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ABSTRACT

Disputes can give serious implication to the projects. It can lead to cost and time overrun even project termination. The practitioners always try to avoid the disputes and the legal disputes resolutions due to its lengthy process. Some sources of the disputes are design errors, defects, failure of cost estimation and different site conditions. However, these sources are exhaustive. There are still other elements of the disputes that have to be determined especially for specific construction projects such as water resources projects. Disputes have been one of the factors which give negative effect on the completion of the projects, it is necessary to figure the nature, the background or the profile of these disputes. Thus, the aim of this study is to identify the types of disputes that occur in water resources projects. Using descriptive frequency analysis method, this study has developed the profile of the disputes based on experts opinion who are involved in several water resources projects in Indonesia which include Hydraulic Dredging of Sediment in Sengguruh and Sutami Dam, Hauling of Sediment in Sengguruh Spoil Banks, Construction of Check Dam in Konto River and Construction of Revetment in Parit Agung River. These experts have been certified by the Indonesia Association Committee on Large Dams (INACOLD) and Indonesia Hydraulic Engineers Association (HATHI). Based upon literature reviews and previous studies, the profile of the disputes in water resources projects were categorized into fourteen types of disputes. The analysis identified that among fourteen types of the disputes, the types of disputes that often occur in water resources projects are environmental disputes due to adverse weather and inclement weather, unforeseen problem below the surface and dust pollution. This study also showed that environmental disputes often occur in water resources projects due to the nature of the projects, as the projects are usually carried out above or below the water surfaces and in open area. By establishing this profile, it will assist the owner and project manager to predict and anticipate problems at an early stage of the water resources project.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

One of the factors that hinder the completion of work in construction projects is related to disputes. Therefore, it is important to be aware of the possibilities of disputes that may occur so that the work can be completed properly in accordance with time, quality and budget that have been established.

According to Cheung & Suen (2002), if disputes are not properly managed, they can lead to delays in the completion of the work, cost overruns, declining of team spirit and finally decrease the quality. Therefore it is not surprising that many parties involved in construction project assume the dispute as an element to be avoided as much as possible in the early stages of the project.

According to Shin (2000), dispute management is an important part of construction project because disputes in construction project are commonly occurs and it required resolution as early as possible in the project stage.

According to Kumaraswamy (1997), the type of construction disputes are highly related to site conditions, client changes, design failures, unpredictable and unforeseen ground conditions, contract documents ambiguities, variations caused by external events, utility lines interferences, adverse weather condition, delays in design information and delays in site possession. While Yates (1998) described types of disputes which are variations, contract documents ambiguities, inclement of weather, late in issuance of design information/drawings, site possession delays, other contractors delay (e.g. utility companies) and suspension of part of the project. In other research by Kathleen (2003), she stressed on development of conflicts as a result of insufficient resources such as lack of time, budget, man power or labor also materials and/or equipment.

1.2 Problem Statement

Disputes related to water resources management usually occur in several projects such as a) reservoir hydraulic dredging project; b) hauling of spoil bank project; c) check dam construction project; and d) riverbanks revetment construction project.

These disputes can give serious implication to the projects. It can lead to cost and time over-run even project termination. The practitioners always try to avoid the disputes and the legal disputes resolutions due to its lengthy process. Some sources of the disputes are design errors, defects, failure of cost estimation and different site conditions. However, these sources are exhaustive. There are still other elements of the disputes that have to determine especially for specific construction projects such as water resources projects. This brings to the issue what is the common subject matter of the disputes, who are the parties involved and what is the nature of the disputes. Disputes have been one of the factors which give negative effect on the completion of the projects, it is necessary to figure the nature, the background or the profile of these disputes. An experienced and knowledgeable project manager will be able to predict and anticipate problems at an early stage of the project. For this reason, profile is significant to describe the common features of construction disputes.

1.3 Previous Study

There are previous studies that have been done relating to profiling of disputes as follows;

• Asniah (2007), Profile of Construction Disputes.

This study highlight that most disputes are related to non-payment of certified sums and misleads in payment procedure according to term of standard of contract.

• I. Mona (2013), Profile of Common Construction Disputes Occurring in Practice

The conclusion of this research is most disputes in construction industry related to quality of the construction works.

1.4 Objective of Study

The objective of the study is to identify the types of disputes that occur in water resources projects.

1.5 Scope of Study

- a. The data of this research is limited to the following projects in water resources management;
 - Hydraulic Dredging Reservoir Projects in Sengguruh and Sutami Dam, East Java Indonesia
 - Construction of Check Dam in Konto River, East Java Indonesia
 - Hauling of Sediment in Sengguruh Spoilbank, East Java Indonesia
 - Construction of Riverbanks Revetment in Parit Agung River, East Java Indonesia
- b. The types of the disputes that occur in several projects as stated above based on the experts opinion that have experiences to undertake the projects. The experts are the people who have experiences in water resources projects and able to be trusted as being accurate or true with the recognition of professional organization which are Indonesia National Committee on Large Dams (INACOLD) and Indonesia Association Hydraulic Engineer (HATHI).

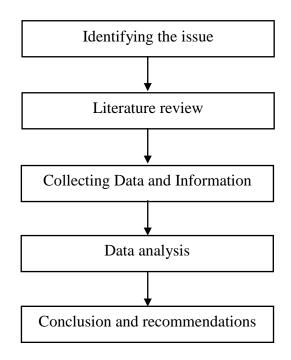
1.6 Significant of Study

This study can be used to identify the types of the dispute so that the professionals will have good knowledge to minimize the disputes in the future especially in similar projects on the water resources management.

Based on this profile, the professionals who involve in water resources projects can analyze the background of the disputes, and influenced them to be more aware before they involved in the project. The parties involved will be more confident in carrying out their duties regularly and diligently without making the same errors from the earlier disputes.

1.7 Research Methodology

In short, the research process will be divided into five phases:



1.7.1 Phase 1: Identifying the Issue

Identifying the issue is the first phase of the research. Consultation and discussion with lecturer is the first step to determine the issue. Besides that, reading on reported materials, such as international journals, articles, seminar papers, previous research papers or other related research papers also important. These materials are available in the library and World Wide Web.

1.7.2 Phase 2: Literature Review

Literature review is the next phase of the research. This phase include acquiring secondary data such as books, journals, articles and final report of the projects. Obviously, these published materials are most contributive in this literature review phase.

1.7.3 Phase 3: Collecting Data and Information

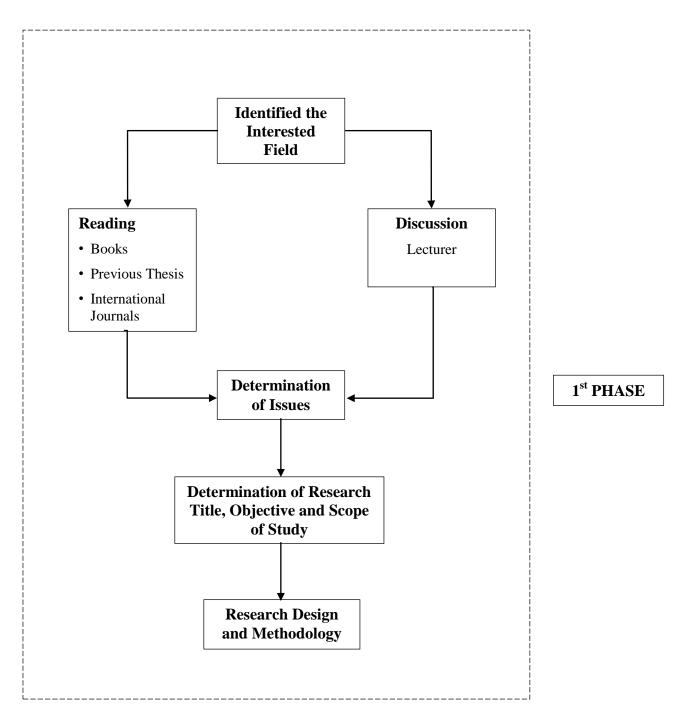
This is a crucial phase for attaining the objective of this research. In this phase, the further action is to compile the relevant information based on primary data from questionnaires and to get information from the personal associated with the water resources projects.

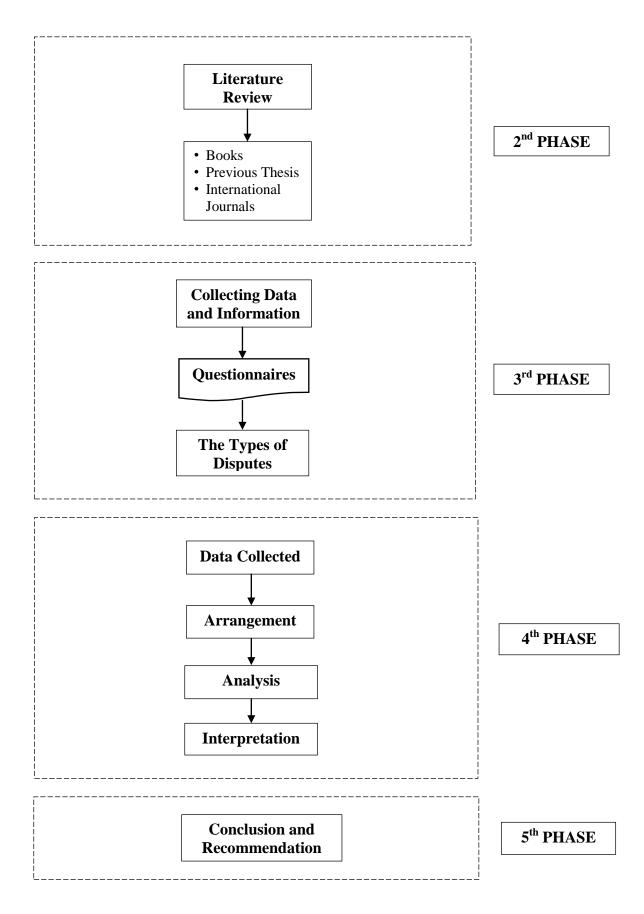
1.7.4 Phase 4: Data Analysis

This phase is consists of arrangement of the data analysis and interpretation. This phase is to achieve the objectives that have been stated before.

1.7.5 Phase 5: Conclusion and Recommendations

Conclusion and recommendations is the final phase of the research. This phase will be presents the conclusion of the analysis discussed in earlier phase and will also presents suggestions drawn from the whole study.





1.8 Organization of Thesis Chapter

1.8.1 Chapter 1: Introduction

Introduction chapter comprise of the background of study, statement of problem, research's objectives, scope of study, significant of study, methodology and the organization of thesis chapter

1.8.2 Chapter 2: Disputes in Construction Projects

This chapter will present the nature of construction projects, such as the technical aspects where include parties and activities involved in construction. It will also discuss disputes in construction industry include the causes of the disputes and the effects.

1.8.3 Chapter 3: The Nature and Characteristic of Water Resources Projects

This chapter will discuss the nature and characteristic of water resources projects and also brief description of the water resources projects which focus on reservoir hydraulic dredging project, check dam construction project, hauling of spoil bank project and riverbank revetment project. It will also discuss managing water resources in technical approach that applied in river basin area.

1.8.4 Chapter 4: Research Methodology

This chapter will discuss the research methodology to be used in this study. This chapter also described the basis of the steps in quantitative research and data collection system.

1.8.5 Chapter 5: Analysis of Common Disputes in Water Resources Projects

This chapter will present the analysis of the data to obtain the aim of the study that have been formulated. This analysis will drive to the types of the disputes occur in water resources projects.

1.8.6 Chapter 6: Conclusion and Recommendation

This chapter will present the conclusion and recommendations in the profile of water resources projects disputes. This chapter also suggests further research that is needed in the profile of water resources projects disputes. It also addresses some implications of the research recommendations to the construction industry.

1.9 Conclusion

This chapter has highlighted the disputes that often occur in construction industries especially in water resources projects. The disputes can give serious implication such as cost and time over-run even project termination. Therefore, the aim of this study is to identify the types of disputes that often occur in water resources projects. Based on this profile, the professionals can analyze the background of the disputes, and influenced them to be more aware before they involved in the project.

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