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TRADE CIRCULAR

Sub: Poor performance of barges at KPD

The performance of the barges at KPD carrying imported Peas / Lentils / Urea has been abysmally poor which has led to a cascading effect with the vessels at the anchorages performing poorly / idling due to non-availability of barges. As a result of this, the international shipping fraternity is skeptical about deploying / nominating vessels for KDS and when done, vessels are being offered at very high rates leading to high landed cost for the trade. This along with the abysmal delay in unloading have resulted in the diversion of several vessels to other ports which has not only affected SMPK but the local trade fraternity as well.

The matter has been discussed and deliberated with the concerned stakeholders several times with regular meetings to discuss and obviate the impediments. Trade has time and again come up with assurances and commitments to mitigate the problems. SMPK had introduced realistic productivity norms of barges upon discussions with the trade and yet the same are not being adhered to. There is no urgency on the part of trade to take immediate steps to improve the situation.

Non achievement of SMPK's productivity norms have been viewed very seriously and SMPK has to take punitive steps to ensure the well-being and continued existence of the Trade at large.

In view of the above, all concerned are being provided with one last opportunity to improve the performance of the barges at KPD and perform along the performance parameters mandated by SMPK failing which action as deemed fit would be taken against the errant firm(s) without any further reference to them.


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