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Circular to all Periti

Dear Perit

### **Circular to Architects 01/11 – Publication of Public Tenders without Consultant's Logos**

The attention of the *Kamra* has been drawn to the practice currently adopted by the Director General (Contracts) in refusing to allow the name or logo of *periti* to be carried on drawings and other documents that form part of a public call for tenders, when such drawings and/or documents are produced by the *periti* engaged as consultants to the entity on whose behalf the said Director General is publishing such a tender.

Thus, for example, *periti* engaged as designers of a project are not being allowed to carry their name or logo on drawings which they have produced for the particular project.

The *Kamra* is of the opinion that this imposition is not correct and strongly objects to such a practice and situation. The *Kamra* has already made representations with the Director General (Contracts) and the Minister for the Economy and Investment. The documentation associated with the design of a building or structure is the intellectual property of the *perit* who has prepared such design. Irrespective of whether the client has paid for such a design or not, the intellectual property remains of the *perit*, and should not be used for any purpose without the identification of such authorship.

Furthermore, the *Kamra's* attention has also been drawn to the fact that only recently a particular public entity has abusively removed the name and logo of the *perit* from the drawings and replaced it with its own name and logo. This is considered as a blatant breach of the copyright law.

Members' attention is being drawn to these situations and we urgently ask you not only to report such instances to the *Kamra* but also to desist from being party to such situations.

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