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Attention of all concerned is invited to the provisions of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008, whereby AERA (the Authority) is required to regulate tariff and other charges for the aeronautical services rendered at major airports and monitor the set performance standards.

- 2. Section 2 (a) of the Act defines an "aeronautical service" inter-alia as any service provided
 - "d) for ground handling services relating to aircraft, passengers and cargo at an airport;
 - e) for the cargo facility at an airport;
 - f) for supplying fuel to the aircraft at an airport;"
- 3. Presently 12 airports viz., Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Cochin, Chennai, Kolkata, Calicut, Ahmedabad, Calicut, Goa and Pune have been identified as 'major airport', in terms of section 2 (i) of the Act, based on the passenger throughput during the year 2008-09.
- 4. The tariff for ground handling services, cargo facility and fuel supply services being rendered at the said airports (defined as aeronautical services as per Sec 2 (a) (iv) to (vi) of the Act) are, therefore, to be regulated by the Authority. AERA is also required to monitor the set performance standards relating to quality, continuity and reliability of service. Accordingly, the Authority has sought following information from the airport operators concerned:
 - (i) Name and contact details of the agencies carrying out the ground handling services, cargo facility and fuel supply at their respective airports;
 - (ii) Tariff levied by these agencies on airlines/others;
 - (iii) Charges paid by these agencies to the Airport Operator(s);
 - (iv) Copies of the contractual agreements entered between the Airport Operator and the agency concerned.
- 5. Attention is also drawn to Section 13 (4) of the Act wherein the Authority is required to ensure transparency while exercising its powers and discharging its functions, inter-alia, by holding due consultations with all stake holders with the airport. In pursuance thereof, the Authority has finalised the 'Guidelines for Stake-Holder Consultation' which have been uploaded on 'AERA Corner' in the Ministry of Civil Aviation's website www.civilaviation.nic.in. In terms thereof, the Authority proposes to regularly consult local associations of Freight Forwarders, Air Cargo Agents, Custom House Agents and local Chambers of Commerce & Industry in respect of matters relating to the relevant major airport.

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- 6. Authority has requested Operators, of the 12 major airports to furnish the list and contact details of the local associations of Freight Forwarders, Air Cargo Agents, Custom House Agents and Chambers of Commerce and Industry so that they could be made part of the consultative process.
- 7. This Public Notice is issued to say and request that the stakeholders / service providers, mentioned in para 4 and 6 above, could furnish the requisite details directly to the Authority latest by Friday, the 29th January, 2010.

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