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Vancouver Fraser
Port Authority

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Terry Hubbard
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Re: Submission of response to the minister of environment and climate change information request for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project

Dear Mr. Hubbard

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is pleased to provide our response, including an executive summary, to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change's information request for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project posted on the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's project page on August 24, 2020.

Over the last year, we have undertaken further analysis, consultation with Indigenous groups and engagement with federal agencies to inform our response. We look forward to continuing our meaningful Indigenous consultation and engagement with federal agencies throughout the federal review and permitting of the project, and into construction and operation, should the project proceed.

This response has been developed considering relevant government policies, priorities, and guidance, and input received through ongoing consultation with Indigenous groups and federal agencies. Our response demonstrates that the project can be delivered responsibly, that the potential residual adverse effects are justified, and that approval of the project is in the public interest.

Should the project be approved, the port authority will implement additional, enhanced, and targeted measures resulting from the new analyses that will further mitigate project effects, reduce uncertainty, and will support future permitting requirements. The measures proposed are feasible, reasonable, have been proven effective, and focus on key species of interest to Indigenous groups, government, and local communities.

Canada's trade competitiveness depends on the ability of Canada's supply chain to provide reliable, cost-efficient access for importers and exporters. Forecasts continue to demonstrate that growth in containerized trade is quickly outpacing capacity, with potential impacts to the national, provincial and local economies. We remain confident that the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project is in Canada's national interest and is designed to meet long-term trade demands well beyond the mid- to late-2030s, making it an important generational project. We are committed to building the project to support Canadian importers and exporters who rely on the Port of Vancouver to get their goods to and from foreign markets, while also balancing the importance of protecting the local environment.

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Regards,

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