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## NOTICE OF FORCE MAJEURE DUE TO COVID-19[A Pandemic Disease]

**EMU LINES PRIVATE LIMITED** has invoked force majeure on all ocean and air freight contracts due to the resurgence of COVID-19, impacts of which are entirely uncertain and significantly more dangerous than the first outbreak in March 2020. To flatten the curve of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indian Government have again closed non-essential businesses, restricted travel and imposed lockdowns and stay-at-home orders.

With regards to the second wave or further waves of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is therefore difficult for us to foresee the exact impact of the Covid-19 virus in the individual countries and the various measures taken by the respective governments.

Considering shipping lines are unexpectedly cancelling/delaying sailings, aircrafts being grounded, and other necessary actions being taken by governments with absolutely no notice that are entirely outside our control, we have invoked the Force Majeure clause effective immediately- the principles of which are universally recognised in business, and enshrined in law."

Force majeure comes into effect when unforeseeable circumstances prevent one party from fulfilling a contract with another. In a forwarding context, that often means that a forwarder is not able to move the cargo it contracted to move with a shipper due to an inability to find the capacity to move that freight.

With almost all elements of the air and ocean supply chain on certain trade lanes currently being impossible to predict or control, EMU Lines Private Limited, reserves the right to modify all or part of its services to the prevailing circumstances consequent to the virus. Going forward, EMU Lines Private Limited, also reserves the right to change its working procedures and any previously agreed rates and prices, levy surcharges, or otherwise to take any measures necessary to adjust its business operations and its obligations to its customers, suppliers and other stakeholders.

This being said, we will continuously review this position as the situation is very fluid for the industry at the moment. EMU Lines Private Limited continues to provide extensive transport services and is tirelessly assisting customers in keeping their supply and do everything possible to meet the terms of its contracts with cargo owners. This notice is a protective measure in the event EMU Lines Private Limited is unable to find available capacity due to circumstances outside of its control.

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