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May 30, 2022

**SENT BY EMAIL ONLY**

**Subject: GCT Deltaport Expansion – Berth Four Project**

Dear Chief Don Tom,

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 2022 (CIAR Ref 204), expressing Tsartlip First Nation's concerns regarding the decision by GCT Canada Limited Partnership (the proponent) to remove the short sea shipping berth from the proposed GCT Deltaport Expansion - Berth Four Project (the project).

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) does not control what physical works form part of a proponent's project description. As indicated in the proponent's letter dated May 4, 2022 (CIAR Ref 201), the proponent has decided to remove the short sea shipping berth and any related activities from the project. As such, these components are no longer part of the impact assessment for the project.

As noted by the proponent in its Detailed Project Description (CIAR Ref 70), removal of the short sea shipping berth from the project would not affect the size of the terminal footprint, as the berth would be used for other terminal operations. As such, the removal of this component is not expected to affect construction techniques, with the exception of a reduced dredging footprint.

Should the proponent wish to construct physical works for the purposes of enabling short sea shipping from the Deltaport terminal in the future, the Agency would evaluate any proposal or information it receives at that time in order to determine whether an impact assessment would be required. Activities may also be reviewable under the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's [project and environment review process](#) as required under section 82 of the *Impact Assessment Act*.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Kate Witherly, A/Agency Review Manager at <contact information removed>

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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