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V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, HARBOUR ESTATE, TUTICORIN 628 004, TAMIL NADU



File No: TRA-MARS/12/2022-Traffic/D.1028

Date:18.01.2023

TRADE NOTICE

VOCPA proposes to introduce a MGT based “**Preferential Berth Allotment Scheme 2023**”. The scheme is extended to all importers who guarantee to handle One Million Metric Tonne of dry bulk cargo (other than coal). Priority berthing shall be provided to vessels without restriction in berth stay subject to the following conditions:

- i. The Importer shall apply for the Preferential Berth Allotment Scheme 2023 committing an MGT of 1 MMTPA for handling dry bulk cargoes other than coal at VOCPA for the year 2023.
- ii. The Importer shall submit the following documents along with the application for the scheme:
 - a. Commitment letter for handling the MGT volume of 1MMTPA at VOCPA in the prescribed format
 - b. Irrevocable Bank Guarantee (BG) equivalent to Wharfage charges (as per General SoR 3.1.1. Sl.No.4 Dry Bulk (xvii) Others – Not Specified) plus applicable GST(i.e., @18%) for 1 MMT, in favour of FA&CAO, VOC Port Authority, drawn in any scheduled bank payable at Tuticorin branch valid till 31.03.2024, with a claim period upto 30.06.2024.
 - c. Undertaking Letter to handle the MGT of 1 MMT of dry bulk cargo other than coal, failing which / and in the event of a shortfall in the handled quantity, express No Objection to encashment of the BG to the tune of the applicable wharfage charges plus GST for the shortfall quantity by the Port
- iii. Request for priority shall be entered through NLP Marine.

- iv. Parameters for berthing of vessels shall be according to the Trade Notice dated 08-08-2019.
- v. Berthing and Shifting of vessels shall be according to the Berthing Policy for berthing of vessels at VOCPA published on 22-09-2020 and Trade Notice dated 12-04.2019.
- vi. Vessel & Cargo related charges including priority berthing charges, as per General SoR, shall be paid before berthing of the vessel. However, if the vessel is berthed under normal arrival priority, no priority charges shall be collected for that vessel.
- vii. Priority berthing shall not be extended to vessels carrying part cargo. Cargo discharged from vessels berthed on normal arrival priority including part cargo vessel shall also be accounted for the MGT.
- viii. Coastal cargo shall not be accounted for MGT.
- ix. Berthing will be provided based on the IGM and Cargo shall be accounted based on the Importers name & IE Code in the Customs OOC document for the MGT.
- x. Interested Importers shall apply to the Port on or before 31.01.2023.
- xi. This scheme shall be valid for one year from the date of acceptance issued by the VOCPA.

- Encl:** (i) Application & commitment letter format.
(ii) BG format.
(iii) e-mail intimation format.


18/01/23
TRAFFIC MANAGER

To:

- Tuticorin Ship Agents' Association (TSAA)
- Tuticorin Stevedores' Association (TSA)
- Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association (TCBA)
- AICCI/ICCI/CII/Major Importers.

} With a request for wider
publicity and for Trade
facilitation

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(Sr.DD/EDP with a request to publish in website)

FORMAT OF APPLICATION & COMMITMENT LETTER

To

The Traffic Manager,
VOC Port Authority,
Tuticorin – 628 004

Sub: Application to enroll in the “Preferential Berth Allotment Scheme -2023 and Undertaking to handle One MMT of import dry bulk cargo (other than coal) - reg.

Ref: Port Trade Notice No: TRA-MARS/12/2022-Traffic/D.1028 dated 18.01.2023

Sir,

1. We, M/s..... request the Port to register our firm / company in the ““Preferential Berth Allotment Scheme -2023” declared in the Port Trade Notice No: TRA-MARS/12/2022-Traffic/D.1028 dated 18.01.2023.
2. We hereby guarantee the Port that we will handle One Million Metric Tonne of import dry bulk cargo (other than coal) in VOC Port in one year period from the date of acceptance by the Port.
3. We hereby furnish an irrevocable Bank Guarantee in favour of FA&CAO, VOCPA equivalent to the Wharfage charges (as per General SoR 3.1.1. Sl.No.4 Dry Bulk (xvii) Others – Not Specified) plus applicable GST(i.e., @18%) for 1 MMT amounting to Rs...../- (Rupees in words) towards Minimum Guaranteed Tonnage (MGT).
4. In the event of failing to achieve the MGT within the scheme period, we shall remit the Wharfage charges plus applicable GST equivalent to the shortfall quantity within 31 days from the completion of the scheme. In the event of failing to pay for the short fall amount, we have no objection, to encash our Bank Guarantee, equivalent to the Wharfage charges plus applicable GST for the shortfall quantity by the Port without any notice.

Yours sincerely,

Name of Signatory & Designation with seal and
Seal of the importer with Address

PROFORMA BANK GUARANTEE

To

The FA & CAO
VOC Port Authority,
Tuticorin – 628 004.

Bank Guarantee No.----- . Amount of Guarantee-----

Date of issue----- . Date of Expiry-----

Last Date of Lodgement of claim : **(3 months from expiry of BG)**

1. We,(Name of Bank) a scheduled bank having its registered office at(Address) with Indian Financial System (IFSC No.....) and Branch at.....(Address) (hereinafter referred to the Bank) at the request of M/s.....do hereby unconditionally and irrevocably undertake to offer VOC Port Authority (VOCPA) an amount not exceeding Rs.....(Rupees in words) in respect of Minimum Guaranteed throughput of 1.0 Million Tonnes for all import / dry bulk cargo in relation to “Preferential Berth Allotment Scheme 2023” declared in the Port Trade Notice No: TRA-MARS/12/2022-Traffic/D.1028 dated 18.01.2023

The conditions under which the Bank Guarantee shall be encashed are as under:

1. Failure to fulfill the MGT quantity in the specified period by the MGT providers for availing Preferential Berth Allotment Scheme 2023, the Port would encash the Bank Guarantee for the amount equivalent to wharfage, plus applicable GST in respect of the shortfall quantity of the MGT.
2. The Bank hereby undertakes to pay the amount due and payable under this Guarantee without any delay and demur or protest, merely on a demand from VOCPA. Any such demand made on the Bank shall be conclusive as regards the amount due and payable by the bank under this Bank Guarantee.

3. The Bank undertakes to pay to the Beneficiary money so demanded not withstanding any dispute or disputes raised by MGT provider(s) in any suit or proceeding pending before any Court or Tribunal relating thereto. Our liability under this present Guarantee being absolute and unequivocal. The payment so made by us under this Guarantee shall be a valid discharge of our liability for payment there under. Our liability to pay is not dependent or conditional on the Beneficiary proceeding against the MGT provider(s).
 4. That, this Guarantee shall remain in force upto and including date 30/06/2024 and any demand in respect thereof should reach the Bank not later than such date.
 5. That, this Guarantee shall not be discharged by any change in the constitution of(name of MGT provider) or of the Bank.
 6. That, this Guarantee shall be payable on submission of a request letter for revocation atbranch with Code No.and IFSC No..... at Tuticorin.
- a) The liability of the Bank is restricted to maximum Rs.....(Rupees in words).
- b) The Bank is liable to pay the Guaranteed amount or part thereof under the Bank Guarantee if VOCPA serves upon the Bank a written claim or demand on or before 30/06/2024.

Dated, theDay of2023.

(Signature of Authorized Person of the Bank)

Signature of Witness

(name and address of Witness)

Name of Signatory & Designation with seal and
Seal of the Bank with Address.

FORMAT OF E-MAIL INTIMATION FOR AVAILAING PRIORITY BERTHING
UNDER PREFERENTIAL BERTH ALLOTMENT SCHEME 2022-23

To

**Traffic Manger,
Traffic Department,
V.O.Chidambaranar Port Authority,**

Sub: Intimation to avail the priority berthing under PBAS 2023

Ref: (i) VOC Port Trade Notice No: TRA-MARS/12/2022-Traffic/D.1028 dated 18.01.2023.

(ii) VOC Port letter No: ____ dated ____ (Acceptance letter of VOC Port)

Sir,

It is informed that the Vessel MV _____ has been nominated to VOC Port for discharging ____ MT of _____ (cargo) on account of M/s. _____.

M/s. _____ has been appointed as the Ship agent. Entire cargo of the ship is to be discharged at VOC Port. Kindly berth the vessel under the Preferential Berth Allotment Scheme 2023.

Thanking you

Yours

Name of Signatory & Designation with seal and
Seal of the importer with Address.