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TARIFF AUTHORITY FOR MAJOR PORTS

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 48 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby extends the validity of the existing upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operations at Kolkata Dock System (KDS) of Syama Prasad Mookherjee Port (SPMP), as in the Order appended hereto.

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Member (Finance)

Tariff Authority for Major Ports
No. TAMP/80/2016-KOPT

The Kolkata Port Trust

Applicant

QUORUM:

- (i). Shri. T. S. Balasubramanian, Member (Finance)
- (ii). Shri. Sunil Kumar Singh, Member (Economic)

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(Passed on this 13th day of May 2021)

This case relates to the extension of the validity of the existing upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operations at Kolkata Dock System (KDS) of Syama Prasad Mookherjee Port (SPMP) [erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust (KOPT)].

2. The existing upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operations at KDS was approved by the Authority vide its Order No. TAMP/80/2016-KOPT dated 19 January 2018. This Order was notified in the Gazette of India on 26 February 2018 vide Gazette No. 77. The upfront tariff had come into effect after expiry of 30 days from the date of notification of the Order in the Gazette of India.

3.1. In this backdrop, the KDS of SPMP vide its letter no. Fin/18/B dated 30 April 2021 has made the following submissions:

- (i). The upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operations at KDS of SPMP as approved vide Order no. TAMP/80/2016-KOPT dated 19 January 2018 was valid upto 25 February 2021.
- (ii). Due to ongoing pandemic situation in which various difficulties are being faced by the Trade, some more time will be required to finalise the rates to be proposed for approval.
- (iii). Under the circumstances, TAMP is requested to consider and communicate approval for extension of the validity of the upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operation for a further period of 6 months or till the effective date of implementation of the revised upfront tariff as per approval of TAMP, whichever is earlier.
- (iv). The Board of Trustees vide Resolution no. R/250/KDS/TFC/3/04/2021 has approved the extension of validity of the upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operation for a further period of 6 months.
- (v). As the new rates shall be proposed soon with the approval of the Board of Trustees, the existing rates as indexed with effect from 01.04.2021 is proposed to be enhanced during the extension period.

3.2. The KDS of SPMP has also forwarded a copy of the Board Resolution as well as the Trade Circular dated 25 March 2021, conveying the extension of validity of tariff for a period of 6 months beyond 25 February 2021 or till approval of new rates, whichever is earlier.

4. As brought out by KDS of SPMP, the validity of the upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operation has already expired. The Port has stated that it will take some more time for the Port to file a proposal for review of the upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operation.

5.1 Since the validity of the upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operation has already expired and considering the time required for KDS of SPMP to file its proposal and the time required for processing the proposal to be filed by the SPMP and in order to avoid a vacuum in the levy of the upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operation of KDS of SPMP, it is felt appropriate to extend the validity of the existing upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operation of KDS at SPMP beyond 25 February 2021.

5.2 In view of the above, this Authority is inclined to extend the validity of the existing upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operation of KDS at SPMP for a period of 6 months beyond 25 February 2021 or till approval of new upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operation based on the proposal to be filed by the SPMP, whichever is earlier, as requested by KDS of SPMP.

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