

**LETTER OF INTENT**  
**On the implementation of the MOU between the Minister of Mobility  
and Public Works of the Government of Flanders, Belgium, and the  
Minister of Shipping of the Government of India**

**Dated 2 May, 2016**

On September 24, 1997, the MOU was signed between the Minister of Mobility and Public Works, Flanders, Belgium, and the Ministry of Shipping, India. In this MOU it was agreed to cooperate in various fields relating to maritime transport and port development, such as:

1. The exchange of experience and background information
2. The exchange of experts
3. The exchange of technology on
  - 3.1. Infrastructure and the environment
  - 3.2. Management and operation
  - 3.3. Legal aspects, international as well as national
4. Mutual promotion of Indian and Flemish Ports.


Following the meeting of the Joint Working Group on 14 September 2012, both parties agree on the following programme for the implementation of the MOU during the period 2016-2018:

**1. PROMOTION**

Both parties will continue to mutually promote each other's ports by including promotion material in port exhibitions and by continuous exchange of information. In this regard, the documentation and exhibition material on Indian and Flemish ports will be exchanged.

**2. PRIVATE SECTOR COOPERATION**

Both parties will, to the extent possible, support the efforts of their private sector in exploring business opportunities in Ports and Inland Waterways sectors by facilitating and promoting cooperation with potential local partners. The Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Flanders International Technical Agency (FITA) will collaborate in assisting companies in both countries for promotion on port and inland waterways related technology and know-how on national and regional level. They will also inform each other of all upcoming projects in these fields, related to this Friendship Agreement.


### 3. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

On request of the Ministry of Shipping of India, the Department of Mobility and Public Works of Flanders will deliver documents and information, organize training courses, workshops and technical visits in Flanders and sending experts for an on-the-job training in India on the following subjects:

- 3.1. Construction, operation and management of Inland Waterways, including navigation locks;
  - 3.2. European and Flanders projects and programmes related to Inland Waterway Transport and Short (coastal) Sea Shipping;
  - 3.3. Port planning and port management;
  - 3.4. Dredging technologies and reclamations;
  - 3.5. River training Measures for Inland Waterways;
  - 3.6. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects for ports and inland waterways;
  - 3.7. Coastal zone management including environmental protection;
  - 3.8. Port regulation including tariff setting mechanisms;
  - 3.9. Bulk handling and ballast water management;
  - 3.10. Human resource management in port sector;
  - 3.11. Formulation of concession agreements for ports and Inland Waterways;
  - 3.12. Guidelines for procurement/replacement of equipment;
  - 3.13. Maintenance and repair schedules for various equipment.
4. APEC/C-MAT: Flanders Ministry of Mobility and Public Works will provide twelve (12) scholarships every year for Indian staff to attend short training courses at APEC (Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Center), consisting of attendance fee and free logistic support. Flanders will also provide advice and assistance for partial scholarship for Indian candidates for the Master Degree in Transport and Maritime Management at C-MAT (Centre of Maritime and Air Transport - University of Antwerp), for which scholarships are granted by the Flanders Foreign Affairs Department.
5. Flanders will **provide advice** for the port projects of all Major Ports of India and for other organizations under the administrative control of the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India on request. Indian Ports Association (IPA) will also provide advice to Flemish organizations on request from the Flemish side.

It is understood that the above programme is not in any way binding nor does it constitute any limitation to the implementation of the MOU.

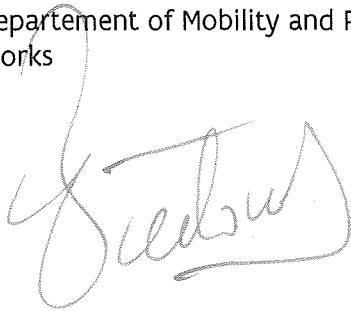
The costs involved in the implementation of the above programme will be borne by the respective parties. It has also been agreed by both parties that the progress of implementation of the LOI would be jointly reviewed annually.



Both parties reiterate that the cooperation between the Department of Mobility and Public Works, Government of Flanders, Belgium, and the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India is based on mutual friendship and respect, inspired by the long standing friendly relationship between both countries.

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