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MUMBAI & WESTERN INDIA : Monday, March 3, 2025

Vadhvan Port project gets go-ahead for sand mining from the sea for the purpose of reclamation

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MUMBAI, March 2

VADHAVAN Port Project Ltd (VPPL) is developing the deep draft greenfield Vadhvan Port in Palghar District of Maharashtra. The port is to be developed on reclaimed land of 1,448 ha, which is to be created in the sea, involving filling of sand of about 200 million CuM. The sand will be dredged at a place in the sea which is 60 km from site and 50 km off the coast of Daman.

For the purpose of dredging, 10,277.1 ha (102.77 sq. km) area offshore has been reserved by the Ministry of Mines. A detailed study was carried out by IIT Madras by taking actual bore holes at site, and the samples collected were tested. IIT Madras

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CTL BHP International Expo & Conference 2025 building up to be a grand event showcasing the best in cargo and logistics

Value additions: Heavy Lift Workshop and

HAZCHEM Masterclass

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MUMBAI, March 2

MUMBAI, the commercial, financial and maritime capital of India, is all set for *Exim India's* CTL BHP International Expo & Conference 2025, the 15th edition, on March 11-12, 2025 at the magnificent Jio World Convention Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai.

11th Tuesday - 12th Wednesday, March 2025
Pavilion I & II, Jio World Convention Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai



Mr Karsten Behrens will conduct the Heavy Lift Workshop on March 11



Mr Shashi Kallada will steer the HAZCHEM Masterclass on March 12

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DGFT TRADE NOTICE
No. 32/2024-25
Dated: 28th February 2025

Difficulty in closure of Advance Authorisation due to space constraints in the description column of the Shipping Bills

IT has come to the notice of this Directorate that in the process of closure of AA through the online system, certain issues are being faced by exporters due to inability of the system to capture complete description of the export items as per the export invoice. Item description with more than 120 characters may not completely reflected in Shipping Bills. In such cases, deficiencies are raised by RA for non-compliance of Para 4.42 (iii) of FTP 2023.

Therefore, it is directed that wherever such difficulties are encountered, RAs may corroborate the complete description of the export item and decide such cases on the basis of self-attested copies of GST system generated e-invoices.

In such cases, the aforesaid documents may be uploaded along with all the other prescribed documents for Redemption/EODC of Advance Authorisations.

This is issued with the approval of the DGFT.

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Sd/-

K. M. Harilal

Joint Director General of Foreign Trade

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innovations in the sector.

The **exhibition** is set to feature a wide array of cutting-edge solutions in cargo handling, transportation, logistics technology and supply chain management. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore state-of-the-art equipment and services designed to streamline operations and enhance efficiency in the logistics industry.

The **conference** segment of the event will be equally compelling, bringing together leading lights and industry experts who will deliberate on some of the most pressing issues facing the sector today. Topics on the agenda include sustainability in logistics, the impact of digital transformation and strategies for overcoming supply chain disruptions. With a line-up of esteemed speakers and panelists from across the spectrum, including regulatory authorities and the ex-im trade, participants can expect to gain invaluable insights and perspectives.

Workshop and Masterclass – Learn from the best

Adding to the allure of the event, a specialised **Heavy Lift Workshop**, to be conducted by **Mr Karsten Behrens**,

CTL BHP 2025

Managing Director, SAL Heavy Lift GmbH, at the end of Day 1, will provide attendees with hands-on experience and practical knowledge. It will be particularly beneficial for professionals involved in the transportation of oversized and heavy cargo, offering them the latest techniques and best practices.

Furthermore, **Mr Shashi Kallada, the renowned Consultant & Trainer – Dangerous Goods By Rail, Road, River and Sea**, will hold a **HAZCHEM Masterclass on New Developments & Safety Standards in HAZCHEM Cargo Movement, at the end of Day 2**, emphasising the importance of safety and compliance in the logistics of dangerous goods. Participants

will learn about the latest regulations, risk assessment methods and emergency response strategies.

CTL BHP International Expo & Conference 2025 is thus a must-attend for industry professionals to see the best on display, listen to thought leaders, learn from the experts, interact with peers, and network

with key players in the sector. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or a newcomer to the industry, this event promises to be a pivotal platform for growth, innovation and collaboration.

Registration is on in full swing and about to close. Do not miss out on the opportunity to be part of a landmark industry event in Mumbai this March.

Mumbai Port lighterage charges during monsoon period

Exim News Service

MUMBAI, March 2

MUMBAI Port Authority has approved an amendment to vessel related charges (lighterage) charges during the monsoon period.

The revised Clause 2.2(c)(i) of Chapter II – Vessel Related Charges of the Scale of Rates (SOR) can be found at the Mumbai Port Authority website www.mumbaiport.gov.in and Finance Corner.

It will come into effect after 30 days from the date of the Notification in the State Gazette (February 14).

Vadhvan Port project

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certified that the sand was fit for reclamation purpose.

JNPA had applied to the Ministry of Mines for reservation and reclamation of the sand in October 2023. The Ministry reserved the said area for mining for VPPL on 21.12.2023 vide a Govt. Notification. And on Friday, February 28, 2025, the Ministry of Mines issued Mining Licence under Offshore Area Mineral (Development & Regulations) Act 2006 for a period of 10 years. **The Letter of Intent (LoI) was handed over by the Minister of Mines & Coal, Mr G. Kishan Reddy, in the presence of Mr Devendra**

Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, to CMD VPPL and Chairman JNPA, Mr Unmesh Sharad Wagh, IRS. The Secretary Mines, Govt. of India, Mr V. Kantha Rao, IAS, and the Minister of Mines, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mr Shambhuraj Desai, were also present.

The cost of extracting 200 million CuM sand from land is Rs 12,000 crore, which includes Rs 1,440 crore as royalty to the Government of India. But sand from the sea has saved Rs 6,000 crore compared to sand and murum from land sources. Apart from cost savings, mining from the sea has negligible environmental impact compared to mining on land, highlighted a release.