

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST

APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF BARGES/LIGHTERS

From:

To

The Dock Inspector (G)

Visakhapatnam Port Trust

Dear Sir,

Please supply the barges (150/100) tonnes/Lighters (40 tonnes) as indicated below for the purpose mentioned against each.

Date	Capacity of the Barge/ Lighter	Period of supply		Purpose for which required
		From	To	

The hire charges may please be debited to our deposit account as prescribed in the Port Scale of Rates now in existence or that may be amended from time to time.

I/We hereby agree to abide by the conditions noted and that mentioned in the Port Scale of Rates now in existence or that may be amended from time to time and accept liability for any damage caused through infringement of any of the conditions or for any other valid reason when the barges/lighters is under my/our hire.

I/We request that necessary charges for any damage due to fault/default of hirer to the barges/lighters personnel or any other kind of damage duly established after due process of enquiry and with notice to hirer may be debited to our deposit account and if the deposit account is not sufficient the Port is at liberty to realise by any other means or out of any sum of mine/ours with the port.

NB: The barge/lighter may be supplied if available and subject to the conditions annexure.

Yours faithfully,

Date

Time

Signature of the Hirer with full address

Conditions for the hire of Port Trust Board's Barge/lighters:

1. Requisition for use of barge/lighter must be made out in the prescribed form obtainable from the office of the DI(G) in quadruplicate and must be signed by the Agents of the Vessel/the importers/the shippers/consignees or their representatives requiring the use of the barge/lighter. The barge/lighter will be supplied according to availability and discretion of the Port authorities and the discretion of the Port authorities in this respect is final and cannot be questioned. Such requisition shall be submitted giving a clear notice of four hours in advance of each shift during which barge/lighter are required. When the barge/lighter are required for longer periods than requisitioned, a fresh requisition shall be submitted at least two hours before the expiration of the period mentioned in the original requisition.
2. Allotment of suitable barge/lighter will be at the discretion of the Asst. Traffic Manager (s) and ordinarily the barge/lighters will be supplied in the order of requisition but the Docks Manager may deviate from the order if in his' opinion, circumstances justify such action.
3. The barge/lighter hire shall not be used by the hirer for any purpose other than for which application is made.
4. The hire charges will commence from the time the barge/lighter is made available to the hire till it is delivered back to the Port authorities subject to payment of minimum hire charges as per Port Scale of Rates. The Barge/lighter is said to be made available as soon as she commences moving for the purposes of hire till she is returned back to the base. The waiting period, if any, for getting the tugs shall be excluded from the hire period.
5. Two hour's clear notice in writing must be given of cancellation of requisition for barge/lighters. If cancellation orders are not received in time, charges will be levied for the full period applied for and for the full number of barge/lighters ordered.
6. The Port Trust is at liberty to withdraw the barge/lighters at any time during the hire period on account of any urgency or for any special reason without assigning any reason whatsoever and the decision of the Port Trust is final and cannot be questioned by the hirer. The hirer has no right to claim any loss or damage for withdrawal of the barge/lighters during the hire period.
7. The hirer shall not sublet or assign the barge/lighter without the consent of the Port authorities in writing.
8. A load greater than marked carrying capacity of the barge/lighter should not be put into the barge/lighters. Compensation not exceeding Rs.100/- on every occasion shall be imposed on the hirer at the discretion of the Traffic Manager whenever loads higher than the marked carrying capacities of the barge/lighters are put on them and in addition to the damages referred to in clause 6.
9. In the case of parties having no deposit account with the Pot trust and/or sufficient deposits with the Port Trust, they shall deposit sufficient amount in advance as decided by the Traffic Manager. Till the advance deposit as directed by the Traffic Manager is deposited the barge/ lighter will not be supplied.
10. The hirer besides being responsible for the safety of the barge/lighter should also be responsible for safety of the crew. The compensation amount payable in the event of any accident to the crew is payable by the hirer under the Workmen's compensation Act or any other act in force.
11. That the right of application of these clauses and conditions shall rest with the Traffic Manager.