PREAMBLES AND PRICING NOTES

A. GENERALLY

All work to be carried out in accordance with the Ministry of Roads, Public Works and Housing General Specifications for Building Works issued in 1976 or as qualified or amended.

B. MANUFACTURERS' NAMES

Where manufacturers' names and catalogue references are given for guidance to quality and standard only, alternative manufacturer of equal quality will be accepted at the discretion of the Project Manager.

C. WALLING

All precast concrete blocks shall be manufactured by the methods and to the sizes specified in the Ministry of Roads, Public Works and Housing "Specification for Metric Sized Concrete Blocks for Building (1972)"

Walling of 100 mm thickness or under shall be reinforced with hoop iron every alternate course.

Prices for walling must allow for all costs in preparing, packing and sending sample blocks for testing as and when required by the Project Manager.

D. CARPENTRY

The grading rules for cypress shall be the same as for podocarpus and all timber used for structural work shall be select (second grade).

All structural timber must conform to the minimum requirements for moisture content and preservative treatment and timber prices must allow for preparing, packing and sending samples for testing when required.

Prices must also include for all nails and fasteners.

A. JOINERY

Cypress for joinery shall be second grade in accordance with the latest grading rules of the Kenya Government.

Where Mahogany is specified, this refers to prime grade only. The Contractor may with the approval of the Project Manager, use either Msharagi or Mvuli in lieu of Mahogany but such approval will be given only in the case of shortages of the hardwoods specified.

Plugging shall be carried out by drilling walling or concrete with masonry drill and filling with propriety plugs of the correct sizes. Cutting with hammer and chisel will not be allowed.

Prices for joinery must include for pencil rounded arises, protection against damage, nails, screws, framing and bedding in cement mortar as required.

Sizes given for joinery items are nominal sizes and exact dimensions of doors, etc, must be ascertained on site.

B. IRONMONGERY

Ironmongery shall be as specified in the Bills of Quantities or equal and approved.

Prices must include for removing and re-fixing during and after painting, labeling all keys, and for fixing to hardwood, softwood, concrete or blockwork.

Catalogue references given for ironmongery are for purposes of indicating quality and size of item(s). Should the Contractor wish to substitute the specified item(s) with others of equal quality, he must inform the Project Manager and obtain approval in writing.

C. STRUCTURAL STEELWORK

All structural steelwork shall comply with the Ministry of Roads, Public Works and Housing “Structural Steelwork Specification (1973) and shall be executed by an approved Sub-contractor.

A. PLASTERWORK AND OTHER FINISHES

All finishings shall be as described in the general specifications and in these Bills of Quantities.

Prices for pavings are to include for brushing concrete clean, wetting and coating with cement and sand grout 1:1.

Rates for glazed wall tiling are to include for a 12 mm cement and sand (1:4) backing screed unless otherwise specified in these Bills of Quantities.

B. GLAZING

Where polished plate glass is specified, this refers to general glazing quality.

Prices for glazing shall include for priming of rebates before placing putty.

The Contractor will be responsible for replacing any broken or scratched glass and handing over in perfect condition.

C. PAINTING

All paint shall be 1st quality “Crown” or other equal and approved

Painting shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturers’ instructions.

Prices for painting are to include for scaffolding, preparatory work, priming coats, protection of other works and for cleaning up on completion. Prices for painting on galvanized metal are to include for mordant solution as necessary.