



GUJARAT MARITIME BOARD

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB), who operates the intermediate and minor port of Gujarat, has proposed to enhance the cargo handling capacity of existing Okha Port along with the development of a jetty for Indian Coast Guard (ICG) with allied facilities. Okha port is located at Okha Town, Okhamandal Tehsil, Devbhumi Dwarka District, Gujarat, at the mouth of Gulf of Kutch.

The proposed development includes construction of new jetty, extension of existing wharf, expansion of existing cargo handling capacity, reclamation, beautification of reclaimed area, administration and other control facilities for ICG and other allied facilities. The expansion of port facility is due to the demand in the cargo requirement

Since Okha port is under operation before independence, the port facility has obtained Consolidated Consent & Authorization (CCA) for handling 6MTPA of dry bulk cargoes, which has validity upto 2018.

The study area of the project site is close to the Gulf of Kutch Marine Sanctuaries/National Parks. The 10km study area includes Reserve Forests, mangroves, salt pans, backwater, islands, settlements, fishermen communities, industries, and with social infrastructure.

The proposed project has no process/product wastes, no point source emissions, bulk volume of liquid and solid waste generations. Emission from dry bulk cargo handlings will be insignificant on implementing of good environment management practice which is already being implemented. The sewage generated from the port facility is being treated in individual septic tanks. Used spent oils and oil used wastes are being disposed through authorized vendors. The solid and other domestic wastes are being collected and disposed through CPCB and municipal guidelines. The same practice will be implemented after the proposed expansion also.

The proposed development will provide direct and indirect employment to the local peoples/stakeholders, due to various port related activities.

