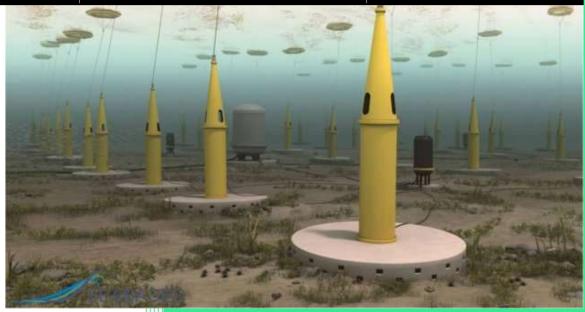


SEAFARADAYS ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED

PETITION FOR PROJECT SPECIFIC TARIFF DETERMINATION OF 1.125 MW WAVE ERNGY PARK AT A&N ISLANDS



PRESENTED TO

Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (For the State of Goa and Union Territories)



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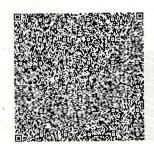
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Affidavit

I, Sh. <u>SAURABH JOLLY</u>, S/o Sh. <u>SUNIL KUMAR JOLLY</u> (aged <u>35</u> years), (occupation) <u>DIRECTOR</u>, residing at <u>G-125</u>, <u>ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-I</u>, <u>DELHI - 110052</u>), the deponent named above do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as under:-

- 1. That the deponent is the Managing Director / Director who is authorized as per the resolution of the company dated 7th July 2016 and is acquainted with the facts deposed to below.
- 2. I, the deponent named above do hereby verify that the contents of the paragraph Nos. I of the affidavit and those of the accompanied petition are based on the records of the Petitioner maintained in the ordinary course of business and/or based on information available in public domain, which I believe to be true and verify that no part of this affidavit is false and nothing material has been concealed.

Details of Enclosures:

- (a) Petition for Determination of Project specific Tariff along with all Annexures
- (b) Petition Fee Rs. 1,00,000/- vide Demand Draft No. 45109 dated 30/07/2016

(Deponent)

Place: New Delhi

For SeaFaradays Energy Private Limited



(Name & Designation of the Authorised Signatory)

BALJIT SINGH
NOTARY DELHI-R-10615
Govt. of India
NEW DELHI

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I, BOLT TSIMM Advocate, Notary R-10615-Dolly, do hereby declare that the person making this affidavit is known to me through the perusal of records and I am satisfied that he is the same person alleging to be deponent himself.

Advocate Advocate

Solemnly affirmed before me on this . 29... day of July 2016 at 3.... a.m. / p.m. by the deponent who has been identified by the aforesaid Advocate.

I have satisfied myself by examining the deponent that he understood the contents of the affidavit which has been read over and explained to him. He has also been explained about section 193 of Indian Penal Code that whoever intentionally gives falseevidence in any of the proceedings of the Commission or fabricates evidence for purpose of being used in any of the proceedings shall be liable for punishment as per law.



BALJIT SWIGH
NOTARY DELHI-R-10615
Govt. of India
NEW DELHI

PETITION UNDER SECTIONS 61(h), 62, 64 READ WITH SECTIONS 86(1)(a), 86(1)(b) AND 86(1)(e) OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

Introduction

- 1. The **Petitioner**, SeaFaradays Energy Private Limited (SeaFaradays), is registered under the Companies Act, 2013 having its registered office at 2FCS44 Second Floor, Ansal Plaza, Vaishali, Ghaziabad 201010, Uttar Pradesh and Corporate Office at 416, Somdatt Chambers II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi 110066. A copy of the **Certificate of Incorporation** of the Petitioner Company is attached as **ANNEXURE P** 1.
- The Petitioner is first of its kind startup company in India, setup with the objective to harness the Offshore Renewable Energy and emerge as Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer (RE-IPP) and place India among the top few countries to take lead in Ocean Energy.
- 3. The Petitioner is the authorized technology partner of Seabased AB (Seabased), (a Swedish OEM and Patent technology holder for the Wave Energy Converter (WEC) and associated components), for India. A copy of the Letter of Association is attached as ANNEXURE P 2.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is the nodal Ministry of the Government of India (Gol) for all matters relating to new and renewable energy. The broad aim of MNRE is to develop and deploy new and renewable energy for supplementing the energy requirements of the country. The role of new and renewable energy has been assuming increasing significance in recent times with the growing concern for the country's energy security. MNRE is keen to promote new technologies who are market ready for commercial implementation and simultaneously encourages Private Player Participation by aiding financial assistance for setting up of the projects under their Research, Design, Development and Demonstration (RDD&D) Scheme.



- The Petitioner's proposed Wave Energy Technology has been reviewed, approved and accepted subsequent to a formal techno commercial review carried out by the esteemed panel of Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) comprising of eminent members from MNRE, Ministry of Earth Sciences National Institute of Ocean Technology (MOES-NIOT), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Chennai and Indian Navy. Copy of the Acceptance Letter is attached as ANNEXURE P 3. The details and chronology of the engagement and approval is duly enumerated in the relevant paragraphs of the Petition.
- 6. In accordance with the above, the Petitioner is in the process of development of Wave Energy Project at Andaman and Nicobar Islands for demonstrating the suitability of Ocean Wave Energy Technology in Indian Offshore conditions. In collaboration with Seabased, the Petitioner plans to set up a 1.125 MW (45 kW x 25 WECs) Ocean Wave Energy Project at Hut Bay Island in the Union Territory of A&N Islands. The Petitioner shall be responsible for overall Execution, Management and Operation & Maintenance of Wave Energy Park for the life cycle of the Wave Park / duration of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).
- 7. For executing the Project, the Petitioner intends to incorporate a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Company which shall be a subsidiary of the Petitioner. This SPV shall be the Generating Company within the meaning of Section 2 (28) of the Electricity Act, 2003 ('Act'). Section 2 (28) of the Act is reproduced as under:
 - "(28) "generating company" means any company or body corporate or association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not, or artificial juridical person, which owns or operates or maintains a generating station;"
- 8. As per reference letter in ANNEXURE P 3, MNRE is willing to provide financial assistance to the Project under their prevailing RDD&D Scheme wherein a grant amount of up to 50% of the capital cost of the Project is provided.
- 9. For the implementation of the Project, a **Detailed Project Report** (DPR) **covering** all **technical** and **commercial** aspects of the Project, including the **proposed LCOE** was



submitted to the Electricity Department, A&N Islands (the Respondent) on 09.05.2016. The copy of the same is attached as **ANNEXURE P – 4**.

- 10. The Respondent is operating & maintaining power generation, transmission & distribution systems and networks in the A&N Islands for providing electric power supply to general public & local industries and also implements various schemes under Plan and Non Plan Programmes for augmentation of generating capacity and establishment of new power houses and T&D systems. The Respondent also functions as a Nodal Agency for implementing Renewable Energy Programme of MNRE in the Islands. Further to receipt of the DPR, copy of the Respondent's communication in this regard is attached as ANNEXURE P 5.
- The Respondent is currently engaged with various IPPs (RE and Fossil Fuel based), HPPs and Self Generation plants. For purpose of clarity, in this case, the Petitioner shall act as RE-IPP responsible for establishment, operation & maintenance of the 1.125MW Wave Energy Park.
- 12. Pursuant to the Draft Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) (Procurement of Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2010, Third Amendment published for public comments by the Hon'ble Commission vide no. 14/2010 dated 17.06.2016 the Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPO) targets for the State of Goa and Union Territories has been increased to 17% by FY 2021-22 with Solar RPO at 8%. Thus it is clear that in the ensuing years, humungous quantum of RE power is to be procured by the Respondent which will require larger share from non-Solar due to peculiarities of islands.
- Furthermore, pursuant to Clause 2(o) of the JERC (Procurement of Renewable Energy Regulations) 2010, Hon'ble Commission recognises the MNRE approved sources as eligible renewable energy generating sources (such as ours). Clause 2(o) of the said Regulations is reproduced below:

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- (o) "Renewable Energy Sources" in this context means electricity generating sources recognized or approved by the MNRE.
- 14. The Wave-Energy technology has been categorised as a new and emerging renewable energy technology by the MNRE, and the Petitioner's Project has been identified for financial assistance under RDD&D Scheme of MNRE. Therefore, this Project would also contribute towards fulfilment of Respondent's RPO, which are proposed to be enhanced to 17.00% by FY 2021-22 from the present levels of 3.95% for FY 2016-17 to 6.00% FY 2018-19.

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It is pertinent to mention herein that at present there is no existing policy and regulatory framework in place with regards to tariff determination for Wave Energy Projects. The Petitioner most humbly submits to the Hon'ble Commission that as the Wave Energy Project is stipulated as an eligible renewable energy resource by the MNRE, therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Section 61(h) of the Electricity Act ('Act') 2003 the Hon'ble Commission may kindly determine the tariff for the Project accordingly. Section 61 (h) of the Act is reproduced below:

"The Appropriate Commission shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, specify the terms and conditions for the determination of tariff, and in doing so, shall be guided by the following, namely:-

- (h) the promotion of co-generation and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy;
- 16. In view of above, the Petitioner humbly prays the Hon'ble Commission to determine Project specific Tariff for the proposed Wave Energy Project in accordance with the provisions of Sections 61(h) and 62 of the Act. The Petitioner undertakes to place on record any further documents identified/ required by this Hon'ble Commission for the purposes of tariff determination through the data gaps. The relevant extract of Section 62 of the Act is reproduced as under:



- "(1) The Appropriate Commission shall determine the tariff in accordance with the provisions of this Act for-
- (a) supply of electricity by a generating company to a distribution licensee:

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- (2) The Appropriate Commission may require a licensee or a generating company to furnish separate details, as may be specified in respect of generation, transmission and distribution for determination of tariff.
- 17. Thus, in accordance with Section 64(1) of the Act, the Petitioner is submitting the present Petition to the Hon'ble Commission seeking determination of tariff to sell power generated from its Wave Energy Project to the Respondent. The relevant extract of Section 64 of the Act is reproduced as under:
 - "(1) An application for determination of tariff under section 62 shall be made by a generating company or licensee in such manner and accompanied by such fee, as may be determined by regulations.
- 18. Furthermore, in accordance with Sections 86(1)(a), 86(1)(b) and 86(1)(e) of the Act, the Petitioner is submitting the present petition to the Hon'ble Commission seeking determination of tariff to sell power generated from its Wave Energy Project to the Respondent. The relevant extract of the said Sections is reproduced as under:
 - "(1) The State Commission shall discharge the following functions, namely: -
 - (a) determine the tariff for generation, supply, transmission and wheeling of electricity, wholesale, bulk or retail, as the case may be, within the State:
 - (b) regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources through agreements for purchase of power for distribution and supply within the State;



- (e) promote co-generation and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy by providing suitable measures for connectivity with the grid and sale of electricity to any person, and also specify, for purchase of electricity from such sources, a percentage of the total consumption of electricity in the area of a distribution licensee;
- India is the second most populous country and amongst the fastest growing economies in the world, hence the quantum required to meet the energy demand is humungous and invariably place India among the top countries contributing to the global rise in GHG emissions in the near future. Thus, the primary challenge for India would be to alter its energy mix, which is dominated by coal, to a greater share of cleaner and sustainable sources of energy. India also needs to take immediate steps and a tough stance to balance without compromising on the targets set for economic development and environment sustainability. Therefore, increasing the installed capacity of renewable energy sources, new and emerging technologies such as wave energy is the need of the hour to supplement and meet the requisite demand.

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20. India has endorsed the long term United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) targets for limiting the increase in the global average surface temperature to 2°C above the pre-industrial level. At COP 21 in Paris, Parties to the UNFCCC reached a historic agreement to combat climate change and to accelerate and intensify the actions and investments needed for a sustainable low carbon economy in future. On October 2, 2015, India declared its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) for the period 2021 to 2030. Inter-alia, the INDC declared by India has intended to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 33% to 35% by 2030 from 2005 level and also achieve about 40% cumulative electric power installed capacity from RE sources by 2030 with the help of transfer of technology and low cost international finance including from Green Climate Fund (GCF). It also includes creation of an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tons of CO₂ equivalent through an additional forest and tree cover by 2030.

Scenario at A&N Islands - Land Scarcity & the Diesel Menace

- 21. As the Hon'ble Commission is well aware that A&N Islands are a group of segregated islands that form the Union Territory. Due to geographical peculiarities of these islands including separation by sea over great distances, there is no single power grid for the entire electrified islands, and a power house at each location caters independently to the power requirements of areas/islands. Therefore, the power generation in A&N Islands is localised and is substantially diesel based.
- 22. It is pertinent to note that in A&N Islands, approximately 90.9% of the total land area is categorised under forest area (including 59.15% of area is covered under protected forest) and 1.51% as Cultivable Waste Land. Henceforth, despite the positive experience of solar energy installations in India, exploring the Ocean Wave energy to meet the electricity demand of A&N Islands seems a viable option with a positive environment footprint.¹
- As evident from the details mentioned in the table below, the **present power scenario** in the UT of A&N Islands is **predominantly diesel based**, which accounts for over 90% of the total installed capacity.

A&N Electricity Generation at a Glance (FY 2016-17)				
Total Installed Capacity 108.75 MW				
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Peak Demand	58 MW			
Annual units sold 252.60 MU				

24. From the information available in the Hon'ble Commission's Order dated 06.04.2016 in Petition No. 196 / 2016, for determination of ARR for the First MYT Control Period (FY 2016-17 to FY 2018-19) and Retail Supply Tariff for FY 2016-17 for the Respondent, the Petitioner has **observed** that, in terms of energy generation, the **diesel based generation** accounts for more than 94% of the total energy requirement, as evident from the following table.

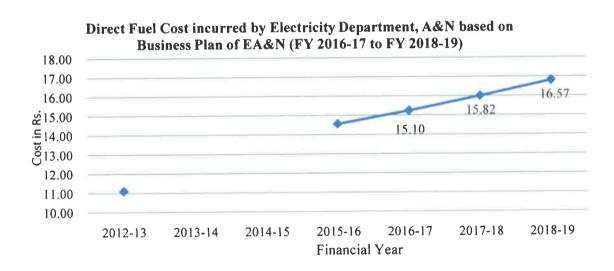
¹ Draft Report- Feasibility Study to install Wind Turbines in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Published by NIWE in April 2015.

Particulars	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Energy Sales	252.60	265.32	278.87
T&D Loss	17.11%	15.34%	13.59%
Total Energy Requirement	304.73	313.39	322.75
Diesel based Sources (A)	287.78	296.53	305.77
Own Generation	107.88	116.63	125.87
Power Purchase	179.90	179.90	179.90
Renewable Sources (B)	17.30	17.30	17.30
Small Hydro (KHEP)	10.58	10.58	10.58
Solar PV (G/Charama SPV)	6.72	6.72	6.72
Total Energy Availability (A+B)	305.08	313.83	323.07
Surplus / (Deficit)	0.35	0.44	0.32

- 25. It is prudent to mention here that pursuant to the country's commitment in carbon reduction, dependency on diesel to meet electricity demand is not desirable for the growth of the country both economically and environmentally. This is even critical for A&N Islands having more fragile ecological environment and economy largely dependent upon Central Government.
- Approximately 85% of the energy conversion in the world today is fossil fuel based; the harmful effects of emissions from these fossil fuel based energy conversion is debated globally. Presently, nearly 80% of India's crude oil requirement is met from imports and it is stipulated that this percentage is expected to increase with the ensuing demand in future. Additionally, the global crude oil has seen a tremendous variation wherein per cost of crude oil (Indian Basket) reached to a whopping USD 120 per barrel in the past and per litre price of diesel was regulated at that time.
- 27. The Petitioner most humbly specifies that the price of diesel is now deregulated and is determined by the oil marketing companies based on international market and currency rates. Thus, any increase in the price of crude of rate in the price of crude of the price will be

passed to the generating cost of electricity in some form; thereby increasing the per unit electricity rate in the A&N Islands.

- There are various power houses at different locations in the islands having DG sets capacity ranging from 6 kW to 5000 kW. Despite knowing that generating power with fossil fuel is not a long term sustainable solution and understanding adverse socio economic, climate and environmental impacts, the Islands are constrained to depend on Diesel for power generation. It is important to emphasise that this heavy dependence on diesel is due to the limitations of existing proven Renewable Technologies like Solar, Wind and Small Hydro due to peculiarities of the Islands (refer para 63 for further details).
- 29. In its MYT Petition for the Control Period from FY 2016-17 to FY 2018-19 as submitted to the Hon'ble Commission, the Respondent had projected its fuel cost (Direct Generation cost excluding other allied costs) at INR 15.10 per unit, INR 15.82 per unit and INR 16.57 per unit for FY 2016-17, FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 respectively despite no virtual increase in the International Crude Oil prices.



30. The above cost is averaged out generation cost per unit of electricity covering self generation, Independent Power Plant (IPPs) and Hired Power Plants (HPPs). Pursuant to the Table No. 5.20, 5.21 and 5.22 of MYT Order in Petition No. 196/2016 dated 06.04.2016 the per unit average Fuel cost vis-à-vis the diesel consumption as approved by the Hon'ble Commission is presented below:

Particulars	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY2018-19
HSD 'Only' Cost (Rs. Cr.)	291.14	301.01	311.34
Generation (MUs)	305.07	313.83	323.07
HSD Consumption (in KL)	73,280.52	75,765.31	78,364.91
HSD Cost (Rs/L)	39.73	39.73	39.73
Avg 'Fuel Only'* Cost (Rs/kWh)	11.11	11.12	11,13

^{*} Excluding Fixed Generation costs, escalation, Operation & Maintenance costs

31. Considering the India's crude price basket for March 2016 as USD 36.42 per BBL, and comparing the same with the HSD Cost and Average Generation Cost, the following table summarises scenarios of HSD Cost and Average Generation Cost, at various price levels of Crude in (USD/BBL), without considering any impact of variation foreign exchange rates.

Crude (USD/BBL)	HSD Cost (INR/L)	Avg Fuel (HSD) Only Cost (INR/kWh)*	HSD Cost after addition of Estd. Cost on a/c of Taxes not levied and Freight Charges (~INR 11/L) (INR/L)	True cost of Fuel (HSD) Only incl. Taxes not levied and Freight Charges (INR/kWh)*
36.42	39.73	11.11	50.73	14.19
45.00	49.09	13.73	60.09	16.81
55.00	60.00	16.78	71.00	19.86
65.00	70.90	19.83	81.90	22.91
75.00	81.81	22.88	92.81	25.96
85.00	92.72	25.93	103.72	29.01
95.00	103.63	28.98	114.63	32.06
100.00	109.08	30.50	120.08	33.58

^{*} Excluding Fixed Generation costs, escalation, Operation & Maintenance costs

32. It is given to understand that the HSD cost per litre on account of:

A&N being a Union Territory, there is a different pricing mechanism between
State vs Union Territories primarily on account of Taxes (Excise, VAT, ESS
etc.) which accounts to the Exchequer loosing Indirect Taxes collection
amounting to ~ INR 6 / litre. This shall increase with increase in market price

- of Crude Oil; however, for the basis of computation, it is kept constant for now.
- A&N being a remote location, the Freight charges of diesel from Chennai to A&N Islands are estimated to be ~INR 5 / litre.
- 33. Thus the resultant additional cost of HSD / litre: INR 6 + INR 5 ~ INR 11.00 / litre which should be added to the current pump price of diesel in A&N to arrive at a true cost of 'Fuel Only'. The current value of 'Fuel Only' Generation cost of INR 11.11 translated to INR 14.2 by just adding the Service Tax and Freight Charges from Chennai, still excluding Fixed Generation costs, escalation, Operation & Maintenance costs (please refer table above for incremental fuel cost comparison).
- Thus the HSD cost of INR 39.73/litre as mentioned in the table above does not reflect the true economic landed cost of HSD / litre in A&N Islands, as for every litre of HSD being consumed in A&N Islands, the Central Exchequer is being burdened with ~INR 11 and the same is currently not being reflected in EDA&N generation cost.
- It is evident that the present average cost of generation as approved by the Hon'ble Commission in its MYT Order (for A&N Islands) in Petition No. 196/2016 dated 06.04.2016, is in a regime of lowest international crude price in the last few decades. Therefore, the international crude prices, and therefore, cost of diesel based power generation is imminent to grow year on year on account of dynamics of fuel pricing, vintage of diesel plants, general inflation, etc. The Renewable Energy technologies can provide the much needed energy security by supplementing the growing power demand and simultaneously arresting the growth in tariff.
- 36. As described in para 63 below, the proven renewable technologies have constraints and limitations with respect to islands, thus, despite focus on solar, reliance on diesel continue and shall continue to grow unless a right energy mix is found for the islands wherein Wave Energy can be a significant, sustainable and reliable RE source.



- The Petitioner emphasizes that A&N Islands are blessed with a substantial coastline (~1496 Km) thereby enabling them to be able to explore the Ocean Wave Energy to meet its requisite energy demand. Oceans cover about 70% of the Earth's surface with a significant energy density and a substantial commercial potential if the energy can be extracted using a reliable, environmentally benign and cost effective technology. It is more consistent and predictable than that of other renewable resource such as wind and solar. Thus, Wave has the potential to become a Sustainable Energy Solution for Islands.
- 38. Until 2014, the CAGR of per capita power consumption at A&N Islands, as reported by the Respondent, during the last 15 years is 6%. The per capita power consumption is expected to grow from the current levels of 604 kWh to 960 kWh by FY 2021-22 therefore, showing a humungous growth of 159%. Therefore, harnessing the environmental friendly and predictable wave energy for power generation to meet the requisite demand in the UT of A&N Islands is a viable and a practical option.

Wave Potential Overview - Global & Indian Perspective

- Oceans cover about 70 % of the Earth's surface and contain significant energy density and have substantial commercial potential if the energy can be extracted using a reliable, environmentally benign and cost-effective technology. It is more consistent and predictable than that of other renewable resources such as wind and solar. The various types of ocean energy technologies, such as tidal energy, wave energy, ocean thermal energy conversion and salinity gradient energy. Given their geographical distribution and the wealth of resources available, tidal, and wave energy are those poised to provide the most significant and sustainable contribution to make the dependable world's energy system.
- 40. Wave energy, with a global potential 30 times higher than that of tidal energy and will prove to be a renewable resource with a difference. Wave energy is the most interesting and promising among all forms of ocean energy. During the process of wave power extraction, wave energy does not create any waste or emit CO₂; it leads to no noise pollution and is also environment-friendly. In the most renewable

energy resources, wave energy can produce power throughout the year. Wave energy is highly concentrated near the ocean's surface in oceans worldwide.

The World Energy Council has estimated that approximately 2 terawatts (2 million megawatts), about double of current world electricity generation, could be generated from the oceans via wave power. The UK Marine Foresight Panel estimates that just 0.1% of available marine energy could supply five times the global demand for energy.

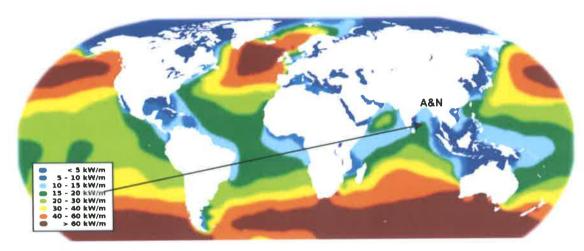


Figure: World Wave Potential

Source: Web

42. India boasts a 7,516.6 km long coastline² encompassing the mainland, Lakshadweep Islands, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, with an estimated potential of Wave Energy at approximately 40 GW with the average harness-able Wave potential available along coastline & Islands is in the range of 10-20 kW/m as depicted in the figure below:



² http://mha1.nic.in/par2013/par2013-pdfs/ls-300413/498.pdf

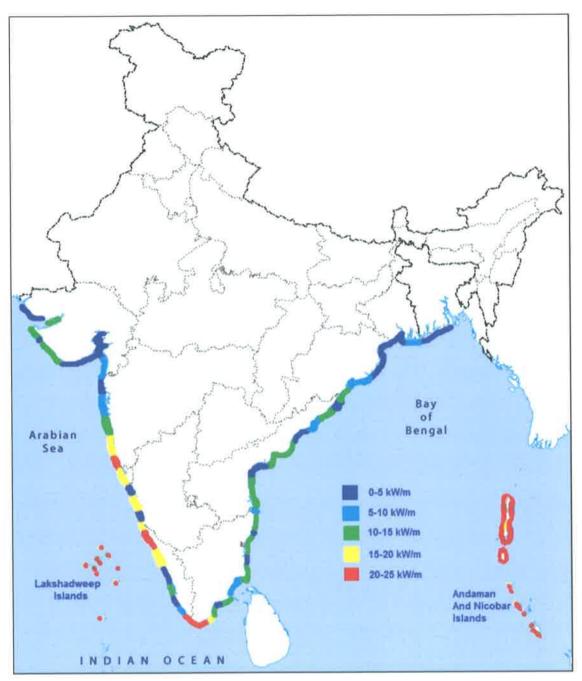
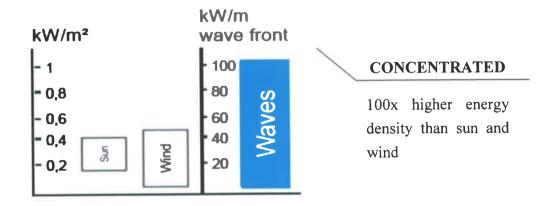


Figure: Indian Wave Potential

- 43. The global wave energy potential estimates range from 10,000 to 15,000 TWh per year worldwide. The utilization factor (CUF/PLF) for wave power is estimated to be in the range of 33% ~ 80% depending on the wave climate at the location of installation.
- 44. The figure below compares the harness-able potential of various RE Sources, with Wave Energy showcasing the highest available harness-able potential RGY



- 45. Wave energy, apart from being:
 - Renewable
 - Environment friendly
 - Providing increased energy security thus less Dependency on Foreign Oil
 Companies and price volatility

Offers the following exclusive/ incomparable advantages over other proven RE sources:

- Abundant and Widely Available
- Higher Energy Density (refer para 44 for potential scale)
- High Predictability
- No Damage to Land (Unlike solar which requires 4~6 Acres land/MW)
- Less visual/noise impact
- Capable of high efficiency (up to 80%) in ideal conditions
- High Grid Adaptability due to higher accuracy of predictability (up to 98%)
- Low Frequency of maintenance
- 46. Ongoing **research** and **development** in the sector has **brought** the wave power industry into the **beginnings** of **commercial development**. The following table details the operational wave energy plants installed globally.



Station	Station Developer/ Technology Provider		Capacity (MW)	Year of Commissioning
Sotenas Wave Energy Plant*	Seabased AB	Sweden	1	2015
Azura Wave Power Device	Northwest Energy Innovations	United States	0.2	2015
Mutriku Breakwater Wave Plant	Basque Energy Agency	Spain	0.3	2009
SDE Sea Waves Power Plant	SDE Energy Ltd.	Israel	0.04	2009
Islay Limpet	Wavegen	United Kingdom	0.5	2000
Orkney Wave Power Station	European Wave Energy Centre	United Kingdom	2.4	Proposed

^{*} With the largest commercially operational, grid connected plant based on our technology

It is prudent to evaluate the international available benchmarks. Based on the study³ published by CRISIL, in support with IIT Chennai, duly enumerates the CAPEX vis-à-vis the scale of the Project with an OPEX of ~ 5-9%:

Technology	Pre-demonstration project cost in million (low-high)	Demonstration project cost in million (cost for developers first 10 MW project (low-high)	Commercial project cost in million for developers 10 MW project after 50 MW deployed
Wave			
Capex/MW	€ 9.3 (7.8-11.0)	€ 6.2 (5.2-7.2)	€ 4 3 (3.5-5.0)
Opex./MW/yr.	€ 0.80 (0.67-0.93)	Euro 0.37 (0.30-0.45)	€ 0 25 (0.17-0 24)
Tidel Range			
Capex/MW	n/a	n/a	€ 2.3 (1.0-3.5)
Opex./MW/yr	n/a	n/a	€ 0 025 (0 02-0.03)
Tidal Stream shall	low		
Capex/MW	€ 12.6 (9.5-15.7)	€ 5.5 (4.4-6.5)	€ 3.9 (2.9-4.95)
Opex./MW/yr	€ 0 55 (0.40-0.71)	€ 0.38 (0.29-0.48)	€ 0 20 (0 15-0 24)
Tidal Stream Deep			
Capex/MW	€ 11.0 (9.3-12.5)	€ 4.5 (3.8-5.2)	€ 3.9 (2.9-4.95)
Opex/MW/year	€ 0.41 (0.34-0.50)	€ 0.20 (0.15-0.25)	€ 0.16 (0.11-0.20)

Table: International benchmarks for CAPEX and OPEX
Source: Black & Veatch Marine Energy Cost Analysis 2010



³ http://www.ireda.gov.in/writereaddata/AFD_Tidal.pdf

Capital Cost (\$/kW)	Fixed O&M (\$/kW-yr)
9,240	474
6,960	357
5,700	292
4,730	243
3,950	203
3,420	175
4,000	208
5,330	273
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Table: Cost and Performance projections for Ocean Wave Technology

Source: Cost and Performance Data for Power Generation Technologies, Black & Veatch

48. Cost projections by IRENA⁵ – Due to the limited commercial experience, the estimates for Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) of wave energy technologies in 10 MW demonstration projects is in the range of EUR 330-630 per megawatt hour (MWh). However, there is considerable scope for economies of scale and learning, with the projected LCOE for wave energy in 2030 estimated to be between EUR 113-226 per MWh, if deployment level of more than 2 Gigawatt (GW) is achieved.

Project Promoters and Proponents

- 49. The Petitioner, SeaFaradays Energy Private Limited is a first of its kind company in India, set up with an objective to harness, promote, develop, own, operate and maintain "Offshore" renewable energy projects and place India among the top few countries to take lead in Ocean Energy.
- The Petitioner has the necessary attributes, technical know how and logistics capability to provide various services in offshore industry with the intent of meeting the growing demand of the world and are desirous of power projects in India and elsewhere. The promoters of the Petitioner are among the pioneers of offshore industry in India, with a vast experience in Extensive Construction, Project Management and EPC experience in areas including but not limited to Offshore Oil & Gas, Energy, Port and Marine Infrastructure projects in India and elsewhere. Details pertaining to the profile of the Petitioner, its promoters, etc can be found under the Section 3.4 of the DPR.

⁴ http://by.com/docs/reports-studies/nrel-cost-report.pdf

http://www.irena.org/documentdownloads/publications/wave-energy_v4_web_r

- The Petitioner is the authorised technology partner with Seabased AB, an Original Equipment Manufacturer. Seabased AB was founded in 2001 as an innovation and patent holding company closely associated with the Swedish Centre for Renewable Electric Energy Conversion Uppsala University.
- The Petitioner is in strategic partnership with M/s Dharti Dredging and Infrastructure Limited (DDIL), one of the largest Indian dredging companies in the private sector. DDIL, with their technical expertise, experienced project management teams and strong financials has executed numerous projects in Indian subcontinent and elsewhere. DDIL is an ISO 9001, 14001 and OHSAS 18001 company, owning a spectrum of dredgers and associated support vessels extensively being utilised for capital dredging works, Oil & Gas, Infrastructure development of ports and harbours etc. With an extensive experience in offshore and associated activities, DDIL is now foraying into Energy, Marine and Defence sector. Other relevant details about DDIL can be found under Section 3.4.1 of the DPR. A copy of Letter of Association is attached as ANNEXURE P 6.
- 53, From global perspective, Seabased Wave Technology has over 29 MW of confirmed orders as below:
 - · Sotenäs, 10 MW Fortum, Swedish Energy Authority
 - Phase 1 34 + 2 WEC, 1 LVMS, 9.5 km sea cable, GCP land station, SCADA-system and wave measuring buoy The 1st MW Grid connected to the Swedish Main Grid on 16th Dec 2015 and is successfully Operating and Producing Electricity since Jan'16
 - Phase 2 Subsequent to evaluation, decision regarding the continuation with additionally 9 MW

Refer ANNEXURE P - 7 for details.

- Ghana, 14 MW TC Energy, Ada, Ghana Repeat Order of Another 5MW
 - Phase 1 6 WEC, 1 LVMS and land station are delivered and under installation at Ada – Commissioning expected in March, 2016
 - Phase 2 375 WEC, 8 LVMS, cables => 14 MW
 - Contract and financing Fully contracted, financing under discussion with banks, LOI with EKN and LOI with SEK

- MoU and customer PPA for 1,000 MW
- O&M contract under discussion

The Order copy with TC Energy is attached as **ANNEXURE P – 8.** It may duly be noted that in this case, Seabased is not acting as RE-IPP and the scope is only limited to Design, Manufacturing, Supply and Supervision only during Installation and Commissioning.

54. The Petitioner intends to build a portfolio of over 100 MW of Wave Energy installed capacity in the next five years at various locations near Indian coasts, as summarised in the table below:

Description	FY 16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21
Forecast order Book (Cumulative)	~1 MW	~40 MW	~70 MW	~100 MW	~200 MW
Forecast Delivery (Cumulative)		~1 MW	~33 MW	~69 MW	~105 MW

- The Petitioner has already identified a few stakeholders, wherein the Wave Energy projects can be implemented and discussions are at advanced stages. Some of the key prospective stakeholders apart from the A&N Islands are:
 - The Indian Navy Already engaged with the Indian Navy for setting up an 8-10 MW Wave Energy project in Karwar Smart Naval Base, Karnataka as well as Naval Base at Lakshadweep
 - Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Pilot Project for unmanned Offshore Platforms
 - Coastal Indian States Discussions ongoing with Kerala and Andhra Pradesh
 - Ports Discussions ongoing with the Mumbai Port Trust and Visakhapatnam Port

Need for the Project

The Government of India has put in concentrated and dedicated efforts for redirecting its energy system by encouraging the use of new and renewable energy in the past decade. The two most prevalent sources of Parallela are Wind

and Solar which have achieved tremendous growth in mainland with an installation of about 27 GW and 6.7 GW respectively as on March 2016.

- 57. However, despite achieving the astonishing progress on technologies such as Solar, Wind and energy efficiency, India is not yet on track to be within the Global Carbon Budget on Climate Change. Thus, consistent, proactive, faster, wider and deeper action is required for 'Energy De-Carbonisation'.
- 58. Energy Generation contributes to approximately two thirds of the green house gases (GHG) emissions, which contributes to the carbonisation problem. Oceans cover approximately two thirds of the total area of earth, thereby becoming a potential solution for the issue of De-Carbonisation. Section 1.2 in the DPR elaborates in detail about the Energy Decarbonisation and its need for India.
- No single RE source can suffice the power requirement of the planet. Thus considering the geographical, political, logistical, resource availability, environmental and economical aspects; a mix of new and renewable energy sources is to be collectively utilized with one source complementing the other.
- There are various types of Ocean Energy Technologies available, namely Tidal, Wave, Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) and Salinity Gradient. Given their geographical distribution and the wealth of resources available, Wave and Tidal Energy are poised to provide the most significant and sustainable contribution to make the dependable World's energy system.
- 61. Wave energy is the most interesting and promising among all forms of Ocean Energy and possesses global potential 30 times higher than that of Tidal energy. The potential of Wave Energy, when evaluated in the Indian context, is estimated to be ~40GW*/year, 5 times than that of Tidal (~8GW*/year). Further, it is important to emphasise here that, A&N Islands experiences both North-Eastern and South-Western Monsoon thus the overcast sky and monsoon period extends to 8~8.5 months annually.



- 90% of the energy generation in A&N Islands is through Diesel Generators which in addition to the higher costs has many side-effects such as emissions contributing to green house gases thus to global warming; carbon black is mainly produced by diesel combustion which has 800 times more global warming potential than CO₂ and is branded Group 1 carcinogen (causes Lung cancer).
- Shortage of optimal sites, apparent scarcity of land, protected forests, clearances, and weather & logistics constraints in the A&N Islands act as a barrier in setup of proven renewables. These geographical & topographical peculiarities of the islands including separation by sea over great distances neither supports the setting up a land based renewable power plant nor does provide a dependable / reliable solution.
- Thus there is a need to explore harnessing energy from Offshore Renewable Resources available in abundance.
- Considering the **peculiarities** of the **Islands**, **Solar Power** has its own **limitations** namely:
 - The performance in the monsoon months is in-consistent,
 - Sky is overcast for majority period of the year
 - Not available during the night
 - Not accurately predictable and
 - Requires over 5 Acres of precious land (land available is already scarce in the Island) for every MW of Solar Installation.

Similarly, Wind Power also faces the following limitations/hindrances:

- Installation of Wind Energy in Islands is a Herculean task
- Logistical challenges
- Shortage of accessible sites having potential
- Thus making it more or less **impossible** to **install large scale** wind projects in the **islands**
- 66. However, Wave Energy overcomes the above listed limitations and provides a reliable and sustainable renewable energy solution for the Islands as it is:

- Performing at higher PLF's during monsoon
- Being available day & night
- Highly & accurately predictable
- No damage to land just requiring a couple of 40 feet container space on land.
- Thus resultant ~50% PLF
- Based on the Resource Assessment & Feasibility study (discussed in Section 4.4 of DPR), there is a scope of installation in various capacities ranging from few kW to large scale MW Wave Energy Parks at various locations in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and our patented technology can be the driving factor for complete phasing out of diesel power generation gradually.
- Although it is a proven solution, has already been implemented in Sotenas, Sweden still we intend to implement the same in India keeping in view the enormous advantages of the Project and the favouring conditions available in India.
- Despite crude being at its lowest, the current generation costs are already in the tune of INR 15 to INR 20 / kWh. This is bound to increase year-on-year due to diesel price fluctuation, escalation & inflation in other costs.
- As per Hon'ble Commission's report 2014-15, delivered power cost per unit is INR 26.58. On the other hand, Renewable Energy will offer fixed tariff for 25 years whereas diesel cost will Inflation / Escalation market dynamics and Energy Security.

Proposed Wave Energy Solution

71. The Petitioner has planned to use the standard model of WECs in the A&N Islands to harness electricity from Wave Energy in consultation with Seabased AB. Seabased AB is the proprietary owner of this WEC technology developed after research conducted for over a decade and this technology is now having worldwide patents. Seabased AB have research tie-up with Uppsala University and has a research station based in Lysekil, Sweden exclusively for the continuous development of Wave Energy and WEC systems. The first full scale WEC was installed in March 2006 and the site has been continuously updated.

- Our technology works on the principle of Wave Energy Conversion and utilises the motion of waves to directly drive the Wave Energy Converters (WECs). This WEC technology is based on the WECs with linear generators. The generating unit is placed on the sea bed is connected to a 'Buoy' on the surface via a wire rope, which captures the energy in the motion of the waves, enabling the WEC to generate electricity. The WECs are connected to marine substations, from which alternating current can be transmitted directly to the onshore grid. Details about the technology with schematics and illustrations can be found under Section 3.3.2 in the DPR.
- 73. The electricity generation using WECs based on our technology follows Faraday's Law wherein electricity is generated through (induced in) the stator coils due to rate of change of flux caused by linear movement of the magnet/translator in the stator conductor. The Technical Description of the Wave Energy System is appended in the DPR.
- 74. In a typical Wave Energy Project, depending upon the Wave Energy Park capacity and the wave conditions at the Wave Energy Park location, there can be about 1 10,000 WEC units. Each of the Seabased AB generators have a nominal capacity of about 20 200 kW. These units are deployed with a marine vessel carrying several units that can be positioned on the sea bed. The WECs are suitable to be placed across various types of sea beds and can work satisfactory with an inclination of up to 15% deviation from a vertical position. Details pertaining to the technical specifications of the technology may be found in Section 3.3.2 of the DPR.
- 75. The Petitioner's technology partner Seabased AB has significant international experience in this new and emerging RE technology. With the commissioning of Grid connected 1 MW Wave Energy Park at Sotenas for Fortum Energy, Seabased AB has established many World firsts, including the World's first multiple unit wave power plant and the World's first subsea generator switchgear. Seabased AB also has a healthy order receipt of about 29 MW across different locations of the world.

Advantages of our Wave Energy Solution

- 76. Ocean waves are more predictable, available day and night and omni-directional in comparison with wind and solar reception. As a result wave energy represents lesser challenges to grid operations and balancing.
- 77. **Key Advantages** of using our Wave Energy Solution at A&N Islands are as follows:
 - Modularity of units with plug and play system thus easy scalability of the capacity.
 - Robust design with few moving parts.
 - **Higher** power conversion efficiency **CUF** can be as **high** as **80%** in a good wave climate.
 - Lower frequency of maintenance.
 - High quality electricity without grid adaptations.
 - Patented technology and system.
 - **High predictability** of the waves and **system** can be **tailor designed** suiting the available waves.
 - High energy density
 - No damage to land or the coast line for future development and/or expansion.
 - Reduced dependencies on foreign oil companies as India imports almost 80% of its fuel.
 - Unlike solar and wind energy installations, wave energy will not put any impact on the already scarce land, as approximately 91% of the total land area in the UT is forest land (including 59.15% of area is covered under protected forest) and 1.51% Cultivable Waste Land leaving only approx.7.5% of the total land for general purposes.
- 78. With an objective to harness the yet untapped wave energy potential in India, and considering the projected rise in energy demand in A&N Islands and, furthermore, aiming towards reducing A&N Islands' dependency on diesel based power generation, MNRE has approved the proposal of the Petitioner to set up a Wave Energy Project.
- 79. A&N Islands experience both North Eastern and South Western monsoons due to which it exhibits excellent wave climate spanning over an entire year. Based on

the desktop study, there is a **scope of installation** in **various capacities** ranging from a few kW to large scale MW wave energy parks at various locations in A&N Islands which can **help** in **phasing out** of **diesel power** gradually.

Environment – We Care

- While designing the WEC, the team has worked from a holistic perspective, with the environmental issues in focus. All materials and components are well known and compatible with the environment. The use of chemicals and oils has been minimized. The small amount of grease necessary in the water tight sealing on top of the WEC is the only oil based substance in contact with water. There are no hydraulic solutions for energy conversion, excluding all extensive use of oil inside the WEC. The corrosion protection and painting of the devices is done in-house with best environmental practice. No emissions to air and water from the operation are expected from the WEC solution.
- Marine growth, including sea weed, barnacles and other invertebrates is expected to occur, especially on the buoy. No antifouling substances are used in favour of expected self-regulating mechanism of gravity. Physical appearance of devices in water tends to aggregate fish, birds and marine mammals. The objects have been seen to provide as roost, protection and new sources of food.
- 82. There are some ecological consequences of wave power installation: the occupied sea bed area from the WEC foundation will inevitably become unavailable for bottom dwelling organisms. However, the introduction of a new body is expected to create a new habitat in favor of the hard substrate organisms.
- The visual impact of our Wave Energy Solution is limited to the view of the buoy. The buoy is about 4-6 m in diameter, painted yellow according to IALA's recommendations due to navigational safety reasons. The buoy occupies an area of about 15 m² ocean surface and the part above sea level is about ½ m. Hence, the impact on landscape values will be very limited. For safety reasons, the buoy might be equipped with lighting arrangements that also could be visible from land. All in all impact on sea users will be an estimated exclusion zone surrounding the wave energy park. Properly marked, it will not create any navigational risks.

The newsletter of 'Science for Environment Policy: European Commission DG Environment News Alert Service' may also be referred which is attached as ANNEXURE P – 9.

Groundwork for the Project

- 85. The Government of India has set an ambitious target to increase the Renewable Energy installed capacity in India from 43 GW in March 2016 to 175 GW by FY 2022 and has allocated specific targets for Solar, Wind, Biomass and Small Hydro to all the States and Union Territories. Apart from the above mentioned renewable energy technologies and keeping the future vision in view, MNRE is exploring ways and means to deploy new and emerging renewable energy technologies as well.
- Pursuant to the MNRE's thrust on exploring new and emerging renewable energy technology installations in India, the Petitioner approached MNRE for approval to conduct Preliminary Potential Analysis of Ocean Energy in the A&N Islands' region.
- 87. MNRE, vide Letter No. 113/6/2015-GT dated 11.08.2015, (copy attached as ANNEXURE P 10), approved the request of the Petitioner to conduct a Preliminary Potential Analysis of Ocean/Wave Energy in the A&N Island as a part of their initiative to accelerate and enhance support for RDD&D of Ocean/Wave Energy in the Country.
- In order to understand the suitability of Ocean Energy Projects (Wave and Tidal) in India, MNRE constituted a Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) to review Ocean Energy Technologies. Pursuant to the invitation letter (No. 114/7/2015 OE dated 17.12.2015) for PAC meeting to be held on 19.01.2016 at New Delhi. The PAC comprised of senior officials from MNRE along with technology experts from National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) and Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M). A copy of the PAC invitation letter is attached ANNEXURE P 11.



- 89. For evaluation by the MNRE and Project Appraisal Committee constituted under MNRE, the Petitioner submitted a Preliminary Report dated 05.01.2016. Subsequently, the Petitioner presented before the PAC about the technology to be used, current status of the technology, its commercialisation and way forward for setting up first Wave Power Project in India. A copy of the Minutes of Meeting of the PAC is attached as ANNEXURE P 12.
- 90. Pursuant to the **technical queries** raised by the members of the PAC, the Petitioner **provided** a **comprehensive written response** vide Letter No. SEPL/MNRE/2016/0021 dated 15.02.2016, **satisfactorily addressing** all the queries. A copy of the same is attached as **ANNEXURE P 13**.
- 91. Pursuant to PAC meeting and response provided by the Petitioner for the technical queries raised during PAC meeting, MNRE found the proposed technology suitable and advised A&N Admin to undertake the project under MNRE's RDD&D Scheme to demonstrate suitability to Indian wave conditions. The approval of the Project, based on proven technology, under the MNRE's RDD&D Scheme, was conveyed vide Letter No. 114/7/2015-OE dated 23.02.2016 (copy attached as ANNEXURE P 3).
- 25/kWh), MNRE recommended A&N Administration to undertake the Wave Energy Project under MNRE's RDD&D Scheme and vide their Letter No. 114/7/2015-OE dated 23.02.2016 (attached as ANNEXURE P 3) advised A&N Administration to specify possible Project Specific Tariff for the Wave Energy Project. MNRE also stipulated A&N Administration to decide the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and possible financial assistance on behalf of MNRE. Furthermore, MNRE also advised A&N Administration to specify the mode of facilitation of land, power evacuation, permissions from various authorities, etc.
- 93. A detailed Resource Assessment Study was carried out to study the wave climate, power needs, forest & wildlife reserves and other socio-economic factors. With subsequent scrutiny of the available data with stakeholders, 2 locations namely -

Hut Bay and South Andaman were zeroed in as potential wave park locations to meet the majority of the demand of power requirements of A&N Islands.

The Petitioner carried out Desktop Feasibility study for Hut Bay and South Andaman using 6 years Met-ocean data procured from M/s Fugro GEOS, UK – a worldwide recognized Survey Agency (Report annexed as ANNEXURE P – 14). Both the locations demonstrate excellent wave climate and have their own Project implementation peculiarities:

Location	Features	Considerations for installation only for Demo Wave Energy Park
South Andaman	Higher PLF for Wave Energy Park expected at 45~50% Power requirement is of greater quantum. Scope for installation of 30~50MW Wave Energy Park Good Grid and availability, easy for connectivity with Wave Energy Park	Evacuation distance for Demo Wave Energy Park is longer (approx. 21Km) which affects the overall CAPEX of the Demo Wave Energy Park. The cost of the long evacuation cable shall have negligible or no impact whilst installing 30/50 MW capacity Wave Energy Parks.
Hut Bay	Higher PLF for Wave Energy Park expected 47.5% ~ 52.5% Evacuation distance is less, therefore commercially viable for Demo Wave Energy Park	Approx. 5Km which is viable even for a Wave Energy Park of smaller capacity

95. After carrying out the detailed Resource Assessment along with Techno-commercial feasibility, the Petitioner submitted the DPR (attached as ANNEXURE P - 4)

covering all **technical** and **commercial** aspects of the Project including the **proposed LCOE** to the Respondent on 09.05.2016.

96. A formal response on the DPR is awaited from the Respondent, however, the Petitioner have had various site visits and discussions with the Respondent regarding DPR. It has been advised by the Respondent to get the Project Specific Tariff determined by Hon'ble Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) as the proposed Wave Energy Park would be first of its kind project in the country. Thus, the Petitioner files this petition for Project Specific Tariff Determination to the Hon'ble Commission. The copy of Respondent's communication in this regard is attached as ANNEXURE P – 5.

Project Overview and Off-take Arrangement

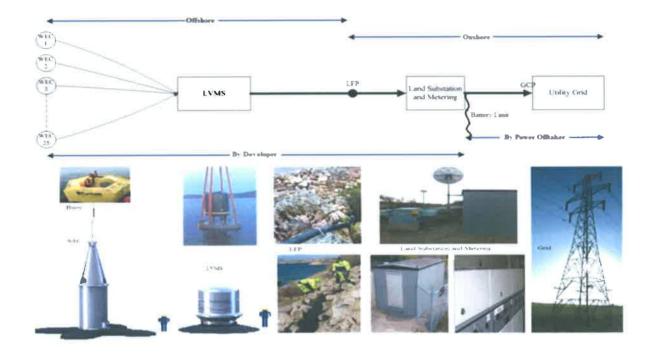
97. After **due considerations** and **scrutiny** in relation to the Wave Energy Park capacity and **CAPEX**, **Hut Bay** has been **selected** for the **implementation** of the Project. Tentative Coordinates of Wave Energy Park are 10° 28' 42.69" N, 92° 30' 18.71" E and the nearest grid point is Harminder Bay. The distance of the tentative Project location from the shore is approximately 4.56 km (Refer section 4.3 of the enclosed DPR).

Facts about the Location				
Location	Hut Bay			
Tentative Coordinates of Wave	10° 28 ' 42.69 " N, 92° 30' 18.71" E			
Energy Park				
Estimated Water Depth	28m~35m			
Distance from Shore	4.56 km (approx)			
Nearest grid p ^o int	"Harminder Bay" - The Respondent to make			
	the grid connectivity point available within			
	500m of Land Fall Point			
Estimated load during the day				
0500 Hrs to 1700 Hrs	1 MW			
1700 Hrs to 2200 Hrs	2 MW			
2200 Hrs to 0500 Hrs	1.2 MW			
Current annual consumption (kWh)	~ 10 MU			
	(5)			

Wave Energy Plant		
Demo Wave Energy Park - Name	1.125 MW	
Plate Capacity		
Up-scaled Wave Energy Park	5 MW	
Capacity considering the future		
demand		
Seabed Area Requirement	• Per $1.125 \text{ MW} = 0.0625 \text{ km}^2 (0.25 \text{ km})$	
	x 0.25 km)	
	• For 5 MW = 0.35 km^2	
Onshore Area Requirement	20m x 50m	
Estimated PLF	47.5% ~ 52.5%	
Expected energy to be produced by	4.93 MU	
the Project		

- The current annual consumption of electricity at Hut Bay Island is ~10 Million Units (MU) approximately per annum with a peak load of about 2.1 MW. This project is expected to generate about 4.93 MU of clean energy to Hut Bay, thereby, reducing the dependency on fossil fuel by about 50% per annum.
- has almost a consistent power requirement. On the basis of analysis of estimated monthly generation of Wave Energy Park, it is perceived that the power generated is well within the power requirement limits and can be consumed completely. As the power required by Hut Bay is provided indicatively by the Respondent, thus there is a need for detailed assessment of the Power requirement as well. However, there are few occurrences (during monsoon season) wherein the power produced by the Wave Park is marginally higher than the indicative demand which needs to be addressed jointly with the Respondent. A copy of the Generation Profile of the Wave Energy Park is attached as ANNEXURE P 15.
- 100. If deemed necessary, a customized training plan can be implemented for the Respondent's personnel. More so, if needed and for better synchronization and grid management, even SCADA integration of RE with diesel based power generation can be considered.

The Petitioner has considered that seabed for setting up of the Project at Hut Bay shall be allocated to the Petitioner free of cost by A&N Administration. The Grid Connecting Point (GCP) is envisaged within 500m of the landfall point. The Petitioner has considered that the works required to be carried out for the purpose of grid connection beyond the land substation shall be in the scope of the Respondent. The envisaged and considered battery limits for the Project are enumerated here under with detailed schematic of the same:



102. In view of the discussions held and as advised by the Respondent, the Petitioner has filed the present petition seeking determination of the levelized tariff of the electricity generated by the Wave Energy plant.

Clearances Required

103. The Wave Energy Project has already received the nod from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India. Envisaging that this being a first of its kind project being ensued in India and there being no specific policy on Ocean/Wave/Tidal Energy which clearly demarcates the list of requisite clearances for the smooth execution of the Project, the Petitioner has referred to necessary provisions as stipulated in the National Offshore Wind Policy.

- 104. The Petitioner wish to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Commission that delays, due to non availability of necessary clearances, permissions and permits, in an offshore project are significantly critical than onshore projects. Such a delay in clearance, permissions and permits not only cause a huge fiscal burden but might also put the implementation of the entire Project in jeopardy. Therefore, the Petitioner has considered not commencing any project work, unless all requisite in-principle clearances, permissions and permits are in place.
- 105. Based on the **past experience**, the Petitioner has prepared a list of prospective clearances, permissions and permits required for the project. An indicative list of required permissions, clearances and permits are specified in **Section 5.11 of the DPR**. The Petitioner is in discussion with A&N Admin (Ports) in relation with the Seabed Allocation and has also requested Electricity Department A&N Islands to review the above list and advice on any additional clearances, permissions and permits as they deem fit required for the project to be executed in a smooth manner.

Capital Cost

- 106. In order to test/demonstrate the suitability/ functionality in Indian wave climate of all the components of the Wave Energy System namely WEC, marine substation, onshore facilities and optimize the installed capacity, the Petitioner has proposed to install the Wave Energy Park at Hut Bay with Name Plate Capacity of 1.125 MW which includes:
 - 25WECs
 - 1 LVMS
 - Sub-sea Composite Cable (~4.56 Km)
 - 1 Land Substation (common for any capacity wave energy park)

The following table covers the major items of Capital Cost of the Project:

Cost Head	Estimated Amount		
	(Million USD)	(INR in Lacs)*	
Land and Site Development	0.05	30.80	
Building and Civil Work	0.07	49.59	
Plant and Machinery	4.05	2,757.17	
Construction	3.09	2,098.90	
Preliminary and Preoperative Expenses	0.42	283.77	
Interest during Construction	0.76	515.47	
Contingencies	0.23	156.61	
Total	8.67	5,892.31	
Rated Wave Energy Park Capacity	1.125	1.125	
		-	
Per MW Cost	7.70	5,237.61	

^{*}USD to INR Conversion rate considered @ INR 68.00

107. The key cost driving factors are:

- Plant and Machinery The Plant and Machinery accounts for almost ~ 47% of the overall Project cost. The technology is patented and currently is being manufactured only in Sweden. These costs are bound to drastically decrease based on demand & supply dynamics, decentralization of production (with increased demand, new facilities will be created in India, Middle East and other locations) further reducing logistic cost and driving Economies of Scale. The proven renewable such as solar & wind have gone through similar evolution in the last couple of decades.
- Construction/Installation The other major component of the CAPEX is Construction/Installation, which accounts for ~ 36% of the overall Project cost. By virtue of the nature of the Project i.e. Offshore, the installation costs are bound to be more than onshore (land) installations. This phenomenon is proven and accepted for Oil & Gas exploration activities. Offshore installation cost majorly comprises of:

- o Mobilization & Demobilization of the suitable marine spread
- Utilization of marine spread for the installation work
- Weather sensitive Installation Window
- o Requisite specialist offshore manpower
- Specialist Sub-contractors
- Fuel and
- o Other allied support infrastructure

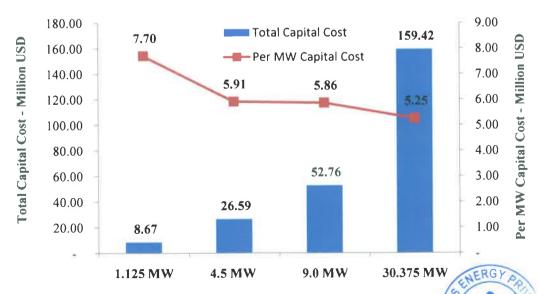
Mobilization & Demobilization of the suitable marine spread - A&N Islands is a remotely located with approx. 1200 nautical miles from the mainland (nearest major port Chennai). A suitable marine vessel capable of executing the Project works is to be mobilized from either from East Coast or West Coast of India, Singapore, Malaysia as per availability during Project Execution and will take approx. 11-20 days to reach A&N Islands. To put it to perspective, say for a work barge required for deploying WEC on seabed would take 11-20 days (depending on the location of mobilization) to reach Hut Bay whereas actual installation duration is approx. 11-15days. Thus it shall be very well appreciated that the mobdemob charges are higher than the installation cost in this case.

This brings about a very critical point that with the scaled up installation with a single mob-demob, the resultant per MW CAPEX can be substantially reduced. Surely there is a possibility to achieve higher productivities with larger installations thereby reducing installation time and cost as well. The cumulative effect of the above is depicted in para 111 of the Petition.

Thereby it may also be noted that mob-demob time and rental rate of marine spread will vary from location to location and will increase/decrease based on the proximity of the Project location from major port and the scale of installation.

Financial Costs – Though not evident from the CAPEX as only IDC is the part of the CAPEX, the rate at which financing is available plays a pivotal role in determining the LCOE. This phenomenon is spread across the globe and does affect other RE as well unless and until foreign currency funding at low interest rate is available.

- Our CAPEX/MW even for Project at a remote location like A&N Islands is only 7.70 Million USD/MW which is lower than the International Benchmarks for similar as discussed in para 47 of the Petition and is bound to decrease with increased scalability of the Wave Energy Parks.
- 109. At present, Cost of Energy from Wave is relatively high compared to proven renewable energy technologies, that are at a more advanced stage of development (such as solar and wind). However, significant reduction in Cost of Energy is expected as deployment increases. Credible paths to reduce capital and operating costs are being identified. In the long term, wave energy has larger overall resource potential and shall deliver at a competitive LCOE and in order to achieve the same, we need to start today!
- The Petitioner has considered that seabed for Wave Energy Park, seabed Right of Use (ROU) for cable laying offshore, ROU from Land Fall Point (LFP) to substation, and land for substation shall be provided free of cost for the Project.
- 111. The Petitioner intends to scale up the Project to 5 MW and a subsequent installation of about 30 50 MW is targeted for South Andaman region. With scaling up the Project, the Capital Cost per MW is bound to come down. As shown in the graph below, with present estimates, the Petitioner expects that per MW Capital Cost of the Wave Energy shall reduce by approximately one-third (32%) from USD 7.70 Million to USD 5.25 Million, by scaling up from 1.125 MW to 30.375 MW.



- Furthermore, the Petitioner states that pursuant to the **provisions** under the **MNRE's RDD&D** scheme for **private sector power project developers**, a **grant** of 50% of the **capital cost** is provided for any approved/accepted new technology for demonstration and the same has been considered while evaluating the financials of the Project.
- Operating and Maintenance (O&M) costs represent a fair share of the LCOE whether it is RE or fossil fuel based Power Plant. However, as explained in the paragraphs above, due to the nature of the offshore works, the risks associated with unprecedented weather conditions is also required to be build in. Leveraging its Offshore expertise and experience, the Petitioner has been able to bring down the O&M costs, significantly lower as compared to International Benchmarks for Wave & Tidal projects. It is prudent to mention that with scaled up plants, O&M Costs per MW is expected to reduce further. The significance of a well maintained plant cannot be undermined as the quality of operations & maintenance is directly proportional to the output and life of the plant.
- 114. The Petitioner duly submits to the Hon'ble Commission that it proposes to enter into a tripartite MOU between MNRE, the Respondent and themselves; with the Respondent expressing their intent to procure the power generated from the Wave Energy Project at the tariff determined by the Hon'ble Commission, inter-alia, MNRE expressing their intent to fund up to 50% of the capital cost and Petitioner expressing its intent to setup the Wave Energy project as per agreed schedule for the Project completion and disbursement of Grant on terms and conditions mutually acceptable.
- The Petitioner wish to submit to the Hon'ble Commission that for the purpose of computation of tariff, the Petitioner has considered 50% of the capital cost as grant from MNRE and balance capital cost to be funded in a normative debtequity ratio of 70:30. It is worth mentioning here that till release of the grant portion by MNRE, the same shall also be funded through debt only. Accordingly, capital cost and the sources (post release of grant amount) considered by the Petitioner for tariff computation is summarised as under:

Particulars	% share of the	Amount	
r at ticulars	Project Cost	(Rs. in Lacs)	
Capital Cost of the Project (1.125 MW)	100%	5,892.31	
Grant from MNRE under RDD&D	50%	2,946.15	
Balance amount of Capital Cost to be	50%	2,946.16	
funded through Debt and Equity	3070	2,740.10	
Debt	35%	2,062.31	
Equity	15%	883.85	

Cost of Generation

- 116. The Petitioner wishes to draw the kind attention of the Hon'ble Commission to its various past orders, wherein, in the absence of any specific tariff regulations for RE technologies, the Hon'ble Commission has relied on the corresponding RE Tariff Regulations issued by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).
- 117. Wave Energy being a new renewable technology and in the absence of any specific tariff regulations for the same, the Petitioner submits to the Hon'ble Commission that for computation of generation tariff for the project, it has considered the cost plus approach as stipulated by the CERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2012. Accordingly, parameters considered while computation of generation tariff, in lines with CERC Tariff Regulations, has been summarised as under:

Sl. No.	Assumption Head	Sub-Head 1	Sub-Head 2	Unit	Figure
Power 1 Generation	Dogge	Capacity	Installed Power Generation Capacity	MW	1.125
			Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF)	%	50%
			Useful Life	Years	25
2	Project Cost	Capital Cost - 1.125 MW	Tariff Period	Years	25
			Power Plant Cost	Rs Lacs	5,892.31
			Grant from MNRE	Rs Lacs	2,946.15

SI.	Assumption	Sub-Head 1	Sub-Head 2	Unit	Figure
No.	Head				
			under RDD&D		
			Scheme @ 50% of		
			Capital Cost		
			Power Plant Cost (net		
			of Grant amount as	Rs. Lacs	2,946.16
			above)		
			Debt	%	70%
		Debt Equity	Equity	%	30%
		Deor Equity	Total Debt Amount	Rs Lacs	2,062.31
			Total Equity Amount	Rs Lacs	883.85
			Loan Amount	Rs Lacs	2,062.31
		D 1.	Moratorium Period	Years	1
		Debt	Repayment Period	***	
		Component	(Incl Moratorium)	Years	12
			Interest Rate	%	12.50%
3	Financial	Equity	Equity Amount	Rs Lacs	883.85
	Assumptions		RoE Period	Years	10
			Return on Equity for	% p.a	20.00%
			First 10 Years		
			Return on Equity 11th		
	Component	Year onwards	% p.a	24.00%	
		1	Weighted Average of	% p.a	22.40%
			ROE		
			Discount Rate (Post	%	10.52%
			Tax WACC)		
		Fiscal	Income Tax	%	34.61%
	Financial Assumptions	Assumptions	MAT Rate	%	21.35%
4		Depreciation	Depreciation Rate for	%	5.83%
			First 12 Years		
			Depreciation Rate	%	
			13th Year Onwards		1.54%
		15th Teal Offwards			



Sl. No.	Assumption Head	Sub-Head 1	Sub-Head 2	Unit	Figure
5	Working Capital	For Fixed Charges	O&M Charges Maintenance Spare (%age of O&M Expenses) Receivables from	Months % Months	15%
			Debtors Interest on Working Capital % of Total Capital	%	13.50%
6	Operation & Maintenance	O&M Expense	Cost (including Grant Portion)	%	3.20%
		Power Plant	3.20% of Rs. 5,892.31 Lacs	Rs Lacs	188.55
		O&M Expense Escalation		%	5.72%

- 118. The Petitioner submits to the Hon'ble Commission that while determination of the tariff using cost plus approach all the parameters have been considered to be in lines with the parameters as specified under CERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2012, as amended from time to time. These include applicable RoE, tenure of RoE, Depreciation rate, O&M expenses, O&M escalation rate, components of normative working capital requirement Maintenance Spares, Receivables from Debtors and O&M Expenses.
- 119. Regarding the applicable rate for Interest on Long Term loan and moratorium period thereof, the Petitioner is presently expecting to get the debt from a financial institution. Pursuant to the CERC RE Tariff Regulations, 2012 the interest on Working Capital has been considered as Interest on Long Term Loan plus 100 basis points. The rate of Income Tax and Minimum Alternate Tax is considered as currently applicable in the FY 2016-17 as on date of submission of this petition.

- 120. For the purpose of levelized tariff computation, the discount factor equivalent to Post Tax weighted average cost of capital has been considered.
- 121. As there is no specific mention about the useful life and tariff period in the CERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2012, thus, the Petitioner has considered Useful Life of 25 years which is the minimum Design Life of the components of Wave Energy as Tariff Period of the Project.
- 122. Henceforth, considering the above said parameters the levelized cost of generation is INR 15.69/kWh. A copy of the Tariff Model is attached as ANNEXURE P 16.

Tariff Parameters and Design

- 123. The determination of Tariff from RE based projects has been linked to the Cost Plus methodology across the Central and State/UT specific level. Key advantages of the Cost Plus mechanism are presented below:
 - i. Simple Approach: This approach enables the generator to derive per unit cost of electricity in an easier and logical manner by giving due considerations to all the associated costs in the project.
 - ii. Justifiable: The cost plus methodology is justifiable approach with regards to the rise and/or fall in the price associated on year on year basis as the cash flow streams are determined for the entire useful life of the project based on the assumptions as stipulated by the appropriate Commission such as RoE, Rate of Depreciation, etc. and actual values such as the CAPEX, Rate of Interests, etc.
- 124. The Petitioner most humbly submits it to the Hon'ble Commission that unlike RE technologies having a fuel cost component such as Biomass and Non-Fossil fuel based Co-generation Wave Energy does not have any dependency on any kind of fuel. Henceforth, the Petitioner has considered a Single Part tariff regime (a Cost Plus approach) consisting of the following fixed cost components for determination of per unit tariff of electricity.
 - Return on Equity;
 - Interest on Long Term Loan;
 - Depreciation:



- Interest on Working Capital;
- Operation and Maintenance Expenses.
- 125. The Petitioner has determined the Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) of the project as INR 15.69/kWh, taking into consideration, 50% grant component from MNRE under RDD&D scheme. In addition to the LCOE, the Petitioner submits to the Hon'ble Commission that it has also calculated the Front Loaded and Back Loaded Tariff over the useful life of the project. Detailed working with regards to the LCOE, Front and Back loaded calculations are available in the Tariff Model are attached as ANNEXURE P 16.

Jurisdiction of the Hon'ble Commission

- 126. It is respectfully submitted that as per the provisions of Sections 61, 62 and 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the determination of tariff for the Petitioner's generation plant for sale of electricity to the Respondent is well within the jurisdiction of the Hon'ble Commission.
- 127. The Petitioner craves leave to place on record any additional information/ documents which may be required by this Hon'ble Commission at a later stage.

128. The present petition is bona-fide and made in the interest of justice.

PRAYERS

In view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances of the present case it is, therefore, most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Commission may, graciously, be pleased to:

- (i) allow the Petitioner to submit this Petition, for determination of Capital Cost and Project specific Tariff for the 1.125 MW Project, on the behalf of the Generating Company, within the meaning of Section 2 (28) of the Act, which shall be incorporated by the Petitioner as its subsidiary company and shall be a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for this Project.
- (ii) approve the Capital Cost as submitted by the Petitioner;
- (iii) approve the Cost Plus mechanism and Single Part approach of tariff determination as submitted by the Petitioner;
- (iv) determine the tariff payable by the Respondent for sale of electricity from the Petitioner's Project;
- (v) allow the Petitioner to submit further data, correction(s), corrigendum(s) as the Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and proper keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case;
- (vi) pass such further and other orders, as the Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and proper, keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case.

