

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **### DIGITAL INDIA**

#### **About the Digital India initiative by the Government of India**

The Government of India (GOI) has been steadfastly working to improve India's ranking in Logistics Performance Index or LPI, and Ease of Doing Business, EODB, by launching a world-class new Port Community System 1x (PCS 1x) in December 2018. There is tremendous impact and adoption of the PCS 1x with the user base growing 300% year-over-year compared with the old PCS.

Customs messages flow to PCS only minutes after the activity is completed on Icegate - the Indian customs application; the payments have shifted momentum from cash to digital, with a growth of 70% in digital payments over previous years, and the operational turnaround time with interactive benchmarking tools have helped some ports to reduce the time taken to manage vessel and port activity. The utility of the PCS 1x was further appreciated after India's lockdown, which commenced March 25th and still continues across this vast nation.

Continual business reforms and technology have helped India improve its global ranking in ease of doing business over the last few years. During their Digital India Initiative, GOI aimed to focus on digital empowerment by providing digital infrastructure as a utility to the Indian masses. Continuing the digital India initiative drive, GOI has recently proposed the National Logistics Platform with a vision to drive economic growth, employment opportunities and the business competitiveness of the country through an integrated, seamless, efficient, reliable and cost-effective single-window with best in class technology, for stakeholders from all walks of the industry.