

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
The Port of Los Angeles  
And  
Copenhagen Malmö Port**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, also known as the **PORT OF LOS ANGELES (“POLA”)** acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, and **COPENHAGEN MALMÖ PORT “CMP”** collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS, POLA and CMP are both striving for best practices to improve global market competitiveness, efficiency and environmentally friendly “green port” practices; and

WHEREAS, POLA and CMP have successfully cooperated in the past to share information regarding their respective port operations through informal visits and activities; and

WHEREAS, POLA and CMP desire to set forth their intent to further cooperate in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I – PURPOSE OF THE MOU**

The purpose of the MOU is to promote cooperation and best practices in the sustainable operation of international seaports through discussion, consultation, and the exchange of knowledge and ideas between the Parties.

**ARTICLE II – SUBJECT MATTER OF COOPERATION**

- A. By connecting land and sea – and by being the connecting nodes of global trade and world economy – ports play a vital role in contributing to e.g. UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and creating a sustainable future. The Parties agree that Responsible Business and Sustainable Port Management is not only about maximizing profit but also about minimizing harm to the surrounding local community and environment.

Therefore, the Parties may from time to time confer, discuss, cooperate and exchange information, to the extent each Port in its sole discretion deems appropriate, on subjects focused on but not necessarily limited to environmental issues with a main focus on SDGs connected to:

- a. Energy Use and Alternative Energy Sources
- b. Pollution Reduction Technologies with a focus on terminal operations, ships in port, and drayage trucks
- c. Global Environmental Associations (IMO, MARPOL, WPCI, EU-initiatives, WHO)

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Furthermore, the Parties are committed to share knowledge and insights on:

- a. Innovative ways to improve the ecosystem that can support the intended development on sustainable solutions, e.g. by connecting science, industry and start-ups.
- B. This MOU acknowledges that each port will prioritize each SDG differently based on environmental, social and economic realities. It is also understood that the Parties may in the future broaden or narrow the scope of cooperation by amendment of this MOU. The Parties acknowledge that specific projects and programs requiring financial or staff commitments may require approval from one or both Parties' governing authorities, such as a Management Board, City Council or other authorities. Any information shared under this MOU shall be considered public information that may be available to the public on request.

### **ARTICLE III – DURATION AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall remain in effect for five (5) years, unless prolonged or renewed by the parties or terminated earlier by either Party providing that the other Party provide written notification of its intent to terminate this Agreement. In the event that either Party elects to terminate this MOU, the Parties shall conclude their current activities relating to the MOU and, if requested, shall return all documents evidencing shared information to the originating Party.

**This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Los Angeles, on November 15, 2019.**



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The Port of Los Angeles



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