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December 8, 2017

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR THE BERTH 240 TRANSPORTATION VESSELS
MANUFACTURING FACILITY PROJECT**

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) has prepared this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to address the environmental impacts of the Berth 240 Transportation Vessels Manufacturing Facility Project (hereafter "proposed Project"). The proposed Project involves the construction and operation of a facility to manufacture large commercial transportation vessels on an approximately 10-acre site, which includes portions of the former Southwest Marine site and is entirely disturbed. Construction would take approximately 16–18 months and would involve demolition of one existing structure, paving over existing dirt, construction of foundations and installation of a prefabricated manufacturing building and ancillary tank farm, paving for parking and access driveways, and repairs to the existing wharf. Operations would involve development and manufacture of prototypes and first generation vessels within the proposed building. Completed vessels would be too large for transportation by road, necessitating that the facility be adjacent to the water. Operations would also accommodate continuation of recovery operations by Space Explorations Technologies, currently occurring at a site across the Main Channel. The proposed Project includes facilities and sites that are identified on the State of California Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List (also known as the Cortese List, compiled pursuant to California Government Code 65962.5).

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 avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. This document is an IS/MND because there are no impacts associated with the proposed Project that cannot be mitigated to below significance thresholds. In accordance with the CEQA Statutes and Guidelines, this 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.

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The 30-day review period will start on **December 8, 2017**, and end on **January 8, 2018**. A copy of the document is available for public review on the Port of Los Angeles' website at: <http://www.portoflosangeles.org>; the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department 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.

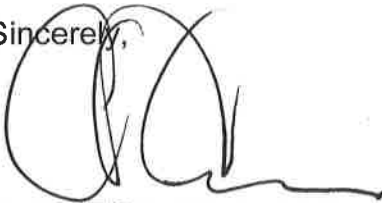
Comments on the IS/MND should be submitted in writing prior to the end of the 30-day public review period and must be postmarked by **January 8, 2018**. Please submit written comments to:

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 ceqacomments@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 Harbor Department Environmental Management Division at (310) 732-3675.

Sincerely,

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

CHRISTOPHER CANNON
Director of Environmental Management