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Re: Reference Number 80100 – CN Milton Logistics Hub

We are writing once again to express our support for the Milton Logistics Hub and to provide our input into this important process. We previously wrote to the Review Panel in January 2019 and participated in the public hearings in the summer of 2019.

Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) is a world leading shipping and logistics company with a global network of 493 offices in 155 countries. Our fleet of 560 vessels carries 21 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) annually into 500 ports of call. As I stated in my previous letter to the Review Panel, the demand for goods remains strong in the most populous centres of Central and Eastern Canada, particularly the GTHA. Rail is an essential component of our supply chain network in Canada and has enabled our commitment to offer door-to-door, factory-to-consumer service from every origin to every destination in Canada. MSC moves over 300,000 containers per year, more than half of which currently move through CN's Brampton Intermodal Terminal (BIT).

MSC and many other companies across the supply chain have experienced challenges while working hard to keep goods moving this year. The impact of the blockades which disrupted rail transportation earlier this year has been compounded by the effects of COVID-19 throughout Canada and worldwide. Our ability to continue to serve our customers effectively depends on a robust and resilient supply chain. We have experienced the effect that constraints to CN's network can have to our business and to the wider economy if left unaddressed; if the matter of intermodal capacity in the GTHA is not addressed, these constraints are likely to present themselves to a much greater degree down the road.

MSC has a strong focus on sustainability and is committed to improving our operations and environmental performance. As a company, CN shares this focus, and its project proposal in Milton is reflective of that environmental commitment. CN has done a great amount of work on this project, and the environmental assessment process has been thorough. The draft conditions for the project seem well-considered in terms of enhancing environmental responsibility in developing this terminal, and while we are aligned with those values, we would also hope that those conditions do not delay this important project any further. Additionally, the Review Panel has noted that greenhouse gas emissions from the Project would be minimal and shifting more containers from truck to rail for long-haul transportation can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions overall.



This project is well-considered from an economic, efficiency and environmental perspective, and provides an opportunity for MSC and other global shipping and logistics companies to continue operating efficiently. We hope the federal government shares our perspective and recognizes the importance of ensuring this project is completed responsibly and in a timely manner.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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