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May 15, 2015

Dear Ms. Smith,

Re: **Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project
Updated Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement**

We write in response to your letter of April 17, 2015, enclosing the Updated Guidelines for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Updated EIS Guidelines) and the Review Panel Terms of Reference, in which you requested that we provide an estimated schedule for the provision of the additional information in response to the two new matters.

We confirm that we have advised that the provincial socio-economic matters identified in the Updated EIS Guidelines have been addressed in the EIS submitted by PMV on March 27, 2015 in response to the original EIS Guidelines issued January 7, 2014.

We have now had the opportunity to consider the information required in response to s. 17 of the Updated EIS Guidelines, namely information regarding additional marine shipping associated with the RBT2 Project which occurs beyond the care and control of PMV (outside PMV navigational jurisdiction) to the 12 nautical mile limit of the Canadian territorial sea. The EIS Guidelines specify that the scope of the project includes marine transportation within PMV jurisdiction, which has been addressed in the EIS submitted March 27, 2015. The additional information is for marine shipping beyond the scope of the project as a matter which may be relevant to the environmental assessment of the project. We confirm our understanding that the information will not be considered in determining whether the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and will not be subject to conditions issued to PMV should the Project be allowed to proceed. We understand that the information is being requested simply to inform the federal government on matters within federal jurisdiction.

It is our preliminary estimate, based on information which we understand to be available, that we will be able to provide the additional information set out in the Updated EIS Guidelines before August 28, 2015. This estimate is based on the assumption that PMV will:

- Conduct a Tier 1 level assessment relying on expert opinion to assess effects of marine shipping related to RBT2, using existing material;
- Describe existing marine and human environments that are relevant to marine shipping and for which existing information is available;
- Describe potential effects, including cumulative effects, based on information in existing materials;

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- Assess the significance of residual and cumulative effects, based on information contained in existing materials;
- Engage with identified Aboriginal groups to obtain their views on potential impacts of additional marine shipping associated with the Project on asserted or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights, including meeting with Aboriginal groups, should they wish to do so;
- Integrate Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge into the assessment to the extent it has been integrated in existing materials.

If field studies or modelling are required we will need to re-assess our time estimate. We trust that this is the information which you require.

Yours truly,

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