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RE: PCA CASE NO. 2023-14 – INDUS WATERS TREATY NEUTRAL EXPERT PROCEEDINGS (INDIA V. PAKISTAN)

Dear Shri Rao,
Dear Mr. Awan,
Dear Mr. Akbar,

I write on behalf of the Neutral Expert in the above-referenced matter.

2. Pakistan's Extension Request

The Neutral Expert acknowledges receipt of Pakistan's letter dated 29 June 2026, seeking an extension of the deadline for the submission of Pakistan's "calibrated SRH-1D model of the BHEP, together with a description of the calibration steps and proposed parameters" (the "**Calibration Approach**"), requested under Item 2(iv) of the Neutral Expert's letter dated 15 June 2026.

Due to "the attention that has been required to respond to the . . . other document and information requests" under Item 2 of the Neutral Expert's letter of 15 June 2026, Pakistan requests that the deadline be extended from 30 June to 7 July 2026.

Further to Pakistan's request, the Neutral Expert hereby extends the deadline for Pakistan to submit its calibrated SRH-1D model of the BHEP, together with a description of the calibration steps and proposed parameters, to **Tuesday, 7 July 2026**.



3. Addendum to the Terms of Reference for the Modelling Specialists

By letter dated 23 June 2026, the Neutral Expert informed the Parties that Mr. Marc Desné had become unavailable and proposed his replacement by Mr. Louis Mesona of ISL for the purpose of carrying out "Calculation C – Sedimentation Volume at KHEP" of the modelling exercise.

By letter dated 26 June 2026, Pakistan indicated that it had no objection to the proposed replacement of Mr. Desné by Mr. Mesona. India did not provide any comments regarding the proposed replacement within the set time limit (*i.e.*, by 26 June 2026), or otherwise.

The Neutral Expert accordingly confirms that Mr. Louis Mesona will carry out Calculation C.

A signed Addendum to the Terms of Reference for Modelling Specialists is enclosed for the Parties' attention.

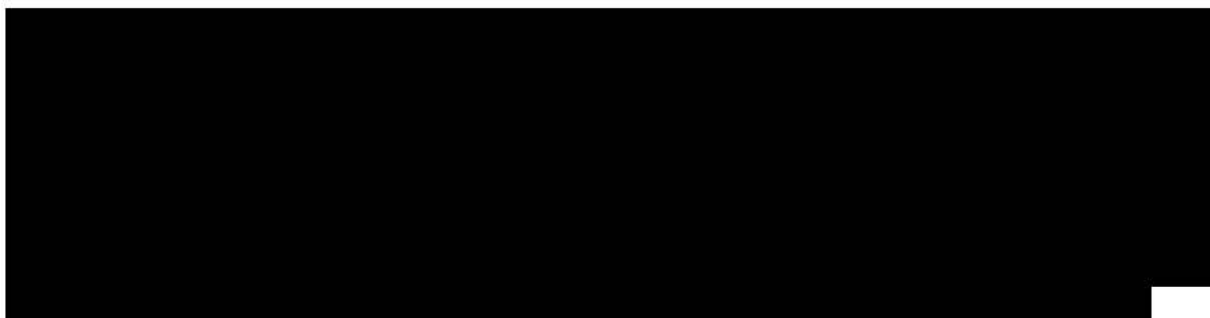
4. Work Programme

The Neutral Expert recalls his proposal for the next steps and deadlines in these proceedings circulated by the Registry on 9 June 2026.

Pakistan set out its views regarding the Neutral Expert's proposal and its own availabilities on Day 3 of the Fifth Meeting, as well as by letter dated 19 June 2026.

India, which did not attend the Fifth Meeting, was invited to review the Neutral Expert's proposal, as well as the case management portion of the transcript of Day 3 of the Fifth Meeting, and to revert with any comments by 19 June 2026. It did not do so within the set time limit, or otherwise.

Based on these exchanges, the Neutral Expert hereby issues the revised Work Programme (Annex 2 to the Supplemental Rules of Procedure), fixing the main steps for the remainder of these proceedings, including keys steps of the modelling exercise. Other steps of the modelling exercise are addressed below under Item 5 of this letter.



5. Timetable of the Modelling Exercise

Having sought the views of the Parties as described above, the Neutral Expert sets out below the timetable for all the next steps in the modelling exercise. It should be noted that some of these steps (8 and 10 – 13) also appear in the overall Work Programme.

#	EVENT	PARTY	DATE
1.	Pakistan to provide the topographic datafile (without the finalised design for dam and intake), as requested in the Neutral Expert's letter of 16 May 2026 and discussed at the Pre-Design Elaboration Stage Meeting	Pakistan	Received on 2 July 2026
2.	Pakistan to provide its calibrated SRH-1D model of the BHEP, together with a description of the calibration steps and proposed parameters	Pakistan	7 July 2026
3.	Result of Calculation C to be provided to the Parties, together with all relevant data files	Neutral Expert's Modelling Team	14 July 2026
4.	Neutral Expert review and comments on Pakistan's Calibration Approach	Neutral Expert	14 July 2026
5.	Exchange on Pakistan's Calibration Approach (if needed)	All	16 July 2026 proposed (online)
6.	Modelling Assumption Notes with respect to Calculations A and B	Neutral Expert	15 July 2026
7.	Comments on the Modelling Assumption Notes with respect to Calculations A and B	Parties	22 July 2026
8.	Completion of Design Elaboration Stage Work	Pakistan	20 August 2026

9.	Intra-Independent Modelling Stage Meeting (if needed)	All	2 and 3 September 2026 (online)
10.	Sixth Meeting of the Neutral Expert with the Parties - Oral report of the Neutral Expert's Modelling Team - Parties' comments or questions	All	9 November 2026 (10-11 November 2026 in reserve)
11.	Written Report on the Modelling Exercise	Neutral Expert's Modelling Team	9 December 2026
12.	Parties' Written Comments on the Modelling Report	Parties	11 January 2027
13.	Seventh Meeting of the Neutral Expert with the Parties (i) Final Modelling Meeting: - Parties' questions to the Modelling Specialists - Discussion of the modelling exercise with the Neutral Expert and the Technical Assistant (ii) Other matters: - Any questions the Neutral Expert may have for the Parties - Exchange on Synthesis Memorandum (if needed)	All	3-5 February 2027

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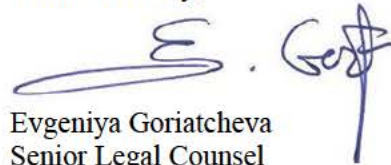
7. Publication

In accordance with Paragraph 14.2 of the Supplemental Rules, the Neutral Expert has instructed the Registry to publish the present letter and its enclosures on its website on Thursday, 9 July 2026, in an appropriately redacted form.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Ms. Balla Galma Godana (+230 5252 0893/ +31 627 064 215; bgodana@pca-cpa.org) should you have any question regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl.: Addendum to the Terms of Reference for Modelling Specialists (with Annexure)
Revised Work Programme

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