



May 13, 2022

Mr. Terence Hubbard
President
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
160 Elgin Street, 22nd Floor, Place Bell
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Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Re: Part one: Vancouver Fraser Port Authority response to additional comments by Indigenous groups on draft conditions and public comment period submissions for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is pleased to provide supplemental information to that included in our April 22, 2022 submission to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) in response to the draft conditions and public comment period submissions posted on IAAC's public registry for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project between December 15, 2021 and April 1, 2022. The enclosed document includes the port authority's response to submissions from Indigenous groups that had not been posted to the public registry in time for consideration in its first submission on April 22, 2022, and includes information that supports key conclusions described in that document:

- Drawing on the comprehensive information on the public record to date and our ongoing consultation with Indigenous groups, the information in the port authority's submission demonstrates that the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project is in Canada's national interest, and that the design changes and additional mitigation measures we have proposed, based on feedback received, will serve to further mitigate adverse effects.

The information provided in the port authority's submission demonstrates that our response to the minister's August 2020 information request, the additional comments from Indigenous groups, and the federal review panel report together supports informed decision-making on the project.

We are currently working on part two of our two-part submission, which will focus on western sandpipers and biofilm and will follow in the near term.

We are leading the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project under our public-interest mandate, guided by our vision for the Port of Vancouver to be the world's most sustainable port, and backed by extensive experience delivering high-quality, sustainable, forward-looking infrastructure projects for Canada and this region. With Canada's West Coast ports expected to run out of capacity to handle container traffic as early as 2025, the proposed project will deliver critical supply chain capacity and resilience. This long-term solution will protect Canada's trade sovereignty, ensure we are meeting our obligation to provide a competitive environment for trade, and help keep the costs of goods affordable for Canadians.

We are confident that Roberts Bank Terminal 2 can be built in a way that upholds our federal mandate to enable trade through the Port of Vancouver, in a way that protects the environment, and considers local communities and Indigenous groups.

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Regards,

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