## Standard Registration Process with PEC for Foreign Firms

## **Foreign Constructors / Operators:**

According to Clause 2 of Engg Works Bye Law 7:

A foreign constructor or foreign operator wishing to perform any construction or operation of engineering works in Pakistan shall obtain an appropriate license from the Council before initiating any activity which is a subject of these Bye-laws. The foreign constructor or foreign operator may be **granted license only for specific projects** which need expertise and specialized technology of construction or operation not available with a Pakistani constructor or Pakistani operator. Any such foreign constructor or foreign operator shall enter into a joint venture agreement with the Pakistani constructor or Pakistani operator in which share of foreign constructor or foreign operator shall be limited to the expertise and technology not available with the Pakistani constructor or Pakistani operator. The establishment of a joint venture shall be subject to the condition that share of the Pakistani constructor or Pakistani operator shall not be less than thirty percent.

A Foreign Firm has to get **ENLISTED** with PEC before initiating any assignment in Pakistan. Upon enlistment a certificate on Form PEC-5B shall be issued to the foreign constructor, or as the case may be, foreign operator on payment of <u>requisite fee</u> for allowing him to operate in Pakistan;

On fulfillment of conditions set out in clause (2) of bye-law 7 and submission of the relevant documents mentioned below, the foreign constructor or foreign operator, if interested in bidding-negotiation for any project, can obtain a license as prescribed in clause (4) upon depositing the <u>requisite processing fee</u> for that specific project on Form PEC-5C, namely:-

- license issued by the Council to the lead Pakistani constructor or Pakistani operator and Enlistment Certificate of the foreign constructor or foreign operator;
- 2. joint venture or association agreement of the parties specifying shares of each party and name of the lead Pakistani constructor or Pakistani operator; and
- 3. brief descriptions and scope of work for which the association or joint venture intends to participate in bidding;

Foreign constructor or foreign operator shall get its Enlistment Certificate renewed as long as it intends or requires to operate in Pakistan. However, for participating in bidding or negotiation for each specific project, a separate license shall be obtained for each such project.