NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 48, 49 and 50 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby extends the validity of the Scale of Rates at the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust as in the Order appended hereto.

(T.S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)
The V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust --- Applicant

QUORUM

(i). Shri. T.S. Balasubramanian, Member (Finance)
(ii). Shri. Chandra Bhan Singh, Member (Economic)

ORDER

(Passed on this 10th day of January 2014)

This case relates to the extension of the validity of the existing Scale of Rates of
the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust (VOCPT).

2. The existing Scale of Rates of the VOCPT was last approved by this Authority
vide Order No. TAMP/9/2010-TPT dated 11 October 2011 which is notified in the Gazette of India
on 11 November 2011. The Order prescribes the validity of the SOR till 31 March 2013. This
Authority has extended the validity of SOR of VOCPT twice. This Authority has last extended the
validity of the existing SOR of VOCPT till 31 December 2013 vide its Order dated 29 October
2013.

3.1. The proposal filed by the VOCPT vide its letters dated 28 February 2013 and 19
March 2013 is taken on consultation with the concerned users / user association. The additional
information / clarification is sought from the port vide our letter dated 12 July 2013.

3.2. Joint hearing on the proposal is held on 13 September 2013. As agreed at the
joint hearing, the VOCPT was requested to initiate action on a few points and also furnish
additional information / clarifications sought vide our letter dated 12 July 2013 immediately. The
VOCPT has furnished its response vide its letter dated 23 October 2013. The reply furnished by
the VOCPT is being examined. It will take some more time for the case to mature for final
consideration.

4. As the extended validity of the existing SOR has expired on 31 December 2013,
the VOCPT vide its letter dated 13 January 2014 has requested this Authority to extend the validity
of the existing SOR till the revised rates are notified with respect to the procedures for revision of
Scale of Rates.

5. In the meantime, the Government in Ministry of Shipping (MOS) has extended the
validity of Tariff Guidelines, 2005 till 31 March 2014 or until further orders. As advised by the MOS,
this Authority has extended the validity of Tariff Guidelines, 2005 vide its Order No. TAMP/21/2009-
WS dated 20 December 2013 which is notified in the Gazette of India on 26 December 2013 vide
G.No. 340.

6. The extended validity of the existing SOR of VOCPT expired on 31 December
2013. Recognizing that it will take some time for this case to mature for final consideration and
also recognising that the validity of the Tariff Guidelines, 2005 is extended till 31 March 2014, this
Authority extends the validity of the existing SOR alongwith the Pension Fund Levy for labour
deployed from TPTCHLP and the Special Rate for Capital Dredging, for the reasons mentioned in
Order dated 9 May 2013, till 31 March 2014 or till the effective date of implementation of the
revised Scale of Rates, whichever is earlier.

7. If any additional surplus over and above the admissible cost and permissible
return emerges for the period post 1 April 2013, during the review of its performance, such
additional surplus will be set off fully in the tariff to be determined.

(T.S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)