From: Alan Coyle

**Sent:** 12 March 2009 14:38

To: Colin MacKenzie; Nick Smith; Max Thomson; Andy Conway; Ailie Wilson

**Subject:** FW: TORs for Peer Review team

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Regards

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John / Alan,

Keeping everyone informed – the Terms of Reference agreed with the Peer Review team for their current review is

reproduced below.

Stewart

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> Edinburgh Tram - tie Peer Review Terms of Reference for Review beginning on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 Mike Heath, Willie Gillan and Malcolm Hutchinson (plus Marshall Poulton as observer)

## **Background**

During the period since early December 2008, **tie** has found itself in an escalating and increasingly entrenched series of disagreements with the BSC consortium on a range of contractual issues. This has arisen in parallel with a very late mobilisation and start on construction by BSC and has lately manifested in an impasse such that BSC (led by Bilfinger Berger) have clearly stated they will not work on sections of the project until **tie** accept their overarching contractual conditions and thereby allow them to recover very substantial additional direct costs, prolongation and delay and disruption they have forecast they will incur to complete the project. During the week ending 20<sup>th</sup> February the dispute culminated in a refusal BSC to start permanent works on Princes Street until matter under dispute in respect of Princes Street in particular, including the valuation of all changes, had been resolved.

After taking very robust legal advice and with clear and unambiguous support from the **tie** Board, the Tram Project Board and City of Edinburgh Council, **tie** has now commenced proceedings under the contractual Dispute Resolution Procedure with a view to, inter-alia, getting the permanent infrastructure works on Princes Street started as soon as possible.

The **tie** Chairman has asked the **tie** Peer Review team to provide an independent view on the circumstances leading to the current disputes and to test the decision to invoke the DRP procedure.

## Specific matters to report on

- 1. The correspondence and emails leading to the above circumstances
- 2. Decision to commence the DRP process on Princes St in the context of any alternatives course which may been available to **tie**
- 3. The strength of the case on the matters referred specifically to DRP in respect of Princes St

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