

Intimation to Stock Exchanges on 5th April, 2008 -- Increase of equity holding in Vizag Seaport Pvt. Ltd.

This is to inform you that the Company has on 4th April, 2008 exercised the call option to purchase 2,28,77,500 equity shares of Rs.10/- each of Vizag Seaport Pvt. Ltd. ("**VSPL**") from International Port Services Private Ltd., the investment arm of Portia Management Services Services Limited of UK, the Company's joint venture partner in VSPL. The consideration for the purchase is approx. Rs. 33 crores and the transaction will be subject to regulatory approvals.

Further, VSPL has allotted 80,00,000 equity shares to Cochin Bridge Infrastructure Company Ltd., subsidiary of the Company, on 1st April, 2008 upon conversion of loan into equity at par, which will be transferred to the Company.

Upon completion of the two transactions the shareholding of the Company in VSPL will stand increased to 73.76% from the present 42.22%.

VSPL owns two berths handling bulk cargo at the Visakhapatnam Port.