NOTICE

Sub: Approach Jetty Dredging

In order to increase the number of arrivals on each tide, a plan is being taken in hand to dredge the Approach Jetty continuously for about 72 hours from around 0600 hours of 26.06.15 to about 0600 hours of 29.06.15. The trade is aware that such programme is taken in hand in the early part of every year but we have been constrained to defer the programme to be taken in hand this year due to exceedingly high number of waiting ships. It was anticipated earlier that such numbers would go down and we may get a suitable window (after reduction of shipping pressure) to carry out the Approach Jetty dredging work. However, with the passing months the pressure of shipping has not actually reduced and we are constrained to now take a shutdown starting from A.M. 26th instant to ensure early servicing of waiting ships.

In the three days of shutdown, arrival of 12 ships will be hampered. These 12 ships, which will loose an opportunity of arriving on the three days of shutdown, will actually be brought in two days immediately after shutdown, as we will increase the number of arrivals to three instead of presently two. You are undoubtedly aware that the arrival of 3rd ship presently limited to a very low drafted ships, that too only in the neap tide.

We request the trade to please bear with us, as the present proposed action is actually likely to improve the arrival position substantially in very near term.

The dates of such shutdown are not adjustable, as these are the best dates. The undersigned would be available for any discussion and clarifications at all times. Your representatives are free to discuss any related issues in the daily berthing meeting.

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