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TARIFF AUTHORITY FOR MAJOR PORTS

G. No. 89

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 48 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby fixes interim tariff leviable by the South West Port Limited for its multipurpose bulk cargo terminal at berth Nos. 5A and 6A in the Mormugao Port as in the Order appended hereto.

(A.L. Bongirwar)
Chairman

Tariff Authority for Major Ports
Case No. TAMP/22/2004-MOPT

The South West Port Limited (SWPL)

Applicant

ORDER

(Passed on this 4th day of May 2004)

This case relates to a proposal received the South West Port Ltd., (SWPL) for fixation of rates for its multipurpose bulk cargo terminal at berth Nos. 5A and 6A at the Mormugao Port.

2.1. The South West Port Ltd, formerly known as ABG Goa Port Ltd. has entered into a License Agreement (LA) with the Mormugao Port Trust (MOPT) on 11 April 1999 for development, construction, operation and maintenance of bulk cargo berths 5A and 6A on BOOT basis for 30 years from the date of handing over of the licenced premises.

2.2. The SWPL has made the following points in its proposal:

- (i). The proposed berths have a total length of 450 M and have been designed and constructed for bringing in cape size vessels upto 150,000 DWT.
- (ii). It is proposed to handle bulk cargo like Coal, Coke, Limestone, Iron Ore, Steel products, Cement and Cement products etc., at these berths.
- (iii). The license agreement stipulates a minimum guarantee throughput of 5 million MT per annum from these berths.
- (iv). Commercial operations on these berths is proposed to commence around end May 2004 and from January 2005 onwards all cargo handling operations would be fully mechanized.
- (v). As per clause 7.3. of the LA, the Licensor(MOPT) shall collect port dues, pilotage, anchorage charges and other vessel related charges except berth hire charges. The Licensee (i.e. M/s. SWPL) shall collect berth hire and all cargo handling charges.

2.3. In this backdrop, the SWPL has filed the proposal for fixation of its Scale of Rates for berth hire charge for berth 5A and 6A, wharfage charges, storage charge, cargo handling charges and for dust suppression and miscellaneous services.

3.1. In accordance with the consultative procedure adopted, the proposal of the SWPL has been circulated to the MOPT and concerned users organizations for their comments.

3.2. Since completion of the consultation process and scrutiny of the proposal will take some time and the Terminal Operator proposes to commence commercial operations shortly, this Authority has decided to accord *ad hoc* approval to tariff which may be levied at the new facility.

4. Generally, when new private terminals commence their operations at difference major ports, this Authority has been introducing interim tariff arrangement for them during the initial phase by allowing them to adopt the prevailing rates at the concerned major ports. Subsequently, a separate Scale of Rates is prescribed based on their estimated costs and investment position. This approach can be adopted in this case also.

5.1. Out of the proposed tariff items, rates for all the services except Handling charges are available in the Scale of Rates approved by this Authority for Mormugao Port Trust. That being so, the SWPL is advised to adopt corresponding rates as prescribed in the MOPT Scale of Rates as an interim tariff arrangement.

5.2. The handling charges proposed are for the services of unloading of cargo from Ship upto loading on railway wagons and vice versa. Presently, these services are provided by private agencies. Since no rate for this service is available in the Scale of Rates of MOPT and the tariff arrangement is being introduced as an interim measure, the handling charges proposed by SWPL is allowed.

6. In the result, and for the reasons explained above, and based on a collective application of mind, this Authority approves the following interim tariff arrangement for operations at the SWPL:

- (i). Berth Hire, Wharfage, Ground rent/Storage charges and dust suppression charges shall be levied as per the applicable rates and conditionalities in the Scale of Rates of MOPT.
- (ii). Cargo handling charges shall be levied as per the following Schedule:

Sr. No.	Particulars of commodity	Rate for import/ export (Rs. per MT)
1.	Coal	95.00
2.	Metallurgical coke/ Coke /Charcoal	130.00
3.	Limestone	130.00
4.	Iron Ore, Iron Pellets, Pig iron, Sponge Iron, HBI,	100.00
5.	Metals (all), metal products, Steel Coils, Slabs & Scrap, etc.	150.00
6.	Any Other dry bulk & general cargo not specified above	180.00

7. The interim tariff will come into effect immediately and will remain valid for a period of three months or notification of final Scale of Rates, whichever is earlier.

(A.L. Bongirwar)
Chairman