MUMBAI PORT TRUST RESOLVES TO CREATE A CEMENT TERMINAL FOR THE CITY.

The city of Mumbai consumes approximately 1.25 MMT cement per annum to meet its developmental needs. Currently, this cement is moved by road/rail through neighboring states necessitating entry and exit of nearly 350 trucks per day, congesting the already overstrained city roads. In its bid to decongest the city roads, without affecting the city’s requirement of cement, the Port of Mumbai, which shares 141 years long symbiotic relation with the city of Mumbai, has in its Board meeting on 27.3.2015 resolved to lease 2.5 hectares of its land at Petroleum Godown to M/s. Ultratech Cement Ltd. for 30 years on ‘as is where is basis’ informed the Chairman, Mumbai Port Trust, Shri R. M. Parmar. This land will be used to build a fully automated cement handling terminal devoid of air pollution otherwise resulting from handling and transportation of loose cement. In 18 months, when the terminal will be ready, it will promote movement of cement required for city’s consumption through coastal route. The estimated cost of the development of this facility, duly equipped with portable unloaders, silos of 30,000 tonnes capacity, bagging plant and other ancillary facilities is about Rs.100 crore.

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