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ALL PORT USERS AND CUSTOMERS

Sir,

Sub:- Novel Corona virus Disease (COVID-19)–Declaration of Force Major
event at KARWAR PORT, INDIA.

As you may be aware, there has been a major global disruption due to COVID-19 pandemic including India. The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic has affected every business in the country. The outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared by world health Organization (WHO) as 'GLOBAL Pandemic' have advised Globally to take measures to save human lives.

The Honourable Prime Minister of India has asked the entire nation to observe 21 days Lock down across the country starting from 25-03-2020 from midnight. As this exercise is required to control the wide spread of this deceases by social distancing. In this regards, the state Govt. and district administration has taken drastic steps to lockdown every activity resulting the constraints in movement of men and material to and fro from the port.

In this given situation of total lockdown and available skeletal resource, we would like inform you that our Karwar Port may not be able to perform the port activity and port operation inside port area.

Hence in view of the COVID 19 Pandemic, Karwar Port, hereby notifies the "Force Major Event", and the port will not be responsible for any claims, damages charges etc., What so ever arising out of and or connected to the above force major event, either directly or indirectly, which without any limitations would include vessel demurrages, Pre-berthing or any other delays of what so ever nature connecting to the discharge rate agreed under the agreement shall not be applicable for all the vessels to be handled at the port and for any delay in the services rendered during the Force Major Period. The above also applies to delays/ inability to receives cargo from vessel or delivers cargoes as required by road and rail, availability of storage spaces and any other port activities / port operation .

Kindly consider this communication as our notice for "Force Major Event", with effect from 0600 hours on 26-03-2020 onwards until further notice.

This is for kind information and records.

Yours faithfully,


PORT OFFICER, KARWAR