



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Fisheries & Ports Department - Vizhinjam International Seaport Project - Bidding process initiated in 2010 for the selection of Concessionaire - Cancelled - Orders issued.

### Fisheries & Ports (E) Department

G.O(MS) No. 61/2013/F&PD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 18-10-2013.

- Read:-
- 1 GO(MS) No. 75/10/F&PD dated 18.10.2010.
  - 2 GO(MS) No. 15/11/F&PD dated 18.12.2011.
  - 3 GO(MS) No. 7/12/F&PD dated 06.02.2012.
  - 4 GO(MS) No. 65/12/F&PD dated 06.08.2012.
  - 5 Letter No.VISL/BID-EVAL/2012/96 dt 21-01-2013 from the Managing Director, Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited
  - 6 Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 16-03-2013
  - 7 Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors of Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited held on 05-06-2013

### ORDER

Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose seaport is a flagship project of Government of Kerala being developed on a Land Lord Port model, wherein the port infrastructure is being built by Government through Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited and the superstructure and O&M will be carried out by the private partner on a BOT basis.

The Private Partner selection for the project was initiated through a transparent and competitive bidding process and the following 2 bidders have submitted their bids in response to the Request For Proposal issued to the short listed and pre-qualified bidders approved by the Government vide GO read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above.

- i) Consortium of Welspun Infratech Ltd (India) Welspun Corp.Ltd (India), Leighton Contractors (India) Pvt Ltd.
- ii) Mundra Port and Special Economic Zone (India) Ltd.

M/s Welspun Leighton Consortium, the only bidder who have received security clearance from Government of India, has requested for a grant of Rs.399.50 crores and hence rejected their offer vide GO read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper

above. It was interalia ordered to invite tenders afresh for being selected as a Port Operator on completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Studies and to proceed with formalities of preparation of master plan and Engineering Procurement and Construction.

The Managing Director, Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited, in his letter read as 5<sup>th</sup> paper above has requested for cancelling the bidding process for the selection of concessionaire for superstructure and operation of terminal and the Strategic Options Report (SOR) 2010 prepared by IFC.

The Empowered Committee which met on 16.03.2013 considered the said proposal and recommended to cancel the bidding process of 2010 as the Government of Kerala had rejected the offer of the Consortium led by M/s Welspun Infratech Limited vide G.O read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above. The Committee also decided that as the SOR was the basis of the adoption of the land lord model, at present its cancellation was not required.

In these circumstances, the bidding process initiated in 2010 for the selection of the Concessionaire for undertaking the superstructure and operations of the Vizhinjam International Container Transshipment Terminal is cancelled for the selection of a new Concessionaire after obtaining Environmental Impact Assessment clearance for the project.

(By Order of the Governor)

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Principal Secretary to Government

To

- 1) The Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2) The Principal Accountant General Audit, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram .
- 3) The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala
- 4) General Administration (SC) Department
- 5) SF/OC

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