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Tariff Authority for Major Ports

G No. 226

New Delhi,

11 October 2012

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 48 and 50 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby disposes of the proposal from the Cochin Port Trust for setting upfront tariff for the development of General Cargo Terminal at Q8-Q9 berths of Cochin Port as in the Order appended hereto.

(T. S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)

Tariff Authority for Major Ports
Case No. TAMP/32/2012 - COPT

Cochin Port Trust

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Applicant

ORDER

(Passed on this 28th day of September 2012)

This case relates to a proposal received from Cochin Port Trust (COPT) for setting upfront tariff for the development of General Cargo Terminal at Q8-Q9 berths of Cochin Port.

2. The COPT under cover of its letter dated 29 May 2012 has submitted its proposal for setting upfront tariff for the development of General Cargo Terminal at Q8-Q9 berths of Cochin Port.

3. In accordance with the consultative procedure prescribed, the proposal of COPT was forwarded to the concerned users / user organisations and prospective bidders (as per the list furnished by the COPT) seeking their comments. Some of the prospective bidders have furnished their comments. These comments were forwarded to COPT as feedback information. The COPT has responded.

4.1. Based on a preliminary scrutiny of the proposal, the COPT was requested to furnish additional information/ clarifications vide our letter dated 25 June 2012. The COPT has responded vide its letter dated 10 July 2012. The COPT while furnishing their replies have revised their proposal.

4.2. The revised proposal of COPT dated 10 July 2012 has been circulated to the users/ prospective bidders for their comments. None of the users/ prospective bidders have furnished their comments.

5.1. A joint hearing in this case was held on 8 August 2012 at the COPT premises. At the joint hearing, the COPT and the concerned users/ organisation bodies and prospective bidders have made their submissions.

5.2. As decided at the joint hearing, the COPT was requested to take action on some points. The COPT responded vide its letter dated 9 August 2012. Since the response of COPT did not pointedly address the issues raised during the joint hearing, the COPT was again requested vide our letter dated 14 August 2012 to furnish the requisite information. The COPT under cover of its letter dated 18 August 2012 has responded.

6.1. Thereafter, based on the discussions held by the senior officials of COPT at the office of this Authority, the COPT vide its letter dated 1 September 2012 communicated that further detailed discussions were held in the port regarding reviewing the upfront tariff proposal. Since necessary modifications are required to be made in the RFQ as well as in the upfront tariff proposal, the COPT sought two weeks' time to finalise and submit its revised proposal. The request of COPT was acceded to and the COPT was requested to forward its revised proposal simultaneously to the concerned stakeholders advising them to furnish their comments on the revised proposal.

6.2. Subsequently, the COPT vide its letter dated 14 September 2012 communicated that the port has decided to modify the feasibility report for the project and that the upfront tariff proposal will be submitted after obtaining the modified feasibility report.

6.3. Now, the COPT vide its letter dated 21 September 2012 has stated that since the present proposal requires extensive re-working, it would like to withdraw its present proposal and that it would take up the proposal afresh after conducting the feasibility studies.

7. In view of the submissions made by the COPT, this Authority decides to close the case in reference and treat the COPT proposal dated 29 May 2012 as withdrawn. The revised proposal to be submitted by COPT, subsequently, will be processed afresh.

8. In the result, and for the reasons given above, this Authority decides to close the COPT proposal dated 29 May 2012 as withdrawn.

(T. S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)