



# NEW MANGALORE PORT TRUST

Panambur, Mangalore - 575 010.

## MARINE DEPARTMENT

No.NMPT/ME/BPREM/2020/01

Dated 29-01-2020

### PUBLIC NOTICE

To whomsoever concerned

One M/s Mercator Ltd., 31, Mittal Tower-B, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021, had deployed its vessel 'Bhagvati Prem' in NMPT waters for carrying out the dredging works. The said Vessel was at anchor in NMPT waters without rudders since April 2019. NMPT had issued umpteen warnings and notices to M/s Mercator Ltd to take away the vessel from NMPT Port limits or keep it in good condition to avoid any untoward incident ; but there was no response from the owners. On 28.10.2019, the Captain of 'Bhagvati Prem' informed NMPT that the vessel has developed leak and has started to flood and requested for immediate assistance. On receiving the message NMPT immediately extended all possible assistance to save life, environment, property, etc. As the hull of the vessel was breached and the flooding intensified, allowing the vessel to float would lead to sinking. Thus, to save life on board, to prevent any damage to the ecology, marine environment, adjoining areas, also to secure the vessel in larger public interest, etc., NMPT beached the Vessel within its Port Limits near Suratkal Light House on 28.10.2019. The entire action was done as a preventive emergency measure in the larger public interest and also to safe guard the life of crew, ecology, marine environment, etc. Now, in the larger public interest and as M/s Mercator Ltd., 31, Mittal Tower-B, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021, is due to NMPT a sum of Rs. 1,48,60,304.00 towards Port Dues and an approximate amount of over Rs. 4,07,21,752.00 + GST towards risk and costs/breach of contract; Whereas, inspite of demand by NMPT; M/s Mercator Ltd has failed to pay the port dues and furnish Bank Guarantee towards the risk and costs. Exercising the powers vested with NMPT under Section 42 of Indian Ports Act, 1908 to recover the Port Dues; NMPT has decided to sell by way of e-auction the Vessel Bhagvati Prem, IMO No: 9492115 belonging to M/s Mercator Ltd., 31, Mittal Tower-B, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021, currently beached within NMPT Port area. Auction process will be carried out through MSTC, Bangalore. The above vessel will be sold in as is where is condition.

Mangaluru  
30-01-2020

Sd/- Dy. Conservator,  
New Mangalore Port Trust