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First MTD issued by Sitara

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BOMBAY, April 12
SITARA Shipping Ltd. has become the first company to issue their Multimodal Transport Document (MTD). Their first document was issued on April 11. The necessary cargo claim cover has already been obtained through M/s Athena Insurance Services, representatives of a U.K. Club in Bombay, who claim that they are in a position to offer the same cover to other Indian MTOs, if required.

On March 17, the Director General of Shipping, Mr R. Vasudevan had issued an order prescribing the model of the Multimodal Transport Document. The order, which had the approval of the Central Government, was effective immediately.

As of today, over 30 firms have been registered as Multimodal

Transport Operators with the Director General of Shipping.

Applications from over sixty foreign companies are pending with the Director General, according to whom certain amendments to the Multimodal

Transportation of Goods Act 1993 are required, to clear them. The amendments suggested by the Director General are being scrutinised by the law ministry and are likely to be implemented soon.

Exports grow by 20 per cent

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NEW DELHI, April 12
INDIA'S exports have recorded a growth of 20.59 per cent with the April-February 1993-94 performance estimated at \$ 19,825.75 million as against \$ 16,440.75 million in the corresponding period last year.

The growth rate is in line with the export projections made by the government for the financial year 1993-94. And the trend is likely to continue in the last

month—March—of the financial year also.

While imports during April-February 1993-94 are valued at \$ 20,335.03 million as against \$ 19,945.17 million during April-February 1992-93, signifying a growth rate of 1.95 per cent.

The trade deficit during April-February 1993-94 has thus declined to \$ 509.84 million as against trade deficit of \$ 3,504.42 million during April-February 1992-93, according to an official release.

Another first from Sitara

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BOMBAY, Jan. 23

SITARA Shipping Ltd was the first Multimodal Transport Operator (MTO) to issue its own bill of lading in April last year. In November it became the first MTO and NVOCC to take delivery of its own dry containers on ex-bond basis from M/s Transfreight Containers Ltd, Tarapore.

Now it has moved one step further. It is the first MTO and NVOCC to buy brand new reefer containers. The first batch of 10 FEU hi-cube reefer containers

which arrived in Bombay on *m.v. Sukawaran Naree* was handed over to Sitara Shipping by Mr Jaganathan, Manager of Hyundai Corporation, Bombay, in the presence of Additional Docks Manager, Mr Murthy and Deputy Docks Managers, Mr Abraham and Mr T.V. Sowrifajan of the Bombay Port Trust.

Sitara Shipping has already acquired 250 dry containers and 20 reefer containers and further placed order for 800 dry and 50 hi-cube reefer containers which will be delivered to them by Hyundai Corporation between March and July 1995.



The Sitara team posing in front of a reefer container

WISTA to be launched in India

Exim News Service

MUMBAI, Sept. 23

THE Women's International Shipping and Trading Association Ltd (WISTA) is to be soon launched in India, thanks to the efforts of Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Director of Sitara Shipping Ltd, who has taken the lead to establish the Indian Chapter of WISTA.

The membership is now officially open and a formal launch is planned in the first week of October. Women in the industry at management level have been invited to join,

and could include representatives from shipowners, charterers, brokers, agents, insurers, marine personnel, lawyers, banking and finance professionals, risk management, consultants, shipyards, industry organisations and suppliers.

Apart from the Executive Committee comprising Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Ms Sumeet Sahi, Director of Sitara Shipping, and Ms Rukhsana Vohra, Director of Sai Maritime Management (P) Ltd, the following members are already on board:

★ Ms Anjali Kumar [DGM Finance], The Great Eastern Shipping Co. Ltd



Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta

- ★ Ms Jane Nazareth [Senior Manager], Siemens
- ★ Ms Maya Sajit [Pricing Manager], Total Transport System Pvt. Ltd
- ★ Ms Shama Mathew [Manager], Jeena & Co.
- ★ Ms Georgina Alvares [Assistant Manager Pricing], Aquarius Maritime Pvt. Ltd
- ★ Ms Vijaya [Business Development Manager], Opus Dei Logistics (I) Pvt. Ltd
- ★ Ms Michelle D'Souza, [Assistant Manager], MSC Agency (I) Pvt. Ltd

About WISTA

In 1974, in the UK a handful of women brokers involved in the tanker market met for a Christmas lunch. They decided to repeat this on a regular basis, to exchange views on professional matters of common interest. Over the years, contacts from overseas were invited to join the meeting and the group gradually expanded throughout Europe to include women from other areas of shipping. Within a relatively short period of time, 25 women were involved, who decide that an association should be formed. WISTA was thus born.

In the years that followed, WISTA professionalised its organisation. A networking body for women at management level in the maritime industry, it today has presence in 29 countries, including Australia, Canada, China, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, etc.



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Delhi International Cargo Terminal at Sonapat - B2B Trade Fair on June 28

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NEW DELHI, June 6

THE J. M. Baxi Group, one of the country's leading names in shipping and related services, will be launching its Delhi International Cargo Terminal (DICT), an integrated rail-linked logistics park and ICD at



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NHAVA SHEVA, June 6

WITH most of India's containerised import cargo destined for inland container



Mr Kim Fejfer (second from left) during his visit to the Nhava Sheva CFS

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Sonapat, on June 28.

The details of the new facility will be unveiled to the National Capital Region (NCR) trade at a gala B2B Trade Fair to be held on the occasion. Participants at the fair will be treated to never-before visuals of the

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Sitara Shipping wins FMB award

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MUMBAI, June 6



IT was another feather in the cap of Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) President, Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta, and WISTA Executive Committee Member, Ms Sumeet Sahi, when their company Sitara Shipping Ltd was recently acknowledged by the S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research at its Family Managed Business (FMB) Awards. It won for being an Outstanding Family Managed Business that has a successful role for women.

Both Ms Sumeet and Ms Sanjam said they attributed their success to their father, Capt Sahi, from whom they draw inspiration and "who taught them to excel in work with determination, hard work and will power". Having seen their father establish and grow the company with "sweat, blood and toil", they stressed on their vision to take it forward from strength to strength. They also acknowl-



Ms Sumeet Sahi was one of the speakers at a recent CII conference, representing WISTA



Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta accepting the award

edged their mother for teaching them to be always grounded. S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIM) Mumbai, is a premier business school which has been consistently ranked among the top 10 B-Schools in India. Among prominent courses is the Post-Graduate Program in Family Managed Business (FMB), conducted by the Centre for Family Managed Business (C-FMB). The C-FMB, in existence for years, has been attracting students from over 150 cities in towns of India and neighbouring countries.

Antwerp port awarded again for its sustainability efforts

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ANTWERP, June 6

THE Port of Antwerp has once again won an award in recognition of its efforts to grow into a sustainable port where economic activities and nature development go hand in hand.

At the annual meeting of the International Association of Ports and Harbors in Los Angeles, Mr Eddy Bruyninckx, CEO of Antwerp Port Authority, was presented with the bronze Environment Award. The port's presentation, "Creating Space for Port Development by Proactive Nature Management", was able to convince the jury of the important place given to proactive nature protection in its long-term development strategy.

Balance between ecology & economy

A considerable part of the Antwerp port area is subject to the EU Habitats directive and the Birds directive. Under the terms of these directives, any loss of habitat caused by industrial development must be compensated by creating areas with the same ecological value. Experi-

which ecological requirements and economic development go hand in hand, so as to offer guarantees of sustainable port development.

It was with this aim that the Port Authority set up a partnership with the nature conservation society Natuurpunt in 2000. Since then, sufficient "nature compensation" areas are set aside around and within the port area even before industrial development starts, so as to create a natural buffer. In addition to the main conservation areas on the fringes of the port, 5 per cent of the actual port area is reserved for "ecological infrastructure", thus giving a useful purpose to parts of the port that would otherwise lie derelict. This goal of 5 per cent was already 60 per cent reached by 2009.

Collaboration for a sustainable port

Antwerp Port Authority quickly realised that if it was to attain its ambition of developing into the sustainability leader in the Hamburg-Le Havre range,

the port companies are able to reconcile "People, Planet and Profit" with their everyday activities. In the meantime, a second edition of the Sustainability Report is on the way, as work is progressing on a handy guide for companies, with best practices for various aspects of sustainable enterprise. The second Sustainability Report and the guide for companies will both be released on October 8, 2013.

International recognition

The efforts by Antwerp in the field of ecology, the environment and sustainability, together with its reputation in these areas, has not gone unnoticed internationally. In March this year, the port bagged the prestigious Environment World Ports Award 2013 in Abu Dhabi. This award recognises a port authority that has made a significant contribution to the environment. And in a year that the first Sustainability Report appeared, the publication of the award for the "Best Belgian Sustainability Report" in the category



Port of Antwerp

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WISTA India holds first AGM

Annual event on Dec. 13



Participating in the WISTA India AGM were (from left) Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Ms Rukhsana Vohra, Ms Anjali Kumar, Ms Shantha Martin, Ms Sumeet Sahi and Ms Miriam Matthews

Exim News Service

MUMBAI, Sept. 26

THE Indian chapter of the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA India) held its first

annual general meeting (AGM) on September 20 at the office of the Great Eastern Shipping Company Ltd. WISTA India was launched

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WISTA India holds first AGM

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last year by the Sahi sisters, Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta and Ms Sumeet Sahi. Their company, Sitara Shipping Ltd, is the agent for WISTA in India.

Within a short span of a year, WISTA India has 82 members all over the country, with a separate Chennai sub-chapter.

Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta, President of WISTA India, has been invited to speak at the WISTA International Conference to be held in Montreal on October 2, 3 and 4. The first lady from India to be accorded this honour, she will be addressing the gathering on business opportunities in India.



Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta addressing the AGM as Ms Rukhsana Vohra looks on



Members at the AGM

The last year was a great period for WISTA India ladies, highlighted a release. Of the Board members, Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta and Ms Sumeet Sahi were presented a prestigious award by the SP Jain Institute of Management and Research business school.

Ms Shantha Martin won an award at the In-

ternational Women's Leadership Forum.

The WISTA India Board welcomed its newest member, Ms Miriam Matthews, Direc-

tor of GAC. She comes in place of Ms Anjali Kumar of Great Eastern, who stepped down due to enhanced work commitments.

"Ms Matthews, being the youngest member of the Board, will bring to

WISTA India fresh ideas, and her dedication is much to be admired," says Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta.

WISTA India's annual event

is planned for December 13 in Mumbai. It is also open to non-members. Those interested in participating can get in touch with the WISTA India office.

The WISTA India Board

- ★ Ms Sanjam Sahi Gupta - President
- ★ Ms Rukhsana Vohra - General Secretary
- ★ Ms Sumeet Sahi - Joint Secretary
- ★ Ms Shantha Martin - Joint Secretary
- ★ Ms Miriam Matthews - Treasurer & Board Member-Social Media