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*Public Notice No. 80(RE-05)/2004-09
dated 9th January, 2006* - Procedure
for import of various items under Tariff
Rate Quota (TRQ).

*Policy Circular No. 44(RE-05)/2004-09
dated 10th January, 2006* - Online
submission of DEPB applications.



Shri S. N. Menon, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India is being presented with a flower bouquet by Shri R. P. Sehgal, Regional Chairman, EEPC (E.R.) in a Seminar on "ENGINEERING THE FUTURE" organised by EEPC Regional Office (E.R.) on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebration in Kolkata on 26.12.2005. Also seen in the picture Shri Rakesh Shah, Chairman, EEPC (left).

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As you are aware, Council has been bringing out the weekly bulletin, since its inception so as to provide necessary feedback to the members relating to various important information such as, tenders and enquiries, commercial report from the Indian Missions, Government Policies, Public Notices, Market Information, latest developments taking place in various countries etc. This publication has become popular amongst the exporting community because of its news value and we are also receiving valued opinion from our members as to how to improve its news value and make the publication more informative. Presently, copies are distributed amongst 12,000 plus members and many more are also subscribing to this publication.

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Chairman's Pen



My dear fellow exporters,

Your Council successfully concluded its All India Award Function for 2003-04 on 13th January, 2006 in Mumbai. On this occasion, Shri Kamal Nath, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry, awarded 87 meritorious exporters with Trophies and Certificates for Excellent Export Performance.

In my welcome address at the function, I raised certain concerns of the exporting community regarding continuity of the DEPB Scheme, incidence of Fringe Benefit Tax & Service Tax, issue of applicability of Sec 80 HHC for income arising out of sale of DEPB for larger exporters (over 10 crores) and VAT refund.

While responding to concerns raised by the Council, Hon'ble Minister assured that the present DEPB Scheme will continue till a new Scheme is announced. He further assured that reasonable overlap between the phase out of old Scheme and implementation of new Scheme will be provided so that exporters can plan accordingly. The present DEPB Scheme has been extended till 31st March, 2006, as the new Scheme is not yet ready.

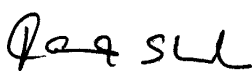
The Minister also assured to look into the matter of Fringe Benefit Tax and said that he will ensure that no taxes and duties are exported. For Council's Golden Jubilee celebration plan at an all India level, he assured to arrange for a date from the Hon'ble Prime Minister's office.

While lauding the role played by the Council in the last 50 years in promoting exports of engineering goods from India and giving the country a prominent place in the world engineering map, Shri Kamal Nath expressed his confidence that engineering exports from India are likely to exceed the revised target of US\$ 18.3 billion during the current financial year 2005-06.

The Minister was also very upbeat about the concept of EPO (Engineering Process Outsourcing) introduced by your Council, by making use of Indian intellectual capabilities. He requested the Council to prepare a concept paper on EPO.

Later the Minister also convened a meeting of the Board of Trade in Mumbai on 13th January, 2006. An important item on the Agenda of this meeting was the presentation by select Working Groups and Study Groups, which were set up sometime ago on specified areas of Indian exports. I, as the Convener of the Working Group on "Evaluation of different Export Promotion Schemes", made a presentation and it was inferred that the DEPB was the most popular Scheme, used by exporters. The Board also took it up as a major task about how this Scheme could be made near WTO compatible. During the meeting, various other issues on taxation were also discussed. The next meeting of the Board of Trade will take place in March this year to discuss issues pertaining to Foreign Trade Policy.

Yours sincerely,


(RAKESH SHAH)



Dear Member,

Subject : India is the Partner Country in Hannover Fair 2006

Hannover Fair needs no special introduction. Easily the most important technology event on the earth, the forthcoming annual show comprises of nine highly specialised trade shows along with seminars and special events that will offer a peek into tomorrow's factories, latest technology and futuristic industrial trends. **In 2006, the fair is slated to happen from April 24 through April 28.**

Owing to the ever-increasing importance of our country in the global arena, India has been invited to be the **Partner Country** for the event in 2006. This is of great significance as the privileges of the partner country are really special. These include a separate pavilion and a 360-degree display of technology and innovations on the offer. The Hannover Fair 2006 is likely to be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister and Her Excellency the Chancellor of Germany.

It might be of relevance here to mention that participants from Russia, the partner country in Hannover Fair in 2005, closed deals worth Billions of Euros during the event. However, this was made possible, partly, by a stupendous display of the technological strength of the country by its 150 strong participants. Friends, we must make a resolve to do better.

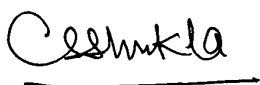
The **India pavilion at Hannover Fair 2006** would be one of the largest exposures ever of our technological advances and prowess. Spread over an area of more than a lakh square feet, it will be right where the action is, at the hall number six, surrounded by the all important Subcontracting Show, the Pipeline Technology Show and the Process Automation Show. Apart from the trade shows and various other sidelight events, we will also organise a few sector specific seminars to be addressed by top line industrialists and government officials from India and Germany.

We are happy to inform to you that your Council has been chosen as the coordinating agency by the Government of India to steer the efforts to make India Pavilion at Hannover Fair, an unprecedented success. I am confident that we will pull all stops and make it so.

Attached, you will find all relevant details you may need to confirm your participation. Should you require any further details or assistance, we shall be only glad to help you. One more thing. We expect a surging demand for space in the India Pavilion from all sorts of companies and institutions from all over the country. Therefore, my suggestion will be that you take a quick decision on your participation. Also, there is a fairly attractive early bird incentive to help you to do so.

See you at Hannover.

Yours sincerely,



(C. S. SHUKLA)
Executive Director

Details for Participation

- Built up booth** : 9 sq. mt. and additional area in multiples of 3 sq. mt.
Every built up booth of 9 sq. mt. will have standard fixtures and furniture like partition walls, one table with three chairs, three spotlights, electrical socket, one wastepaper basket, one fascia, one podium, one catalogue shelf and an ashtray.
(Other services will have to be ordered and paid for separately)
- Cost of Space Built up booth** : (a) INR 17,000.00 per sq. mt. for SMEs & Service Sector
(b) INR 20,000.00 per sq. mt. for PSUs, State Corpn. and large Corporate Bodies.
- Bare Space (Including carpet)** : Minimum 54 sq. mt. and in multiples of 18 sq. mt. thereafter
- Cost of bare space** : INR 12,000.00 per sq. mt.
- Booking opens** : November 15, 2005
- Booking closes** : *January 20, 2006*
- Payment and Cancellation** : • Reservation requests will be considered only after receiving **100% payment**.
• Request for cancellation will result in 100% forfeiture.
• Acceptance of Application and allocation of space will be at the sole discretion of the organiser.
- MDA Entitlement** : Eligible participants would be reimbursed Rs. 50,000 towards space rentals, as per MDA guidelines in force.
- Contact** : **Mr. C. S. Shukla**
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Website : www.eepcindia.org
www.hannovermesse2006.com

Application Form
HANNOVER FAIR 2006
(April 24 - 28, 2006)

Name of the Company	:	
Postal Address	:	
Phone (with area code)	:	
Fax (with area code)	:	
E-mail	:	
Website	:	
Name & Designation of the Chief Executive	:	
Name & Designation of the Participant	:	
Type of Units	:	<input type="checkbox"/> PSU <input type="checkbox"/> State Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Large Corporate <input type="checkbox"/> SME
Status	:	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer/Exporter <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Exporter <input type="checkbox"/> Export House
Nature of Booking	:	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up Booth <input type="checkbox"/> Bare Space Area (to be booked) :
Total Annual Export (in Million US\$)	:	<u>2002-2003</u> <u>2003-2004</u> <u>2004-2005</u>
Total Export to EU Countries (in Million US\$)	:	<u>2002-2003</u> <u>2003-2004</u> <u>2004-2005</u>
Foreign Collaboration, if any	:	
Products Manufactured/Exported	:	
Countries of Export	:	
Accreditation to International Standards (like ISO, QS)	:	
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 filled in and signed along with full payment by Demand Draft and 2 (two) copies of passport size colour photographs of the Participant.

Signature :

Date :

Office Seal :



Reorganisation of Nigerian Banking Sector

Professor Charles Soludo, Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), announced a major reform programme on 6th July, 2004 aimed at transforming the banking landscape of Nigeria. The main thrust of the reform agenda was the prescription of a minimum shareholder's funds of Naira 25 billion (approx. US\$ 170 million) for a Nigerian deposit money bank not later than **31st December, 2005** for being eligible to continue with its banking business in Nigeria or else face liquidation.

According to this programme, the extant 89 Nigerian banks were expected to shore up their capital through injection of fresh funds or enter into merger/acquisition arrangements with other relatively smaller banks thus taking the advantage of economies of scale to reduce cost of doing business and enhance their competitiveness locally and internationally.

At the close of 31st December, 2005, the CBN ordered liquidation of 13 major banks, which failed to meet its N 25 billion capital base. The banks are : ACB International Bank, Afex Bank, All States Trust Bank, Assurance Bank, City Express Bank, Eagle Bank, Fortune Bank, Gulf Bank, Hallmark Bank, Liberty Bank, Metropolitan Bank, Trade Bank and Triumph Bank.

Out of the 76 remaining banks, some have been able to mobilize capital base of N 25 billion and others have chosen to enter into merger/acquisition arrangements with other smaller banks. At the end of this exercise, the number of banks in Nigeria shrunk from 89 to 25 which altogether account for 93.5 per cent of the deposit share of the market. The capital market also received a boost with a total of N 406 billion (US\$ 2.8 billion) raised so far including foreign capital inflow of US\$ 654 million.

The 25 banks that will be in the Nigerian banking industry are : Access Bank Plc, Afribank Plc, Diamond Bank Plc, Ecobank Plc, Equatorial Trust Bank Limited, First City Monument Bank, Fidelity Bank, First Bank Plc, First Inland Bank Plc, Guaranty Trust Bank Plc, IBTC-Chartered Bank, Intercontinental Bank, Nigeria International Bank, Oceanic Bank Plc, Platinum Bank Plc, Skye Bank Plc, Spring Bank Plc, Stanbic Bank Plc, Standard Chartered Bank Plc, United Bank of Africa Plc, Sterling Bank Plc, Union Bank Plc, Unity Bank Plc, Wema Bank Plc and Zenith Bank Plc.

The CBN advised the general banking public to henceforth transact their banking business with only the successful 25 banks.

Australian Automotive Industry

Summary

A small automotive sector by world standards, Australia punches well above its weight in product development and exports. The automotive industry is one of Australia's key manufacturing sectors and an important source of employment, and research and development. The survival and success of this industry can be traced to a historical necessity to develop products to suit the isolated continent. When trade liberalization forced companies to become more efficient, Australian companies had to maximize productivity in a low volume environment - in contrast to its competitors, who with high volume can rely on economies of scale. This along with the increasing exposure of this industry to international competition has seen it develop to where it is now competing successfully in global markets. There is also a strong inter-dependence between the car-makers and their suppliers, and strong linkages with the rest of the economy.

Market Overview

The Australian automotive industry consists of four large manufacturers of passenger motor vehicles (PMV) and variants, light commercial vehicles and sports utility vehicles which include - Toyota the market leader holding 21.1 per cent, Holden with 18.6 per cent, Ford with 14.2 per cent and the recently beleaguered Mitsubishi with 6 per cent. The remainder is made up of crash repair parts, oils, lubricants, additives and electrical accessories. The automotive components and accessories market is valued at around US\$ 6 billion - including tyres, engines and engine parts which are valued at around US\$ 12 billion. The largest proportion of this is in vehicle servicing which accounts for 34 per cent followed by other parts and accessories with 32 per cent.

Domestically produced vehicles account for over 99% of large PMV domestic sales. Other segments of the domestic motor vehicle market are less dominated by domestic producers, who account for 35% of total PMV domestic sales, and 22% of all vehicle domestic sales. The Australian market has shown strong demand for vehicles, with total sales of all vehicles reaching a record 909,811 units in 2003.



Australian vehicle production is supported by a supply chain with the capacity to design and manufacture the full range of parts and components. Australia has sophisticated production capacity in areas such as engines, panels, braking and clutch systems, suspension systems, exhausts, transmissions and rear axles, air conditioning, occupant safety, vehicle instrumentation and electronics, lighting and mirrors, and wheels and tyres. There are over 200 automobile component firms, around 500 small firms providing tooling to vehicle and component producers, and a number of other firms that provide specialist automobile services.

Businesses engaged in component production are highly internationalized. Many firms are wholly or partially foreign owned and components are exported to many countries. Major exports of Australian components include :

- engines to Republic of (South) Korea
- braking systems to the United States of America
- mirrors to North America and Japan
- anti-theft systems worldwide
- propeller shafts to the United States of America
- heating, ventilation and air conditioning products to North America and China.

Growth in Australia's aftermarket has averaged more than 5 per cent over the past eight years. The aftermarket for replacement parts and accessories is a very significant element of Australian component producers' total sales. This part of the market is estimated to be worth approximately US\$ 4.5 billion and is split fairly evenly between local producers and imports. Japan is the leading supplier, accounting for 30.62 per cent of imports, while the United States is the second most important source of supply, with 24.04 per cent of the market or US\$ 394 million.

Market Trends

Even in a booming Australian car market, the price-cutting needed to win sales in the small car market is taking its toll. Due to an overload of too many brands, the small car market is raging with price wars as companies fight to contain costs and stay in the market. It is important that companies worldwide understand that although the Australian car market is thriving, there are certain segments that are more difficult to penetrate than others.

Industry sources explain that in 1992 there were 23 models in Australia's small-medium car market with total annual sales of approximately 139,000 compared to 2002 figures of 46 models

and annual sales of 230,000. A car in the small and light segment now retails for a mere A\$ 13,990.

Industry sources say that looking forward, the prospect of the environment shifting in any way other than becoming even more crowded and thus more competitive is not likely. Research also indicates that although the overcrowding of the market is the talk of the industry, this is what Australian customers want.

International Trade

Exports

The Australian automotive sector has become an export success. Much of the growth that contributed to this occurred between 1998-99 and 2000-01, when exports grew by an average of almost 22% per year while exports have since plateaued, the automotive sector remains Australia's leading exporter of manufactured goods and Australia's sixth largest export performer overall. Automotive exports exceed more traditional exports such as wheat, wool and wine.

In 2002-03 exports of vehicles were nearly \$ 3b, and exports of components and parts were nearly \$ 2b. Major export markets for vehicles were Saudi Arabia, the United States of America and New Zealand, and major markets for components were the United States of America, South Korea and New Zealand.

In 2004, Australia exported 132,000 completely built-up vehicles valued at over A\$ 3 billion and exported components were valued at just under A\$ 1.7 billion.

Imports

In 2002-03 imports of vehicles were \$ 14b and imports of components and parts were nearly \$ 6b. Major import sources for both vehicles and components were Japan, the United States of America and Germany. Imports have experienced strong growth over the last five years, with an average annual growth of 10%.

**Exports to Australia from India during 2001-2005
(USD Million)**

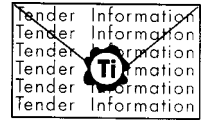
Product Group : Transport Equipment

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Transport equipment	7.9	9.13	9.51	15.36

(To be continued at next issue)

(Source : Prepared by the Australia Desk, Chennai)

Tender Information



Ghana

(EEPC Ref. No. DB-1417)

Project : Rural Financial Services Project
 Credit No. 3374 GH, IFAD
 Loan No. 532 GH
 AfDB Loan No. F/GHA/S1/H/2001/1
 Project ID No. P069465

Issued by : Project Coordinating Unit (PCU)
 Bank of Ghana Cedi House
 Rural Financial Services Project
 (Treasury Department)
 Liberia Rd, PO Box 2674, Accra, Ghana
 Tel. : (233-21) 665-279, 665-667
 Fax : (233-21) 665-523

For : Procurement of Vehicles :
 - Lot No. 1 : 4 WD cross country station wagon
 (60)

Tender cost : Non-refundable fee of US\$ 100 or its equivalent
 in Cedis for Ghanaian Bidders.

Bid security : 2% of the bid price.

Bid deadline : **16.02.2006**

DB Ref. No. WB226-671/06, on line version dated 06.01.2006

Romania

(EEPC Ref. No. DB-1418)

Project : Mine Closure, Environmental and
 Socio-Economic Regeneration Project
 Loan No. 4759-RO; Project ID No. P087807
 Loan from IBRD

Issued by : National Agency for Development of Mining
 Regions (AZM)
 Project Management Unit – Socio-Economic
 Regeneration (PMU-SER)
 Attn. : Mr. Radu Iacob
 PMU-SER Director
 36-38 Mendeleev, Room 47, 3rd Floor, Sector 1
 Bucharest, Romania
 Tel/Fax : (40-21) 317-2578
 E-mail : riacob@minind.ro

For : Procurement of Vehicles :
 - Lot A :
 - (Item A1) 1 (one) unit Diesel engine vehicle,
 minimum 1.9 liters and
 (Item A2) 1 (one) unit Diesel engine vehicle,
 minimum 1.4 liters and/or

- Lot B :

- (Item B1) 1 (one) unit Diesel engine vehicle,
 minimum 2.5 liters, traction 4 x 4 and
- (Item B2) 1 (one) unit Diesel engine vehicle,
 minimum 2.5 liters, traction 4 x 4, 8 + 1 Seats
 Bidders shall be allowed to quote separate
 prices for one or both lots.

Tender cost : Non-refundable fee of Leu 50 or the equivalent
 in US\$ or Euro.

Bid security : Leu 4,000 if the bid is submitted for Lot A and
 by a bid security of Leu 6,000 if the bid is
 submitted for Lot B or an equivalent amount in
 a freely convertible currency.

Bid deadline : **15.02.2006**

DB Ref. No. WB227-671/06, on line version dated 06.01.2006

*(Source : UN Development Business Edition
 on line version dated 6th January, 2006)*

Kuwait

Issued by : Central Tender Committee
 P.O. Box 1070
 13011 Safat, Kuwait
 Tel. : 2401200 (5 lines)
 Telefax : 2416574

Tender No. : MI/TV/13/2005-2006

Requirements : Supply of a vehicle for outside broadcasting &
 recording and montage equipment.

Fee (KD) : 300.000

Initial deposit : 5% of offer's value.

Closing date : **21.02.2006**

Tender No. : PA/MM/8/2005-2006

Requirements : Maintenance works of air-conditioning &
 refrigeration devices at various facilities of
 authority.

Fee (KD) : 50.000

Initial deposit : 5% of offer's value.

Closing date : **19.02.2006**

For Pre-Qualified Tenderers Only

Tender No. : ME/EW/68-2005/2006

Requirements : Replacement of acid batteries for steam units
 at Al Zoor electrical power & water distillation
 station.



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Fee (KD) : 300.000

Initial deposit : 2.5% of offer's value.

Closing date : **14.02.2006**

Tender No. : 16/2005-2006

Requirements : Construction & supply of (1) fire fighting & rescue boat (25 meter long) for fire brigade department.

Fee (KD) : 400.000

Initial deposit : 5% of offer's value.

Closing date : **14.02.2006**

For further details, please contact :

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Attache (Commercial)
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Tel. : 2530600/612/613
Fax : 2525811
E-mail : indecomk@qualitynet.net

(Source : Embassy of India, Safat)

Syria

Br. 1/10920. Requirement : Rehabilitation, upgrading and putting under investment of the following cement companies : Al-Chahba/Aleppo, Arabian/Aleppo, Syrian/Hama to be carried out by international specialized companies having well technical and financial qualification. Bid Bond Euro 50,000. Performance bond Euro 5 million for each of the said Cement. Booklet obtained free of charge from General Organization for cement and Building Materials - Damascus - Mezzeh- West Villas, in front of Al- Kawther Mosque, Tel. : 00963 11 6117444, Fax : 6117111. Deadline **12.02.2006**

Br. 2/10920. Requirement : Implementation the atmospheric and vacuum distillation units revamp (on turnkey job basis), File No. 20/2005. Bid Bond US\$ 460,000. Performance bond 10%. Booklet obtained at US\$ 2000 from Homs Refinery Company, P.O. Box 352, Homs. Deadline **22.06.2006**

Br. 3/10920. Requirement : Supply of one Wire drawing line, File No. 4/2006. Bid bond US\$ 50,000. Performance bond 10%. Booklet obtained at free of charge from Commercial Section in General Company for Cable Industry- Damascus. Deadline **28.02.2006**

Br. 4/10920. Requirement : Supply of 70000 Kgs. of Brass strips. File No. 6385/96/T.D. Bid bond Euro 16,000. Booklet obtained at SP. 500 from the Office of General Directorate of the Industrial Establishment of Defence, Shareh Al- Thawraa, Damascus, P.O. Box 2330. Deadline **16.06.2006**

Br. 5/10920. Requirement : Supply of 25000 Kgs. of Tombac strips. File No. 6386/96/T.D. Bid bond Euro 4,800. Booklet obtained at SP. 500 from the Office of General Directorate of the Industrial Establishment of Defence, Shareh Al-Thawraa, Damascus, P.O. Box 2330. Deadline **15.06.2006**

Br. 6/10920. Requirement : Supply Drill pipes and heavy wall drill pipe. File No. 173/2005/A. Bid bond Euro 6,000. Performance bond 5%. Booklet obtained at US\$ 50 from Syrian Petroleum Company - Damascus, P.O. Box 3378-2840, Fax : 00963 11 2225648. Deadline **16.02.2006**

Br. 1/10921. Requirement : Supply of Drilling exploring rig with drilling capacity 300/m.d. Bid bond US\$ 20,000. Performance bond 10%. Booklet obtained at free of charge from Purchasing and Contracts Department of A/M.Est at Ministry of Petroleum Building, 9th Floor - Damascus. Deadline **12.02.2006**

Br. 2/10921. Requirement : Supply of Drilling equipment rig with drilling capacity 300/m.d. Bid bond US\$ 8,000. Performance bond 10%. Booklet obtained at free of charge from Purchasing and Contracts Department of A/M.Est at Ministry of Petroleum Building, 9th Floor - Damascus. Deadline **14.02.2006**

Br. 1/10923. Requirement : New Filtration system. Bid bond US\$ 25,000. Performance bond 10%. Booklet obtained at US\$ 19 from Al-Ghab Sugar Co, Jesser Al Shogour, P.O. Box 1. Deadline **28.02.2006**

Br. 2/10923. Requirement : Replace & renew Vacuum pans station & redistributing steam. Bid bond US\$ 20,000. Performance bond 10%. Booklet obtained at US\$ 10 from Al-Ghab Sugar Co, Jesser Al Shogour, P.O. Box 1. Deadline **27.02.2006**

Br. 4/10923. Requirement : Overhaul repair line for Electrical rotating machines (machines, equipment and devices). File No. 89/2005. Bid bond Euro 35,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained from Supply and Procurement Department - General Administration of Syrian Railways - Aleppo - P.O. Box 182, Website : www.cfssyria.org Deadline **27.02.2006**

Br. 5/10923. Requirement : Electric power link to PEEGT at AFPC Location. File No. 5035. Bid bond Euro 4,200. Performance bond 5%. Booklet obtained at Euro 40 from Al-Furat Petroleum Company - Damascus, New Sham-Western Dummer-Island No. 1, Property 2299 - Damascus, Syria, Tel. : 00963 11 6183333, Fax : 00963 11 6184441, or Download Free of Charge from AFPC's Website : <http://www.afpc-sy.com/commercialinformation/tenderannouncement>. Deadline **12.02.2006**

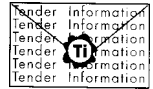
Br. 2/10924. Requirement : Qualifying and modernizing Tyre curing presses of various sizes, together with their attachments. Bid bond Euro 5,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained free of charge from The General Tyre Company - Hama - Salamieh Road, P.O. Box 70, Fax : 00963 33 424531 or through visiting website : www.afamiatyres.com Deadline **15.02.2006**

Br. 3/10924. Requirement : Purchase Concrete mixer drum (Qty. 25). Bid bond Euro 25,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at SP. 1,500 from the Registration Office of Branch of Supply & Trade, Military Housing Est.- Damascus, Homs Highway. Deadline **16.02.2006**



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Br. 4/10924. Requirement : Mutual investment and developing Aleppo Cement Plant against of a share of excess production capacity after the operation development. File No. Cement Plant 26/05. Bid bond Euro 200,000. Performance bond Euro 1,000,000. Booklet obtained at Euro 500 from the Registration Office of Branch of Supply & Trade, Military Housing Est.-Damascus, Homs Highway. Deadline **02.04.2006**

Br. 5/10924. Requirement : Supply of Refractory bricks. File No. 34/2005 Bid bond Euro 30,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained from the Commercial Department, Arabian Cement Building Materials, Aleppo, P.O. Box 5140. Deadline **06.03.2006**

Br. 6/10924. Requirement : Import Strands to use them in precast, prestressed concrete for bridges, qty. 300 tons. Bid bond Euro 5,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at SP. 1,000 from the General Company for Roads & Bridges - Hama - Syria, P.O. Box 233, Deadline **21.02.2006**

Br. 7/10924. Requirement : Maintenance for the three principal Transformers in HPS of Al-Baath Dam with supplying the necessary spare parts needed for maintenance works in addition to replacement the inlet of transformer No. 1, phase A. Bid bond equal in US Dollar for SP. 1,200,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at equal in US Dollar for SP. 1,500 from Supplying Department - General Organization for Euphrates Dam, Al Adawi - Near Al-Shifaa Hospital - Damascus. Deadline **28.02.2006**

Br. 1/10926. Requirement : Supply, supervise on erection, start-up and train on a cylinder knife 1 at capacity from 5000 tons beet per day. Bid bond US\$ 40,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at US\$ 10 from the Commercial Department at General Organization of Sugar, Deir Ezzor, P.O. Box 29. Deadline **26.02.2006**

Br. 2/10926. Requirement : Purchase Spare parts for brick plant in Homs. File No. SP. Brick 5/06. Bid bond Euro 10,000. Performance bond 10%. Booklet obtained at SP. 1,500 from the Registration Office of Branch of Supply & Trade, Military Housing Est.- Damascus, Homs Highway. Deadline **20.02.2006**

Br. 2/10927. Requirement : Supply of standard special Tools. File No. 399/90/T.D. Bid bond Euro 12,100. Booklet obtained at SP. 500 from the Office of General Directorate of the Industrial Establishment of Defence, Shareh Al- Thawraa, Damascus, P.O. Box 2330. Deadline **25.02.2006**

Br. 1/10928. Requirement : Buying 500000 new Brass valves (size 19.8). Bid bond US\$ 25,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at US\$ 100 from Syrian Company for Distribution of Gas. Contract Office, Adra, Damascus. Deadline **26.02.2006**

Br. 2/10928. Requirement : Supplying Spare parts needed for Tishreen Hydropower Plant (Tishreen HPP). Bid bond equal in US Dollar for SP. 1,200,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at equal in US Dollar for SP. 1,500 from Supplying Department - General Organization for Euphrates Dam, Al Adawi - Near Al- Shifaa Hospital, Damascus. Deadline **06.03.2006**

Br. 1/10929. Requirement : Install and commissioning a television control system CCTV, and safety system, and fire alarm system with all its accessories for Damascus National Museum. Bid bond US\$ 40,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at US\$ 500 from General Directorate of Antiquities & Museums - Kaser Al- Heir Street, Damascus, Tel. : 00963 11 2219938, Fax : 2247983. Deadline **28.02.2006**

Br. 2/10929. Requirement : Supply of 6 pcs. Kiln Roller. Bid bond US\$ 5,000. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at US\$ 25 from Commercial Department - at Tartous Cement & Building Materials Co, P.O. Box 152, Tartous, Tel. : 602970, Fax : 00963 43 602980. Deadline **05.03.2006**

Br. 3/10929. Requirement : The following :

1. (30) Units Bus (45-50 passengers). Bid bond US\$ 112,500
 2. (25) Units Microbus (26-30 passengers). Bid bond US\$ 35,000.
- File No. 227/M.A. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at SP. 1,000 from the Secretariat of the General Foreign Trade Organization in Maysat - Hitteen Square - Al Awkaf Building, P.O. Box 15, Website : www.gfto.gov.sy Deadline **07.03.2006**

Br. 4/10929. Requirement : the following :

1. (4) Units Tank truck to transport diesel. Bid bond US\$ 14,200
2. (4) Units Tank truck to transport fuel. Bid bond US\$ 136,000
3. (4) Units Tank truck to transport diesel. Bid bond US\$ 14,200
4. (4) Units Tank truck to transport acids. Bid bond US\$ 35,000
5. (7) Units water Tank truck. Bid bond US\$ 24,500

File No. 229/M.A. Performance bond 10% of the contract value. Booklet obtained at Sp. 1,000 from the Secretariat of the General Foreign Trade Organization in Maysat - Hitteen Square - Al Awkaf Building, P.O. Box 15, Website : www.gfto.gov.sy Deadline **15.03.2006**

For further details, please contact :

Mr. A. K. Ghosh
Attache (Com.)
Embassy of India
P.O. Box 685
Damascus, Syria
Tel. : 00963-11-3347351/2
Fax : 00963-11-3345711
E-mail : indemcom@scs-net.org

(Source : Embassy of India, Damascus)

Trade Enquiries



Australia

(Source : Direct from the party)

<i>Name of the Company</i>	<i>Addresses</i>	<i>Contact Person/Tel./Fax/E-mail</i>	<i>Items interested</i>
Reliable Traders	74, Hillcrest Road Alexander Heights, W.A. 6064 Australia	Attn. : Mr. Balbir Rajput Tel. : 0402398110 E-mail : businessguru@hotmail.com	Rebars/deformed bars as per AS4771-2001 (500MPa) in bundles of 1 MT in the following sizes : 10, 12, 16, 20 & 24 mm (6M length) though main requirement is for 12 mm. They need CIF (Fremantle) price for the supply of 25 MT monthly.

France

(Source : EEPC Duesseldorf Office)

Indelec S.A.	61, Chemin des Postes F-59500 Douai France	Attn. : Mr. Damien Eyssautier Tel. : +33 3 27 94 49 42 Fax : +33 3 27 94 49 55 E-mail : deyssautier@indelec.com	Lightening protection equipment.
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Germany

(Source : EEPC Duesseldorf Office)

Emil Volz Werkzeughandel GmbH	Koblenzer Str. 174 D-56727 Mayen Germany	Attn. : Mr. Thomas Volz Tel. : +49 2651 4 24 20 Fax : +49 2651 4 22 88 E-mail : emil.volz@t-online.de	Cutting tools.
SSK Group GmbH	Martin-Luther-Strasse 22 10777 Berlin Germany	Attn. : Mr. S. Kalsi Tel. : +49 (0)30 881 41 26 Fax : +49 (0)30 881 41 36 E-mail : service@ssk-group.com	Water pump units complete, sludge pump units, complete diesel engines of tractors and earthmoving equipment, range 4 to 6 cylinder engines.
Fischer Holzbearbeitungsmaschinen GmbH	In der vorderen Wanne 15 74722 Buchen Germany	Attn. : Mr. Herkert Tel. : +49 6281 5281 0 Fax : +49 6281 5281 99 E-mail : info@fiwec.de	Milling tools.

Singapore

(Source : EEPC Singapore Office)

Toshiba Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd.	152, Beach Road #16-00, Gateway East Singapore 189721	Attn. : Mr. Ong Sin Kwee Tel. : +65-6299-5910 Fax : +65-6297-1078 E-mail : sinkwee.ong@asia.toshiba.co.jp	Locomotive, control panel, motor, vacuum circuit breaker, electric rotating machinery, plate, Z-shape plate, reactor, traction motor, micro-electronics instruments and systems, cubicle type gas insulated switchgear, solid insulated switchgear, vacuum interrupter. <i>(Specifications can be obtained from any of the EEPC offices in India).</i>
Jcess International	63 Hillview Avenue #08-06 Sam Soon Ind. Bldg. Singapore 669569	Attn. : Mr. Henry Soh Tel. : 65-6314 8609/2260 Fax : 65-6314 8612 E-mail : jcees@starhub.net.sg	They are interested in good quality engine parts such as piston and piston ring, liner, con rod bearing, main bearing, thrust washers, sleeve, insert, valve inlet & exhaust for the following brand : Cummins, Caterpillar, Komatsu, Perkins.

**EEPC INDIA****South Africa***(Source : EEPC Johannesburg Office)*

<i>Name of the Company</i>	<i>Addresses</i>	<i>Contact Person/Tel./Fax/E-mail</i>	<i>Items interested</i>
Ziggurar Engineering Project	Cnr. Maude & Gwen M. D. Str. Sandown Village Office Park Sandton, Johannesburg South Africa	Attn. : Mr. Koketso Mhaladi Tel. : +27-11-9853157 Mobile : +27-833053619 E-mail : mhaladi@telkomsa.net	Earth moving machinery for construction and mining projects.

UK*(Source : Direct from the party)*

Contact International Limited	38, Ingestre Road Hall Grene Birmingham UK	Attn. : Mr. Parminder Singh Managing Director Tel. : +44 121 7783293 Fax : +44 121 442660 Mobile : +44 7756750453 E-mail : parm@cintl.co.uk	Wiper motors.
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USA*(Source : EEPC Chicago Office)*

Hy-Ko Products Company	60 Meadow Lane Northfield, OH 44067 USA	Attn. : Mr. Thomas M. Gordon Director of Global Sourcing Tel. : 800-292-0550 ext. 3988 Fax : 330-467-7442 E-mail : tgordon@hy-ko.com	Brass (nickel plated) key blanks.
InPro Corporation	S80 W18766 Apollo Drive Muskego, WI 53150, USA	Attn. : Mr. Marc Holland CSI, CDT, Divn. Vice President Tel. : 262-679-9010 Fax : 262-679-9127 E-mail : mholland@inprocorp.com Website : www.inprocorp.com	Design and Consultancy services for various projects : Type of projects Hospitals, clinics and nursing homes; Hotels, Schools. Type of products Handrails, wallguards, corner guards; Expansion joint covers; Interior signage; Cubicle track and privacy curtains; Window treatments.

Trade enquiries received from Indian Mission Overseas**Australia***(Source : Consulate General of India, Sydney)*

<i>Name of the Company</i>	<i>Addresses</i>	<i>Contact Person/Tel./Fax/E-mail</i>	<i>Items interested</i>
Peters Plywood Products P/L	62, Heathcote Road Moorebank NSW 2170 Australia	Attn. : Mr. Jeffrey Peters Tel. : 02-9821 3579 Fax : 02-9601 1894 Mobile : 0418 971 629 E-mail : jspeters@bigpond.com Website : www.cablereels.net	Steel reels for electric and telephone cables.
Mr. Graham Shipley	P.O. Box 520 Harbord NSW 2096 Australia	Tel. : 02 9999 0715 Mobile : 0413 585146 E-mail : shippers1@optusnet.com.au	Door hardware such as large, broad-head iron nails, ornate door knobs, ornate strap hinges, other types of ornate flat pieces that can be nail or screw mounted on doors.

Hong Kong*(Source : Consulate General of India, Hong Kong)*

P. Lachman (HK) Ltd.	Daily House, 13th Floor 35-37, Haiphong Road Tsim Sha Tsui Kowloon Hong Kong	Attn. : Mr. Sanjay Merchandiser Tel. : (852) 2366 0575 Fax : (852) 2739 8070 E-mail : Sanjay@lachman.com.hk Website : www.lachman.com.hk www.whitelineltd.com/hk	Bicycles, bicycle parts and components.
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EEPC INDIA

Oman

(Source : Embassy of India, Muscat)

Name of the Company	Addresses	Contact Person/Tel./Fax/E-mail	Items interested
International Oil & Gas Services L.L.C.	P.O. Box 96, P.C. 116 Mina Al Fahal Muscat Oman	Attn. : Mr. Aboud S. Khalifa Tel. : (968) 24593482/3483 Fax : (968) 24593450 E-mail : iogsoman@omantel.net.om Website : www.iogs.org	Multibeam bathymetry and backscatter, sub-bottom profiling, gravity and magnetics (optional), coring, heatflow, geochemistry and microbiology programme.

Vietnam

(Source : Consulate General of India, Ho Chi Minh City)

Kinh Bo Ltd. Co.	58/11, Truong Van Thanh Street Hiep Phu Ward, District 9 Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam	Attn. : Mr. Vo Thanh Tu Director Tel. : +84-8-730 8453 Fax : +84-8-409 0312 E-mail : kinhbo@pmail.vnn.vn tuseghershcm@yahoo.com	Tunnel bricks production line with the following specifications : Capacity : 10,000,000 (ten millions) bricks/year Type of brick : Tunnel brick with 04 holes Brick's dimension : 90 x 90 x 180 mm (Standard : 1,6 kg raw clay/1 brick) Raw material : Clay (type of weathering on the spot) Temperature of burning : 95° up to 105°C.
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Exhibitions and Trade Fairs



Singapore

FTHA 2006

The International Exhibition on Fasteners, Tools & Hardware Asia 2006

Venue : Hall 5, Singapore Expo, Singapore

Date : 4th to 7th July, 2006

Organizer : HQ Link Pte Ltd.
205 Henderson Road
03-01, Henderson Industrial Park
Singapore 159549
Tel. : (65) 65343588
Fax : (65) 65342330
E-mail : monicalim@hqlink.com
Attn. : Ms. Monica Lim
Dy. Exhibition Manager

(Source : EEPC Singapore Office)

Organizer : Reed Tradex
100/68-69, 32nd Floor, Sathorn Nakorn Tower
North Sathorn Road
Silom, Bangkok
Thailand 10500
Tel. : +(66)-(2)-6367272
Fax : +(66)-(2)-6367282
E-mail : intermold-@reedtradex.co.th

(Source : EEPC Singapore Office)

Vietnam

Vietnam International Exhibition on Environmental Technology 2006

Venue : Vietnam National Exhibition & Fair Centre,
No. 148 Giang Vo Road, Hanoi, Vietnam

Date : 14th to 18th April, 2006

Organizer : Global Expo & Event Joint Stock Company
3F, Tuoi Tre Alley
Hoang Quoc Viet Road
Cau Giay Dist.
Hanoi, Vietnam
Tel. : (84-4) 7553414
Fax : (84-4) 7553415
E-mail : globalexpo@fpt.vn

(Source : EEPC Singapore Office)

Thailand

InterMold Thailand 2006

Thailand's only machinery and technology trade exhibition and conference for mould & die manufacturing – 14th edition

Venue : Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC), Bangkok, Thailand

Date : 1st to 4th June, 2006



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Public Notice No. 80(RE-2005)/2004-09

Dated 9th January, 2006

**Procedure for import of various items under
Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ)**

In exercise of powers conferred under Para 2.4 of Foreign Trade Policy, 2004-2009, the DGFT makes the following amendments in the Handbook of Procedures, Vol. I :

1. Sub-para 3 of para 2.61 (incorporated vide Public Notice No. 13(RE-2005)/2004-09 dated 27.5.2005) will be replaced by the following :

“All eligible entities desiring availment of the quota as mentioned above, may make application to Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC) in the Aayaat-Niryaat Form of the Handbook of Procedures in the office of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 011. The completed application forms along with the required/prescribed documents must reach this office on or before *1st March* of each financial year preceding to the year of the quota e.g. Applications for TRQ for 2006-07 must reach DGFT by *1st March, 2006.*”

2. Sub-para 7 of para 2.61 will be replaced by the following :

“The Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC) in the DGFT will evaluate and allot the quota among the applicants by *31st March* of each financial year preceding to the year of the quota e.g. for 2006-07, EFC will allot quota by *31st March, 2006.*”

Sd/-

(K. T. CHACKO)

Director General of Foreign Trade

and Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India

(File No. 01/89/180/0001/AM04/PC IA)

Policy Circular No. 44(RE-2005)/2004-09

Dated 10th January, 2006

Online submission of applications

1. DGFT has automated the entire process of issuance and transmission of DEPB licences for shipments effected from 1st October, 2005 from specified 23 EDI ports. The manner of submission of online DEPB applications, issuance and transmission of DEPB licences has been laid down in Policy Circular No. 28 dated 6th October, 2005.

a. It has now been decided that DEPB shipments made from 10 more EDI Custom ports will be added to the list of EDI ports. The list of EDI Customs ports which will be added for automated exchange of DEPB Shipping Bills with effect from 16th January, 2006 is as follows :

<i>Custom House</i>	<i>Port Code</i>
1 Ballabh Garh, ICD	INFBD6
2 GAPL, Mundra	INMUN1
3 Kandla Custom House	INIXY1
4 Ahmedabad Air Cargo	INAMD4
5 Mulund CFS	INMUL6
6 Bangalore ICD	INWFD6
7 Kakinada Port	INKAK1
8 Hyderabad ICD	INSNF6
9 Pitampur ICD	ININD6
10 Tuticorin ICD	INTUT6

Accordingly the process of online submission of DEPB applications, issuance and transmission of DEPB licences for shipments effected from 16.01.2006 from these EDI ports shall also be governed by Policy Circular No. 28 dated 06.10.2005.

b. At present, no Export Promotion Shipping Bill is allowed to be filed in the EDI mode at the Raxaul Land Custom Station (Code : INRXL8) and Petrapole Land Custom Station (Code : INPTP8) although they are EDI ports. Therefore, the entry at serial No. 22 and serial No. 23 in Para 2 of Policy Circular No. 28 dated 06.10.2005 is deleted. Raxaul (INRXL8) and Petrapole (INPTP8) will therefore be treated as a non-EDI port for DGFT purposes and applications submitted accordingly.

- c. In exceptional circumstances, EDI Custom ports may allow clearance of manual DEPB Shipping Bills instead of EDI Shipping Bills. For such manual DEPB Shipping Bills, no ECOM application will be entertained and the exporter will necessarily have to submit a manual DEPB application to the concerned Regional Licensing Authority in the Aayaat Niryaat Form along with necessary documents in original and payment of full fee (no fee waiver is to be allowed).

It may be clarified that for DEPB shipments effected from all non-EDI Custom ports, where the proof of export is a manual DEPB Shipping Bill, the exporter will continue to file a ECOM application on DGFT Website : www.dgft.gov.in (with fee waiver, if the application is submitted with digital signature and/or EFT) and the necessary documents in original will need to be submitted to the jurisdictional RLA.

- d. The present policy allows DEPB shipments by a 'third party'. However, since the IEC of the 'third party' is not being captured in the EDI DEPB Shipping Bill, it is not possible to link the EDI DEPB Shipping Bill transmitted by Customs in the DGFT ECOM module. In all such cases of EDI DEPB Shipping Bills where 'third party' (whose details are available in the EDI DEPB Shipping Bill) wants to claim the DEPB, the 'third party' shall have to submit a manual DEPB application to the concerned Regional Licensing Authority in the Aayaat Niryaat Form along with necessary documents in original and payment of full fee (no fee waiver is to be allowed). No ECOM application shall be entertained in such cases. However, to avoid the possibility of dual claims by the IEC holder (in whose name the Shipping Bill has been generated) and the 'third party', necessary checks are being built in the Central server. RLAs before releasing such claims, must ensure via message exchange from the DGFT Central server, that the original EDI DEPB Shipping Bill (received online through Customs) has been frozen by the Central server for any further claim.
- e. Efforts are being made by DGFT/Customs to streamline the system in a manner that all EDI Shipping Bills are transmitted by the Customs House to the ICEGATE and thereafter to the DGFT server on a regular basis. The exporter can also query the DGFT website by clicking the link 'Shipping Bills received from Customs for an IEC' regarding the status/availability of its Shipping Bills on the DGFT server. In case, the receipt of Shipping Bills has been unduly delayed at the DGFT server (more than 2 weeks from the EGM date has elapsed), the exporter can also, as a measure of abundant caution, request the concerned Deputy Commissioner (EDI) at the EDI Custom port to retransmit the Shipping Bill data to the ICEGATE.

2. To give a further impetus to the online automation process, it has been decided that from 16th January, 2006, all applications for issuance of Advance Licence (excluding Para 4.7 cases), Advance Licence for Annual Requirement and EPCG Licence shall be made on the DGFT Website www.dgft.gov. in only with a digital signature and the licence fee will be submitted through the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) mode only. No manual applications or ECOM applications without digital signature and EFT will be accepted. The applicants may take into regard the following while making such applications :

- Exporters will not be required to submit a hard copy of such Advance Licence/EPCG applications filed electronically (with digital signature and EFT) on the DGFT Website to the Regional Licensing Authorities.
- Exporters will have the option to submit the documents required for processing the Advance/EPCG Licence (as specified under the Foreign Trade Policy/Handbook of Procedures) in paper form at the counter/by post (mentioning the File number generated on the server) within 5 working days of electronic submission of the ECOM application OR submit digitally signed scanned copies of the documents along with the application on the DGFT website. In cases where scanned copies of documents are submitted, manual copies of the documents will not be insisted upon. However Regional Licensing Authorities may, at their discretion, before issuance of an Advance/EPCG Licence, call for such documents as may be required, to satisfy themselves of the correctness/genuineness of the claim as per Foreign Trade Policy and Handbook of Procedures.
- At times, the users of the ECOM Module do not fill in the complete list of import and export items in the structured format and mention 'As per list attached' only. Complete data relating to description of goods to be imported/exported shall have to be submitted while making online applications and applications with generic description like 'list of goods attached' etc. will be deemed to be incomplete and rejected.
- The exporters while submitting the Advance/EPCG Licence applications through the ECOM module will have to fill in the 8 digit ITC(HS) codes relating to description of goods to be imported/exported and applications with incomplete/missing 8 digit ITC(HS) codes will be deemed to be incomplete and rejected. Exporters are requested to ensure the correctness of the 8 digit ITC(HS) codes before submitting their applications. The 8 digit ITC(HS) codes along with description of goods, as submitted by the applicant in the ECOM application, will be endorsed on the Advance/EPCG Licences and shall be used by the Custom authorities for clearance of goods.

- e. The Advance/EPCG Licences will continue to be issued on security paper and such licences need to be produced at the 'Port of Registration' to enable debiting and imports/exports against these licences. However, data relating to Advance/EPCG Licences with EDI Ports of Registration (31 EDI Custom Ports which have been notified for DEPB purposes) will also be sent to Customs ICEGATE by the DGFT Central server as per agreed message exchange formats with digital signature. The ICEGATE will, after validation of the Advance/EPCG Licences, transmit the licences to the EDI Port of registration for consequential use by the Custom authorities including electronic debiting of Licences.
- f. In case the exporter is desirous of effecting any amendments in the Advance/EPCG Licence including the ITC(HS) codes, description of goods, FOB/CIF value of goods etc. after issuance of the said Licence, the exporter will have to request for a change in writing i.e. in paper form. The Regional Licensing Authority will thereafter amend the said licence accordingly and amendments shall be carried out on the body of the security paper. However for Advance/EPCG Licences, issued for EDI Port of Registration, the amendments shall be made in the database also and the necessary amendments carried out will be transmitted to the Customs through the DGFT Central server as per agreed message exchange formats with digital signature. It may be mentioned that, the changes effected in the Advance/EPCG Licences with EDI Port of Registration, will not have any sanctity unless the same have been transmitted to the Customs electronically.
- g. i. Since all applications for Advance/EPCG Licences (with effect from 16th January, 2006) have to be made electronically with digital signature and Electronic Fund Transfer on the DGFT website, exporters are requested to file their applications sufficiently well in advance to enable the Regional Licensing Authorities to finalise their claims in time.
- ii. Exporters desirous of exporting their goods, in anticipation of an Advance Licence, may do so as per Policy provisions. However the exporters may, quote the File number generated through the server (and not the ECOM number) while filing the Shipping Bills at the Customs port, for counting of such exports against the Advance Licences to be issued subsequently.
3. At present a single consolidated application is required to be made under Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana (VKUY) under ECOM module. At times, this requires keying in data of more than 1000 Shipping Bills. This is not only a tedious and time consuming process for the exporter but also puts considerable strain on the Central server which leads to a delayed and slow response from the server. The download time for such voluminous data at the RLA level also runs into hours and leads to system failure/hang up. Exporters filing VKUY claims are therefore permitted to file multiple applications relating to applications for exports made for FY 2004-05. Each ECOM application should not have data relating to more than 25 Shipping Bills.
4. i. Trade & Industry may obtain digital certificates (details available on DGFT website www.dgft.gov.in) and open EFT accounts with any of the following i.e. ICICI bank, IDBI bank, UTI bank, HDFC bank, State Bank of India, Bank of India and Punjab National Bank.
- ii. For a faster server response and access, it is necessary that ECOM applications which have been created on the DGFT server but have not been submitted to the jurisdictional Regional Licensing Authority are erased from the DGFT server periodically. It is hereby informed that DGFT server will automatically clean/erase all application data which has not been submitted to the RLAs within 30 days of the generation of the ECOM number.
- iii. 'Help Guidelines' are available on the DGFT Website : www.dgft.gov.in Exporters are advised to go through these guidelines before submitting their licence applications to minimize errors.
- iv. Para 4.40 of the Handbook of Procedures (Vol. 1) allows certain notified ports to be treated as a single port for the purposes of imports and exports. However, the present distributed architecture of the Customs electronic system does not allow import clearances from all the notified ports in the same city. Therefore, the Regional Licensing Authorities will issue all Licences for a single notified Port only along with the unique six digit Location Code of the Customs 'Port of Registration' to facilitate speedy clearances against the licences issued.
- v. As a measure of trade facilitation and to avoid inconvenience to the small exporters, all the Regional Licensing Authorities may assist the exporters in filing their claims through the ECOM modules.

Sd/-

(ANIL AGGARWAL)

Joint Director General of Foreign Trade

(File No. 01/02/31/AM06/ EDI)

Export Finance



Reserve Bank of India

Foreign Exchange Department
Central Office, Mumbai 400 001

RBI/2005-06/273

A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 20

Dated 5th January, 2006

**Exim Bank's Line of Credit of US\$ 26.8 Million
to the Government of Cote d'Ivoire**

The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has concluded an agreement with the Government of Cote d'Ivoire making available to the latter a Line of Credit (LOC) up to an aggregate sum of US\$ 26.8 Million (US Dollar Twenty six million eight hundred thousand only). The credit agreement has become effective on December 5, 2005. The credit is available for financing exports from India, under the Foreign Trade Policy of the Government of India, of goods and services for renewal of urban transport system in Abidjan with procurement of buses from India (US\$ 21.8 million) and setting up of agricultural projects in the field of vegetable oil extraction, fruits and vegetables chips production, production of cocoa, coffee etc. (US\$ 5 million). Full details of the Line of Credit are available at the Exim Bank's office or its website (www.eximbankindia.com).

2. The terminal utilization period is 48 months from scheduled completion date of contract in case of project exports and 60 months from the date of execution of the Agreement i.e. August 02, 2010 in case of other supply contracts.
3. Shipments under the credit will have to be declared on GR/SDF Forms as per instructions issued from time to time.
4. No agency commission is payable under the above line of credit. However, if required, the exporter may use his own resources or utilize balances in his EEFC account for payment of commission in free foreign exchange. The Authorised Dealer (AD) banks may allow such remittance after realisation of full payment of contract value subject to compliance of prevailing instructions on payment of agency commission.
5. AD banks may bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of their exporter constituents.
6. The directions contained in this Circular have been issued under Section 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/-
(VINAY BAIJAL)
Chief General Manager



Forex News

The rupee weakened a tad to close at 44.31 per dollar compared with yesterday's close of 44.29 tracking the dollar's movement overseas.

In the forwards segment, six-month premiums closed at 1.94 per cent and the 12-month premiums at 1.41 per cent.

(Source : *Business Standard, Kolkata dated 11th January, 2006*)



Forex Rates

<i>Currency</i>	<i>T.T. Buying</i>	<i>T.T. Selling</i>
Pound Sterling	77.39	78.93
U.S. Dollar	43.99	44.51
Canadian Dollar	37.32	38.44
Euro	52.88	53.93
Swiss Franc	34.28	34.96
Swedish Kroner	5.63	5.79
Japanese Yen	0.3822	0.3900
Australian Dollar	32.94	33.59
Hong Kong Dollar	5.68	5.74
Singapore Dollar	26.79	27.33
Danish Kroner	7.05	7.25
Norwegian Kroner	6.60	6.79
UAE Dirham	11.87	12.23
New Zealand Dollar	30.09	31.30
Saudi Riyal	11.63	11.98
South African Rand	6.95	7.22

(Source : *The Economic Times, Kolkata dated 11th January, 2006*)

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

Mandi Gobindgarh
Open Market Rates of Rerollables (December 31, 2005)
(Inclusive of Excise Duty) (Trade Terms 1% Cash Discount)

								<i>(Rate Rs. per Tonne)</i>	
Ingots		Blooms				Rej. Wheel (Big)		17,300/-	
Arc/Ind. Furnaces		Above 251 mm Bloom (HC)		24,200/-		Rej. Wheel (Small)		17,100/-	
round quality (21x25)		Above 251 mm Bloom (MS)		24,200/-		Cut Tyre (Big)		18,300/-	
structural quality (28x30)		Bloom 160x250 mm (DSP)		24,200/-		Cut Tyre (Small)		18,100/-	
Low carbon (12x16)		130/135/140 mm (Tisco) MS		-		Melting Scrap (F.O.R.)			
Semi-low carbon (16x20)		150x150 mm Concast (DSP)		26,800/-		Rolling Mill end		15,300/-	
5x6 girder quality (28x30)		150x150 mm MS (SAIL)		26,800/-		Good Godown		13,600/-	
Runners/Risers		Bloom Cut into pcs. (MS)		24,800/-		Godown Scrap		13,300/-	
Bones/Clean		Bloom Cut into pcs. (Medium)		21,400/-		Turning		13,300/-	
		Bloom Cut into (Patra Pass)		21,200/-		Tin Tapper		11,600/-	
Billets & Squares		Slabs				Sponge Iron		12,500/-	
50x50x63x63x65x65 mm MS		Durgapur Slabs 14"x3"		-		Pig Iron (F.O.R.)			
75x75x80x80x90x90 mm MS		Durgapur Slabs		20,000/-		Foundry Grade		16,400/-	
100x100 mm MS		Bokaro Slab Heavy		19,300/-		Steel Grade		14,800/-	
125x125 mm MS		Tata Concast Slab (Heavy)		19,300/-		Degi Scrap		11,500/-	
100x100 mm Concast-Billets		Skelp Tisco		-		C.I. Turning		15,200/-	
100x100 Concast-SAIL DSP		Rails				Deg Casting		21,500/-	
H.C. Billet SAIL 150x150 mm		Uninterested Rail - 75 lbs.		18,500/-		Ingot Moulds (Old)		14,900/-	
H.C. Billets-Tisco 75x75 mm		Uninterested Rail - 90 lbs.		18,500/-		Ingot Moulds (New)		21,000/-	
		Uninterested Rail - 105 lbs.		18,500/-		Cut Ingot Moulds		15,100/-	

Open Market Rates of Finished Goods (December 31, 2005)
(Inclusive of Excise Duty) (Trade Terms 1% Cash Discount)

										<i>(Rate Rs. per Qntl.)</i>	
M. S. Rounds		<i>4 mm</i>	<i>5 mm</i>	<i>6 mm</i>	<i>8 mm</i>	<i>10 mm</i>	<i>12 mm</i>	<i>16/20 mm</i>	<i>22/25 mm</i>		
Mild		2260/-	2160/-	2130/-	2150/-	2180/-	2180/-	2160/-	2140/-		
Medium-Semi		-	-	-	-	2150/-	2160/-	-	-		
Zindi Pass (Drawing)		-	-	-	2170/-	2170/-	2170/-	2170/-	2160/-		
Above rates of 6 mm rounds are of length up to 14' Above 18' = 2100/-											
Heavy Rounds		<i>28 to 53 mm</i>	<i>63 to 100 mm</i>	<i>110 to 125 mm</i>	<i>140 to 150 mm</i>	<i>165 mm</i>	<i>180 mm</i>	<i>200 mm</i>			
Mild		2140/-	2270/-	2340/-	2470/-	2510/-	2530/-	2590/-			
M. S. Squares		<i>4 mm</i>	<i>5 mm</i>	<i>6 mm</i>	<i>8 mm</i>	<i>10 mm</i>	<i>12 mm</i>	<i>16/20 mm</i>	<i>22/25 mm</i>		
Mild		2250/-	2170/-	2100/-	2120/-	2150/-	2170/-	2170/-	2130/-		
M. S. Angles		<i>20 mm</i>	<i>25 mm</i>	<i>32 mm</i>	<i>37 mm</i>	<i>50 mm</i>	<i>65 mm</i>	<i>75 mm</i>	<i>90 mm</i>	<i>100 mm</i>	
3 mm		2260/-	2160/-	2160/-	2160/-	2180/-	2200/-	-	-	-	
5 mm		-	2140/-	2140/-	2150/-	2140/-	2140/-	2160/-	2260/-	2250/-	
6 mm		-	2140/-	2140/-	2150/-	2140/-	2140/-	2160/-	2260/-	2250/-	
M. S. Flats		<i>20 mm</i>	<i>25 mm</i>	<i>32 mm</i>	<i>37 mm</i>	<i>50 mm</i>	<i>65 mm</i>	<i>75 mm</i>	<i>100 mm</i>		
3 mm		2120/-	2170/-	2180/-	2200/-	2230/-	2230/-	2230/-	2230/-		
5 mm		2100/-	2170/-	2170/-	2150/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-		
6 mm		2100/-	2170/-	2170/-	2150/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-		
8 mm		2100/-	2170/-	2170/-	2150/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-		
10 mm		-	-	2170/-	2150/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-		
12/25 mm		-	-	2170/-	2150/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-	2140/-		
18/19 Gauge		2310/-	2310/-	2310/-	2330/-	2340/-	2270/-	2270/-	2270/-		

[Prices at other stockyards may vary]

[Source : Steel Town (Weekly), December 31, 2005]

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