Letter No. DPCL/PRC/09-01/16

Dated 19th January, 2017

To,
The Commissioner of Customs
Commissionerate of Central Excise, Customs and Service Tax
CR Building, Rajashwa Vihar
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Warehousing License to Coal Storage area at Adani Dhamra Port (The Dhamra Port Company Limited) under Section 57 of the Customs Act.

Dear Sir,

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZL) has pan India presence and owns/operates ports and terminals in nine locations across the Indian coastline. The Mundra Port in the Gulf of Kutch is the flagship port of APSEZL. It is also India’s largest commercial port and has a SEZ, contiguous to the port. Other major ports includes: Dahej Port, Gujarat; Hazira Port, Gujarat; Tuna – Tekra (Terminal), Gujarat; Murmugao (Terminal), Goa; Vizag (Coal Terminal), Andhra Pradesh; Vizhinjam (Port), Kerala – Under development; Ennore (Container Terminal), Tamil Nadu; Kattupalli (Container Terminal), Tamil Nadu; and Dhamra Port, Odisha.

The Dhamra Port Company Limited (DPCL) has been entrusted, by way of a concession granted by Government of Odisha to build and operate a deep draught, all weather, multi user port at Dhamra in Bhadrak district on BOOST (Build, Own, Operate, Share and Transfer) basis. The concession period is for 34 years including a period of 4 years for construction, which can be renewed and extended for two additional periods of 10 years each.

Dhamra Port began its commercial operations on 06th May, 2011. Situated between Haldia and Paradeep, the location of Dhamra is in close proximity to the mineral belt of Orissa, Jharkhand and West Bengal and its dedicated connectivity helps to serve this hinterland with the greatest efficiency.

Presently, the Port is operating with two fully mechanized berths of 350 meters each and a multipurpose berth and a barge terminal along with backup facilities for handling imports of coking coal, steam/thermal coal, limestone and export of iron ore. One additional berth is under construction and shall be commissioned shortly.

The master plan of the Port envisages 15 berths, capable of handling more than 100 Million MT per annum of dry bulk, liquid bulk, break bulk, containerized and general cargo. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology and a conducive business environment, Dhamra Port is poised to become the biggest and most efficient Port in the East Coast of India.

The Dhamra Port Company Limited

At: Dosinga, P.O. Dhamra
Dist: Bhadrak
PIN: 756171
Odisha, India
CIN: U45205OR1998PLC005448
Registered Office: HIG-20, BDA Colony, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar - 751 013, Odisha, India
DPCL is notified with custom Notification No 16/2012 - Customs (N.T) 29.02.2012 Notification 2016 - CUS (NT) 15.06.2016 for handling imported cargoes (ref. all). With increasing demand for imported cargoes including coal from the neighbouring countries, we have been approached by a lot of customers to create a bonded warehouse for transit storage of imported cargoes including coal, limestone and other dry-bulk cargoes and for onward delivery/re-coastal movement/re-export to nearby countries to Nepal and Bangladesh.

It offers flexibility to local traders and smooth flow of cargoes to their plants as per their seasonal requirements.

It offers much needed flexibility of exporting/importing through “Cape size” Port for EXIM trade in Nepal and Bangladesh.

Since Haldia Port is capable of handling only vessels up to a maximum of 7 m draft, vessels can only call at Haldia Port after lightening at another port. This increases ocean freight for the imported cargo significantly. However, Dhamra Port, being capable of handling fully laden cape size vessels, offers significant savings in terms of ocean freight.

Dhamra port is also expanding its capacity, and creating facilities for handling other dry bulk cargoes such as fertilizers, minerals, agro products, containers and in near future, we will also have a dedicated liquid terminal at Dhamra. We can offer a cost effective solution to customers in Nepal and Bangladesh to meet all of their export and import need.

Therefore we would like to seek your benign permission for issuance License of Public Bonded Warehouse under section 57 of Customs Act, 1962 for the consignment of Coal Cargo (or other dry bulk cargoes) situated under your honours Jurisdiction as open stackyard with fencing in the enclosed plot map (an area of 8000 sqm).

We would like to further state that the premises are suitable and adequately secured for storage of coal and we agree to take the services of the customs officers on payment of T Charges.

We are enclosing the following documents for your kind reference to issue License of a Public Bonded Warehouse.

a) Form of Application duly filled up and signed.
b) Copy of the Memorandum of Association.
c) Authority letter to sign the documents. Copy of Board Resolution enclosed.
d) Ground Plan.
e) Solvency Certificate for Rs. 100,000/- issued by Bank (Amount: Customs Duty of one time storage of coal).
f) Declaration with regard to non-involvement of Directors in Custom Duty evasion or smuggling offences.
g) Copy of insurance cover for the required amount duly endorsed in the name of Commissioner of Customs A/C Dhamra Port Company Limited.
h) Triple Duty Bond on Rs. 100/- stamp paper.
i) Copy of PAN, IEC and VAT Registration
j) Undertaking

Please find the above in order and request your honour to issue us Public Bonded Warehouse License at the earliest and oblige.

We solicit for favour of an early action in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,
For 'The Dhamra Port Company Limited'

(Subrat Tripathy)
Chief Executive Officer

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