

## Foreword and Abbreviations

In 1999, Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs-Conseils ("FIDIC") published the following four forms of contract, the first three of which are covered by this Guide and referred to as "CONS", "P&DB" and "EPCT":

### "CONS": Conditions of Contract for Construction,

which are recommended for building or engineering works designed by the Employer or by his representative, the Engineer. Under the usual arrangements for this type of contract, the Contractor constructs the works in accordance with a design provided by the Employer. However, the works may include some elements of Contractor-designed civil, mechanical, electrical and/or construction works.

### "P&DB": Conditions of Contract for Plant and Design-Build,

which are recommended for the provision of electrical and/or mechanical plant, and for the design and execution of building or engineering works. Under the usual arrangements for this type of contract, the Contractor designs and provides, in accordance with the Employer's requirements, plant and/or other works; which may include any combination of civil, mechanical, electrical and/or construction works.

### "EPCT": Conditions of Contract for EPC/Turnkey Projects,

which are recommended for the provision on a turnkey basis of a process or power plant, and which may also be used where one entity takes total responsibility for the design and execution of a privately financed infrastructure project which involves little or no work underground. Under the usual arrangements for this type of contract, the entity carries out all the Engineering, Procurement and Construction ("EPC"): providing a fully-equipped facility, ready for operation (at the "turn of the key").

### Short Form of Contract,

which is recommended for relatively simple or repetitive work, or for work of short duration or of small capital value. The Short Form of Contract is not covered by this Guide.

In this Guide to the use of CONS, P&DB and EPCT, the word "Books" (with capital letter) is used when referring to the three publications: CONS, P&DB and EPCT. These Books were initially published as Test Editions in 1998, and the many reactions to them were reviewed before the First Editions were published in 1999.

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