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**Sub: Addendum to the Dredging Guidelines for Major Ports issued vide letter dated 18.06.2021 - reg.**

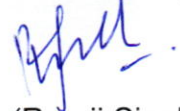
Madam/Sir,

In continuation to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 18.06.2021, the addendum to Dredging Guidelines for Major Ports is enclosed herewith for information and further necessary action.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Enclosure: As above.

Yours faithfully,



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To,

1. The Chairpersons of Major Ports.
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1. PS to Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways - for information.
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Addendum to the Dredging Guidelines for Major Ports issued by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

The Dredging Guidelines (2021) were issued by the Ministry in 2021. The Guidelines provide the methodology to be followed for Dredged Material Management and recommends Recycling and Reusing of the dredged material wherever possible. Use of dredged material for beneficial use leads to saving in equivalent amount of resource thereby adding to the environmental conservation achieved through recycling of waste and conservation of fresh resources. There is therefore, a need to incorporate suitable provisions in the Dredging Contracts / Proposals for promoting reuse / recycling of dredged material generated out of the contract and also rationalize the cost of dredging through monetization of the dredged material resulting in '**Waste to Wealth**'.

2. The Chapter 5 on Environment Code of Practice for dredging and dredged material management has been included with recycle and reuse of dredging material. The dredging material can be used for beneficial use based on the environmental impact of the proposed use and taking regulatory permissions with more detailed project planning for the dredging projects while formulating the projects. The reuse of dredging material provides an option for environmental sustainability and also boost economic performance of the dredging operation.

3. The wide range of beneficial use of dredged material include engineering use for construction purposes in addition to the earth work and related activities, environmental enhancement, agriculture and product use. The process requires extensive study of the characteristics of the dredged soil with the help of Geo-technical data of the dredging area consisting of the channels, the basin, turning circle and the berthing areas. On undertaking the study on the beneficial use of the dredged material, the project authorities have to consider inclusion of an enabling clause in the bidding documents for submission of quotation for the dredging cost and also the cost of the dredged material.

4. In this regard, the following factors need to be suitably incorporated in the bidding process by the Major Ports and IWAI while framing Dredging Contracts:

(i) Data on soil type and characteristics, approximate quantity of dredged material likely to be generated, Disposal sites (onshore / offshore) etc., should be provided by the bidding authorities to the potential bidders in advance as a part of bid documents. This will help them in assessing the potential for reuse of the dredged material, also estimate its market value and accordingly quote the price for dredging and also the dredged material. This is subject to conditions in the EC for disposal of dredged material after taking due permission from the competent State Authorities, as required, by the dredging contractor.