

28th May 2021

## **Impact of Cyclone 'Yaas' on Port Operations**

Dear Stakeholders,

## Greetings of the day!

As you are aware that tropical cyclone Yaas has had a climacteric bearing on the cargo handling operations at Dhamra Port.

Due to cylone Yaas, suspension of operations was put in at Dhamra Port with effect from 0900 hrs of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 as a measure of abundant caution, guidance of statutory government authorities and in pursuance of our commitment to ensure safety of, both, humans and port infrastructure. We are glad to convey that there has been no loss of life at the port.

During the period of the cyclone, the port witnessed excessively high sustained wind speed of over 90KMpH gusting to 130KMpH and a rainfall of about 526mm in a period of 48 hours. This event, being an act of God, qualifies as a Force Majeure event and we hereby notify the Force Majeure in terms of our contract with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

While a post facto preliminary survey has relayed significant damage to the Material Handling System and ancillary infrastructure, leading to temporary operational constraints, the management envisages and is confident that, it will be able to operate at full capacity in a short period of time. A cessation of Force Majeure event notice to that effect will be subsequently issued.

We, at the Dhamra Port, are determined to extend seamless service and therefore, we are pleased to announce that, we have partially resumed operations (manual handing of cargo and mechanised handling of export stream) at our port by berthing the first vessel at 0640 hrs of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021, to mitigate the adverse impact of this Force Majeure event on our stakeholders.

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However, we would like to highlight that The Dhamra Port Company Ltd., will not be liable for any claims, damages, charges, etc. of whatsoever nature (including, without limitation, claims of vessel demurrage & low discharge rate) and/or extent, arising directly or indirectly out of and/or connected to this Force Majeure event.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

For, The Dhamra Port Company Limited

(Sudip Dasgupta)
Authorised Signatory