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Particular Features of Construction Contracts; by Michael Gunta, L.L.B. (A.A.U.), M.S.C. (Wolverhampton University, UK)

SYNOPTIC CATCHWORDS

*Construction contracts – Definition – Nature thereof. Parties to a construction contract – Terms often employed to indicate parties to the contract – Employer - Contractor – Consultant engineer – Sub-contractors – Sub-consultants – Responsibilities of each. Various types of construction contracts – The Traditional Method – Design and build – Management contract – Construction management contract – Turnkey contract – Cost plus fee contract – Partnering contract. The Traditional Method Contract **versus** Design and Build Contracts – Major differences. Standard Construction Contract Forms – JCT (Joint Contract Tribunal) – New Engineering Contract – ICE (The International Construction Contract) – FIDIC Standard Forms. Fourth FIDIC (Federation Internationale Des Ingeniers Conseils) Standard Forms – Delay and its effects – Contract Procurement Alternatives – Mechanisms for resolution of disputes. Resolution of construction contract disputes in the U.K. and the U.S.A. – The new scheme of “Adjudication” in the U.K. – Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 (HGCRA 1996) – The Arbitration Act 1996 – The new “Dispute Review” system in the U.S.*

RESUME

This paper provides a short guide to a topical subject. It attempts to familiarize the general reader with the various types of construction contracts commonly in use and the major differences between the two types

of contracts frequently employed, both locally and internationally. It also attempts to summarize the precautions that need to be taken before entering into and during the performance of construction contracts in general, so as to prevent delay and disruption and the concomitant harm these will entail, especially in major construction works.