

A STUDY INTO THE PRELIMINARIES USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WITH A CASE STUDY TO 'STARZ VALLEY' PROJECT

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ABSTRACT

Preliminaries are important parts in the Bill of Quantities. Bill of Quantities (BQ) is a common feature in tendering or/and contract documents for construction projects.

Preliminaries provides a comprehensive schedule of items that includes in the construction industry which also describe the name, nature and position of the project, condition of the contract, state out the works, good, materials, labours and explanation of general obligations and liability of each party and all the facilities that in the site.

In construction industry, preliminaries are an elemental cost in BQ. The price of preliminaries include in initial, recurring and completion phases. It is the initial cost for the preparation works for the site project, maintenance and also demolition of the elements. Those operations of preliminaries in the site are the parts of pricing of the project for safety and preparation purposes. The aim is to understand the importance of the preliminaries, usage of preliminaries items, pricing in preliminaries and payment and claims involving preliminaries.

All the pricing in preliminaries will determine and claim in different payment and phases of project. The items of preliminaries are priced by contractor and claims in different stages of work done in the construction industry. The valuation of preliminaries items is divided in the payment of the project according to the guidance of preliminaries (Section B) in SMM2.