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To

Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Director General of Foreign Trade, New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Sub: - Request for Inclusion of Vizhinjam International Seaport for Export of Essential Commodities to the Republic of Maldives during 2024 -25 as per Notification No: 06/2023 dated 15th April 2024-reg.

Ref: - Notification No: 03/2023 dated 5th April 2024 & Notification No: 06/2023 dated 5th April 2024

Since 1999 the major portion of essential commodities for the Republic of Maldives were exported from the Vizhinjam Leeward Wharf, which is geographically the nearest Port hardly 463 Nm away, on small boats regularly till 2017 which got discontinued for one reason or other. This Vizhinjam Leeward Customs was given ICEGATE ID INVZJ1.

Presently, this Vizhinjam Leeward Wharf has been discontinued and a new Vizhinjam Seaward Wharf was created diagonally opposite. The transfer of Customs Custodian License is under process and is in the final stages.

In the meanwhile, the construction of Vizhinjam International Seaport by Adani Ports Ltd, is nearing completion and is expected to be Commissioned by June/July 2024.

Hence, we request you to also kindly include the Vizhinjam International Seaport (INVZJ1) in the Notification No: 06/2023 dated 15th April, 2024.

Looking forward to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

For TCCI

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