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Dr. Ralph G. Appy, Director of Environmental Management  
Port of Los Angeles  
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## Re: Support for Approval of China Shipping EIR

Dear Mr. MacNeil and Dr. Appy

I am writing to support approval of the China Shipping EIR.

Budlong & Associates, Inc. (B&A) is a small business enterprise (SBE), which can provide engineering consulting services to the Port of Los Angeles. B&A has been in business for more than fifty years supplying excellent mechanical, plumbing and electrical design/engineering to industrial clients throughout Southern California.

Basis for support of this project includes the following:

- As a member firm of the USGBC (US Green Building Council), B&A supports projects which have LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification components. As a LEED AP, I personally appreciate when projects are done with the requisite consideration that LEED certification entails.
- Approval of this project will assist consulting engineering firms in the Los Angeles area at a time when more projects are needed to sustain the engineering community here.
- Approval of this project is important for the national and international credibility of the Port of Los Angeles, which has had many of its projects delayed for more than half a decade. These delays have hurt the competitiveness of our Ports, and our Southern California economy. By approving and completing this project, we can demonstrate to our international partners that we wish to continue the highly successful global business partnership with them in which we have invested so heavily, for so many years.
- This is an extremely well thought out project, which has been the subject of the most comprehensive planning and review, with an unparalleled level of impact mitigation. While any large industrial project will have impacts, the Port of Los Angeles and China Shipping have done an extraordinary job to mitigate impacts resulting from this project.

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- Approval of this project also requires “green” port technologies, which are required as project mitigation measures. These will be developed and produced locally, with local labor in progressively greater volumes. San Pedro and Wilmington Chambers, area universities and technology firms are working to make San Pedro and Wilmington the global center of the port technology industry.
- The China Shipping project will yield many local jobs in the engineering and construction firms serving the port, and revenue into the local community.

We strongly encourage approval of the China Shipping EIR.

Very truly yours,

Budlong & Associates, Inc.



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