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Re: Reply of the Department of Contracts to the application of Pharma-Cos Limited dated 9th January 2024 in the Cases 114, 115 & 116

Hereinaster respectfully submits that:

Pharma-Cos Limited is factually incorrect. Despite the e-pps system showing the closing date for the submission of tenders as the 4th January 2024, this is a necessary technical feature since the Department of Contracts has not updated the closing date for tenders while waiting for the outcome of this pending appeal, until such time the procurement procedure at issue here will remain suspended.

There has been no opening of tenders with respect to the procurement procedure in question and the procurement process was and remains suspended in terms of Reg. 266 of the Public Procurement Regulations.

Therefore, the new application filed by Pharma-Cos Limited for the cancellation of the tender procedure ought to be dismissed.

The Department of Contracts would caution Pharma-Cos Limited to desist from any further unnecessary applications.

Yours sincerely,

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