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Port of Los Angeles
Board of Harbor Commissioners
425 S Palos Verdes St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

Subject: Parker Diving Services Does Not Qualify for the Port of Los Angeles Diving Services Contract Bid No. F-629 Continued

Dear Board Members,

We would like to follow up on our previous letter sent to Juan Benitez November 3rd, 2009 with more information regarding the quality of Parker Diving's work. In December 2009, American Marine Corporation was tasked by the Port of Los Angeles' Construction & Maintenance Division to re-inspect the work at Berth 73 W, X, Y & Z and Berth 191 (highlighted in our previous letter, item #3) to ensure that the numerous deficiencies from the first inspection of September 2009 were corrected. An underwater video with real time viewing from a topside monitor was conducted with POLA employees Phong Ngo (project engineer) and Bruce Ballard (onsite inspector) present during the inspection. Mr. Ngo stated that Connolly Pacific, the prime contractor, had stated that the re-work was complete and that the city has already paid for it; however, the inspection of December 2009 confirmed that the work still has not been completed correctly.

American Marine Corp.'s previous inspection of this work in September 2009 had highlighted each of the deficiencies. After Parker Diving was given a second chance to correct their errors, the December survey revealed that they still had over forty (40) insufficient rock line seals (i.e., not wrapped to the base of the piling).

Any responsible dive contractor should be able to do this work with minimal difficulty the first time. The fact that Parker Diving has now been given two chances to complete this work and has failed both times should raise serious concern among the POLA Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Please contact the Construction & Maintenance Division for a copy of the inspection reports if you have any questions or concerns regarding this most recent inspection of Parker Diving's work.

We believe that this most recent inspection, coupled with the other Parker Diving deficiencies outlined in our earlier letter sent November 3rd, 2009, underscores the point that Parker Diving should not be awarded the POLA Diving Contract on the grounds of their inability to perform the required tasks to the satisfaction of the Port.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George E. Wittich", is written over a horizontal line.

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