



Highlights

India Pavilion at Pak Pharma Expo 2007, Pakistan

EEPC is inviting participation for India Pavilion at Pak Pharma Expo 2007, Karachi, Pakistan to be held on April 24-26, 2007. Members are requested to enlist their participation within 15th March, 2007.

India Engineering Center (IEC) at Johannesburg

India Engineering Center (IEC), Johannesburg, South Africa is aimed at providing warehousing, showcasing and distribution of products. Members willing to avail of this facility may contact Council's offices **immediately**.



Seminar on "India ASEAN Trade Relations : Emerging Opportunities" Shri Rakesh Shah, National Chairman, EEPC addressing at the above Seminar held on 23rd February, 2007 in Kolkata. Shri R. P. Sehgal, Regional Chairman, EEPC (ER) (first from right) also present at the dais along with other dignitaries.

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Chairman's Pen



My dear fellow exporters,

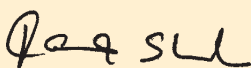
Friends, that the Union Budget for the next fiscal year is a couple of days away is evident from the pre-budget initiatives that the Government is already announcing. Of recent vintage is the Cabinet decision to phase out Central Sales Tax by reducing it to 3 per cent from 4 per cent with effect from April 1, 2007. This apart, there have been a series of fiscal and monetary measures to control inflation about which I have already communicated to you. The Budget proposals for 2007/08 have considerable relevance for engineering exports growth. We earnestly hope that the Budget will contain policies that have the potential to push our exports further.

Your Council, through various forums had also taken up the issue of dispensing with physical verification of DEPB at EDI ports notwithstanding Public Notice No. 57(RE-2005)/2004-09 dated 6.10.2005. The Government has now responded with Circular No. 11/2007-Customs dated 13.02.2007 stating that a procedure for online transmission of shipping bills to DGFT as well as DEPBs from DGFT has been put in place. However, till the procedure gets stabilized, as a purely temporary measure, it has been decided that the importers would be required to produce hard copies of the DEPBs issued by DGFT to the designated officer at the respective Custom House. It seems that this temporary measure has been adopted largely on account of the complaints that EEPC has been putting before the authorities that shipping bills are not getting reflected online resulting in companies not being able to claim DEPB benefits.

I must also draw your attention to the need for you all to keep the EEPC Secretariat abreast of the all the problems being faced at your end. The Government, from time to time, seeks our views on a host of issues and it is critical that your Council puts your difficulties and viewpoints across. You must also be aware that India is negotiating a number of bilateral and regional trade agreements with both developing and developed countries and seeks the views of the Council for incorporating them in the negotiations with their counterparts. Moreover, the Doha round of trade negotiations is back on track and liberalization of the trade in industrial goods is an important part of the negotiations. I would, therefore, urge you to send us your comments on these issues to us, especially with regard to opportunities and challenges all of you face in exporting your products to different regions of the globe.

In addition, the SCOPE-shipping and SCOPE-Air meetings will be held shortly and the Ministry of Commerce has sought the view of your Council in matters pertaining to port/shipping issues, Customs issues, containerization issues, Air cargo issues, courier related issues as well as EDI issues. Please let us have your comments on these issues to enable us to make a constructive representation on your behalf to the Government. Let me end by, once again, seeking your participation for our annual event at Hannover in April 2007. The Fair is an excellent platform to showcase your products and strengthen your initiatives in the European market.

Yours sincerely,



(RAKESH SHAH)



EEPC Invites Participation for India Pavilion at Pak Pharma Expo 2007, Karachi, Pakistan (April 24 - 26, 2007)

EEPC is taking part in the **Pak Pharma Expo 2007** to be held in Karachi Expo Centre, Pakistan during April 24 to 26, 2007.

Pakistan is emerging as a base with tremendously high potential for pharmaceutical formulations manufacturing, and for producing the medicines at par with international standards.

Recently Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan vide its order dated 23rd November, 2006 included a large number of Pharmaceutical Machinery in the positive list of imports to Pakistan and therefore, it is the most opportune time for the Pharmaceutical Machinery manufacturers in India to explore their fate in the untrodden Pakistani market.

Pak Pharma Expo exhibitions form a major platform for the pharmaceutical-allied suppliers from Afghanistan, Middle East, Africa and Asian markets. It is an invitation to all those who want to seize this opportunity and to further galvanizing their position to take share of this lucrative market.

The trade event is being organised by Prime Corporation, Karachi, Pakistan and GPE Expo Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad, India.

Focus Products

- Pharmaceutical Equipment
- Dies and Tools
- Optical Equipment and Physiotherapy Equipment
- Laboratory Equipment
- Analytical Equipment
- Quality Assurance Equipment
- Packaging Equipment
- Hospital Equipment
- Health Equipment
- Dental Equipment

- Water Treatment Equipment
- HVAC Equipment
- Clean Room Equipment
- Pharma Label Printers
- Material Handling Equipment
- Environmental Control and Monitoring Equipment
- Generators and Power Management System
- Waste Treatment Equipment
- Security & Safety Equipment
- Explosion Proof Electrical Fitting
- Lighting and Switching Equipment

Venue

Karachi Expo Centre, Pakistan

Date

24th to 26th April, 2007 (Tuesday to Thursday)

Participation Charges

Rs. 10,000/- per sq. mtr. + Service Tax for built-up booth of 9 sq. mtrs.

Display Booth

The 9 sq. mtrs. booth would include the following :

- 1 Display Table
- 2 Chairs
- 2 Lights
- Carpeted Floor
- Cleaning Services
- Company Name on Booth
- Listing in the Event Catalogue

Mode of Payment

Full payment is to be made along with the filled-up Application Form latest by **15th March, 2007** by **Demand Draft/Cheque** drawn in favour of **Engineering Export Promotion Council, payable at Kolkata.**

Reservation and Cancellation

- Reservation requests will be considered only after receiving payments in full.
- No refund will be made for any cancellation after *15th March, 2007.*

MDA Entitlements

All eligible participants will be entitled to get MDA Grant as per the MDA Guidelines effective from April 01, 2006. Assistance would be permissible on charges of built-up furnished stall subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 80,000/-.

Further, eligibility for MDA Grant is subject to exporting companies having FOB value of exports up to Rs. 15 crores in the preceding year, having complete 12 months

membership with EEPC with regular filing of returns and fulfilling other conditions, details of which can be obtained from Council's Website : www.eepcindia.org or respective Regional and Sub-Regional Offices of EEPC.

Submission of Application

Interested firms may send the Application Form duly filled in, along with the requisite payment, by **15th March, 2007** to –

Bhaskar Sarkar

Addl. Executive Director & Secretary

Engineering Export Promotion Council

Vanijya Bhavan, 1st Floor

International Trade Facilitation Centre

1/1 Wood Street, Kolkata 700 016

Tel. : 91-33-22890651/2/3

Fax : 91-33-22890654

E-mail : eepcho@eth.net

Website : www.eepcindia.org

It may kindly be noted that in view of limited space, application will be entertained on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Application Form

EEPC Invites Participation for India Pavilion at Pak Pharma Expo 2007 Karachi, Pakistan (24 - 26 April, 2007)

Name of the Company	:			
Postal Address	:			
Phone (with area code)	:			
Fax (with area code)	:			
E-mail	:			
Website	:			
Total Space required (sq. mtrs.)	:			
Name & Designation of the Chief Executive	:			
Name & Designation of the Participant	:			
Type of Units	:	<input type="checkbox"/> SSI	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-SSI	
Status	:	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer/Exporter	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Exporter	<input type="checkbox"/> Export House
Total Annual Export (in Million US\$)	:	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>
Total Export to Pakistan (in Million US\$)	:	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>
Foreign Collaboration, if any	:			
Products Manufactured/Exported	:			
Countries of Export	:			
Accreditation to International Standards (like ISO, QS, etc.)	:			
Nature of Display	:	<u>Display of Samples</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		
		<u>Display of Posters</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		

Please use separate sheet to furnish details of your company (**within 80 words**) for the Exhibitors' Profile.

Please send us this Form duly completed and signed along with your participation fees by Demand Draft and 2 (two) copies of passport size colour photographs of the Participant.

Date : _____ Signature : _____
Office Seal : _____

INDIA ENGINEERING CENTER (IEC) at Johannesburg, South Africa

Strategically located on the major world trade routes, South Africa has always been a business attraction for countries in the world over. A highly advanced infrastructure has virtually made South Africa the gateway to the entire sub-Saharan Africa. It is often compared to the Europe for its economic activities. Business opportunities between India and South Africa are immense and over the last few years, there has been enormous leap in the bilateral trade.

Keeping in view the business scenario, Council is launching an “**India Engineering Center**” (IEC) – a multi-purpose outlet of Indian engineering exporters under MAI Scheme of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India. The Centre will be located at the THEBE House, 166 Jan Smuts Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa. India Engineering Center will have the following facilities to benefit its members :

- Showroom Facility for Display of Products
- Warehousing Facility for Storing the Goods
- Distribution Center
- Marketing Support – Participation in Trade Fairs and Advertisements.

Showroom Facility

Showroom of IEC will be an exhibition of goods of participating companies all the year round. This will facilitate the Indian companies to invite their buyers in and around South Africa to the Showroom to look and satisfy themselves on the various aspects connected with quality and specifications of the goods. The Showroom is located at the premier location in Johannesburg with the space of 500 sq. mtrs. The participating company will be provided one standard display window containing the following :

- Area of 1 mtr. x 1 mtr.
- Fascia of the company
- One podium for display of products
- One catalogue holder (A4 size)

Depending on the product, instead of podium, pegboard or other type of platform will be made available. However, at the time of registration, participants will have to declare a list of products to be displayed in the window. Changes of product in the window is permissible within this declared list. Any extra cost on booth customisation will have to be borne by the participants.

The participating companies may use this facility as their own office in Johannesburg and may mention the address in their marketing communications, which will make their organization presence felt in the African markets.

The participating company in the Showroom will give an undertaking to EEPC to abide by the Showroom norms.

Thrust Product Sectors

After an in-depth market research, the following have been identified as Thrust Product Sectors for “India Engineering Center” :

- Primary Iron & Steel Products
- Auto Parts
- Electric Transformers
- Industrial Machinery
- Scientific and Surgical Instruments
- Hand Tools
- S. S. Utensils
- S. S. Wire and Wire Products
- Electric Motors
- Builders’ Hardware
- Home Electric Appliances
- Bearings
- Industrial Fasteners
- I. C. Engines & Parts
- Wire Ropes
- Pipes and Pipe Fittings
- Agricultural Implements and Machinery
- Pumps

Companies in the other engineering products having potential in South Africa may also send their application for participation. However, the Screening Committee will take final decision in this regard.

Warehousing

The Warehouse will be located at Durban. The warehousing rates will be circulated shortly to avail the benefits.

Marketing Support

The Council will organize regular visits of South African buyers, from the matching sectors of IEC participants, to the Showroom for convincing them about sourcing their requirements from Indian companies. The Council will also organize Buyer-Seller Meets of participants with their African counterparts. Representatives of participating Indian companies will be free to join the BSM. These activities will further enhance the marketability of the products of participants of IEC.

Participation in Trade Fairs

The Council will identify Trade Fairs in South Africa and other African countries for the product groups of IEC participants. Council will organize an Information Booth in these Fairs to popularize "India Engineering Center" as source of supply and also furnish details on competence of participating companies.

The companies desirous of participating in these Trade Fairs in a separate booth will be provided with display space at subsidized rates (40% of booth cost). Kindly note that prior approval needs to be taken in this regard. Some of the following prominent exhibitions may be considered for further participation :

- FACIM – Trade Fair and Agricultural Exhibition (UFI) – Mozambique
- International Health Week for Medical and Surgical Equipment – Algeria
- MACTECH – Cairo, Egypt
- ITF – Lagos, Nigeria
- ITCE – Cairo, Egypt
- Tunis International Fair – Tunisia
- SIB International Exhibition for Building – Morocco
- Auto + International Exhibition for Car Equipment – Tunisia
- International Trade Fair (UFI) – Sudan
- Salon de' Auto/Salon de la Maintenance – Algeria
- Cairo International Fair – Egypt etc.

Please contact EEPC Territorial Office, New Delhi for further details.

Publicity through Print Media

In order to popularize India Engineering Center, Council will use the channel of print media, i.e. important newspapers, product specific magazines, mass mailing campaign etc.

Participants of IEC will also be entitled to release their customized advertisements, which Council will arrange at a subsidized rate (25% benefit will be offered). The Council

will communicate the exact amount payable to the interested companies depending on the size and location of the advertisement. Some of the prominent newspapers like Business Day, Business Report (The Star), The Weekender, Swoten (Business Supply), Die Beeld (Business), Citizen, Financial Mail, Guardian, Rapport etc., Trade Magazines like Trade Africa, Africa Connexion, Business in Africa, Trade pan-African Business, Engineering and Manufacturing Publications etc. Please contact EEPC Territorial Office, New Delhi for further details.

Visa for South Africa

Council will suitably recommend to the Embassy of South Africa in India for issuance of Visa to the representative of participating companies of India Engineering Center.

Charges & General Terms & Conditions

Companies participating in IEC will be required to pay the following charges :

Registration Charges*	Rs. 30,000/-
Rent per month for a Standard Display Window	
Of 1 mtr. x 1 mtr.	Rs. 10,000/- per month
(Rs. 1.20 Lacs per annum)	

* **Conditions of Deposit** : If participant continues for more than 24 months 100% of registration charges will be refunded, if participation is withdrawn within 12 to 24 months, 50% of registration charges will be refunded and if participation is less than 12 months, the registration money will be non-refundable.

For participating in India Engineering Center (IEC), Johannesburg : **Please pay Registration Charges of Rs. 30,000/- by Cheque/DD** in favour of "Engineering Export Promotion Council".

Interested member-exporters are requested to submit the **Application Form** (as per enclosed format) duly filled in.

For further details, please contact :

R. Maitra

Executive Director

Engineering Export Promotion Council

Vandhna (4th Floor)

11 Tolstoy Marg

New Delhi 110 001

Tel. : 91-11-23711124/25

Fax : 91-11-23310920

E-mail : eepcto@eepec.gov.in

Website : www.eepcindia.org

Application Form

INDIA ENGINEERING CENTER (IEC)

Johannesburg, South Africa

(Organised by : Engineering Export Promotion Council)

Name of the Company (In BLOCK Letters)			
Address (In BLOCK Letters)			
	City		Pin Code
Phone (with STD Code)			Fax No.
E-mail Address			Website Address
Name & Designation of Chief Executive			
Name & Designation of Contact Executive			
Items Manufactured/Exported (HS Codes if possible)			
Industrial Application			
Foreign Collaborations if any, please specify			
Annual Turnover in US\$			Annual Export in US\$
Countries of Export			
International Accreditations (ISO, QS, etc.)			
Nature of Business (Please tick mark)	Manufacturer <input type="radio"/> SSI <input type="radio"/> Non-SSI <input type="radio"/> Merchant <input type="radio"/> Export House		
Participation in Showroom	Yes/No	Items on Display	

Demand Draft No. Dated For Rs.
payable to Engineering Export Promotion Council, New Delhi is enclosed.

Signature with office seal :

Date :

Name :

Place :

Designation :

Note : Council reserves the right to accept or reject the participation of an Indian Company.

Overseas Market Information



Ethiopia

Power Sector

Ethiopia has enormous potential for hydropower and geothermal energy generation. Of which hydropower potential is estimated to be 30,000 MW. Despite the fact that the country has a large potential for electric power generation, per capita consumption is one of the lowest in Africa. In terms of distribution, about 15.52 per cent of the population has access to electricity. This shows that the current capacity is not adequate to meet the domestic demand that is growing at 10 per cent per year. There is also considerable potential for exporting hydro-power to neighbouring countries. In this connection a project to connect Ethiopia, Djibouti and Sudan by means of a 750 km electrical cable is under way. The 750 km line will cost the country some US\$ 75 million for the export of electric power to the reported two countries. Ethiopia currently has around 812.46 MW of installed power generating capacity of these, hydropower-generating plants generate about 668.75 MW, while 143.71 MW is obtained from thermal power plants. Electricity energy is supplied at 380/220 volts and 50HZ AC at low level; the high voltage transmission facilities provide 230 kV, 132 kV, 66 kV, and 45 kV while the medium voltage distribution is in 33 kV and 15 kV. Electric supply is under the Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation (EPPCO). In line with the ongoing rise in power generation capacity, Ethiopia is undertaking a massive expansion in the power distribution network under the banner of the Government's Universal

Electrification Access Programme (UEAP). The full UEAP has a more ambitious aim of raising network coverage to 50% of the country within ten years, at a cost of US\$ 1.3 billion.

To meet rapidly rising demand for electricity, Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation plans to almost quadruple power generation capacity in the next five years mainly through the construction of new hydroelectric dams but also from thermal and geothermal sources. EPPCO's five year plan is based on nine key projects, which are varying stages of development. The most advanced are the Gilgel Gibe II Dam (480 MW), which is being built by Salini of Italy with funding from the Italian Government, and the Tekeze dam, which is being built by Sinohydro of China and local partners; both are due to come on stream by 2009. Other major dams are planned at Halale Worbesa and Chemo Geyada. Ethiopia is also considering building its largest ever dam, at Kara Dombe, on the Blue Nile, at a cost of US\$ 800 million. Construction would take place under the 2001 framework agreement between Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt (concerning the use of Nile Waters) and would receive financial backing from the latter two countries. The major generation, transmission and distribution projects shall be executed through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) in accordance of the funding agencies. In this connection, it is advisable for companies to have a local agent working on a commission basis in Addis Ababa, the most important commercial center.

(Source : Embassy of India, Addis Ababa)

Indonesia

New Presidential regulation provides guarantees on finance

A new presidential regulation provides state guarantees for financing of coal fired power plants as part of the government's crash programme to develop 10 GW of new capacity by 2009. This measure is taken up as it has been a demand of infrastructure investors to be provided with guarantee since the first infrastructure Summit in early 2005. The policy states that the Government may provide guarantees for the liabilities of the State Power Company (PLN) to creditors that provide export credits. The measure further states that the Finance Minister will establish the criteria and process required for issuance of these guarantees.

Launch of India Kadin Committee

The Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) launched India Committee on 16 November, 2006. The Committee was inaugurated by the Ambassador. The Committee is a specialised body for promoting bilateral economic relations between India and Indonesia, to enhance interaction between the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the two countries and promote individual business interests of the private sector. (The Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry had signed an MoU with FICCI in November 2005 to enhance cooperation between the two Chambers).

India Committee is a 28-member body, headed by Mr. S. P. Lohia, Chairman and assisted by a 10-member Executive Committee. In addition, there is a 3-member Advisory Board to the Committee consisting of prominent Indonesian businessmen.

Essar may invest US\$ 500 million in Kalimantan

PT Essar Indonesia, a local affiliate of India based conglomerate Essar Group will build a pellet factory at a cost of US\$ 500 million on Kalimantan Island to strengthen

its presence in the country's steel industry. According to Director General of Metal, Textile and Machinery, Ansari Bukhari, Essar Pellet factory would have a production capacity of two million tonnes per annum. Currently, Essar operates in the industry's downstream side, producing among other products, hot rolled and cold rolled coils. Indonesia imports US\$ 6 billion worth of steel per annum to meet the increasing domestic demand which stood at 6.5 million tonnes in 2005 and is expected to increase to 10 million tonnes in 2010.

India's Bajaj makes debut in Indonesian market

Bajaj Auto, the second Indian motorcycle manufacturer officially launched its pulsar motorcycle in Jakarta on 09/11/06. Bajaj Auto Indonesia's Marketing Sales Director, Dharmesh Banerjee said the company would focus on the sporty-look market segment. According to data from Indonesian Motorcycle Association, sales of sporty motorcycles rose to 300,000 unit in 2005, accounting for 5.9% of total motorcycle sales. To ensure consumer satisfaction, the company would build 50 service centers across Java by the end of 2006 with main dealers being located in Surabaya and Jakarta. At the launch, the company also revealed a plan to build a factory in Indonesia with an investment of about US\$ 50 million. The plant would have a capacity of 100,000 bikes a year.

TVS Motors to enter showrooms in early 2007

TVS Motor Company, India's third largest motorcycle manufacturer has recently built a plant in Indonesia and is set to start selling its bikes in the Indonesian market in early 2007. To be able to compete with the Japanese giants, the company has built a network of 60 dealers offering service and spare parts throughout Indonesia. The company also revealed an investment plan worth US\$ 100 million over three years to help boost local content to 80% from 40% at present.

(Source : EEPC Singapore Office)



Philippines

Automobiles

The Board of Investments (BoI) of the Philippines is reportedly drafting a framework for the development of a viable motor vehicle industry that would pave the way for the manufacture of an affordable but quality Philippine motor vehicle for the needs of the lower end market.

Biofuels

The Philippines Government signed into law the Biofuels Act which aims to reduce the country's dependence on petroleum products. The Act mandates blending of 1 per

cent bio-diesel for diesel run vehicles by April 2007 and 5 per cent ethanol blending for petrol run vehicles by January 2009. A number of local and foreign companies are planning ethanol and bio-diesel production plants in the Philippines. A few Indian companies are also looking at setting up ethanol plants in the Philippines. The country has the land, resources and manpower to produce enough biofuel to supply its needs and even export. It has 2.4 million hectares of land planted to corn, 3.2 million hectares to coconut, 390,000 hectares to sugarcane, 330,000 hectares to cassava and camote. Other plants being considered are sweet sorghum, jatropha and pongamia.

(Source : EEPC Singapore Office)

Tender Information



Gaza - West Bank

NGO Project : General Procurement Notice

Issued by : NGO Development Centre
Gassan Kasabre, Al-Fityani Building
Daiat al-Barid
P.O. Box 25091
Sufat
Gaza - West Bank
Tel. : (9722) 2347771-3
Fax : (9722) 2347776
E-mail : welfarec@pngo-project.org
Website : www.ndc.ps

Project No. : PO96777

For : Supply of goods, carrying out works, and provision of consultancy and related services as part of the Palestinian non-governmental organisation (NGO) III project. Financed by the World Bank.

Closing date: **Not stated**

Oman

Distribution Piping

Issued by : Tender Board
P.O. Box 787
PC 133
Al-Khuwair
Oman
Tel. : 968-602073
Fax : 968-602063

Tender No. : **15/2007**

For : Provision of distribution piping in the SIPC area of common cooling water systems for small industry users for the National Economy Ministry. Details available on payment of RO 1,500.

Closing date: **19.03.2007**

Sudan

Health System Development Services : General Procurement Notice (No. GPN/DHSDP/MDTF/2007/001)

Issued by : Health Ministry
Osman Amid, Project Co-ordinator
Nile Avenue
Khartoum
Sudan
Fax : (2491) 83776387
E-mail : sudan-DHSDP@yahoo.com

Project No. : PO 98483

For : Supply of goods, carrying out works and provision of services and consultancy services for phase one of a decentralised health system development project. The objective is to improve access to basic health services by conflict affected and underserved populations in four states and establish the basis for reform, sustainable financing and development of the decentralised health system. Financed by the multi-donor trust fund-national Sudan and the Sudanese Government.

Closing date: **Not stated**

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project : General Procurement Notice

Issued by : Co-operatives & Rural Development Ministry
Bortel Mori
Undersecretary
Juba, Sudan
Tel. : (2490811) 823706
Fax : (88221) 655527935
E-mail : mcrdgoss@yahoo.com

For : Supply of goods, carrying out works and provision of services and consultancy services for a rural water supply and sanitation project.

The project will include the following :
(1) community/domestic water supply in rural areas; (2) improvement in community/household rural sanitation; (3) capacity building; (4) an information base; and (5) support to the Project management team.
Financed by the World Bank.

Tender No. : **82/2006**

Project No. : P099811

For : Carrying out civil works, supply and installation of pumping station equipment and laying of untreated water discharge pipes in El-Attar as part of the Tunis West Sewerage project.

Bid bond : TD 100,000 or Eur 60,000
Details on payment of TD 300.

Closing date : **13.03.2007**

(Source : MEED, Vol. 51, No. 5 dated 2-8 February, 2007)

Closing date: **Not stated**

Tunisia

Sewerage Project Works : CD Extension

Issued by : Office National de l'Assainissement
Bureau d'Ordre Central
32 Rue Hedi Nouria
1001 Tunis, Tunisia
Tel. : (2161) 343200
Fax : (2161) 350411
E-mail : boc@onas.nat.tn

Trade Enquiries



Australia

(Source : EEPC Singapore Office)

<i>Name of the Company</i>	<i>Addresses</i>	<i>Contact Person/Tel./Fax/E-mail</i>	<i>Items interested</i>
Micro Brothers Machinery	26, Salpietro Street Bibra Lake, 6163 Western Australia	Attn. : Mr. Peter Micro Tel. : (+61) 08 9434 6011 Fax : (+61) 08 9434 6911 E-mail : peter@mirco.com.au	Agricultural machinery and construction machinery or producing skid loaders, mini articulated loaders and mini excavators.

Egypt

(Source : Direct from the party)

Essmatco	P.O. Box 84/11518 Mohamed Farid 23, Amin Sami Street Apt. 53, El Monira Cairo, Egypt	Attn. : Mr. Essmat Youssef Tel. : 20 2 7940455/7949967 Fax : 20 2 2871626/7964342 E-mail : essmatco@yahoo.com	<p>End ring profiles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The required length : Profile length up to 12 m or less. The length to be used with rings required for each diameter without making any waste. - The consumption quantity : About 30 ton/month - Detailed specifications : - Conform to AWWA C301 - Special shapes for spigot joint rings shall conform to ASTM A283; ASTM A575 grade M1012 or M1015; ASTM A663 grade 50; ASTM A576 grade 1012 or 1015; ASTM A635 grade 1012 or 1015; ASTM A675 grade 50; or ASTM A36. - Spigot with one groove. <p>(Drawings can be obtained from any of the EEPC offices in India).</p>
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Trade enquiry received from Indian Mission Overseas

Hong Kong

(Source : Consulate General of India, Hong Kong)

Name of the Company **Addresses** **Contact Person/Tel./Fax/E-mail** **Items interested**

M/s. Business Return Limited, 16/F, Unit 1608, Wayson Commercial Building, 28, Connaught Road, West, Hong Kong, Tel. : 2543 9163, Fax : 3693 4516, E-mail : best@businessreturns.com (Attn. : Mr. Gobind Sadhwnani) are interested to import the following items :

1. Hexagonal Nuts

- Standard : ANSI B-18.2.2 or ASTM - A563
- Material : Carbon Steel
- Grade : 6
- Thread : UNC or UNF

Specification & Quantities :

Hot Formed IFI D-5 HEX Nuts UNC Plain Bulk

	<i>In '000 Pcs.</i>
• 1-1/8	17,220
• 1-1/4	24,400
• 1-1/2	14,640
	56,260

IFI D-26 HEX Machine Screws Nuts Plain Bulk

	<i>In '000 Pcs.</i>
• 3/16	1340,000
	1340,000

IFI D-26 HEX Nuts UNC Plain Bulk

	<i>In '000 Pcs.</i>
• 1/4	1480,000
• 5/16	740,000
• 3/8	664,000
• 7/16	192,000
• 1/2	1411,500
• 5/8	1018,400
• 3/4	280,000
• 7/8	46,200
• 1	94,200
	59,26,300

2. Steel Bar (Hot rolled round bar)

Specification of Hot Rolled Round Bar :

	Steel Grade	Size : Thick x Width x Length	Weight
1.	SAE 1045	20.00 MM	45.000 MT
2.	SAE 1046	25.00 MM	40.000 MT
3.	SAE 1047	28.00 MM	25.000 MT
4.	SAE 1048	32.00 MM	35.000 MT
5.	SAE 1049	36.00 MM	25.000 MT
6.	SAE 1050	40.00 MM	35.000 MT
7.	SAE 1051	48.00 MM	40.000 MT
8.	SAE 1052	55.00 MM	30.000 MT
9.	SAE 1053	70.00 MM	25.000 MT
	Sub Total :		300.00 MT

Total Quantity : 300.00 MT x 8 = 2,400.00 MT

1. Chemical Composition :

Grade	C	MN	S	P	SI
1045H	0.43-0.50	0.60-0.90	0.050MAX	0.040MAX	0.15-0.35

2. Tolerance and Ovality :

	Size Range	Tolerance	Ovality
SAE 1045	20-30 MM	+/-0.40 MM	0.30 MM
	32-50 MM	+/-0.50 MM	0.40 MM
	55-80 MM	+/-0.7 MM	0.50 MM

Length : 5.74 M (-0/+60 MM) and 10% Max. 3-5.8 M allowed

Straightness : 4/1000 MM

- Grain Size : As per ASTM E112 Level 5 or Finer
- Macrostructure : As per ASTM E381 S3-R3-C3
- Surface Hardness : 240 hb Max
- Surface Defect : 1% Max of Bar Diameter
- Packing : 3 MT Max per Bundle Securely Tied in Wire

(Interest member-exporters are requested to contact the above firm directly with their catalogues/specifications, CIF price indications, payment terms etc.)



**Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade
New Delhi**

Notification No. 47(RE-2006)/2004-2009

Dated 20th February, 2007

S.O(E) : - In exercise of powers conferred by Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 (No. 22 of 1992) read with paragraph 1.3 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2004-2009 (as amended from time to time), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendment in Foreign Trade Policy, 2004-2009:

The following shall be added at the end of Paragraph 2.1 of Foreign Trade Policy 2004-2009 as amended :

“Direct or indirect export and import of all items, materials, equipment, goods and technology which could contribute to Iran’s enrichment-related, reprocessing or heavy water related activities, or to the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems, as mentioned below whether or not originating in Iran, to/ from Iran is prohibited :

- (i) items, listed in INFCIRC/254/Rev8/Part I in document S/2006/814, in Sections B.2 to B.7 as well as A.I and B.I except the supply, sale or transfer of equipment covered by B.I when such equipment is for light water reactors and low-enriched uranium covered by A.1.2 when it is incorporated in assembled nuclear fuel elements for such reactors;
- (ii) items listed in S/2006/815 except the supply, sale or transfer of items covered by 19.A.3 of Category II”

The above mentioned UN Security Council documents are accessible from the Home page of DGFT website.

Sd/-
(BHAWANI SINGH MEENA)
Director General of Foreign Trade

(F.No.01/91/171/39/AM07/PC-III)

**F. No. 473/03/2006-LC
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Circular No. 12/2007-Cus.

Dated 14th February, 2007

Sub : Warehousing – Charging of interest on warehoused goods – Clarification thereto – regarding –

I am directed to refer to the instructions contained in Board's letter F. No. 473/12/2001-LC, dated 11.10.2001 and Circular No. 62/99-Cus., dated 17.09.1999 (F. No. 473/24/97-LC) on the subject cited above.

2. The aforesaid circulars were issued on the basis of advice from the Law Ministry. The said advice under para 6 stated as under :-

“... once there is an amendment to the Act modifying the terms and conditions subject to which the goods shall 'remain warehoused' the same shall apply to all goods which continue to be warehoused after coming into force of the amendment...”.

3. Hon'ble Gujarat High Court's Order dated 07.10.2005 in the matter of M/s Amtrex Hitachi Appliances Vs Commissioner of Customs and Karnataka High Court's judgement in case of Bangalore Wire Rod Mills Vs U.O.I. have interpreted the law differently wherein it has been held that the notification bringing about reduction of the warehousing period is not applicable in respect of goods warehoused prior to the amendment. The aforesaid decisions have been accepted by the Department on this count.

4. In view thereof, instructions contained in Board's aforesaid letter dated 11.10.2001 and Circular No. 62/99-Cus., dated 17.09.1999 have been reviewed in consultation with the Ministry of Law. Ministry of Law has opined that an advice is an opinion and cannot be equated with a binding order of a Court/Tribunal. As such, there is no need to reconsider the advice to bring it in tune with the subsequent judgements since the same has exhausted its effect.

5. It is accordingly clarified that an amendment to the Customs Act modifying the terms and conditions subject to which the goods shall 'remain warehoused', shall not apply to the goods warehoused prior to the amendment. The instructions contained in Board's letter dated 11.10.2001 and Circular No. 62/99-Cus., dated 17.09.1999 stand modified to this extent.

6. The contents of the circular may be brought to the notice of the field formations and the trade under your jurisdiction.

Sd/-
(T. K. BANDYOPADHYAY)
Under Secretary to the Government of India



**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 6/2007 (N.T.)-Customs

Dated 7th February, 2007

G.S.R. 65(E). In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1B) of Section 129A of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Board hereby constitutes a Committee consisting of two Chief Commissioners of Customs mentioned in column (1) of the table below, for the areas falling within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Customs (Adjudication) in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said table, for the purpose of Sub-Section (1) of Section 129D of the said Act, 1962.

Table

Committee (1)	Area of Jurisdiction (2)
(1) Chief Commissioner of Customs, [having administrative control over Commissioner (Adjudication) at Mumbai/Chennai/Kolkata/Delhi]	Whole of India
(2) Chief Commissioner of Customs, (having jurisdiction over the place where the case originated)	

Sd/-
(LIMATULA YADEN)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

[F.No. 390/03/2006-JC(R)]



**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 11/2007-Customs (N.T.)

Dated 15th February, 2007

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (aa) of Sub-Section (1) read with Sub-Section (2) of Section 7 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Excise and Customs hereby makes the following further amendments in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No.12/1997-Customs (N.T.), G.S.R.193(E) dated the 2nd April, 1997, namely :-

In the Table to the said Notification, against the serial number 12, in column (3), after item (x) and corresponding entry in column (4), the following item in column (3) and corresponding entry in column (4) shall be inserted, namely :-

(3)	(4)
“(xi) Loni, District Ghaziabad	“Unloading of imported goods and loading of export goods”.

Sd/-
(ANUPAM PRAKASH)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

(F. No. 434/07/2006-Cus. IV)

Note : The principal Notification was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3(i) vide Notification No.G.S.R.193(E), dated the 2nd April, 1997 and was last amended vide number G.S.R. No.192(E), dated the 31st March, 2006.



**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 12/2007-Customs (N.T.)

Dated 21st February, 2007

G.S.R.95(E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 157, read with Sub-Section (2) of Section 76C of the Customs Act, 1962 (52of 1962), the Board being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby rescinds the Special Economic Zones (Customs Procedures) Regulations, 2003, notified vide Notification No. 53/2003-Customs (N.T.), dated the 22nd July, 2003 and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide G.S.R. 571 (E), dated the 22nd July, 2003, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such rescission.

Sd/-
(ANUPAM PRAKASH)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

(F.No. 305/2/2007-FTT)



**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 13/2007-Customs (N.T.)

Dated 21st February, 2007

G.S.R. 96(E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 156 read with provisions of Chapter XA of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby rescinds the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2003, notified vide Notification No. 52/2003-Customs (N.T.), dated the 22nd July, 2003 and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (i) vide G.S.R. 570 (E), dated the 22nd July, 2003, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such rescission.

Sd/-

(ANUPAM PRAKASH)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

(F.No. 305/2/2007-FTT)



**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 14/2007-Customs (N.T.)

Dated 21st February, 2007

G. S. R. 97(E). - In exercise of powers conferred by Sub-Section 1 of Section 4 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Excise and Customs hereby makes the following amendments in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), number 110/2003-Customs (N.T.), dated the 8th December, 2003 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (i) vide G.S.R. 934(E), dated the 8th December, 2003, namely :

(1). In the first paragraph, -

(a) for clauses (i) to (iv), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely :-

“(i) Additional Commissioner of Customs, Special Economic Zone, to be the Additional Commissioner of Customs;

(ii) Joint Commissioner of Customs, Special Economic Zone, to be the Joint Commissioner of Customs;

(iii) Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Special Economic Zone, to be the Deputy Commissioner of Customs;

(iv) Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Special Economic Zone, to be the Assistant Commissioner of Customs;

(v) Appraiser, Superintendent (Preventive and Intelligence), Examiner and Preventive Officer, Special Economic Zone, to be officers of Customs.”

(b) The second proviso shall be omitted.

(2). In the second paragraph, the words, brackets and figures “clauses (i) to (iii) of”, shall be omitted.

(3). For the Explanation, the following Explanation shall be substituted, namely :-

“Explanation. - For the purpose of this Notification, “Special Economic Zone” means the Special Economic Zone as notified under Section 4 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 (28 of 2005).”

Sd/-

(ANUPAM PRAKASH)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

(F.No.305/2/2007-FTT)

Note : The Notification No. 110/2003-Customs (N.T) dated the 8th December, 2003 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (i) vide G.S.R. 934(E), dated the 8th December, 2003.

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 18/2007-NT-Customs

Dated 23rd February, 2007

S.O.(E) – In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (i) of clause (a) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) and in supersession of the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 1/2007-NT-Customs, dated the 24th January, 2007 [S.O. 77 (E) dated the 24th January, 2007], the Board hereby determines for the purposes of said Section, relating to **imported goods**, that the rate of exchange of conversion of each of the foreign currency specified in column (2) of each of *Schedule-I* and *Schedule-II* appended hereto into Indian currency or *vice versa* shall, with effect from the 1st March, 2007 be the rate mentioned against it in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof.

SCHEDULE - I

S. No.	Foreign Currency	Rate of exchange of one unit of foreign currency equivalent to Indian rupees
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Australian Dollar	35.35
2.	Canadian Dollar	38.40
3.	Danish Kroner	7.85
4.	EURO	58.45
5.	Hong Kong Dollar	5.70
6.	Norwegian Kroner	7.25
7.	Pound Sterling	87.00
8.	Swedish Kroner	6.30
9.	Swiss Franc	36.00
10.	Singapore Dollar	29.05
11.	US Dollar	44.45

SCHEDULE - II

S. No.	Foreign Currency	Rate of exchange of 100 units of foreign currency equivalent to Indian rupees
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Japanese Yen	36.80

Sd/-

(S. P. RAO)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

(F.No. 468/4/2007-Cus.V)

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 19/2007-NT-Customs

Dated 23rd February, 2007

S.O.(E) – In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (i) of clause (a) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) and in supersession of the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 2/2006-NT-Customs, dated the 24th January, 2007 [S.O. 78 (E), dated the 24th January, 2007], the Board hereby column (2) of each of *Schedule-I* and *Schedule-II* appended hereto into Indian currency or *vice versa* shall, with effect from the 1st March, 2007 determines for the purposes of said Section relating to **export goods**, that the rate of exchange of conversion of each of the foreign currency specified in, be the rate mentioned against it in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof.

SCHEDULE - I

S. No.	Foreign Currency	Rate of exchange of one unit of foreign currency equivalent to Indian rupees
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Australian Dollar	34.70
2.	Canadian Dollar	37.80
3.	Danish Kroner	7.75
4.	EURO	57.70
5.	Hong Kong Dollar	5.65
6.	Norwegian Kroner	7.15
7.	Pound Sterling	85.90
8.	Swedish Kroner	6.20
9.	Swiss Franc	35.45
10.	Singapore Dollar	28.65
11.	US Dollar	44.05

SCHEDULE - II

S. No.	Foreign Currency	Rate of exchange of 100 units of foreign currency equivalent to Indian rupees
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Japanese Yen	36.30

Sd/-

(S. P. RAO)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

(F.No. 468/4/2007-Cus. V)



**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 2/2007-Central Excise

Dated 21st February, 2007

G.S.R. 99 (E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 5A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944), read with Sub-Section (3) of Section 3 of the Additional Duties of Excise (Goods of Special Importance) Act, 1957 (58 of 1957), the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the Public interest so to do, hereby rescinds the following Notifications of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such rescission, namely :-

- (i) Notification No. 58/2003-Central Excise dated the 22nd July, 2003, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (i) vide G.S.R. 575 (E), dated the 22nd July, 2003;
- (ii) Notification No. 146/89-Central Excise dated 19th May, 1989 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (i) vide G.S.R. 559 (E), dated the 19th May, 1989.

Sd/-
(ANUPAM PRAKASH)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

(F.No. 305/2/2007-FTT)

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 4/2007-Central Excise (N.T.)

Dated 9th February, 2007

G.S.R.(E). In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1B) of Section 35B of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944), the Central Board of Excise and Customs hereby makes the following further amendments in the Notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, No. 24/2005-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 13th May, 2005, namely :-

In the said Notification, in the Table, for the serial number 19 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely :-

19	(1) Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Pune	Goa Pune-I
	(2) Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai-III	Pune-III
19A	(1) Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Pune	Pune-II
	(2) Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai-I	

Sd/-
(SACHIN JAIN)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

[F. No. 390/12/2005-JC(BMB) West Zone]

Note : The principal Notification No. 24/2005-Central Excise (N.T.) dated the 13th May, 2005 was published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3(i), vide number G.S.R. 304 (E) dated the 13th May, 2005 and was amended by following numbers :-

- (i) Notification No. 29/2005 - Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 8th June, 2005 vide number G.S.R. 380(E), dated the 8th June, 2006.
- (ii) Notification No. 35/2005 - Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 14th November, 2005 vide number G.S.R. 661(E), dated the 14th November, 2005.



**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 5/2007-Central Excise (N.T.)

Dated 12th February, 2007

G.S.R.(E) - In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1B) of Section 35B of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944), the Central Board of Excise and Customs, constituted under the Central Board of Revenues Act, 1963 (54 of 1963), constitutes a Committee consisting of two Chief Commissioners of Central Excise mentioned in column (1) of the Table below to be the Committee, for the areas falling within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Central Excise in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table for the purpose of Sub-Section (1) of Section 35E of the said Act, namely :-

Table

Committee (1)	Area of Jurisdiction (2)
(1) Chief Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax, Large Tax Payers Unit, Bangalore	Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax, Large Tax Payers Unit, Bangalore
(2) Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bangalore	

Sd/-
(SHEILA SANGWAN)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

[F. No. 390/(Misc)/326/2006-JC]



**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 6/2007-Central Excise (N.T.)

Dated 12th February, 2007

G.S.R.(E) - In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1B) of Section 35B of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944), the Central Board of Excise and Customs constituted under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963 (54 of 1963), constitutes a Committee consisting of two Commissioners of Central Excise mentioned in column (1) of the Table below to be the Committee, for the areas falling within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Central Excise (Appeals) mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table for the purpose of Sub-Section (2) of Section 35B of the said Act, namely :-

Table

Committee (1)	Area of Jurisdiction (2)
(1) Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax, Large Tax Payers Unit, Bangalore and	Commissioner of Central Excise (Appeals), Large Tax Payers Unit, Bangalore
(2) Commissioner of Central Excise, Bangalore-III	

Sd/-
(SHEILA SANGWAN)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

[F.No. 390/(Misc)/326/2006-JC]



**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 7/2007-Central Excise (N.T.)

Dated 21st February, 2007

G.S.R. (E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 37 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944) and Section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994 (32 of 1994), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004, namely,-

1. (1) These rules may be called the CENVAT Credit (Amendment) Rules, 2007.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004, (hereinafter referred to as the 'said rules'), in rule 2, in clause (a), in sub-clause(A), in item(i), for the words and figures "heading No.68.02 and sub-heading No.6801.10", the words and figures "heading 6805, grinding wheels and the like, and parts thereof falling under heading 6804" shall be substituted.
3. In the said rules, in rule 3, in sub-rule (7), in clause (c), for the words and figures "sub-heading No. 2504.21 or 2504.31 respectively", the words and figures "tariff items 2515 12 20 and 2515 12 90 respectively" shall be substituted.
4. In the said rules, in rule 4, in sub-rule (2), in clause (b), for the words and figures "heading No. 68.02 and sub-heading No. 6801.10", the words and figures "heading 6805, grinding wheels and the like, and parts thereof falling under heading 6804" shall be substituted.
5. In the said rules, in rule 6, in sub-rule (3), in clause (a),-
 - (i) in item (i), for the words and figures "heading No. 22.04", the word and figures "heading 2207" shall be substituted.
 - (ii) in item (v), for the words and figures "newsprint, in rolls or sheets, falling within heading No. 48.01", the words and figures "newsprint, in rolls, sheets or reels, falling within Chapter 48" shall be substituted.

Sd/-
(RAHUL NANGARE)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

[F.No. 267/05/2007-CX-8]

Note : The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India vide Notification No. 23/2004-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 10th September, 2004, vide GSR 600 (E), dated the 10th September 2004, and were last amended vide Notification No.31/2006-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 30th December, 2006, vide GSR 781(E), dated the 30th December, 2006.



Reserve Bank of India
Foreign Exchange Department
Central Office, Mumbai 400 001

A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 29

Dated 31st January, 2007

Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations, 2000 – Loans to Non-Residents/third party against security of Non-Resident (External) Rupee Accounts [NR (E) RA]/Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits

Attention of Authorised Dealer Category I (*AD Category - I*) banks and authorised banks (the banks) is invited to para 6 (a), (b) and (c) of Schedule 1 and para 9 of Schedule 2 to Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations, 2000 notified vide Notification No. FEMA 5/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000, as amended from time to time, in terms of which the banks maintaining NR(E)RA and FCNR (B) deposits are permitted to grant loans against security of such deposits to the depositors in India and abroad and also to third parties subject to conditions mentioned therein.

2. The Third Quarter Review of Annual Statement on Monetary Policy for the Year 2006-07 (para 86), has observed that keeping in view the objective of making these facilities available to individual Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and considering the prevailing monetary conditions, there is merit in avoiding upward pressure on asset prices in sensitive sectors through utilisation of this facility. Therefore, the banks are prohibited from granting fresh loans or renewing existing loans in excess of Rupees 20 lakh against NR(E)RA and FCNR(B) deposits either to the depositors or third parties.

3. Accordingly, the banks should not grant fresh loans or renew existing loans in excess of Rupees 20 lakh against the NR(E)RA and FCNR(B) deposits, either to depositors or to third parties, with immediate effect. The banks are also advised not to undertake artificial slicing of the loan amount to circumvent the ceiling.

4. Necessary amendments to the Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations, 2000 are being notified separately.

5. AD Category - I banks and authorised banks may bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of their constituents concerned.

6. The directions contained in this Circular have been issued under Sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and is without prejudice to permissions/approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Sd/-
(SALIM GANGADHARAN)
Chief General Manager-in-Charge



Steel Prices : Ex-Mandi Gobindgarh : on immediate payment basis

Mandi Gobindgarh

Open Market Rates of Rerollables (February 10, 2007)

(Inclusive of Excise Duty) (Trade Terms 1% Cash Discount)

(Rate Rs. per Tonne)

Ingots		Blooms		Rej. Wheel (Big)		Rej. Wheel (Small)	
Arc/Ind. Furnaces		Above 251 mm Bloom (HC)	27,500/-		19,800/-		19,600/-
round quality (21x25)	23,600/-	Above 251 mm Bloom (MS)	27,400/-	Cut Tyre (Big)	20,700/-	Cut Tyre (Small)	20,500/-
structural quality (28x30)	23,550/-	Bloom 160x250 mm (DSP)	27,300/-				
Low carbon (12x16)	24,000/-	130/135/140 mm (Tisco) MS	–	Melting Scrap (F.O.R.)			
Semi-low carbon (16x20)	23,600/-	150x150 mm Concast (DSP)	29,500/-	Rolling Mill end	19,100/-	Good Godown	17,400/-
5x6 girder quality (28x30)	23,550/-	150x150 mm MS (SAIL)	29,550/-	Godown Scrap	17,100/-	Turning	16,100/-
Runners/Risers	21,400/-	Bloom Cut into pcs. (MS)	27,900/-	Tin Tapper	15,600/-	Sponge Iron	15,800/-
Bones/Clean	20,600/-	Bloom Cut into pcs. (Medium)	25,300/-				
		Bloom Cut into (Patra Pass)	25,300/-	Pig Iron (F.O.R.)			
Billets & Squares		Slabs		Foundry Grade	20,700/-	Steel Grade	19,500/-
50x50x63x63x65x65 mm MS	–	Durgapur Slabs 14"x3"	–	C.I. Turning	15,500/-	Degi Scrap	18,600/-
75x75x80x80x90x90 mm MS	24,000/-	Durgapur Slabs	24,200/-	Deg Casting	25,500/-	Ingot Moulds (Old)	18,300/-
100x100 mm MS	24,000/-	Bokaro Slab Heavy	29,900/-	Ingot Moulds (New)	24,500/-	Cut Ingot Moulds	18,500/-
125x125 mm MS	–	Tata Concast Slab (Heavy)	29,900/-				
100x100 mm Concast-Billets	24,100/-	Skelp Tisco	–				
100x100 Concast-SAIL DSP	24,000/-	Rails					
H.C. Billet SAIL 150x150 mm	–	Untested Rail - 75 lbs.	21,800/-				
H.C. Billets-Tisco 75x75 mm	–	Untested Rail - 90 lbs.	20,600/-				
		Untested Rail - 105 lbs.	20,600/-				

Open Market Rates of Finished Goods (February 10, 2007)

(Inclusive of Excise Duty) (Trade Terms 1% Cash Discount)

(Rate Rs. per Qntl.)

M. S. Rounds	4 mm	5 mm	6 mm	8 mm	10 mm	12 mm	16/20 mm	22/25 mm	
Mild	2540/-	2460/-	2430/-	2500/-	2530/-	2600/-	2650/-	2580/-	
Medium-Semi	–	–	–	–	2550/-	2620/-	–	–	
Zindi Pass (Drawing)	–	–	–	2620/-	2620/-	2620/-	2620/-	2630/-	
Above rates of 6 mm rounds are of length up to 14' Above 18' = 2400/-									
Heavy Rounds	28 to 53 mm	63 to 100 mm	110 to 125 mm	140 to 150 mm	165 mm	180 mm	200 mm		
Mild	2570/-	2640/-	2630/-	2810/-	2830/-	2910/-	2830/-		
M. S. Squares	4 mm	5 mm	6 mm	8 mm	10 mm	12 mm	16/20 mm	22/25 mm	
Mild	2700/-	2410/-	2540/-	2420/-	2450/-	2580/-	2600/-	2580/-	
M. S. Angles	20 mm	25 mm	32 mm	37 mm	50 mm	65 mm	75 mm	90 mm	100 mm
3 mm	2610/-	2580/-	2580/-	2610/-	2610/-	2610/-	–	–	–
5 mm	–	2570/-	2560/-	2570/-	2570/-	2630/-	2570/-	2620/-	2670/-
6 mm	–	2570/-	2560/-	2570/-	2570/-	2630/-	2570/-	2620/-	2670/-
M. S. Flats	20 mm	25 mm	32 mm	37 mm	50 mm	65 mm	75 mm	100 mm	
3 mm	2530/-	2540/-	2580/-	2560/-	2570/-	2550/-	2530/-	2500/-	
5 mm	2540/-	2550/-	2550/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	
6 mm	2540/-	2550/-	2550/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	
8 mm	2540/-	2550/-	2550/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	
10 mm	–	–	2550/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	
12/25 mm	–	–	2550/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	2570/-	
18/19 Gauge	2730/-	2750/-	2740/-	2620/-	2730/-	2730/-	2730/-	2730/-	

[Prices at other stockyards may vary]

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