



THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES
Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JULY 13, 2022

FROM: WATERFRONT & COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL TEMPORARY ENTRY AND USE PERMIT NO. 1867 WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS, INC.

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of the proposed Industrial Temporary Entry and Use Permit No. 1867 (TEUP 1867) with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (Geosyntec) for geotechnical subsurface investigation at the backland located at Berths 191-194. Geosyntec proposes to conduct the work on behalf of Ecocem, who is preparing a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) assessment for a low-carbon cement processing facility. The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to provide data necessary to further design. TEUP 1864 would entitle Geosyntec access to the site for one month and require no compensation.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article III Classes 4(7) and 6 of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve Temporary Entry and Use Permit No. 1867 with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Temporary Entry and Use Permit No. 1867; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background – Proposed TEUP 1867 with Geosyntec would grant access to the backland of Berths 191-194 for the purpose of geotechnical subsurface investigation (Transmittal 1). Geosyntec proposes to conduct the work on behalf of Ecocem, who is preparing a CEQA assessment for a low-carbon cement processing facility at the premises. The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to provide data necessary to further design.

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Terms and Scope – Proposed TEUP 1867 (Transmittal 2) would entitle Geosyntec access to the site for one month and require no compensation. Under the proposed TEUP, Geosyntec will conduct the following activities:

- Cone penetration testing (two locations to 100 feet depth);
- Mud rotary drilling (two locations to 100 feet depth);
- Three infiltration tests using shallow test pit method (2 feet depth);
- Surface geophysical survey for utility conflict and disposal of soil cuttings (drummed soil cuttings will need to be left on-site for two to three weeks pending testing for disposal purposes);
- Backfilling of borings and holes with cement bentonite grout, as required by Los Angeles County Environmental Health Department; and
- Backfilling of infiltration test pits with soil cuttings.

Geosyntec, at its sole cost, will restore the premises. All standard insurance requirements apply.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of the proposed TEUP 1867 with for geotechnical subsurface investigation at the backland located at Berths 191-194, which is an activity involving the issuance of any permit to use land involving minor alterations to the condition of the land and an activity that includes basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious major disturbance to an environmental resource, strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article III Classes 4(7) and 6 of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of proposed TEUP 1867 would grant Geosyntec access to the backland of Berths 192-194 for one month to conduct geotechnical subsurface investigation and require no compensation. There is no compensation associated with this TEUP because the purpose is provide data necessary to further design for a project currently in lease negotiations with the Harbor Department and the work proposed has negligible impact on the premises.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

Proposed Temporary Entry and Use Permit No. 1867 has been reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Site Map
2. Temporary Entry and Use Permit No. 1867

FIS Approval: *MB*
CA Approval: *[Signature]*

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