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HARBOUR NOTICE NO.03 (TEMP) 2011

Sub: Safe loading, stowage, carriage and discharging of iron ore
finer on ships from Indian Ports in fair and foul season.

Ref: M.S. Notice No. 9 of 2010 dtd. 27/08/2010 and M.S. Notice
31 and 34 of September, 2009 issued by the Directorate General
of Shipping, Mumbai which is available on the website
of the Directorate.

The attention of ship owners, ship Masters, Shippers, Shipping Agents and other concerned stake holders is invited to the contents of the M.S. Notice under reference, which highlights the problems involved in the carriage of Iron Ore Finer and the recommendations to prevent occurrences of shipping casualties which mainly occur during monsoon season, as the same are directly related to the moisture content in the cargo, including Flow Moisture Point (FMP) and Transportable Moisture Limit (TML) and cargo density declaration. In this context, the contents of Merchant Shipping (MS) Notice 31 and 34 in September, 2009 which are still in force, are required to be adhered strictly.

The Agents of ships calling at MPT and other Indian Ports to load iron ore finer are directed to make available a copy of the M.S. Notices under reference, and its contents are made available and explained to the Masters of the vessels under their agency. The agents of ships calling Indian Ports for shipment of captioned cargo shall advise and encourage the Masters to use their discretion and overriding authority under SOLAS 1974 as amended.

All concerned in the safe carriage of Iron Ore Finer from Indian Ports or places are directed to comply with the provisions of Merchant Shipping Act M.S. (Carriage of Cargo) Rules 1991, this notice and the relevant provisions of INSBC code. In the event of any contravention of these provisions, an appropriate legal action, as prescribed in Indian Merchant Shipping Act 1958, shall be taken.

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To,
All Concerned

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for kind information please.

