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 the wharfage charges on iron ore / pellets exported by the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited from the New Mangalore Port Trust during the year 2009-10 as in the Order appended hereto.

(Rani Jadhav)
Chairperson
This case relates to the proposal dated 4 May 2012 from the New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT) for fixation of wharfage rate for the year 2009-10 for shipment of Iron Ore Fines and Pellets by the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) through NMPT.

2. The wharfage rate for the iron ore/pellets exported by the KIOCL through the NMPT is calculated annually with reference to actual expenditure following the methodology decided in the Inter-Secretarial meeting held on 27 May 1992 between the Secretary (Ministry of Surface Transport) and the Secretary (Steel). Accordingly, the following components are included for calculation of wharfage for shipment of iron ore or pellets of KIOCL from NMPT:

   (i). Share of operating expenditure of Traffic Department.
   (ii). Dredging expenditure proportionate to the traffic handled.
   (iii). Depreciation.
   (iv). Share of Management and Administration overheads.
   (v). Interest on Capital.
   (vi). Return on Capital @ 6%.

3. The NMPT has stated that the methodology adopted for fixation of the wharfage rate in respect of iron ore/pellets of the KIOCL is in accordance with the decision taken in the Inter-Secretarial meeting between the Secretary (MOST) and the Secretary, Ministry of (Steel) held on 27 May 1992. The sharing of certain elements of expenditure between the MRPL, KIOCL and NMPT is duly considered as per the agreements between them. The final rate for the year 2009-10 has been worked out based on the actuals and has been fixed at ₹67.42 per MT.

4. The NMPT has informed that KIOCL after verification of calculation of wharfage has confirmed in writing that the wharfage rate for iron ore fines/pellets handled by it in the year 2009-10 is ₹67.42 PMT. It has also furnished a copy of the letter No.KIOCL/FAC/MR/6081 dated 23 March 2011 addressed by KIOCL to NMPT in this regard.

5. Since both the parties have undergone the process of mutual consultation between them and the correspondence between them reflects the views of both the parties, a separate hearing in this case is not considered necessary.

6. The proposed wharfage rate is based on agreed methodology. Since both the parties have agreed to the proposed wharfage rate, this Authority is inclined to approve the rate proposed by the NMPT.

7. Accordingly, based on a collective application of mind, this Authority approves the proposal of the NMPT for fixation of wharfage rate for iron ore fines/pellets exported by the KIOCL during the year 2009-10 from New Mangalore Port at ₹67.42 PMT.

(Rani Jadhav)
Chairperson