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Subject: FW: draft letter clarifying the status of Terminal 2

Here is a draft letter from VPA explaining the likelihood of T2. I seek your advice on whether this letter would provide sufficient rationale to remove T2 from the cumulative effects assessment for Deltaport Third Berth Expansion Project, on the basis that it is hypothetical, rather than certain or reasonably foreseeable. Also, DFO has advised VPA that, with such a letter, T2 could be removed from the scoping document without the need to go back for public consultation. Are you in agreement with this? Lisa

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From: Desjardin, Darrell [mailto:Darrell.Desjardin@portvancouver.com]
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Subject: draft letter clarifying the status of Terminal 2

Kim,

Please find attached a copy of a draft letter clarifying the status of Terminal 2. I am just wondering whether this letter should be jointly addressed Environment Canada as well as the other RA? As discussed I have included everyone on the cc list that was present on the Monday conference call as well as Lisa Walls from Environment Canada in the region.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.

Regards,

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Attention:
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Dear Ms. Houston:

**Re: Deltaport 3rd Berth Project
Roberts Bank, Delta, British Columbia**

The purpose of my letter is to provide additional information to the environmental agencies to assist in determining the environmental assessment requirements and review process for VPA's proposed Deltaport 3rd Berth project at Roberts Bank.

VPA has proposed two container terminal projects at Roberts Bank including the Deltaport 3rd Berth and Container Terminal 2 (Terminal 2) projects. The Deltaport 3rd Berth project is an expansion of an existing container terminal facility for the current terminal operator. Terminal 2 is a proposed new three-berth container terminal. These two projects are completely independent of one another in all aspects including site location, terminal configuration, environmental study and impact assessment, construction, operation and development schedule.

Over the last year, VPA has been able to fully describe the project components required for the proposed Deltaport 3rd Berth project including the project location, terminal configuration and on-site services as well as off-site road and rail improvements. VPA is currently preparing an environmental assessment report for the Deltaport 3rd Berth project that will propose mitigation to deal with all known environmental impacts. The environmental assessment report will be submitted for a harmonized federal-provincial review in mid-November 2004.

The Terminal 2 project is included in VPA's container terminal expansion program for the Port of Vancouver but the planning for this terminal is not as advanced as the Deltaport 3rd Berth project. VPA has identified the preferred location for Terminal 2 but not the terminal configuration, the on-site services or the offsite road and rail requirements. Extensive engineering and feasibility studies will be required in order to determine each of these components and scope the complete project before undertaking

environmental impact and mitigation studies. This process is further complicated by the fact that VPA does not control the process for defining road and rail improvements. The result is that VPA has not determined the scope of the Terminal 2 project nor defined the scope of the eventual environmental assessment.

We anticipate that it will take at least a year to define the project scope for Terminal 2 and longer to complete an environmental assessment. The Terminal 2 project would then be subject to its own harmonized federal and provincial environmental assessment process at which time the cumulative effects of Terminal 2, the Deltaport Third Berth project, and other projects that may either be in the application process or approved at the time of application, would be assessed.

I trust this information will assist the environmental agencies in determining the assessment process for the Deltaport Third Berth Project. Should you require further information or clarification on this matter please feel free to contact the undersigned at 604-665-9044.

Yours truly,

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