



HONNAVAR PORT (P) LTD.

Date: 22/02/2021

To,
The Member Secretary
SEIAA Karnataka
Department of Ecology & Environment,
Room No. 709, 7th Floor, IV-Gate,
M. S. Building, Bangalore - 560001

Sir,

Sub: Corrigendum in EC for Barge/ Vessel loading facility at Coastal Sand Spit, Kasarkod Tonka village, Honnavar Taluk, Uttara Kannada District of M/s. Honnavar Port Private Limited - reg.

Reference: 1. Request for related documents for approach road proposal from Regional Director (Env.), Karwar through vide letter no. RDE/Kwr/Env.Cle.doc./2020-21/769 dated February 12, 2021
2. Environmental/CRZ Clearance Validity Extension vide Letter No. SEIAA 22 IND 2011 dated July 01, 2019
3. Environmental clearance vide Letter No. SEIAA 22 IND 2011 dated September 21, 2012

Honnavar Port Private limited (HPPL) is developing an all-weather Barge/ Vessel loading facility at Sharavati river mouth in Uttara Kanada district, Karnataka with a cargo handling capacity of 4.9 MTPA. Environment and CRZ clearance validity extension was obtained from SEIAA vide reference no. 3 and extension of EC validity vide reference no.2. As a part of project development, HPPL has initiated developement of existing approach road from NH-17 at Kasarkod to the port site.

Now, HPPL is in receipt of letter from Regional Director (Env.), Karwar vide above reference no. 1 for submission of relevant documents regarding Environmental/CRZ Clearance related to the Development of Barge / Vessel loading facility at Kasarkod Tonka, Honnavar Taluka.

"This is for your kind reference, that HPPL considered the proposal for dedicated Rail/Road corridor and road access is proposed from NH 17 at Kasarkod. Road will then run south east for some distance and then aligns parallel to the shoreline till it reaches the proposed project site. This will be parallel to the existing single lane road at an offset distance of 100 m. The total length of this road from NH 17 to the proposed site is 4.0 km and will have a width of 25 m. The alignment is planned in such a way that it has minimum disturbance to the local communities. Moreover, the road is not an access controlled therefore the local public also can use the road for their needs".

Above statement is given in section 2.6.16 of Draft EIA report, executive summaries submitted for public hearing and same is presented to public during the public hearing held on January 27, 2012. The same statement was also made in Final EIA report (enclosed for reference). Road proposal was well debated in Public consultation held on the January 27, 2012 and HPPL duly justified the road proposal during the public consultation and same was reported in **Final EIA** under **Section 7.1.1**.

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The Karnataka State Coastal Zone Management Authority (KSCZMA) scrutinized the Honnavar Port development proposal along with road/rail corridor. KSCZMA upon examination of the proposal has recommended the proposal for issue of Environmental Clearance during the meeting held on 28.05.2012.

This is to bring to your kind notice that the proposed Honnavar Port Development was scrutinized by KSCZMA, SEAC and SEIAA which includes the proposed road connectivity and the project was accorded Environmental Clearance vide above reference 2 and also obtained Consent for Establishment (CFE) from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Under Air Act 1981 and Water Act 1974 vide its consent Order dated 06.02.2013. In the EC order also, condition under specific conditions point number "39. **All approach roads shall be black topped and internal roads and major haul roads shall be black topped or concreted and swept regularly with mechanical sweepers**". HPPL is adhering to this condition with spirit.

HPPL humbly submits that Environmental and CRZ clearance obtained from KSCZMA and SEIAA, Karnataka for Barge/ Vessel loading facility includes the proposed road/rail alignment. Therefore, we request your good office to issue corrigendum for Environmental and CRZ Clearance covering the **proposed road from NH 17 to the proposed site is 4.0 km and will have a width of 25 m.**

Thanking you,
For M/s Honnavar Port (P) Limited.


Capt. Suryaprakash Gutta
CEO



Encl:

1. EC/CRZ clearance from SEIAA, Karnataka on 21. September. 2012
2. Consent for Establishment (CFE) from KSPCB on 6. February. 2013
3. Extension of validity of EC/CRZ clearance from SEIAA, Karnataka on 1. July. 2019
4. Final EIA report for reference.