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# **COPPER BONDED STEEL EARTH ROD**



CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD SRI LANKA

Specification

for

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**CEB Standard 085: 2005** 

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#### SPECIFICATION FOR COPPER BONDED STEEL EARTH ROD

#### 1.0 SCOPE

This Specification covers the general requirements of the design, manufacture and testing of copper bonded steel earth rods and connecting clamps for use in the power distribution earthing systems of the CEB.

#### 2.0 APPLICABLE STANDARDS

The items and components supplied shall be in accordance with the latest editions of the standards specified below and amendments thereof.

a)	BS 6651:1999	<del>-</del>	Code of practice for protection of structures against lightning
b)	BS 4360: 1990	<del>-</del>	Specification for weldable structural steels
c)	BS 2874: 1986	-	Specification for Copper & Copper Alloy Rods & Sections (other than forging stock)

#### 3.0 BASIC FEATURES - COPPER BONDED EARTH ROD

Copper Bonded earth Rod shall have a Core made of high tensile-low carbon steel of quality not inferior to grade 43E complying with BS 4360(1990) with a tensile strength not less than 580N/mm<sup>2</sup>. The copper bonding shall be of 99.90% purity electrolytic copper bonded to the steel core. The radial thickness of the copper bonding shall not be less than 250 Micron.

The Steel Rod shall have a rust free smooth surface without cavities, cracks and other imperfections before applying the copper bonding.

The copper bonding shall not have any cracks, holes, cavities etc. preventing exposure of the steel core to the soil and moisture.

The diameter of the copper bonded earth rod shall not be less than 17mm and the tolerance shall be  $\pm 0.05$  mm and shall be suitable for use with the 17mm exothermic welding moulds. The length shall not be less than 1200mm and the tolerance shall be  $\pm 10$  mm. Bottom end of the Earth Rod shall be tapered off to a smaller diameter.

The Copper Earth Rods shall be as per the drawing No.DS&S/2005/85a.

Copper Bonded earth Rod would be used with clamps exceptionally at line earthing (i.e. where G.I. earth wire to be connected with the earth Rod).

#### 3.1 BASIC FEATURES - CLAMP

The clamp shall be made of tinned copper. It shall be suitable for effectively connecting the 5mm galvanized steel wire (earthing lead) to Copper Bonded Earth Rod (17mm diameter).

The clamp shall be able to make good electrical contact between earth rod and the earthing lead and the connection shall not loosen off in use.

Clamp shall comprise of the following,

- a) U shaped device for making contact with the Cu bonded earth rod.
- b) Means of tightening the device on to the copper bonded earth rod (eg.two bolts).
- c) Means of attaching the earthing lead to the device as shown in the diagram No.DS&S/2005/85b.

#### **4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

The manufacturer shall have obtained Quality assurance certification conforming to ISO 9001:2000 for the manufacturer of Copper bonded Earth Rods. Bidders shall furnish documentary evidence to prove this.

### 5.0 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

# 5.1 Marking Marking of Components

Every component shall bear the following information and they shall be engraved or embossed on the external surface.

- a) The manufacturer's name or trade mark, and the year of manufacture.
- b) Length and the diameter (in mm), of the rod.
- c) Letters "C.E.B."

#### 5.2 Packing

Each copper bonded earth rod shall be enclosed in a polythene cover to prevent any damage to the copper bond during transport and handling and the earth rods shall be packed in suitable wooden boxes in such a manner that each box contains twenty five rods. The box shall be marked with the following information.,

- a) Manufacturers name and address
- b) Name of Item and dimensions
- c) Quantity
- d) Gross weight

#### 6.0 INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED WITH THE OFFER

The following information shall be furnished with the offer

- a) Manufacturer's Name and address
- b) Applicable Standard for Steel
  - i) Grade of steel & Quality
  - ii) Tensile Strength
  - iii) Chemical composition

- c) Dimension before copper bonding
  - i) Diameter & tolerance
  - ii) Length & tolerance
- d) Dimension after copper bonding
  - i) Diameter & tolerance
  - ii) Length & tolerance
- e) Purity of copper (furnish mill certificate)
- f) Method of bonding adopted
- g) Minimum thickness of copper bonding.
- h) No. of quantities sold during last 05 years indicating the No. of rods, buyer and the year of sale.

#### 7.0 SAMPLES

Two samples of Copper Bonded Steel Rod and two samples of clamps shall accompany with the offer to facilitate analysis and evaluation

#### 8.0 INSPECTION & TESTING

#### 8.1 Inspection

The selected Bidder shall make necessary arrangements for inspection by an Engineer appointed by the Purchaser and also to carry out in his presence necessary routine/sample tests on the materials offered.

The Items shall be stored in such a manner for easy selection of samples to carry out Sample/Acceptance Tests as given below.

#### 8.2 Sampling

For every batch of 1,000 Nos. of Copper bonded Earth Rods 20 Nos of Rods, & 20 Nos of Clamps shall be selected randomly to carry out sample/acceptance test as per Clause 8.3

#### 8.3 Testing (Sample/Acceptance Tests)

The following Sample /Acceptance Tests shall be witnessed by the Engineer appointed by the Purchaser.

- i) Verification of Dimensions
- ii) Adherence of Copper bonding to Steel Core
- iii) Thickness of Copper bonding
- iv) Current carrying Capacity
- v) Mechanical Strength.

#### 9.0 ANNEX

Annex - A - Drawing No. DS&S/2005/085a Annex - B Drawing No.DS&S/2005/085b

Annex - C - Schedule of guaranteed technical particulars

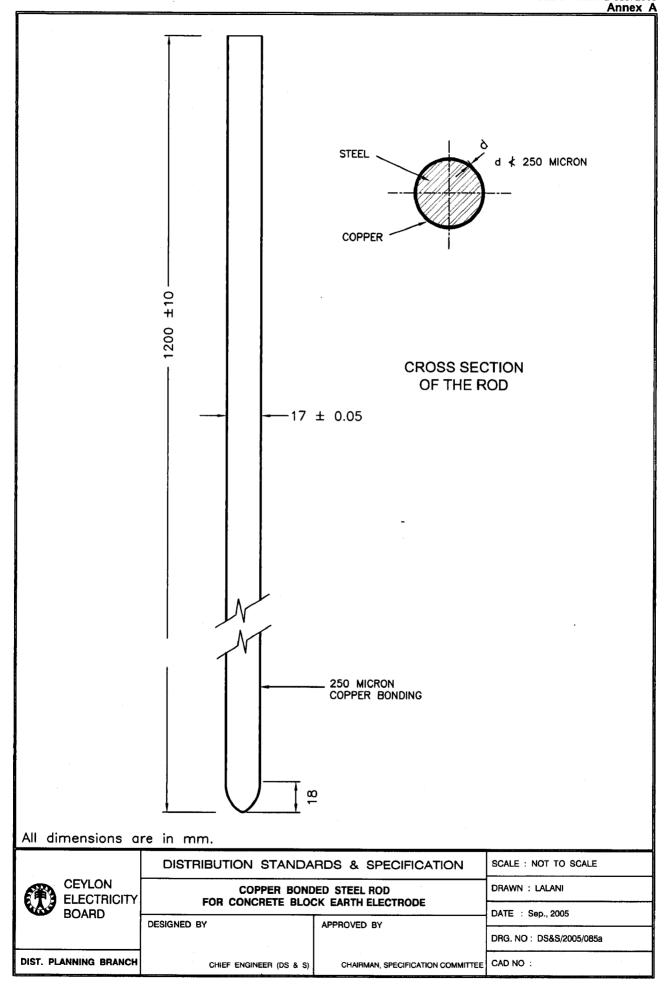
#### ANNEX - C

## SCHEDULE OF GUARANTEED TECHNICAL PARTICULARS

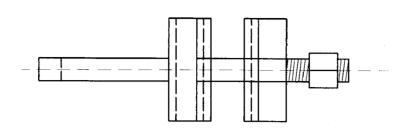
(To be filled by the Bidder)

a)	Manufacturer's Name and address			-
b)	Place o	of manufacture		-
c)	Produc	ction capacity (monthly)	Nos	-
d)	Applic	able Standard for Steel		-
	i)	Grade & quality of steel		-
	ii)	Tensile Strength		-
	iii)	Chemical composition		-
e)	Dimen	sion before copper bonding		
	i) ii)	Diameter & tolerance Length & tolerance	mm mm	-
f)	Dimen	sion after copper bonding		
	i)	Diameter & tolerance	mm	-
	ii)	Length & tolerance	mm	-
g)	Purity	of copper	%	-
h)	Wheth	er the mill certificate for the purity of copper furnis	hed	Yes/No-
i)	Method	d of bonding adopted		-
j)	Minim	um thickness of copper bonding.	mm	-
k)	Weight			
	i) ii)	Before copper bonding After copper bonding	kg kg	- -
Clamp				
l)	Materia	al of Clamp		-

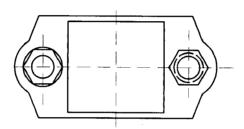
SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF THE BIDDER / DATE



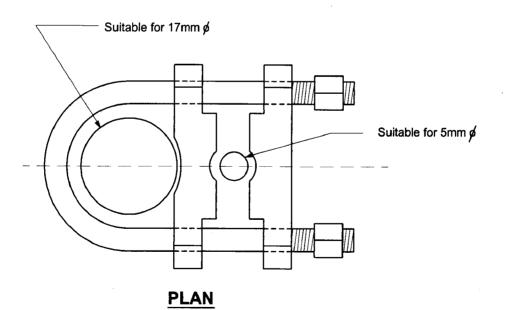




# **FRONT ELEVATION**



# SIDE ELEVATION



All dimensions are in mm.

	DISTRIBUTION STANDA	SCALE : NOT TO SCALE	
CEYLON ELECTRICITY	CONNECTING	DRAWN : KUMARI	
BOARD	OFFER BONDED STEEL NOD		DATE : Sep., 2005
	DESIGNED BY	APPROVED BY	DRG. NO: DS&S/2005/085b
DIST. PLANNING BRANCH	CHIEF ENGINEER (DS & S)	CHAIRMAN, SPECIFICATION COMMITTEE	CAD NO:

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