



Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment
Authority(SEIAA), Andhra Pradesh)

To,

The CHIEF ENGINEER
VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
3RD FLOOR,AOB BUILDING, VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST, PORT
AREA, VISAKHAPATNAM -530035

Subject: Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Project Activity
under the provision of EIA Notification 2006-regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for Environmental Clearance (EC)
in respect of project submitted to the SEIAA vide proposal number
SIA/AP/MIS/61133/2019 dated 23 Feb 2021. The particulars of the environmental
clearance granted to the project are as below.

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| 1. EC Identification No. | EC21B033AP110505 |
| 2. File No. | AP VSP IND 06 2019 1027 |
| 3. Project Type | New |
| 4. Category | B1 |
| 5. Project/Activity including
Schedule No. | 7(e) Ports, Harbours |
| 6. Name of Project | Development of Cruise cum Cargo
Terminal at Outer Harbour in
Visakhapatnam Port Trust |
| 7. Name of Company/Organization | VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST |
| 8. Location of Project | Andhra Pradesh |
| 9. TOR Date | 11 Oct 2019 |

The project details along with terms and conditions are appended herewith from page
no 2 onwards.

Date: 26/10/2021

(e-signed)
DR. P.V.CHALAPATHI RAO
Member Secretary
SEIAA - (Andhra Pradesh)

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Order No. SEIAA/AP/VSP/IND/06/2019/1027167.74 & 164.65-

Dt:26.10.2021

Sub: SEIAA, A.P. – Development of Cruise-Cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal at Visakhapatnam Port by M/s. Visakhapatnam Port Trust, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh – Environmental Clearance – Issued - Reg.

- I. This has reference to your application submitted through online on 23.02.2021 (SIA/AP/IND2/61133/2019), seeking Environmental Clearance for **Development of Cruise-Cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal at Visakhapatnam Port, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh** in favour of M/s. **Visakhapatnam Port Trust**. The nearest human habitation viz., Kota Veedhi (V) exists at a distance of 0.11 km from the premises. The total area of the site is 3.91 Acres. The total cost of the project is Rs. 77.0 Crores. The details of storage capacity of the project are as follows:

**Development of Cruise-cum-coastal cargo at outer harbour of Visakhapatnam Port -
Cargo Handling Capacity: 1.00 MMTPA (As per TOR)**

The proposal has been examined and processed in accordance with EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments thereof. The State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) examined the application in its meetings held on **30.09.2021**. The project proposal is **Development of Cruise-Cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal at Visakhapatnam Port**. The project proponent and their Consultant, SV Enviro Labs & consultants have attended the meeting. The issue was examined by the SEAC in its meeting held 06.04.2021 to 08.04.2021. The Committee observed the following:

Category : B1

The project proposal is to develop a Cruise-cum-coastal cargo terminal by re-orienting the existing Channel berth located in the outer harbor. Cruise-cum-Cargo Terminal: The proposed length of the Cruise terminal is 180m in length and 15m wide with two mooring dolphins on east side and two shore bollards on west side to make a overall length of 330m duly matching the existing channel berth with an offset of 50m towards the landside parallel to the existing dredge limit line. Terminal building & Gate complex:

The back up area of 15000 Sq.m will be utilized for development of a terminal building. A gate complex of built up area 3350 sq.m shall be developed in the back up area. The Committee noted that this issue was examined by the SEAC in its meeting held 21.08.2019. The Committee observed the following: Category :B1.

The representative of the project proponent attended the meeting. The Project proponent submitted a letter on 21.08.2019 stating that, they engaged M/s.Global Management and Engineering Consultants International, Jaipur (NABET accredited consultant) as a consultant for carrying out their EIA study. The Committee recommended for **issue of Standard Terms of Reference (TOR)** with public hearing along with additional TOR for the proposed activity: Cargo Handling Capacity: 1.00 MMTPA as it comes under 7(e) Ports, Harbours of having < 5 million TPA of cargo handling capacity of EIA Notification 2006.

Additional TOR:

- Permissions of CRZ Clearance & Wildlife Clearance to be submitted
- No objection letter from Eastern Naval Command department to be submitted.

The SEIAA, A.P., issued TOR with public hearing to this project on 11.10.2019. Subsequently, the PP requested for exemption of public hearing on 30.05.2020.

The issue was examined by the SEAC in its meeting held on 24th & 25th September 2020. The Committee observed the following:

The project proponent and their Consultant M/s. S V Enviro labs & Consultants have attended the Online meeting. Earlier Public Hearing was conducted on 31.10.2017. The SEIAA issued TOR on 11.10.2019.

Now they have requested for waiver of public hearing as per the OM no: J-11013/41/2006-IA-II (I) (part) dt: 29.08.2017, the baseline data and the public consultation should not be older than 3 years at the time of submission of the proposal for grant of Environmental clearance. As per the OM the proponent is eligible for exemption of PH.

After detailed deliberations the committee recommends for exemption of Public Hearing.

The issue was examined by the SEIAA, A.P., in its meeting held on 30.09.2020. The Authority has agreed with the recommendations of SEAC, A.P.

The project proponent submitted the application through online with final EIA report on 23.02.2021 and requested for issue of Environment Clearance. The project proponent and their Consultant M/s. S V Enviro labs & Consultants have attended the meeting. The Committee noted that the project proponent : M/s. Visakhapatnam Port Trust has obtained the NOC from the APCZMA only. As per the TOR, M/S.VPT shall obtain permissions from the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) and NOC from the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam. The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended **to defer this project proposal**. The PP shall submit the permissions from the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) and NOC from the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam and TOR compliance. The project proponent and their Consultant M/s. S V Enviro labs & Consultants have attended the meeting.

The project proponent M/s. Visakhapatnam Port Trust vide Letter dated 28.07.2021 stated the following: Permission from the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL): Application for NBWL clearance is submitted in online vide proposal no.FP/AP/Others/5929/2021, dated 2.06.2021 and acknowledgment of the same is attached as Annexure-I. VPT had obtained Standing committee recommendations for one of its expansion project "Extension of Container Terminal in the outer harbour" which is close to the proposed terminal As per the MoEF&CC OM No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) Dt: 02.12.2009, states that "the proposal for EC will not be linked with the clearance from forestry and wildlife angle even if it involves forestland and or wildlife habitat as these clearances are independent of each other and would in any case need to be obtained as applicable to such projects before starting any activity at site".

The The Committee after examining the project proposals, presentations, MoEF&CC' Notifications & OMs and detailed deliberations, recommended **for issue of Environmental Clearance** with the following condition:

(i) NOC from the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) as per MoEF&CC Office Memorandum dated 02.12.2009. The committee in the appraisal report clearly stated that they have approved Form-I/II, PFR/DPR and EMP for compliance by the proponent. The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), in its meeting held on **11.10.2021** examined the proposal and the recommendations of SEAC and decided to issue Environmental Clearance to the project as recommended by the SEAC. The SEIAA, A.P hereby **accords Environmental Clearance to the project** as mentioned at Para No. I under the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments issued under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 subject to implementation of the following specific and general conditions:

A. Special Conditions:

- i. The proposal shall not attract the following Acts & Rules:
 - a. Forest Act 1980,
 - b. Wild life (Protection) Act,1972;
 - c. CRZ Notification, 2011;
 - d. The Eco sensitive areas as notified under Environment (Protection) Act,1986;
 - e. Critically polluted areas as notified by CPCBand also shall not harm live stocks and human beings and disturb their activities.
- ii. The proponent shall obtain NOC from the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) as per MoEF&CC Office Memorandum dated 02.12.2009.

A. Specific Conditions:

- i. The project proponent shall implement the on-site and off-site emergency action plans.
- ii. The project authorities shall strictly comply with the provisions made in Manufacture, storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989, as amended in 2000 and the Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning,

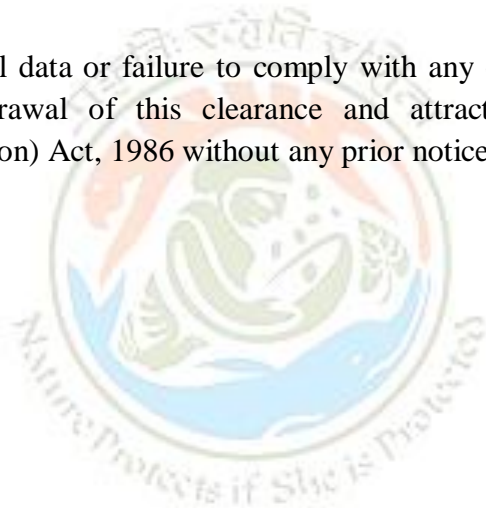
Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996 for handling of Hazardous chemicals. Necessary approvals from Chief Controller of Explosives as applicable must be obtained. Requisite On-site and Off-site Disaster Management Plans shall be prepared and implemented.

- iii. Regular AAQM shall be carried out around the plant. The location of the monitoring stations shall be decided in consultation with the concerned State Pollution Control Board based on occurrence of maximum GLCs and down wind direction. Additional Stations shall be set up in wind ward and down wind directions along with those in other directions.
- iv. The clearance shall be only for the storage and distribution of chemicals and no processing of any kind shall be carried out at the site.
- v. The company shall install automatic leak detection system supported hooters or alarm system.
- vi. Occupational health surveillance of workers shall be done on a regular basis and records maintained as per the Factories Act.
- vii. Green belt shall be developed to mitigate the effect of fugitive emission all around the plant in minimum of 33% plant area in consultation with the DFO.
- viii. Ambient noise levels must be within the approved limits of 75 dB (A) during day time and 70 dB (A) during night time as per CPCB norms. The D.G. set of capacity 1 x 500 KVA for meeting requirement shall be provided with adequate stack heights as per norms.
- ix. Regularly monitoring of VOC and HC in the Work Zone Area in the Plant shall be carried and data be submitted to Ministry's Regional Office at Bangalore, CPCB and APPCB. Quarterly monitoring of fugitive emissions shall be carried out as per the guidelines of CPCB.
- x. It was reported that for the proposed project 13.88 KLD, out of which Domestic (Cruise (Nov –March) – 1.68 KLD, Terminal building Staff – 0.9 KLD, Cargo handling (April-Oct) – 0.3 KLD), Landscaping – 3.0 KLD, Dust Suppression – 3.0 KLD & Others – 5.0 KLD. 2.59 KLD of the waste water generated shall be treated in STP of capacity 15.0 KLD. The treated wastewater shall be used for effective dust suppression.
- xi. All the internal roads shall be of Asphalt to reduce fugitive dust due to the transportation of vehicles.
- xii. Requisite fire fighting system conforming to OISD standards shall be installed. Adequate firewater retention system shall be provided to prevent firewater mixing into the surface water stream or underground water.
- xiii. Training shall be imparted to all employees on safety and health aspects of Petroleum fuels and chemicals handling.
- xiv. Usage of PPEs by all employees/workers shall be ensured.
- xv. The company shall harvest surface as well as rainwater from the roof tops of the building/s and storm water drains to recharge the ground water and use the same water for the various activities of the project to conserve water. The company shall undertake all relevant measures for improving the Socio-economic conditions of the surrounding area.

Part – B. General Conditions:

- i.** This order is valid for a period of 7 years.
- ii.** “Consent for Establishment” shall be obtained from Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board under Air and Water Act before the start of any construction work at site.
- iii.** The half-yearly compliance reports in respect of the terms and conditions stipulated in this order & monitoring reports shall be uploaded in the website of the project periodically. It shall simultaneously be submitted in hard and soft copies to the SEIAA, A.P., District Collector and Ministry’s Regional office, Vijayawada on 1st June and 1st December of each calendar year.
- iv.** Officials from the Regional Office of MOEF&CC, Vijayawada / The SEIAA, Andhra Pradesh through the Regional Offices of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board who would be monitoring the implementation of environmental safeguards should be given full co-operation, facilities and documents/data by the project proponents during their inspection. A complete set of all the documents shall be submitted to the CCF, Regional Office to MOEF&CC, Vijayawada.
- v.** In the case of any change (s) in the scope of the project, the project would require a fresh appraisal by this SEIAA. No further expansion or modifications in the project shall be carried out without prior approval of the SEIAA, AP.
- vi.** The project proponent shall submit the copies of the environmental clearance to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.
- vii.** All other statutory clearances shall be obtained, as applicable by project proponents from the competent authorities.
- viii.** The project proponent should advertise in at least two local Newspapers widely circulated in the region, one of which shall be in the vernacular language informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and copies of clearance letters are available with the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board. The advertisement should be made within 7 days from the day of issue of the clearance letter and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional Office of this Ministry at Chennai.

- ix.** The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures (**Capital cost of Rs.128 Lakhs & Recurring cost of Rs.34 Lakhs/annum**) should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the SEIAA and Ministry's Regional Office located at Vijayawada.
- x.** At least 2% of the total project cost shall be allocated for Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) and item-wise details along with time bound action plan shall be prepared in accordance to the MoEF&CC's office Memorandum No.F.No.22-65/2017- IA.III, dated.01.05.2018 and submit to the SEIAA, A.P and Ministry's Regional Office, Vijayawada.
- xi.** Any appeal against this Environmental Clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.
- xii.** The SEIAA may revoke or suspend the order, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. The SEIAA reserves the right to alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.
- xiii.** Concealing the factual data or failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 without any prior notice.



- xiv.** These stipulations would be enforced among others under the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Public Liability (Insurance) Act, 1991 and EIA Notification, 2006.

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY,
SEIAA, A.P.

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CHAIRMAN,
SEIAA, A.P.

To

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Cruise-Cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal,
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Copy to:

1. The Chairman, SEAC, A.P. for kind information.
2. The Member Secretary, APPCB for kind information.
3. The EE, RO: Visakhapatnam, APPCB for information.
4. The Regional Officer, MOEF&CC, GOI, Vijayawada for kind information.
5. The Secretary, MOEF&CC, GOI New Delhi for kind information.
6. Monitoring cell, MoEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi for kind information.
7. The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh for kind information.