

**Invitation of Expression of Interest by Kolkata Port Trust for development of
IWT terminal on both sides of river between Kolkata and Sagar**

Kolkata Port is the only riverine major port in India. It is located on the River Hooghly in the State of West Bengal and is having two dock systems, one at Kolkata (Lat 22°33'N, Long.88°19'E) and the other at Haldia (Lat 22°01.5'N, Long.88°05'E). Kolkata Port has long navigational channel of 232 kms up to Sandheads (Lat 20°45'N) in the Bay of Bengal and Haldia is located about 108 kms South of Kolkata. The navigable channel above Sagar is separate for Haldia and Kolkata. Both Haldia and Kolkata taken together, Kolkata Port is presently handling approx. 50 million tons of cargo.

2. Due to draft restrictions at both the Dock Systems at Kolkata and Haldia, deep drafted vessels are unable to enter the docks with full cargo destined to this port and they have to off load / top up at some other neighbouring port.

3. The Hooghly River is well integrated with National Waterway-1 covering a stretch from Haldia to Allahabad (1620 kms). The river also caters to vessels plying between India and Bangladesh, for which there is a protocol between the two countries and this also facilitates plying of vessels plying from Kolkata to NW-2 through Sunderban Delta and Bangladesh. Adequate IWT draft is available between Sagar and Kolkata throughout the year.

4. For expansion of business of this port, keeping in view the expansion of existing industries and setting up of new industries in the hinterland which is expected to generate 15-20 million tons of additional cargo by 2011-12 and around 60 million tons of additional traffic by 2021-22, more barge terminals would be required along the river.

5. Kolkata Port is also planning to develop new port facilities at various locations as follows:

- a) **Sagar Port Facilities** at the South west end of Sagar Island which is located at the confluence of Sea and River Hooghly at a distance of about 150 kms south of Kolkata and 47 kms south of Haldia. Presently, lighterage of cargo is undertaken at Sagar Anchorage throughout the year and the mode of evacuation / aggregation to and fro Sagar is through barges.
- b) **Haldia Dock-II** : A proposed port facility at western bank of the river at Mouzas Salukkhali / Rupnarayanchak under Haldia Dock Complex on PPP mode for handling sea-going vessels at riverine jetties having a draft upto 9 mtrs. The project will comprise 4 / 5 riverine jetties for handling of bulk commodities and will be directly connected to the existing port facilities at Haldia by road, rail and IWT.
- c) **Diamond Harbour** : A proposed port facility for handling primarily container traffic is under progress. The project will comprise four large jetties for container vessels and two / three barge terminals. The mode of evacuation / aggregation will be through rail, road and IWT. The site is connected with rail and road.

6. Setting up of new Inland Water Transport (IWT) Terminals as well as renovation of port-owned riverside jetties for promotion of Inland Water Traffic and river tourism are also underway. For promotion of IWT traffic, permission has been accorded by KoPT for fourteen riverside jetties with private sector / IWAI participation. IWAI is also in the process of constructing a Barge terminal at Old Garden Reach jetty No.2 at Kolkata.

7. Night navigation facility is presently available from Sea to Diamond Harbour and sea to Haldia. Night navigation facility in the stretch of Diamond Harbour to Kolkata and above is likely to be extended soon by active participation of IWAI.

8. Movement of cargo is feasible throughout the year on river route by Inland vessels between the stretch of Sagar to Kolkata and weather is favourable for cargo operations round the year.

9. Dry bulk cargo lighterage operation can be carried out round the year at two locations in combination, i.e. at Sandheads from October to March and at a sheltered area near the coast from April to September.

10. KoPT now desires to develop IWT facilities on both sides of the river between Kolkata and Sagar on private / Govt. land for handling of any kind of commodities suitable to the location at the cost of the developer.

11. Expression of Interest is hereby invited by Kolkata Port Trust from the interested firms or consortia of firms **for identification and development of IWT terminals** on both sides of the river between Kolkata and Sagar provided they have experience in development, funding, building operation and maintenance as also providing logistics for handling / evacuation / aggregation of cargo for similar project. Such firms / consortia of firms may apply with details of their past experience, their average annual turnover during the last three years, preferred location for IWT terminal, commodities proposed to be handled and tentative volume, facilities required etc to Director, Marine Department, Marine Department 15, Strand road Kolkata-1, West Bengal India, within 45 days from the date of issue of this advertisement. The firms that do not possess experience in all fields mentioned above and have plans to form consortium to undertake such projects in future may also apply.
