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This is in super session to this Ministry’s letter of even number dated 19.5.2006 pertaining to the subject mentioned above.

2. Reference is invited to the letters from M/s Ennore Port Limited received vide letter No. EPL/OP/15.5/001, dated 6.6.2007 and No. EPL/74/2005, dated 16.3.2007 have been considered.

3. The project involves:-

(i) Increase in the quay length of the proposed container terminal from the already approved 700 mts to 1000 mts in order to handle additional 0.5 million TEU per annum.

(ii) For dredging for additional berth area of the 300 mts (1000-700) along the already approved dredging for 700 mts along the landside.

(iii) Capital dredging for the above extension, additional 4 million cu m to provide a depth of -15 MCD on account of additional 300 m of quay length.

4. The present proposal involves extending further 300 mts of the quay length which will result in additional 4 million cu m of dredging. The 4 million dredged material will be used to reclamation the port area and also for beach nourishment.

5. The proposal was considered by Expert Appraisal Committee at its meeting held on 22nd to 24th August, 2007 and recommended.

6. Accordingly, environmental clearance from Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 as amended from time to time is hereby accorded to this project subject to effective implementation of the following conditions:

(A) Specific Conditions:

(i) It should be ensured that no mangroves are destroyed during reclamation.

(ii) The proposed extension to the project should not cause any shoreline change abutting Ennore Port.

(iii) Adequate provision for beach nourishment and sand bypass should be provided.

(iv) The dredged material obtained should be utilized for filling up of back-up area.

(v) All conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance letter of even number dated 19.5.2006 should be strictly complied with.
(vi) The additional dredged material of 4 million cu mts obtained from the project should not be disposed of into the sea.

(vii) The reclaimed area should be used as containers stackyard only.

(viii) Adequate drainage facilities should be provided in the reclaimed area along with collection and treatment system for treating the run off from the container stackyard.

(ix) Necessary approvals/clearances should be obtained from the Tamil Nadu Coastal Zone Management Authority and Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board before implementing the project.

B. General Conditions

(i) Construction of the proposed structures should be undertaken meticulously conforming to the existing Central/local rules and regulations including Coastal Regulation Zone Notification 1991 & its amendments. All the construction designs/drawings relating to the proposed construction activities must have approvals of the concerned State Government Departments/Agencies.

(ii) Adequate provisions for infrastructure facilities such as water supply, fuel, sanitation etc. should be ensured for construction workers during the construction phase of the project so as to avoid felling of trees/mangroves and pollution of water and the surroundings.

(iii) The project authorities must make necessary arrangements for disposal of solid wastes and for the treatment of effluents by providing a proper wastewater treatment plant outside the CRZ area. The quality of treated effluents, solid wastes and noise level etc. must conform to the standards laid down by the competent authorities including the Central/State Pollution Control Board and the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, whichever are more stringent.

(iv) The proponent shall obtain the requisite consents for discharge of effluents and emissions under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board before commissioning of the project and a copy of each of these shall be sent to this Ministry.

(v) The proponents shall provide for a regular monitoring mechanism so as to ensure that the treated effluents conform to the prescribed standards. The records of analysis reports must be properly maintained and made available for inspection to the concerned State/Central officials during their visits.

(vi) In order to carry out the environmental monitoring during the operational phase of the project, the project authorities should provide an environmental laboratory well equipped with standard equipment and facilities and qualified manpower to carry out the testing of various environmental parameters.

(vii) The sand dunes and mangroves, if any, on the site should not be disturbed in any way.

(viii) A copy of the clearance letter will be marked to the concerned Panchayat/local NGO, if any, from whom any suggestion/representation has been received while processing the proposal.

(ix) The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industries Centre and Collector's Office/Tehsildar's Office for 30 days.
(x) The funds earmarked for environment protection measures should be maintained, in a separate account and there should be no diversion of these funds for any other purpose. A year-wise expenditure on environmental safeguards should be reported to this Ministry's Regional Office at Bangalore and the State Pollution Control Board.

(xi) Full support should be extended to the officers of this Ministry's Regional Office at Bangalore and the officers of the Central and State Pollution Control Boards by the project proponents during their inspection for monitoring purposes, by furnishing full details and action plans including the action taken reports in respect of mitigative measures and other environmental protection activities.

(xii) In case of deviation or alteration in the project including the implementing agency, a fresh reference should be made to this Ministry for modification in the clearance conditions or imposition of new ones for ensuring environmental protection.

(xiii) This Ministry reserve the right to revoke this clearance, if any of the conditions stipulated are not complied with to the satisfaction of this Ministry.

(xiv) This Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any other additional conditions subsequently, if deemed necessary, for environmental protection, which shall be complied with.

(xv) The project proponent should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated in the region around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and copies of clearance letters are available with the State Pollution Control Board and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry of Environment & Forests at http://www.envformic.in. The advertisement should be made within 7 days from the date of issue of the clearance letter and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional Office of this Ministry at Bangalore.

(xvi) The Project proponents should inform the Regional Office at Bangalore as well as the Ministry the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of Land Development Work.

7. The above mentioned stipulations will be enforced among others under the Water Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (protection) Act, 1986, the Hazardous Chemicals (Manufacture, Storage and Import) Rules, 1989, the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 and its subsequent amendments and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 and the Rules made thereunder from time to time. The project proponents should also ensure that the proposal complies with the provisions of the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of Tamil Nadu State and the Supreme Court’s order dated 18th April, 1996 in the Writ Petition No.664 of 1993 to the extent the same are applicable to this proposal.

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2. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi – 110032.

3. The Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests (EC.3) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

4. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, 76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

5. DIG (SU), Regional Office Cell, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.


7. Monitoring Cell.


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