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It is well known to the trade fraternity in eastern India that at Haldia Dock Complex, container handling operations of the Container Parking Yard (CPY) is predominantly done by four (4) Rubber Tyre Gantry Cranes (RTGC). These RTG Cranes for last 3 years were being operated and maintained by M/s. FELS Cranes Pte. Ltd. on behalf of the port. The 3 years' contract period is coming to an end today.

In the meanwhile, the port has floated a new tender for operation & maintenance of these four RTGCs, the bids for which is scheduled to be submitted and opened on 24.03.2010.

However, for keeping the continuity in container handling operations at the CPY, the port took initiatives and discussions were held with M/s. FELS Cranes Pte. Ltd. for extending the contract by another 3 months which they had principally agreed to. Unfortunately, M/s. FELS Cranes Pte. Ltd. have only informed us today that they are unable to continue the operations under the same terms & conditions of the existing contract and had demanded a price hike by 100%.

Considering the present situation, although HDC is pursuing its discussion for continuing the RTGC operations, however, it is brought to the notice of all port users and trade fraternity that HDC may not be in a position to render the services of RTYGC w.e.f. 03.03.2010 which is likely to cause severe inconvenience to all concerned.

Efforts are however being made to finalize the new contract and to ensure early resumption of the container operation by RTG Cranes.

Inconvenience thus caused is deeply regretted.

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