

## Justification for the project locating within 10 km distance from the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park

M/s. State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT), propose to establish an Industrial Park at Therkuveerapandiyapuram & Silanatham villages of Ottapidaram Taluk and Meelavittan village of Thoothukudi Taluk, Thoothukudi District, Tamil Nadu. The total land area of the project site is **631.108 Hec.**

S. No	Particulars	Details
1.	Site Co-ordinates of the project site	Latitude: 8°50'39.08"N Longitude: 78° 4'31.32"E
2.	Elevation	21 MSL
3.	Present land use	Industrial
4.	Nearest Highway	Meelavittan NH Service Road (NH-38) at a distance of ~0.32 km towards SE.
5.	Interstate Boundary	NIL within 15km Radius
6.	Nearest railway Station	Meelavittan Railway station, ~1.49km, SSE
7.	Nearest Airport	Tuticorin Airport, ~ 11.39km, SSW
8.	Defense	Coast Guard Head Quarters ~14.10km, ESE
9.	Nearest village	Therku Veerapandiyapuram, ~ Adjacent to Site, W Kumara Ettaiyapuram ~ 90m, W Kumaragiri ~ 0.25km, W
10.	Nearest Major City	Thoothukudi ~ 4.08km, ESE
11.	Water bodies	Korampallam Tank ~ 5.36km, S Lake near Nayinapuram ~ 0.7km, E Lake near Anainjamadan Pacheri ~ 5.9km, ENE Lake near Arasadipanyur ~ 4.4km, ENE Lake near Ottapidaram ~ 7.5km, NW Lake near Sankarapperi ~ 3.5km, E Lake near Meelavittan ~ 2.7km, ESE Lake near Sindalakattai ~ 5.3km, N Lake near Therku Veerapandiyapuram ~ 0.2km W Lake near Jambulingapuram ~ 4.4km, WNW
12.	Reserved/Protected Forest	Chalikulam RF - 8.69km, NW
13.	Eco sensitive zone and wild life sanctuary	Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park ESZ/ Bay of Bengal ~ 8.33km, E Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park Core~ 11.58km, E

As per the G.O. (Ms) No. 233, dated:18/12/1996 & 466.503 Ha land has been acquired for industrial development and acquisition of 164.605 Ha of land is in progress.

Alternate sites considered were site near Subramaniyapuram, site near Mettupacheri and site near Therku Veerapandiyapuram, Meelavittan and Silanatham. The details of alternate site with matrix are given in separate document.

Based on the site selection matrix, the site at Therku Veerapandiyapuram, Meelavittan and Silanatham is selected.

  
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