



## RE &amp; STORAGE ADVISORY · STEP 04 · PMC &amp; INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT · MEMO

# Payment Milestone Certification

Independent verification memo confirming physical progress and quantities against contractor invoices before lender or client disbursement.

**Worked example (anonymised):** Standalone BESS Independent Engineer Mandate · 400 MW / 800 MWh LFP battery energy storage system · Western India, grid-connected at 220 kV. Engaged as lender's independent engineer through 14-month EPC construction, covering container yard civil works, PCS/transformer installation, protection testing and grid compliance studies ahead of commercial operation.



Illustrative sample image

## Sample excerpt · Milestone Certification Summary

| Invoice Ref | Claimed Progress | Verified Progress | Amount Claimed (INR Cr) | Amount Certified (INR Cr) |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| INV-EPC-07  | 62%              | 58%               | 24.5                    | 22.9                      |
| INV-EPC-08  | 70%              | 68%               | 18.2                    | 17.7                      |
| INV-EPC-09  | 78%              | 75%               | 21.0                    | 20.2                      |

### Notes

- Discrepancies flagged where site verification differs from contractor claim
- Certification basis referenced to unit-rate BoQ, not lump-sum invoicing

### What happens in this step

1. Mobilise site and design-office team; establish RACI, reporting cadence and document control aligned to EPC contract and lender requirements
2. Review detailed engineering, equipment datasheets and factory test plans for compliance with technical specification and grid code



3. Conduct scheduled and surprise site inspections covering civil, electrical BoP, mechanical erection and HV works with photographic evidence logs
4. Witness FAT/SAT, pre-commissioning checks, protection testing and grid synchronisation; validate as-built drawings against design
5. Independently verify contractor progress claims, cost-to-complete and variation requests before certifying milestone payments
6. Prepare monthly lender/independent engineer reports covering schedule variance, risk register, HSE incidents and insurance compliance
7. Support performance test witnessing, punch-list closure and handover to O&M; for provisional and final acceptance certificates

## Outcomes

- Independently verified progress and quality, reducing payment disputes and variation claims
- Lender and investor confidence maintained through transparent, bankability-standard reporting
- Early identification and mitigation of schedule, cost and interface risks before they escalate
- Smooth handover to operations with clean as-built documentation and acceptance certificates

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