



April 22, 2022

Mr. Terence Hubbard  
President  
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada  
160 Elgin Street, 22nd Floor, Place Bell  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

**Re: Part one: Vancouver Fraser Port Authority response to draft conditions and public comment period submissions for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project**

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is pleased to provide our first submission in response to the draft conditions and public comment period submissions posted on the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's (IAAC) public registry for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project between December 15, 2021 and April 1, 2022. Our submission on biofilm and western sandpipers will be delivered in the coming weeks. In addition, several submissions were posted in April and the port authority will respond to comments that raise interests or concerns that are not already covered within this response under separate cover.

Our responses have been developed with careful consideration of the submissions made by Indigenous groups and others during IAAC's public comment period on the port authority's response to the minister's information request and on the draft conditions. Within this submission, we also suggest revisions to the draft conditions. With those revisions, the requirements imposed will be technically and economically feasible and within the care and control of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, as the project proponent.

Drawing on the comprehensive information on the public record to date and our ongoing consultation with Indigenous groups, the information in this submission demonstrates that the 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 potential adverse effects. In addition, the information provided in the enclosure demonstrates that our response to the minister of Environment and Climate Change's August 2020 information request, additional comments from Indigenous groups, and the federal review panel report supports informed decision-making on the project.

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.

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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, considers local communities and Indigenous groups, and creates lasting economic benefits,

Regards,



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