lated period	Aisp due to	utes
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
P1													
P2													
Р3													
P4													
P5													
P6													
P7													

Delay notifications practice

5. If you are working for a contractor, please answer for following question. If not please leave

Reasons for lack of notices by the contractor		nswer
Reasons for fack of notices by the contractor	Yes	No
Do you think that contractor's failure to notify is because they think that they can catch up the delay?		
Do you think that contractor's failure to notify is because they think that they can blame someone else for the delay?		
Do you feel that Sri Lankan consultants get upset on contractors notification?		
Do you feel that Sri Lankan clients get upset on contractors notification?		
If the contractor has notified a delay of the consultants, do you feel that, Contractors are penalized by the consultant when request for a test or drawing approval?		
Higher management of your company encourages you to notify delays?		
Do you believe delay notice as contractual obligation?		

6. If you are not working for contractor, please answer for following question.

What is your perception on delay notifications by the contractor		nswer
		No
Do you feel that Contractor notify delay unnecessarily to get claims?		
Do you expect delay notifications from the contractors to mitigate any delay of your obligations under the contract		
Do you encourage contractors to notify any delay events		
In your past projects, Once contractor notify any delay, have you certify EOT within the time stipulated in the contract		
In your previous projects will you get upset when a contractor notify any delay		
In your previous projects, did you have any concerns of the format of the notice?		
Do you encourage early warning notices from the contractor?		

7. Please rank followings as per your opinion

1- Low 3 – Average 5 - High

Criteria			lati orta		
Citoria	1	2	3	4	5
How do you rank Sri Lankan contractors knowledge on delay notices					
How do you rank Sri Lankan consultants knowledge on delay notices					
How you rank Sri Lankan clients knowledge on delay notices					
In your perception do you feel that consultants get upset when a contractor notify a delay					
In your perception do you feel that clients get upset when a contractor notify a delay					
Do you consider notice requirement under FIDIC 1999 as complex					
Do you feel that lack of notices will omit contractors entitlement for EOT					
Do you consider notice as must					
Do you think 28 day period is counting from the date of the commencement of the event					
Do you think it is must to notify within the time period specified in the contract					
Do you encourage mutual agreement between client and contractor for EOT without following contractual procedure					
Do you feel that format of the delay notice is important					

8. How you rank the importance of the following criteria when creating a delay notification system

Criteria		Relative importance					
		2	3	4	5		
Identification of the event							
Identification of the delay due to the event identified in the above							
Method of the notification – i.e. electronic email, Minute of meeting, Verbal, Letter							
Notify Party - to whom the notice is served							
Format of the notice whether clauses to be mentioned in the notice or not							
Time period – when to notify							
Improve knowledge of the contractors staff							
Improve knowledge of the clients/ consultant staff							

9. If you were asked to amend notice provision in FIDIC 1999 what you propose?

Criteria		Relative importance						
Citoria	1	2	3	4	5			
Reduce time gap for notices								
Make all notices condition precedence								
Make it compulsory to copy all the notices to client								
Allow minutes of meetings to constitute a valid notice								
Remove notice provision from minor contracts and encourage mutual agreement for EOT								
Remove notice provision from all the clauses except for clause 20.1 (claims) – i.e. remain only 28day notice from the commencement of the delay relates to any clause of the contract								

APPENDIX C: Early warning notice format

Early Warning Notice

Notified to – Engineers name and the address

Our reference – EWN/01

Copy to - Employers name and the address

Date of the notice – 19th February, 2017

Notifying party – Contractors name and the address

Dear Sir,

In compliance with sub clause 1.9 and 8.4 of the General Conditions of Contract, we hereby notify you of the following circumstances that, in our opinion, could potentially result in a delay to the time for completion of the works,

Description of the Drawing or the Instruction required	Required date to prevent any Delays to the Project Completion date	Nature of the Delay or Disruption in the event these details are not available

This also serves as notification in terms of clause 20.1 that any resultant delay occurred due to delay of the information requested above could result in us requiring extension of time and reimbursement for additional time related costs incurred with reasonable profit. We request that necessary action be taken to issue requested details in order to avoid or mitigate any delays.

Singed by the contractor

APPENDIX D: Delay notice format

Delay Notice

Notified to –	Engineers name and the address	Our reference – DN/01
Copy to -	Employers name and the address	Date of the notice –

Notifying party – Contractors name and the address

Date of the notice – 19th February, 2017

Dear Sir,

Due to following circumstances it has become apparent that delaying our work and we therefore give notice of commencement of delay and additional cost pursuant to Clause 20.1 [Contractor's Claim] of the conditions of contract.

Description of the Drawing or the Instruction required	Required date to prevent any Delays to the Project Completion date	Nature of the Delay or Disruption in the event these details are not available

It is considered that an extension of time also is required and we therefore give notice of our request for this pursuant to Clause 8.4 [Extension of Time for Completion] of the Conditions of Contract. We shall in support of the above keep contemporary records as may reasonably be necessary to support our claims pursuant to Clause 20.1 of the Conditions of Contract.

Singed by the contractor