VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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To All Port Users

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Sub: Provision of Vent pipes for escape of coal gases at Coal Yard - Reg. Ref: Observations of the ISO Auditors during Audit at VPT from 20.4.2015 to 22.4.2015, Communicated to this Office vide MR&Dy.M.A letter No. SHEQ/MRO/Ext.Audit Observations-2015, dated 27.4.2015

Reference is invited to the instructions issued during various forums with regard to covering of Coal stacks with Tarpaulin covers, to avoid emission of dust from coal heaps. Further, ISO External Auditors during their audit at VPT from 20.4.2015 to 22.4.2015 suggested to have proper pollution mitigating measures such as providing vent pipes on the stacks

They also informed that due to the internal burning of steam coal there is heavy smoke emission resulting in burning of tarpaulins and therefore some of the coal heaps are yet to be covered. The auditors suggested to cover all coal heaps with tarpaulins and provide vent pipes for escape of coal gases.

It is therefore requested to all concerned to comply with the suggestions of ISO Auditors by ensuring coverage of coal heaps with tarpaulins duly providing vent pipes for letting out coal

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