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Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
160 Elgin Street, 22nd Floor
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Dear Sirs/Madams,

Re: Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project Environmental Assessment

I am writing on behalf of the Ditidaht First Nation (Ditidaht) regarding the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project (the "Project"), a marine container terminal that is currently being assessed for environmental effects.

Ditidaht understands that the container ships travelling to and from the terminal travel within our marine territory. This includes passing through Swiftsure Bank, which is a critically important traditional area for the exercise of our fishing rights, cultural practices, trade and other purposes.

Ditidaht does not object to this Project proceeding as we have worked directly with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to develop a process to address our specific concerns about the Project's effects on our rights and the environment. We also understand that the Port Authority has made a number of commitments in the environmental assessment process. In Ditidaht's view, the Port Authority's proposed mitigation measures for the Project's environmental effects and associated marine shipping are adequate, particularly in light of the revised projections for shipping traffic. In this respect, we acknowledge that Ditidaht has been adequately consulted and accommodated respecting potential impacts of the Project and associated marine shipping to Ditidaht's Aboriginal rights and interests. In light of this, Ditidaht can now consent to the granting of each certificate, authorization and permit necessary for the Project and associated marine shipping.

Ditidaht's non-objection is for the Project and associated marine shipping as are approved in the current environmental assessment and related permitting processes. While Ditidaht is confident in the measures the Port Authority has provided, we have raised concerns in this process beyond the scope of the Port Authority's jurisdiction that are not directly related to the Project and associated marine shipping. Therefore, we will continue to consult with other government departments about these matters, including:

- long term planning for and management of marine traffic in Ditidaht's territory;
- marine spill and emergency response planning and capacity;
- communication and navigation improvements for Ditidaht's members; and
- the development of a comprehensive collaborative marine management structure, including respecting marine shipping within Ditidaht's territory.

Ditidaht's participation in these discussions will not change Ditidaht's non-objection for the Project and associated marine shipping.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact the Ditidaht First Nation.

Sincerely, 
<Original signed by>

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