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**Date:** March 30th, 2020

**Subject:** Effects of Curfew Circular for 65 Years and Above and Those with Chronic Disorders Because Of Covid-19 Pandemia

Dear Customer,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic crises all over the world, Turkey's Ministry of Interior published below circular for Curfew Circular for 65 Years and Above and Those with Chronic Disorders. You can find the translation below, original notice can be reached from following link (<https://www.icisleri.gov.tr/65-yas-ve-ustu-ile-kronik-rahatsızlığı-olanlara-sokaga-cikma-yasagi-genelgesi>).

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions of mentioned circular letter, we and our raw material manufacturers have loss of partial workforce which is affecting production and supply chain. As an addition, there is high amount reduction on the quantities of the available truck drivers in Turkey and we are seeing the same in Canada transportation as well unfortunately. We would like to inform you that we are trying so hard not to stay behind the project schedule but these precautions which are taken by governments, are noncompensable actions by individuals thus even if we are trying so hard not to be behind the schedule, due to the reasons beyond our control, and correspondingly force majeure events of the contract, we, as SA-RA, would like to inform you that we predict at least 2 weeks delay for all the dates regarding our Project. We are working very hard to minimize these delays and our shipments are ongoing on a weekly basis as reported before without any stoppage.

We highly appreciate for your understanding and we hope to pass these hard days with minimum effect.

### **Curfew Circular for 65 Years and Above and Those with Chronic Disorders**

People with chronic immune system, asthma, COPD, cardiovascular disease, kidney, hypertension and liver disease, who are 65 years old or older, and those who use drugs that disrupt the immune system, leave their homes after 24:00 on March 21, They were restricted from traveling in areas, parks and traveling by public transport, and were prohibited from going out on the streets.

In case of need, our citizens who live alone and who do not have relatives to meet their needs, who are 65 years and older and who have chronic illness are not victimized; "Vefa" Social Support Group over 65 years old will be formed under the chairmanship of governors / district governors to meet their basic needs.

Said Group; It will be composed of provincial / district police chief, provincial / district gendarmerie commander, representatives of public institutions and organizations to be determined by governors / district governors, local administrations, AFAD, Red Crescent and representatives of NGOs that will be needed.

Necessary measures will be taken by governors in the provinces and district governors in the districts to meet all basic needs of our citizens, who are 65 years and older, and health. Our citizens, who have been restricted / banned from leaving their residence, will be able to report their needs on the number 112, 155 and 156. A sufficient number of public officials / teams and vehicles, primarily law enforcement units, will be assigned to answer these calls and produce the necessary services.

The Circular Sent by Our Ministry with 81 is as follows:

As in many countries, the loss of life and number of cases continues to increase all over the world due to the new type of Coronavirus (Covid-19) epidemic, which is extremely dangerous for human life in our country.

The main risk factor in the Covid-19 outbreak is the high / rapid infectiousness of the virus in social areas and the immune system with people aged 65 and over, with low immune system, and chronic lung disease, asthma, COPD, cardiovascular disease, kidney, hypertension and liver disease. It threatens human life by creating serious health problems on people using drugs that disrupt it.

Our state takes many precautions with all its institutions, especially in order to prevent the spread of this epidemic and to threaten the lives of our citizens, and to stop the activities of public places at the point of supply of compulsory needs, and share them with our citizens by determining the rules that must be followed in this context.

It is very important for all our citizens to comply with the measures taken to prevent the epidemic as soon as possible.

However, our citizens aged 65 and over and those with the above chronic conditions are at great risk, although they are at high risk; It comes together in public spaces, parks, and continues to pose a risk for both themselves and public health by traveling in public transport, although they are not mandatory.

The continuation of this situation, our citizens aged 65 and over, and citizens with chronic conditions, spread the epidemic by creating serious risks in terms of their own lives and public health; By increasing the number of cases and the need for treatment, it will cause serious deterioration in public health and public order with the risk of loss of lives of our citizens.

The reasons explained above, in line with the recommendations of the Ministry of Health and the Scientific Committee, by the provincial governors, within the scope of Article 11 / C of the Provincial Administration Law and Article 27 and 72 of the General Sanitary Law; After 24.00 on 21.03.2020, the necessary decisions must be taken immediately in order to prohibit our citizens aged 65 and over and those who have chronic ailments, from leaving their residences, traveling in open areas, parks, and traveling by public transportation, and to go out on the streets.

After These Decisions Enter into Force;

1- If there is a need, our citizens who live alone and who have no relatives to meet their needs, who are 65 years and older and who have chronic illness are not victimized; To meet the basic needs, "Vefa" Social Support Group over 65 years old will be formed under the chairmanship of governors / district governors.

2- The aforementioned group; It will be composed of provincial / district police chief, provincial / district gendarmerie commander, representatives of public institutions and organizations to be determined by governors / district governors, local administrations, AFAD, Red Crescent and representatives of NGOs that will be needed.

3- Necessary measures will be taken by governors in provinces and district governors in districts to meet all basic needs of our citizens, who are 65 years and older, and who have chronic illness, especially health. Our citizens, who have been restricted / banned from leaving their residence, will be able to report their needs on the number 112, 155 and 156. Sufficient public officers / teams and vehicles, primarily law enforcement units, will be assigned to answer these calls and to produce the necessary services.

Taking necessary decisions by Governors / district governors regarding these measures promptly, making necessary coordination with the relevant unit / institution officials in order not to cause any disruption in practice and not to cause victimization, by closely following the implementation by all regular / responsible supervisors of our Ministry, It is strongly requested not to give any malfunction.

**April 10,2020**

Dear Valued Customers ofKardemirHaddecilik San. Ve Tic. A.S

Due to international restrictions on land and marine transportation as well as the capacity reduction of our raw material suppliers' in local and import caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are having challenges on receiving our raw materials within our agreed contract terms; thus, it forces us to make an update on our production schedule besides the delivery dates of your pending orders.

Assuring that all those pending orders will be delivered in one way or another, considering the updated schedules advised by of our raw material suppliers, you may find our updated Cargo readiness dates as follows::

**Cargo Readiness dates:**

45 mm equal angle:	May 4, 2020
50 mm equal angle	May 6, 2020
40 mm equal angle	May 8, 2020
80 mm equal angle :	May 7, 2020
90 mm equal angle:	May 8, 2020
100 mm equal angle	May 9, 2020
75 mm equal angle :	May 10, 2020
70 mm equal angle:	May 11, 2020
60 mm equal angle	May 13, 2020
65 mm equal angle:	May 15, 2020

We foresee no more delay except other contretemps such as overall quarantine in Turkey or curfew etcis announced/arised.

**Finally, we kindly request you to ask a further confirmation from us 5 days earlier from above mentioned dates in order to assure all shipments will be finalized smoothly.**

Thanks for your understanding and co-operation. We look forward to continuing working with you in the future

Yours Sincerely

KardemirHaddecilik San. Ve Tic. A.S



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**Date:** 05/11/2020

**Subject:** Official CoVid 19 Status Update Declaration

Dear Sir / Madam,

We want to inform you that due to Covid-19 pandemics in Turkey, there is a decrease in the number of actively working personnel at our factories resulting from said illness and quarantine procedures imposed and applied by governmental authorities and this issue is resulting partial interruptions in our manufacturing works.

Our company is executing all arrangements and taking all necessary precautions to manage the process in due manner and minimize the delays and interruptions which are not due to our fault. But, in spite of all precautions there can be some delays in our Project resulting from pandemics and related reasons fully out of our initiative.

Please be sure that we are doing and will continue to do our best with our goodwill to minimize the delays.

Yours sincerely,

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**Date:** 08/10/2020

**Subject:** Delays In the Shipping Schedule

Dear Jeff and Aziz,

As you know as per the latest information provided by us, we were planning to close out the Project by the end of September (last week) however we were delayed and I would like to send an official notification regarding the delay.

In general, our delay is mostly on the plate boxes, most of the bundles were already shipped but our progress on the plates were not as planned. The main reason beyond this delay is plate production involves mainly manpower. Due to covid restrictions, we can only have limited people available on shop floor and some of our workers go under quarantine due their families. This impacted our production efficiency which caused some delay on production.

Our estimated delay is approximately 2 weeks. We believe with the shipment which will go out next week, we will complete shipping materials. As you know our given estimated delivery of the materials were in first weeks of November but now we believe shipments will be completed within the month of November.

As this delay is due to pandemic related, we request this extension under Force Majeure conditions as per our contract. We will keep you updated if there is any change on this information, we will discuss further in our meeting today.

Yours sincerely,

Volkan Bayram



Business Development and Sales Deputy Director

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Adriana MacLeod, Project Environmental Lead  
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Hello Adriana,

Thank you for the detailed discussion we had with your team on September 12, 2019 regarding NextBridge's access plans for Parks and Conservation Reserves. Upon further review and as per our discussions with you, Ontario Parks has concerns with the proposed access plan for Kama Cliffs Conservation Reserve.

Commitment 1038 (*NextBridge commits to install the structure at this location (the Kama Cliffs Conservation Reserve) via helicopter and to remove the access road overlapping the Mazukama Falls area from the Project footprint*) that you reference in your email (August 22/19) pertains to the final approved commitments from the environmental assessment (EA) process. Ontario Parks believes, that this commitment does not align with the previous commitment made (July 2018) by NextBridge regarding comment MNRF-AMEND-10, (*Based on the MNRF's comment, NextBridge commits that it will install the structure at this location via helicopter. Temporary and permanent access roads in the Kama Cliffs Conservation Reserve have been removed from the Project footprint. This change will be reflected in the Access and Construction Maps that will be provided to applicable regulators 30 days prior to construction*) as recognized in the IR table for the Final Amended EA – despite speaking to the same geography.

Nextbridge committed in the IR (via MNRF-AMEND-10) to remove proposed roads from the project footprint within the conservation reserve, yet access is still proposed. The new proposed location within the CR is greenfield and does not exemplify a trend in considering environmental effects. We do, however, appreciate the recognition of impacts the development would have on recreational opportunities and experiences, and thank you for removing the overlap with the trail system and avoidance of user group conflict.

Throughout the EA process, MNRF/MECP has consistently commented and requested the use of aerial installation within the conservation reserve, and as such, we are requesting again that aerial installation be considered, and used, within Kama Cliffs Conservation Reserve. While Commitment 1038 may be more current in time, the [Notice of Approval](#) does indicate in section 2.2 (General Requirements) that "The proponent shall fulfill all commitments made in the environmental assessment", and trust that the proponent will honour that commitment made in response to MNRF-AMEND-10 as the intent and nature have not been upheld in Commitment 1038.

Ontario Parks has been engaged throughout the environmental assessment process for this project and continue our commitment in working to support the sustainable development of the project while fulfilling our legislated obligations under the PPCRA. If you have any questions please contact Katherine Onyshkewych, Senior Park Planner at (807) 475-1173

Regards,

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Zone Manager  
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EB-2011-0140 - Board #15 (All Applicants)

UPPER CANADA TRANSMISSION, INC. Response to Board Interrogatory 15 to all Applicants

Has your proposed design has been utilized successfully in terrain and weather conditions similar to that of Northern Ontario? If not, please comment on the potential risks of your proposed design with respect to its use in Northern Ontario.

Response:

NextBridge's Recommended Plan for the Ontario East-West Tie project proposes the use of guyed lattice structures specifically to address and respond to the challenging terrain and weather conditions of Northern Ontario. Guyed lattice structures have been successfully used for transmission lines by BC Hydro and Manitoba Hydro, and are currently being installed by Hydro Quebec, as the information attached to this response illustrates.

In addressing terrains like those in British Columbia, Quebec, Manitoba, and Northern Ontario, the use of guyed structures:

1. Eliminates the need for uneven legs customized for each location in rugged terrain.
2. Facilitates helicopter construction, and minimizes the size of construction equipment required, due to lighter weight.

Combined, these advantages allow the project team to field adjust structure locations and avoid construction delays.

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EB-2017-0182 - STAFF INTERROGATORY #27 Ref: Evidence EB-2017-0182 Exhibit B, Tab 9, Schedule 1 page 11, lines 9 – 17:

“Development Phase Refinements” Preamble: Construction execution and access plans developed during the development phase increased the number of access roads from the conceptual plan assumed in the Designation cost estimate. NextBridge states that these updated plans greatly minimize potential aerial construction and associated costs, which also mitigates many risk elements, including safety and project delays.

Questions:

- a) Please quantify the costs savings resulting from the reduced use of aerial construction.
- b) Please quantify the cost increases resulting from the increased use of access roads (e.g. land acquisition, permits etc.).
- c) What prompted NextBridge to increase its use of access roads?
- d) How did NextBridge evaluate an option to require more land against a reduction in costs and risks?

RESPONSE

a) Through the competitive bid process for the General Contractor NextBridge allowed the bidders the flexibility to propose the most cost effective plan to build the line. The winning bidder, Valard, proposed a solution using a ground based access approach and had a better developed plan and less expensive cost than the other bidders. The awarded construction contractor’s execution plan resulted in helicopter access savings of approximately \$3 million.

b) The awarded construction contractor’s access plan increased the quantity of access roads required from approximately 26 million sq. ft. estimated in the designation application to approximately 49 million sq. ft. estimated in the Leave to Construct application. However, the increased quantity was partially offset by a reduction of \$0.28 in the average cost per sq. ft. The total access road cost increased approximately \$7 million, of which a portion (approximately 10%) of the increase is attributable to route alteration. This cost amount includes construction amounts only, and does not include additional increased land services and environmental permitting costs.

c) No, this choice of tower design does not have any impact on the estimated O&M costs.

d) For examples of where Guyed-Y towers have been used in constructing 230 kV circuits of comparable length with similar climatic and geographical conditions, please find attached to this response UCT’s Response to Board Staff Interrogatory #15, filed on March 3, 2013 in EB 2011 0140. NextBridge does not have operating and maintenance experience or data for the projects referenced in UCT Response to Board Staff Interrogatory #15; however, NextBridge expects operations and maintenance of Guyed-Y towers to be similar to that of other lattice structure towers.