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May 18, 2012

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BERTHS 195-200A WWL VEHICLE SERVICES AMERICAS, INC. PROJECT**

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) has prepared this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to address the environmental effects of the Berths 195-200A WWL Vehicle Services Americas (WWL), Inc. Project (hereafter "proposed project"). The project site is bounded by Alameda Street to the northwest, South Avalon Boulevard to the west, East Water Street to the south, and Berth 200B to the east (see attached map). The project site is also situated north of Berths 187-191 (Vopak) and the East Basin Channel.

The primary goal of the proposed project is to accommodate current and anticipated needs of WWL, while accommodating necessary boundary changes resulting from the previously evaluated and approved Berth 200 Rail Yard Project. The existing WWL facility is composed of Berths 195-200A. Implementation of the proposed project would result in the rehabilitation of Berths 196-199 and construction of two additional railroad-loading tracks on the southern portion of the project site. In accordance with Government Code §65962.5, a hazardous waste property listed by the Department of Toxic Substances Control overlaps the project site. The former Koppers facility, located at 210 South Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington, CA 90744, overlaps the northwest corner of the project site.

The IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.* and the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15000 *et seq.* This IS/MND includes a discussion of the proposed project's effects on the existing environment, including the identification of mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts. No significant effects that could not be mitigated to a less than significant level were identified. In accordance with the CEQA Statutes and Guidelines, the IS/MND is being circulated for a period of 30 days for public review and comment. The public has an opportunity to provide written comments on the information contained within the IS/MND.

The 30-day review period will start on **May 21, 2012** and end on **June 20, 2012**. A copy of the document is available for public review on the Port of Los Angeles' website at: <http://www.portoflosangeles.org>; the LAHD Environmental Management Division located at 222 West 6th Street, San Pedro; the Los Angeles City Library San Pedro Branch at 931 S. Gaffey Street; and at the Los Angeles City Library Wilmington Branch at 1300 North Avalon, Wilmington.

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Comments on the IS/MND should be submitted in writing prior to the end of the 30-day public review period and must be postmarked by June 20, 2012. Please submit written comments to:

Christopher Cannon, Director  
City of Los Angeles Harbor Department  
Environmental Management Division  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, CA 90731

Written comments may also be sent via email to [ceqacomment@portla.org](mailto:ceqacomment@portla.org). Comments sent via email should include the project title in the subject line and a valid mailing address in the email.

For additional information, please contact the LAHD Environmental Management Division at (310) 732-3675.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CC', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHRISTOPHER CANNON  
Director of Environmental Management

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ADP No.: 070322-054

