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1. Purpose

- 1.1. RMC Plants that have been certified under the Scheme by the QCI approved ESCPL and have entered in to a written contract with QCI, are eligible to use the RMC Plant Certification Mark/Logo.
- 1.2. This document describes the rules for use of the RMC Plant Certification Mark/ Logo by the certified RMC plants and the process required to be complied with for enabling the RMC plants to use the Mark/Logo.
- 1.3. The RMC Plant Certification Mark is a protected mark owned by QCI, the scheme owner of the RMC Plant Certification Scheme (RMPCPS), indicating that the processes of the relevant RMC Plant are in conformity with specified criteria under the scheme. The “Mark” is also commonly known as a “Logo”, however for the sake of aligning it with the international requirements the same will henceforth be referred to as the “Mark”.

2. Scope

- 2.1. The RMPCPS specifies certifications:
RMC Capability Certification
- 2.2. This document covers requirements for use of the Mark with respect to both the levels.

3. Pre-requisites for RMC Plant Certification Mark

- 3.1. RMC Plants that have been certified under the Scheme by QCI approved ESCPL, are eligible to use RMC Plant Scheme Certification Mark(s).
- 3.2. As per the contract between the Scheme owner (QCI) and the ESCPL the certified RMC plant shall require to formally sign of the contract with QCI for the use of RMC Plant Certification Mark. Soon after the plant’s certification, it shall sign the contract with QCI in the prescribed format. This process shall be facilitated by the QCI ESCPL.
- 3.3. ESCPL shall make provision for the same in its system for certification under RMPCP Scheme and shall make this requirement a part of its legally enforceable contract with the certified client.
- 3.4. The template for the contract that the QCI shall enter with the certified RMC plant for this purpose is enclosed vide Annex 1.
- 3.5. The certified RMC plant shall sign a legally enforceable agreement with QCI in the format enclosed at Annex 1, based on which it will be allowed to use the Certification mark.

4. RMC Plant Scheme Certification Marks and Certificate

- 4.1. A RMC plant may apply for certification as per any of the two options available under the RMC Plant Certification Scheme, one being ‘RMC Capability Certification’ and other being ‘RMC 9000⁺ Capability Certification’, the latter ensuring compliance to the requirements of ISO 9001 also in addition to the RMPCPS Criteria.

4.2. The Certification Marks for the two options are given below. The Mark may be used as any photographic reduction or enlargement. The colour scheme of the Marks shall be same as described below. Different combination of the colour scheme shall not be used.



4.3. The certified RMC plants shall be issued a certificate by the ESCPL. The type of certificate to be issued for the above two types of certification by the ESCPL is enclosed in the document “**Ready Mixed Concrete Plant Certification Scheme - RMC Certification Process**”.

5. Conditions for use of RMC Plant Certification Mark

5.1. Following conditions shall apply for use of RMC Plant Certification Mark

- a) The RMC Plant certification mark shall not be used in a manner to imply that the product (ready mixed concrete) is certified. The Mark shall not be displayed on RMC transportation vehicles. The plants can however display on the vehicles the statement “It has been produced in an RMC plant certified under the RMC Plant Certification Scheme”.
- b) It shall be used on the Delivery Tickets/Challans “Criteria of Production Control of Ready Mixed Concrete for RMC Capability Certificate”) accompanying each supply of RMC.
- c) The RMC Plant Scheme Certification Mark however shall not be used on other documents accompanying the supply like Test Certificate, etc.
- d) The Certification Mark may be used in publicity material, pamphlet, letter heads, other similar stationary, media for exchange of any communication, for promoting the awareness of the scheme, the Certification Mark, etc.
- e) The RMC plant may also use the RMC certificate issued by the ESCPL as part of publicity material.
- f) While using the above documents care shall be taken to ensure that the Mark is used only with respect to the RMC plant certified and it shall not give impression that the non-certified, individual plants of a cluster or a company are also certified.
- g) The certified RMC Plant shall not make any misleading claims with respect to the Certification Mark.
- h) It shall not use the Certification Mark in such a manner as to bring the Scheme Owner, QCI, into disrepute.

- i) The RMC plant, upon suspension or withdrawal of its certification, shall discontinue use of the Certification mark, in any form.
- j) The RMC plant, upon suspension or withdrawal of its certification, shall discontinue use of all advertising matter that contains any reference to its certification status.
- k) In case the Certification Mark is observed to be used by a certified RMC plant contrary to the conditions specified, suitable actions shall be taken by the ESCPL in accordance with the relevant requirements of ISO 17065 and those specified in the documents “RMC PCS Certification Process” and “RMC PCS Requirements for Certification Bodies”. Depending upon the extent of violation, the suitable actions may range from advice for corrective actions to withdrawal of certification especially in situations of repeated violations. In case the certified RMC plant does not take suitable action to address the wrong use of the Certification Mark, the ESCPL may suspend/withdraw the certification.
- l) If a certified RMC plant’s certification is suspended; its certificate cancelled, withdrawn or discontinued, it is the certified RMC Plant’s responsibility to discontinue the use of the Certification Mark from the date from which the certificate stands suspended, cancelled, and withdrawn or discontinuation comes into force. The ESCPL that have certified the RMC plant needs to ensure compliance as stated above
- m) The certified RMC plant shall sign a legally enforceable agreement with the ESCPL, on behalf of QCI whereby it is allowed to use the Certification mark after agreeing to all the relevant conditions as described in this document.
- n) The certified RMC plant shall pay an annual fee per plant to QCI, for the use of RMC Plant Certification Mark as prescribed from time to time. This payment shall be made to its ESCPL for onward submission to QCI.

6. Process for signing of contract between QCI and the Certified RMC Plants

6.1. Once the RMC plants are certified by the QCI approved Certification body , ESCPL, then the ESCPL shall require the certified RMC plant to fill up in duplicate the contract form, template for which is enclosed in Annex 1to this document.

6.2. The ESCPL shall forward the filled contract form to QCI, for the purpose of signing and completing the contract formalities. Along with the contract form the

ESCPL shall also forward the details of the certified RMC plant, covering as a minimum the following information:

- a) Name and address of the certified RMC plant.
- b) Legal entity Status (with evidence).
- c) Names of the top management/ownership details.
- d) Details of the Certification granted – number, validity, etc.
- e) Any other significant detail as considered relevant.

The ESCPL shall also forward the copy of the draft certification document it intends to issue to the RMC plant.

- 6.3.** Upon receiving the signed contract form from QCI, the ESCPL shall issue the certificate, inform the certified RMC plant regarding permission to start using the RMC Plant Certification Mark and also forward the signed contract form from QCI to them. The certification validity shall commence from the day the contract with QCI is signed.
- 6.4.** The Certification body shall also make provision for collecting on behalf of QCI, the annual fee for use of RMC Certification Mark from the certified RMC plant and forwarding the same to QCI.
- 6.5.** The ESCPL shall also make provision for informing QCI, about any changes in the certification status, like suspension, withdrawal, etc.
- 6.6.** The contract between QCI and the certified plant shall be valid as long as the plant holds valid certification under the RMCP Scheme or unless otherwise advised to do so.