

Date: Jan 8, 2008
To: Ministry of Transportation
Vinamarine

Re: Suggestions on construction of roads and dredging channels to seaports

Below is the summary of the suggestions of Gemadept on 3 main aspects:

1. Cai Mep Thi Vai port complex in Ba Ria Vung Tau Province

Re: Currently Gemadept and some other operators can not start the development of our new seaports in the province due to the lack of the network of roads and bridges linking Highway 51 to the construction sites.

We respectfully request MoTR and Ba Ria Vung Tau people's committee to accelerate the construction of the road and bridge network and the inter-port roads that help connect the potential seaports to Highway 51 so as to be able to start of the potential seaport construction.

Re: channel to Thi Vai – Cai Mep port complex, though some seaports have been currently constructed (e.g. PSA (Vinalines), New Port (MoD) ect..., the channel is left un-improved.

We respectfully request the MoTR to push the Cai Mep - Thi Vai channel dredging so as the potential seaports, upon completion, will function to the level of investors' commitments. The channel dredging will secure benefits for entire seaports group within Cai Mep – Thi Vai.

2. Dzung Quat Seaport, Quang Ngai Province

The Berth #1 project within Dzung Quat General Seaport Complex, invested by Gemadept is one of the strategic projects that are going to cater for Dzung Quat Economic Zone and adjacent areas. The seaport project stage #1 is due to be done in April 2008. However, the channel to general seaports complex (that consists of 3 component ports) and vessel turnaround pool is not the target of the Government investment so big vessels of DWT 5,000 or more cannot enter, adversely affecting the growth of the Dzung Quat Economic Area.

We respectfully request MoTR and Vinamarine to accelerate the channel dredging, vessel turnaround pool, move buoys #P5 & P7 beyond the border of the seaport reserved water area.

Re: road transportation, this seaport is linked to Highway #1 by Doc Soi – Dzung Quat road network that cross Tra Bong Bridge. The bridge, however, is too weak to support heavy cargo transportation permanently. The improvement of the road network is due to be finished by 2010.

We respectfully request the MoTR and localities to accelerate the construction and upgrading of the road and bridge to ensure smooth link between the seaports in Dzung Quat and Highway #1.

3. Nhon Hoi International Seaport Complex, Binh Dinh Province

This Port complex (in Port Group #4) has been approved by the PM and of prime importance for Binh Dinh Province and Quy Nhon City. The province and the city make up the center of the industrial, port services, commerce, tourism, education in Southern Central Mekong Delta. To enable the Port to function on schedule we respectfully request the MoTR, Vinamarine, Binh Dinh Province People's committee to dredge the channel from Quy Nhon Port to Nhon Hoi Port whose length is 1.9km (given that the dredging was finished for the portion to Quy Nhon port); Dredge the vessel turnaround area to ensure the depth of 8.5m (given that current depth is 2m); and Construct the main road network goes to Nhon Hoi Port which is around 1.6m long.

Sincerely yours,
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